

Lee County

Florida's 8th most populous county
with 3.6% of Florida's population



Population

Census Population	Lee County	Florida
1980 Census	205,266	9,746,961
1990 Census	335,113	12,938,071
2000 Census	440,888	15,982,824
2010 Census	618,754	18,801,332
2020 Census	760,822	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	23.0%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	17.4%	19.5%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	64.5%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	7.4%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.2%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	1.7%	2.9%
% Not Hispanic-Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%
% Not Hispanic-Some Other Race	0.5%	0.6%
% Not Hispanic-Two or More Races	3.0%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	22.8%	26.5%

Population Estimates

	Lee County	Florida
2021 Estimate	782,579	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	2.9%	1.7%
Based on 2021 Estimate		
2025	851,592	23,164,008
2030	924,486	24,471,129
2035	983,671	25,520,837
2040	1,033,781	26,405,472
2045	1,077,796	27,176,715
2050	1,118,093	27,877,707

Population Characteristics

	Lee County	Florida
Language spoken at home other than English		
Persons aged 5 and over	23.1%	29.4%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	16.6%	20.8%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	8.8%	8.4%

Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago	Lee County	Florida
Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	85.1%	84.9%
Different house in the U.S.	14.0%	14.1%
Same county in Florida	8.1%	8.1%
Different county in Florida	1.9%	3.1%
Different county in another state	3.9%	2.8%
Abroad	0.8%	1.0%

Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2012 Dollars)	Lee County	Florida
2015 GDP	25,739,463	852,242,411
Percent of the State	3.0%	
2016 GDP	27,623,624	881,539,238
Percent of the State	3.1%	
2017 GDP	28,267,947	912,966,152
Percent of the State	3.1%	
2018 GDP	29,219,725	943,463,397
Percent of the State	3.1%	
2019 GDP	29,723,883	971,619,168
Percent of the State	3.1%	
2020 GDP	29,010,141	944,000,797
Percent of the State	3.1%	

Population by Housing Type

	Lee County	Florida
Household Population	747,696	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.35	2.47
Group Quarters Population	13,126	464,583

Housing

Housing Counts	Lee County	Florida
Housing units, 2020 Census	416,332	9,865,350
Occupied	318,303	8,529,067
Vacant	98,029	1,336,283

Building Permits

Units Permitted	Lee County	Florida
2000	9,120	155,269
2010	1,276	38,679
2020	10,673	164,074
2021	13,394	213,494

Density

Persons per square mile	Lee County	Florida
2000	548.6	296.4
2010	788.7	350.6
2020	974.2	401.4
2021	1,002.0	408.2

Households and Family Households

Households	Lee County	Florida
Total households, 2000 Census	188,599	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	127,611	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	33.1%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	259,818	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	171,026	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	33.9%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.35	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	2.81	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	Employment and Labor Force		Establishments % of All Industries, 2020	Employment and Labor Force	
	Lee County	Florida		Lee County	Florida
All industries	24,867	763,854	All industries	24,867	763,854
Natural Resource & Mining	111	5,514	Natural Resource & Mining	0.4%	0.7%
Construction	3,889	77,720	Construction	15.6%	10.2%
Manufacturing	602	21,822	Manufacturing	2.4%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	4,360	145,853	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	17.5%	19.1%
Information	312	13,437	Information	1.3%	1.8%
Financial Activities	3,144	83,911	Financial Activities	12.6%	11.0%
Professional & Business Services	5,534	187,348	Professional & Business Services	22.3%	24.5%
Education & Health Services	2,385	87,764	Education & Health Services	9.6%	11.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	2,186	61,008	Leisure and Hospitality	8.8%	8.0%
Other Services	1,913	56,385	Other Services	7.7%	7.4%
Government	180	5,895	Government	0.7%	0.8%

Average Annual Employment % of All Industries, 2020	Average Annual Employment		Average Annual Wage 2020	Average Annual Wage	
	Lee County	Florida		Lee County	Florida
All industries	258,263	8,453,489	All industries	\$49,773	\$55,840
Natural Resource & Mining	12.3%	0.8%	Natural Resource & Mining	\$52,124	\$37,710
Construction	2.5%	6.7%	Construction	\$56,211	\$55,840
Manufacturing	20.1%	4.5%	Manufacturing	\$41,185	\$66,738
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	1.0%	20.6%	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$73,943	\$49,342
Information	5.0%	1.5%	Information	\$70,736	\$93,360
Financial Activities	13.0%	6.9%	Financial Activities	\$59,126	\$84,295
Professional & Business Services	11.7%	16.1%	Professional & Business Services	\$58,878	\$68,218
Education & Health Services	14.3%	15.3%	Education & Health Services	\$27,824	\$55,099
Leisure and Hospitality	3.2%	11.9%	Leisure and Hospitality	\$37,755	\$27,694
Other Services	0.1%	3.0%	Other Services	\$48,876	\$41,131
Government	16.2%	12.5%	Government	\$57,828	\$58,821

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

Labor Force as Percent of Population Aged 18 and Older	Labor Force as Percent of Population		Unemployment Rate	Unemployment Rate	
	Lee County	Florida		Lee County	Florida
2000	59.1%	64.2%	2000	3.3%	3.8%
2010	56.4%	61.8%	2010	12.1%	10.8%
2020	56.4%	58.6%	2020	7.9%	8.2%
2021	57.3%	59.0%	2021	4.2%	4.6%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)	Personal Income		Per Capita Personal Income	Per Capita Personal Income	
	Lee County	Florida		Lee County	Florida
2000	\$12,779,956	\$472,851,789	2000	\$28,764	\$29,466
2010	\$24,629,058	\$732,457,478	2010	\$39,693	\$38,865
2011	\$26,487,133	\$771,409,454	2011	\$41,963	\$40,482
% change 2010-11	7.5%	5.3%	% change 2010-11	5.7%	4.2%
2012	\$27,325,128	\$800,551,723	2012	\$42,401	\$41,475
% change 2011-12	3.2%	3.8%	% change 2011-12	1.0%	2.5%
2013	\$27,819,048	\$802,975,701	2013	\$42,137	\$41,069
% change 2012-13	1.8%	0.3%	% change 2012-13	-0.6%	-1.0%
2014	\$30,584,461	\$861,412,339	2014	\$45,129	\$43,388
% change 2013-14	9.9%	7.3%	% change 2013-14	7.1%	5.6%
2015	\$33,018,009	\$919,834,894	2015	\$47,152	\$45,493
% change 2014-15	8.0%	6.8%	% change 2014-15	4.5%	4.9%
2016	\$35,421,492	\$954,069,719	2016	\$48,961	\$46,253
% change 2015-16	7.3%	3.7%	% change 2015-16	3.8%	1.7%
2017	\$37,426,984	\$1,023,131,116	2017	\$50,496	\$48,774
% change 2016-17	5.7%	7.2%	% change 2016-17	3.1%	5.5%
2018	\$39,285,013	\$1,087,188,628	2018	\$52,022	\$51,150
% change 2017-18	5.0%	6.3%	% change 2017-18	3.0%	4.9%
2019	\$40,800,215	\$1,139,799,293	2019	\$52,832	\$53,034
% change 2018-19	3.9%	4.8%	% change 2018-19	1.6%	3.7%
2020	\$43,260,834	\$1,209,995,921	2020	\$54,707	\$55,675
% change 2019-20	6.0%	6.2%	% change 2019-20	3.5%	5.0%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)	Earnings by Place of Work		Median Income	Median Income	
	Lee County	Florida		Lee County	Florida
2000	\$7,005,480	\$308,751,767	Median Household Income	\$59,608	\$57,703
2010	\$12,794,679	\$438,983,914	Median Family Income	\$71,043	\$69,670
2011	\$13,094,944	\$450,498,606			
% change 2010-11	2.3%	2.6%			
2012	\$13,574,573	\$468,410,475			
% change 2011-12	3.7%	4.0%			
2013	\$13,915,867	\$482,898,301			
% change 2012-13	2.5%	3.1%			
2014	\$15,144,760	\$512,375,290			
% change 2013-14	8.8%	6.1%			
2015	\$16,515,978	\$544,408,719			
% change 2014-15	9.1%	6.3%			
2016	\$17,676,661	\$569,769,284			
% change 2015-16	7.0%	4.7%			
2017	\$18,732,660	\$603,668,170			
% change 2016-17	6.0%	5.9%			
2018	\$19,477,629	\$639,620,451			
% change 2017-18	4.0%	6.0%			
2019	\$19,832,656	\$671,553,148			
% change 2018-19	1.8%	5.0%			
2020	\$20,437,349	\$688,764,753			
% change 2019-20	3.0%	2.6%			

Percent in Poverty, 2020		
All ages in poverty	10.5%	12.4%
Under age 18 in poverty	14.7%	17.2%
Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	13.4%	16.5%

Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)	Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate	
	Lee County	Florida
12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2020	1.46	1.66
12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2021	1.18	1.38
State Rank	24	NA
NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13		

Workers Aged 16 and Over	Workers Aged 16 and Over	
	Lee County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida		
Worked outside county of residence	11.1%	18.1%
Travel Time to Work		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	27.6	27.9

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2019-20	Lee County	Florida*	Expenditures 2019-20	Lee County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$1,861,137.2	\$52,645,134.4	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$1,720,348.84	\$48,804,501.28
Per Capita \$	\$2,479.89	\$2,553.85	Per Capita \$	\$2,292.29	\$2,367.54
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
Taxes (\$000s)	\$466,056.4	\$16,651,821.4	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$324,996.33	\$8,468,311.68
Per Capita \$	\$621.00	\$807.79	Per Capita \$	\$433.04	\$410.80
% of Total	25.0%	31.6%	% of Total	18.9%	17.4%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$54,499.4	\$2,256,256.6	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$306,334.39	\$12,039,077.73
Per Capita \$	\$72.62	\$109.45	Per Capita \$	\$408.18	\$584.02
% of Total	2.9%	4.3%	% of Total	17.8%	24.7%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$309,016.9	\$7,095,752.8	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$220,322.85	\$5,403,299.24
Per Capita \$	\$411.75	\$344.22	Per Capita \$	\$293.57	\$262.12
% of Total	16.6%	13.5%	% of Total	12.8%	11.1%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$586,431.8	\$14,148,555.9	Transportation (\$000s)	\$280,949.08	\$5,666,984.30
Per Capita \$	\$781.40	\$686.36	Per Capita \$	\$374.35	\$274.91
% of Total	31.5%	26.9%	% of Total	16.3%	11.6%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$2,816.2	\$161,937.7	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$26,894.27	\$1,793,284.71
Per Capita \$	\$3.75	\$7.86	Per Capita \$	\$35.84	\$86.99
% of Total	0.2%	0.3%	% of Total	1.6%	3.7%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$38,853.4	\$1,629,204.3	Human Services (\$000s)	\$52,082.13	\$4,112,446.49
Per Capita \$	\$51.77	\$79.03	Per Capita \$	\$69.40	\$199.50
% of Total	2.1%	3.1%	% of Total	3.0%	8.4%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$403,463.1	\$10,701,605.8	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$74,248.13	\$1,960,626.16
Per Capita \$	\$537.60	\$519.14	Per Capita \$	\$98.93	\$95.11
% of Total	21.7%	20.3%	% of Total	4.3%	4.0%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$390,085.01	\$8,431,538.28
			Per Capita \$	\$519.77	\$409.02
			% of Total	22.7%	17.3%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$44,436.66	\$928,932.70
			Per Capita \$	\$59.21	\$45.06
			% of Total	2.6%	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	Lee County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	1,361.5	2,152.3
Admissions to prison FY 2020-21	460	18,149
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2020-21	58.8	82.9

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	Lee County	Florida
Under 65 years	82.1%	83.6%
Under 19 years	90.5%	92.4%
18 to 64 years	79.2%	80.6%

State Infrastructure

Transportation	Lee County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	169.7	12,135.8
Lane Miles	797.4	45,111.7
State Bridges		
Number	106	7,079

State and Local Taxation

2021 Ad Valorem Millage Rates	Lee County	Not County-Wide*
County-Wide	3.8623	0.9129
School	5.8910	
Municipal		2.2133
Special Districts	0.2966	2.0280

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

Education

State Facilities	Lee County	Florida	Public Education Schools	Lee County	Florida
Buildings/Facilities (min. 300 Square Feet)			Traditional Setting (2021-22)	School District	
Number	130	9,426	Total (state total includes special districts)	110	3,755
Square Footage	959,911	65,539,144	Elementary	51	1,876
Conservation Land (land acres only)			Middle	18	568
State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	59,179	5,478,547	Senior High	28	719
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	58.8%	51.8%	Combination	13	592
% of Total Area Land	11.8%	16.0%	Educational attainment		
% of Florida State-Owned CL	1.1%		Persons aged 25 and older	Lee County	Florida
State-Managed	51,556	5,627,174	% HS graduate or higher	89.3%	88.5%
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	51.3%	53.2%	% bachelor's degree or higher	28.5%	30.5%
% of Total Area Land	10.3%	16.4%			
% of Florida State-Managed CL	0.9%				

