

Highlands County

Florida's 36th most populous county
with 0.5% of Florida's population



Population

	Highlands County	Florida
Census Population		
1980 Census	47,526	9,746,961
1990 Census	68,432	12,938,071
2000 Census	87,366	15,982,824
2010 Census	98,786	18,801,332
2020 Census	101,235	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	2.5%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	17.5%	19.5%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	64.7%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	9.4%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	1.6%	2.9%
% Not Hispanic-Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%
% Not Hispanic-Some Other Race	0.3%	0.6%
% Not Hispanic-Two or More Races	3.0%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	20.7%	26.5%

Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2012 Dollars)	Highlands County	Florida
2015 GDP	2,245,501	852,242,411
Percent of the State	0.3%	
2016 GDP	2,317,301	881,539,238
Percent of the State	0.3%	
2017 GDP	2,366,543	912,966,152
Percent of the State	0.3%	
2018 GDP	2,280,684	943,463,397
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2019 GDP	2,426,133	971,619,168
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2020 GDP	2,391,999	944,000,797
Percent of the State	0.3%	

Population by Housing Type

	County	Florida
Household Population	99,826	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.25	2.47
Group Quarters Population	1,409	464,583

Population Estimates

	Highlands County	Florida
2021 Estimate	102,065	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	0.8%	1.7%
Based on 2021 Estimate		
2025	104,239	23,164,008
2030	106,471	24,471,129
2035	108,290	25,520,837
2040	109,803	26,405,472
2045	111,121	27,176,715
2050	112,323	27,877,707

Housing

	Highlands County	Florida
Housing units, 2020 Census	57,486	9,865,350
Occupied	44,376	8,529,067
Vacant	13,110	1,336,283

Building Permits

Units Permitted	County	Florida
2000	450	155,269
2010	154	38,679
2020	384	164,074
2021	644	213,494

Population Characteristics

	County	Florida
Language spoken at home other than English		
Persons aged 5 and over	19.7%	29.4%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	11.3%	20.8%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	11.5%	8.4%

Density

Persons per square mile	County	Florida
2000	85.0	296.4
2010	97.2	350.6
2020	99.5	401.4
2021	100.3	408.2

Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago	Highlands County	Florida
Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	86.4%	84.9%
Different house in the U.S.	12.7%	14.1%
Same county in Florida	6.7%	8.1%
Different county in Florida	3.3%	3.1%
Different county in another state	2.8%	2.8%
Abroad	0.9%	1.0%

Households and Family Households

	Highlands County	Florida
Households		
Total households, 2000 Census	37,471	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	25,794	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	29.0%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	42,604	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	28,027	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	28.4%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.28	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	2.74	3.01

According to Census definitions, a household includes all of the people who occupy a housing unit. The occupants may be a single family, one person living alone, two or more families living together, or any other group of related or unrelated people who share living quarters. A family includes a householder and one or more other people living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption.
Census counts may be corrected for Census Count Question Resolution (CQR).

Employment and Labor Force

Establishments 2020	Highlands County	Florida	Establishments % of All Industries, 2020	Highlands County	Florida
All industries	2,441	763,854	All industries	2,441	763,854
Natural Resource & Mining	176	5,514	Natural Resource & Mining	7.2%	0.7%
Construction	298	77,720	Construction	12.2%	10.2%
Manufacturing	61	21,822	Manufacturing	2.5%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	507	145,853	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	20.8%	19.1%
Information	20	13,437	Information	0.8%	1.8%
Financial Activities	212	83,911	Financial Activities	8.7%	11.0%
Professional & Business Services	352	187,348	Professional & Business Services	14.4%	24.5%
Education & Health Services	354	87,764	Education & Health Services	14.5%	11.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	215	61,008	Leisure and Hospitality	8.8%	8.0%
Other Services	165	56,385	Other Services	6.8%	7.4%
Government	57	5,895	Government	2.3%	0.8%

Average Annual Employment % of All Industries, 2020	Highlands County	Florida	Average Annual Wage 2020	Highlands County	Florida
All industries	26,084	8,453,489	All industries	\$37,925	\$55,840
Natural Resource & Mining	5.8%	0.8%	Natural Resource & Mining	\$40,973	\$37,710
Construction	2.5%	6.7%	Construction	\$43,975	\$55,840
Manufacturing	20.4%	4.5%	Manufacturing	\$33,096	\$66,738
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	0.5%	20.6%	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$51,374	\$49,342
Information	3.3%	1.5%	Information	\$44,707	\$93,360
Financial Activities	7.4%	6.9%	Financial Activities	\$36,226	\$84,295
Professional & Business Services	22.9%	16.1%	Professional & Business Services	\$48,508	\$68,218
Education & Health Services	11.8%	15.3%	Education & Health Services	\$19,096	\$55,099
Leisure and Hospitality	2.3%	11.9%	Leisure and Hospitality	\$27,478	\$27,694
Other Services	NA	3.0%	Other Services	NA	\$41,131
Government	15.7%	12.5%	Government	\$43,557	\$58,821

Industries may not add to the total due to confidentiality and unclassified.

Labor Force as Percent of Population Aged 18 and Older	Highlands County	Florida	Unemployment Rate	Highlands County	Florida
2000	47.4%	64.2%	2000	4.8%	3.8%
2010	45.7%	61.8%	2010	12.1%	10.8%
2020	39.9%	58.6%	2020	8.4%	8.2%
2021	39.9%	59.0%	2021	5.9%	4.6%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)	Highlands	Florida	Per Capita Personal Income	Highlands	Florida
2000	\$1,793,710	\$472,851,789	2000	\$20,519	\$29,466
2010	\$2,870,330	\$732,457,478	2010	\$29,100	\$38,865
2011	\$2,933,941	\$771,409,454	2011	\$29,788	\$40,482
% change 2010-11	2.2%	5.3%	% change 2010-11	2.4%	4.2%
2012	\$2,984,417	\$800,551,723	2012	\$30,378	\$41,475
% change 2011-12	1.7%	3.8%	% change 2011-12	2.0%	2.5%
2013	\$2,929,161	\$802,975,701	2013	\$29,853	\$41,069
% change 2012-13	-1.9%	0.3%	% change 2012-13	-1.7%	-1.0%
2014	\$3,030,704	\$861,412,339	2014	\$30,726	\$43,388
% change 2013-14	3.5%	7.3%	% change 2013-14	2.9%	5.6%
2015	\$3,175,079	\$919,834,894	2015	\$31,686	\$45,493
% change 2014-15	4.8%	6.8%	% change 2014-15	3.1%	4.9%
2016	\$3,266,766	\$954,069,719	2016	\$32,009	\$46,253
% change 2015-16	2.9%	3.7%	% change 2015-16	1.0%	1.7%
2017	\$3,422,997	\$1,023,131,116	2017	\$32,968	\$48,774
% change 2016-17	4.8%	7.2%	% change 2016-17	3.0%	5.5%
2018	\$3,451,815	\$1,087,188,628	2018	\$33,047	\$51,150
% change 2017-18	0.8%	6.3%	% change 2017-18	0.2%	4.9%
2019	\$3,646,058	\$1,139,799,293	2019	\$34,433	\$53,034
% change 2018-19	5.6%	4.8%	% change 2018-19	4.2%	3.7%
2020	\$3,962,441	\$1,209,995,921	2020	\$37,158	\$55,675
% change 2019-20	8.7%	6.2%	% change 2019-20	7.9%	5.0%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)	Highlands	Florida	Median Income	Highlands	Florida
2000	\$806,265	\$308,751,767	Median Household Income	\$43,708	\$57,703
2010	\$1,270,876	\$438,983,914	Median Family Income	\$52,793	\$69,670
2011	\$1,288,399	\$450,498,606			
% change 2010-11	1.4%	2.6%			
2012	\$1,334,100	\$468,410,475			
% change 2011-12	3.5%	4.0%			
2013	\$1,315,802	\$482,898,301			
% change 2012-13	-1.4%	3.1%			
2014	\$1,328,931	\$512,375,290			
% change 2013-14	1.0%	6.1%			
2015	\$1,398,215	\$544,408,719			
% change 2014-15	5.2%	6.3%			
2016	\$1,420,029	\$569,769,284			
% change 2015-16	1.6%	4.7%			
2017	\$1,493,231	\$603,668,170			
% change 2016-17	5.2%	5.9%			
2018	\$1,506,343	\$639,620,451			
% change 2017-18	0.9%	6.0%			
2019	\$1,574,049	\$671,553,148			
% change 2018-19	4.5%	5.0%			
2020	\$1,612,383	\$688,764,753			
% change 2019-20	2.4%	2.6%			

Percent in Poverty, 2020	Highlands	Florida
All ages in poverty	16.1%	12.4%
Under age 18 in poverty	26.6%	17.2%
Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	25.3%	16.5%

Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)	Highlands County	Florida
12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2020	1.21	1.66
12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2021	0.96	1.38
State Rank	32	NA
NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13		

Workers Aged 16 and Over	County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida		
Worked outside county of residence	9.6%	18.1%
Travel Time to Work		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	20.6	27.9

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2019-20	Highlands County	Florida*	Expenditures 2019-20	Highlands County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$150,044.4	\$52,645,134.4	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$150,010.70	\$48,804,501.28
Per Capita \$	\$1,431.26	\$2,553.85	Per Capita \$	\$1,430.94	\$2,367.54
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
Taxes (\$000s)	\$57,650.7	\$16,651,821.4	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$37,047.17	\$8,468,311.68
Per Capita \$	\$549.92	\$807.79	Per Capita \$	\$353.39	\$410.80
% of Total	38.4%	31.6%	% of Total	24.7%	17.4%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$13,356.3	\$2,256,256.6	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$54,772.74	\$12,039,077.73
Per Capita \$	\$127.40	\$109.45	Per Capita \$	\$522.47	\$584.02
% of Total	8.9%	4.3%	% of Total	36.5%	24.7%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$31,523.0	\$7,095,752.8	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$15,317.29	\$5,403,299.24
Per Capita \$	\$300.69	\$344.22	Per Capita \$	\$146.11	\$262.12
% of Total	21.0%	13.5%	% of Total	10.2%	11.1%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$19,298.6	\$14,148,555.9	Transportation (\$000s)	\$21,374.85	\$5,666,984.30
Per Capita \$	\$184.09	\$686.36	Per Capita \$	\$203.89	\$274.91
% of Total	12.9%	26.9%	% of Total	14.2%	11.6%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$617.4	\$161,937.7	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$3,091.15	\$1,793,284.71
Per Capita \$	\$5.89	\$7.86	Per Capita \$	\$29.49	\$86.99
% of Total	0.4%	0.3%	% of Total	2.1%	3.7%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$24,467.5	\$1,629,204.3	Human Services (\$000s)	\$7,387.68	\$4,112,446.49
Per Capita \$	\$233.39	\$79.03	Per Capita \$	\$70.47	\$199.50
% of Total	16.3%	3.1%	% of Total	4.9%	8.4%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$3,130.9	\$10,701,605.8	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$3,214.31	\$1,960,626.16
Per Capita \$	\$29.87	\$519.14	Per Capita \$	\$30.66	\$95.11
% of Total	2.1%	20.3%	% of Total	2.1%	4.0%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$3,130.91	\$8,431,538.28
			Per Capita \$	\$29.87	\$409.02
			% of Total	2.1%	17.3%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$4,674.60	\$928,932.70
			Per Capita \$	\$44.59	\$45.06
			% of Total	3.1%	1.9%

* All County Governments Except Duval - The consolidated City of Jacksonville / Duval County figures are included in municipal totals rather than county government totals.

** (Not Court-Related)

Quality of Life

Crime	County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	2,084.2	2,152.3
Admissions to prison FY 2020-21	130	18,149
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2020-21	127.4	82.9

State Infrastructure

Transportation	County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	132.5	12,135.8
Lane Miles	397.9	45,111.7
State Bridges		
Number	24	7,079

State Facilities

Buildings/Facilities (min. 300 Square Feet)	County	Florida
Number	82	9,426
Square Footage	144,289	65,539,144

Conservation Land (land acres only)

State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	County	Florida
State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	39,931	5,478,547
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	20.6%	51.8%
% of Total Area Land	6.1%	16.0%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	0.7%	
State-Managed	62,027	5,627,174
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	32.1%	53.2%
% of Total Area Land	9.5%	16.4%
% of Florida State-Managed CL	1.1%	

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	County	Florida
Under 65 years	79.6%	83.6%
Under 19 years	91.1%	92.4%
18 to 64 years	75.5%	80.6%

State and Local Taxation

2021 Ad Valorem Millage Rates	Highlands County	Not County-Wide*
County-Wide	8.5500	
School	5.8790	
Municipal		1.0421
Special Districts		0.2568

*MSTU included in Not County-Wide "County" category

Education

Public Education Schools	Highlands County School	Florida
Traditional Setting (2021-22)		
Total (state total includes special districts)	19	3,755
Elementary	11	1,876
Middle	4	568
Senior High	4	719
Combination	0	592
Educational attainment	Highlands County	Florida
Persons aged 25 and older		
% HS graduate or higher	85.3%	88.5%
% bachelor's degree or higher	17.5%	30.5%

