

# Okeechobee County

Florida's 45th most populous county  
with 0.2% of Florida's population



## Population

	Okeechobee County	Florida
<b>Census Population</b>		
1980 Census	20,264	9,746,961
1990 Census	29,627	12,938,071
% change 1980-90	46.2%	32.7%
2000 Census	35,910	15,982,824
% change 1990-00	21.2%	23.5%
2010 Census	39,996	18,801,332
% change 2000-10	11.4%	17.6%
<b>Age</b>		
% Under 18 years of age	24.0%	21.3%
% 65 years of age and over	17.0%	17.3%
<b>Race &amp; Ethnicity</b>		
% White alone	77.5%	75.0%
% Black or African American alone	8.0%	16.0%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	23.9%	22.5%
<b>Estimates and Projections</b>		
2019 Estimate	41,808	21,208,589
% change 2010-19	4.5%	12.8%
2020 Estimate	42,112	21,596,068
% change 2019-20	0.7%	1.8%
Based on 2019 Estimate		
2025	43,428	23,130,870
2030	44,419	24,426,178
2035	45,281	25,497,950
2040	46,037	26,428,726
2045	46,727	27,266,909
2019 Median Age	39.4	41.7
<b>Density</b>		
Persons per square mile		
2000	46.4	296.4
2010	52.0	350.6
2019	54.4	399.7

## Population Characteristics

	Okeechobee County	Florida
Language spoken at home other than English		
Persons aged 5 and over	23.2%	29.1%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	12.3%	20.5%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	9.5%	8.9%

## Households and Family Households

	Okeechobee County	Florida
<b>Households</b>		
Total households, 2000 Census	12,593	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	9,022	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	42.4%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	14,013	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	9,632	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	40.5%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.68	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	3.13	3.01

## Real Gross Domestic Product

	Okeechobee County	Florida
<b>Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2012 Dollars)</b>		
2015 GDP	1,202,583	839,124,321
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2016 GDP	1,154,890	866,730,997
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2017 GDP	1,274,588	896,117,037
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2018 GDP	1,151,613	924,873,329
Percent of the State	0.1%	

## Housing

	Okeechobee County	Florida
<b>Housing Counts</b>		
Housing units, 2000 Census	15,504	7,302,947
Occupied	12,593	6,337,929
Owner-occupied	9,420	4,441,799
Renter-occupied	3,173	1,896,130
Vacant	2,911	965,018
Housing units, 2010 Census	18,509	8,989,580
Occupied	14,013	7,420,802
Owner-occupied	10,184	4,998,979
Renter-occupied	3,829	2,421,823
Vacant	4,496	1,568,778
<b>Units Permitted</b>		
1990	111	126,384
2000	131	155,269
2010	48	38,679
2011	42	42,360
2012	22	64,810
2013	35	86,752
2014	17	84,075
2015	69	109,924
2016	41	116,240
2017	43	122,719
2018	52	144,427
2019	69	154,302

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**

Number of Establishments 2019 preliminary	Okeechobee County		Florida		Percent of All Establishments 2019 preliminary	Okeechobee County		Florida	
All industries	1,052		728,687		All industries	1,052		728,687	
Natural Resource & Mining	90		5,301		Natural Resource & Mining	8.6%		19.4%	
Construction	162		75,725		Construction	15.4%		10.4%	
Manufacturing	25		20,782		Manufacturing	2.4%		2.9%	
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	226		140,766		Trade, Transportation and Utilities	21.5%		19.3%	
Information	8		11,897		Information	0.8%		1.6%	
Financial Activities	62		77,987		Financial Activities	5.9%		10.7%	
Professional & Business Services	159		174,242		Professional & Business Services	15.1%		23.9%	
Education & Health Services	108		77,515		Education & Health Services	10.3%		10.6%	
Leisure and Hospitality	92		59,068		Leisure and Hospitality	8.7%		8.1%	
Other Services	78		57,596		Other Services	7.4%		7.9%	
Government	37		6,044		Government	3.5%		0.8%	

Average Annual Employment, % of All Industries, 2019 preliminary	Okeechobee County		Florida		Average Annual Wage 2019 preliminary	Okeechobee County		Florida	
All industries	11,509		8,878,680		All industries	\$37,225		\$51,761	
Natural Resource & Mining	8.4%		0.8%		Natural Resource & Mining	\$36,747		\$35,649	
Construction	6.3%		6.3%		Construction	\$38,035		\$52,926	
Manufacturing	3.5%		4.3%		Manufacturing	\$49,584		\$63,883	
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	19.9%		20.3%		Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$34,249		\$46,237	
Information	0.6%		1.6%		Information	\$41,898		\$86,109	
Financial Activities	2.6%		6.6%		Financial Activities	\$42,273		\$77,030	
Professional & Business Services	10.5%		15.7%		Professional & Business Services	\$41,090		\$63,747	
Education & Health Services	14.9%		14.9%		Education & Health Services	\$43,337		\$62,050	
Leisure and Hospitality	12.2%		14.2%		Leisure and Hospitality	\$19,222		\$26,681	
Other Services	3.3%		3.2%		Other Services	\$29,972		\$37,972	
Government	17.8%		12.1%		Government	\$43,500		\$55,897	

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

Labor Force as Percent of Population Aged 18 and Older	Okeechobee County		Florida		Unemployment Rate	Okeechobee County		Florida	
1990	64.0%		64.3%		1990	8.3%		6.1%	
2000	58.3%		63.7%		2000	5.4%		3.7%	
2010	59.5%		62.2%		2010	12.6%		11.1%	
2019	55.1%		61.2%		2019	3.5%		3.1%	

**Income and Financial Health**

Personal Income (\$000s)	Okeechobee County		Florida		Per Capita Personal Income	Okeechobee County		Florida	
1990	\$405,247		\$257,571,430		1990	\$13,583		\$19,763	
2000	\$636,121		\$472,238,563		2000	\$17,711		\$29,428	
2010	\$972,952		\$725,074,023		2010	\$24,309		\$38,475	
2011	\$1,012,741		\$764,633,664		2011	\$25,402		\$40,131	
% change 2010-11	4.1%		5.5%		% change 2010-11	4.5%		4.3%	
2012	\$1,037,948		\$793,428,830		2012	\$26,138		\$41,115	
% change 2011-12	2.5%		3.8%		% change 2011-12	2.9%		2.5%	
2013	\$1,032,698		\$795,425,004		2013	\$26,156		\$40,696	
% change 2012-13	-0.5%		0.3%		% change 2012-13	0.1%		-1.0%	
2014	\$1,139,785		\$856,161,773		2014	\$28,805		\$43,140	
% change 2013-14	10.4%		7.6%		% change 2013-14	10.1%		6.0%	
2015	\$1,208,690		\$914,928,403		2015	\$30,328		\$45,273	
% change 2014-15	6.0%		6.9%		% change 2014-15	5.3%		4.9%	
2016	\$1,194,714		\$949,717,988		2016	\$29,304		\$46,073	
% change 2015-16	-1.2%		3.8%		% change 2015-16	-3.4%		1.8%	
2017	\$1,268,865		\$1,016,818,999		2017	\$30,742		\$48,504	
% change 2016-17	6.2%		7.1%		% change 2016-17	4.9%		5.3%	
2018	\$1,295,166		\$1,082,702,187		2018	\$31,093		\$50,964	
% change 2017-18	2.1%		6.5%		% change 2017-18	1.1%		5.1%	
2019	\$1,348,150		\$1,125,984,012		2019	\$31,971		\$52,426	
% change 2018-19	4.1%		4.0%		% change 2018-19	2.8%		2.9%	

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)	Okeechobee County		Florida		Median Income	Okeechobee County		Florida	
1990	\$220,375		\$161,135,722		Median Household Income	\$40,367		\$53,267	
2000	\$350,259		\$308,751,767		Median Family Income	\$46,329		\$64,312	
2010	\$511,850		\$438,991,235		<b>Percent in Poverty, 2018</b>				
2011	\$518,333		\$450,502,115		All ages in poverty	21.5%		13.7%	
% change 2010-11	1.3%		2.6%		Under age 18 in poverty	34.4%		20.0%	
2012	\$565,614		\$468,412,894		Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	32.8%		18.8%	
% change 2011-12	9.1%		4.0%		<b>Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)</b>				
2013	\$588,724		\$482,900,406			Okeechobee County		Florida	
% change 2012-13	4.1%		3.1%		12-Month Period Ending Jun. 30, 2019	1.70		2.07	
2014	\$654,960		\$512,381,351		12-Month Period Ending Jun. 30, 2020	1.59		1.89	
% change 2013-14	11.3%		6.1%		State Rank	25		NA	
2015	\$703,254		\$544,423,234		NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13				
% change 2014-15	7.4%		6.3%		<b>Health Insurance Status</b>				
2016	\$651,614		\$568,848,341			Okeechobee County		Florida	
% change 2015-16	-7.3%		4.5%		<b>Percent Insured by Age Group</b>				
2017	\$771,463		\$602,210,803		Under 65 years	77.7%		83.9%	
% change 2016-17	18.4%		5.9%		Under 19 years	89.1%		92.4%	
2018	\$708,879		\$639,710,580		18 to 64 years	73.3%		80.8%	
% change 2017-18	-8.1%		6.2%						
2019	\$726,835		\$672,454,824						
% change 2018-19	2.5%		5.1%						

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2017-18	Okeechobee County	Florida*	Expenditures 2017-18	Okeechobee County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$52,936.3	\$44,214,365.8	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$58,868.99	\$41,792,449.68
Per Capita \$	\$1,287.36	\$2,223.20	Per Capita \$	\$1,431.64	\$2,101.42
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
<b>Taxes</b>			<b>General Government Services**</b>		
(\$000s)	\$30,425.5	\$14,725,283.7	(\$000s)	\$10,561.56	\$7,105,044.04
Per Capita \$	\$739.92	\$740.42	Per Capita \$	\$256.85	\$357.26
% of Total	57.5%	33.3%	% of Total	17.9%	17.0%
<b>Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments</b>			<b>Public Safety</b>		
(\$000s)	\$1,270.8	\$2,064,228.9	(\$000s)	\$26,746.50	\$10,202,428.55
Per Capita \$	\$30.91	\$103.79	Per Capita \$	\$650.45	\$513.00
% of Total	2.4%	4.7%	% of Total	45.4%	24.4%
<b>Intergovernmental Revenues</b>			<b>Physical Environment</b>		
(\$000s)	\$8,104.8	\$4,552,371.7	(\$000s)	\$3,139.35	\$4,910,992.05
Per Capita \$	\$197.10	\$228.90	Per Capita \$	\$76.35	\$246.94
% of Total	15.3%	10.3%	% of Total	5.3%	11.8%
<b>Charges for Services</b>			<b>Transportation</b>		
(\$000s)	\$4,588.2	\$13,745,670.4	(\$000s)	\$8,638.72	\$5,056,604.18
Per Capita \$	\$111.58	\$691.16	Per Capita \$	\$210.09	\$254.26
% of Total	8.7%	31.1%	% of Total	14.7%	12.1%
<b>Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits</b>			<b>Economic Environment</b>		
(\$000s)	\$702.7	\$198,680.9	(\$000s)	\$1,186.37	\$1,566,748.75
Per Capita \$	\$17.09	\$9.99	Per Capita \$	\$28.85	\$78.78
% of Total	1.3%	0.4%	% of Total	2.0%	3.7%
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>			<b>Human Services</b>		
(\$000s)	\$5,590.4	\$1,189,350.3	(\$000s)	\$2,444.39	\$3,545,609.16
Per Capita \$	\$135.95	\$59.80	Per Capita \$	\$59.45	\$178.28
% of Total	10.6%	2.7%	% of Total	4.2%	8.5%
<b>Other Sources</b>			<b>Culture / Recreation</b>		
(\$000s)	\$2,253.8	\$7,738,780.0	(\$000s)	\$2,267.36	\$1,704,980.28
Per Capita \$	\$54.81	\$389.12	Per Capita \$	\$55.14	\$85.73
% of Total	4.3%	17.5%	% of Total	3.9%	4.1%
			<b>Other Uses and Non-Operating</b>		
			(\$000s)	\$1,475.06	\$6,807,083.14
			Per Capita \$	\$35.87	\$342.28
			% of Total	2.5%	16.3%
			<b>Court-Related Expenditures</b>		
			(\$000s)	\$2,409.69	\$892,959.54
			Per Capita \$	\$58.60	\$44.90
			% of Total	4.1%	2.1%

\* 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

	Okeechobee County	Florida		Okeechobee County	Florida
<b>Crime</b>			<b>Workers Aged 16 and Over</b>		
Crime rate, 2019 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	2,810.5	2,551.1	Place of Work in Florida		
Admissions to prison FY 2018-19	183	28,782	Worked outside county of residence	18.4%	17.7%
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2018-19	437.7	135.7	Travel Time to Work		
			Mean travel time to work (minutes)	23.5	27.4

State Infrastructure

	Okeechobee County	Florida
<b>Transportation</b>		
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	103.6	12,128.1
Lane Miles	256.7	45,030.3
State Bridges		
Number	37	7,044

State Facilities

	Okeechobee County	Florida
<b>Buildings/Facilities (min. 300 Square Feet)</b>		
Number	161	9,630
Square Footage	761,368	66,989,245

Conservation Land (land acres only)

	Okeechobee County	Florida
<b>State-Owned (includes partially-owned)</b>		
79,091	5,383,024	
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	73.4%	51.6%
% of Total Area Land	16.1%	15.7%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	1.5%	
<b>State-Managed</b>		
87,268	5,486,474	
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	81.0%	52.6%
% of Total Area Land	17.8%	16.0%
% of Florida State-Managed CL	1.6%	

State and Local Taxation

2019 Ad Valorem Millage Rates	Okeechobee County	Not County-Wide*
County	8.0000	
School	6.0870	
Municipal		0.8816
Special Districts	0.3600	0.2714

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

Education

Public Education Schools	Okeechobee County School	Florida
<b>Traditional Setting (2019-20)</b>		
Total (state total includes special districts)	10	3,721
Elementary	6	1,878
Middle	2	575
Senior High	1	713
Combination	1	555

Educational attainment

Persons aged 25 and older	Okeechobee County	Florida
% HS graduate or higher	75.0%	88.0%
% bachelor's degree or higher	11.4%	6

