

Okeechobee County

Florida's 47th most populous county
with 0.2% of Florida's population



Population

	Okeechobee County	Florida
Census Population		
1980 Census	20,264	9,746,961
1990 Census	29,627	12,938,071
2000 Census	35,910	15,982,824
2010 Census	39,996	18,801,332
2020 Census	39,644	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	-0.9%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	22.0%	19.5%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	62.2%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	8.4%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.7%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	0.8%	2.9%
% Not Hispanic-Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%
% Not Hispanic-Some Other Race	0.4%	0.6%
% Not Hispanic-Two or More Races	2.6%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	24.9%	26.5%

Real Gross Domestic Product

	Okeechobee County	Florida
Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2012 Dollars)		
2015 GDP	1,203,286	852,242,411
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2016 GDP	1,167,576	881,539,238
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2017 GDP	1,270,748	912,966,152
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2018 GDP	1,164,899	943,463,397
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2019 GDP	1,594,097	971,619,168
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2020 GDP	1,741,977	944,000,797
Percent of the State	0.2%	

Population by Housing Type

	Okeechobee County	Florida
Household Population	37,010	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.56	2.47
Group Quarters Population	2,634	464,583

Population Estimates

	Okeechobee County	Florida
2021 Estimate	39,148	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	-1.3%	1.7%
Based on 2021 Estimate		
2025	39,937	23,164,008
2030	40,526	24,471,129
2035	40,889	25,520,837
2040	41,167	26,405,472
2045	41,391	27,176,715
2050	41,583	27,877,707

Housing

	Okeechobee County	Florida
Housing Counts		
Housing units, 2020 Census	18,484	9,865,350
Occupied	14,433	8,529,067
Vacant	4,051	1,336,283

Building Permits

	Okeechobee County	Florida
Units Permitted		
2000	131	155,269
2010	48	38,679
2020	15	164,074
2021	13	213,494

Population Characteristics

	Okeechobee County	Florida
Language spoken at home other than English		
Persons aged 5 and over	22.7%	29.4%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	11.6%	20.8%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	9.6%	8.4%

Density

	Okeechobee County	Florida
Persons per square mile		
2000	46.4	296.4
2010	52.0	350.6
2020	51.5	401.4
2021	50.9	408.2

Migration

	Okeechobee County	Florida
Residence 1 Year Ago		
Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	89.3%	84.9%
Different house in the U.S.	10.2%	14.1%
Same county in Florida	4.9%	8.1%
Different county in Florida	4.0%	3.1%
Different county in another state	1.3%	2.8%
Abroad	0.4%	1.0%

Households and Family Households

	Okeechobee County	Florida
Households		
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

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	Okeechobee		Florida		Establishments % of All Industries, 2020	Okeechobee		Florida	
	County					County			
All industries	1,077		763,854		All industries	1,077		763,854	
Natural Resource & Mining	93		5,514		Natural Resource & Mining	8.6%		0.7%	
Construction	168		77,720		Construction	15.6%		10.2%	
Manufacturing	25		21,822		Manufacturing	2.3%		2.9%	
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	231		145,853		Trade, Transportation and Utilities	21.4%		19.1%	
Information	10		13,437		Information	0.9%		1.8%	
Financial Activities	64		83,911		Financial Activities	5.9%		11.0%	
Professional & Business Services	157		187,348		Professional & Business Services	14.6%		24.5%	
Education & Health Services	120		87,764		Education & Health Services	11.1%		11.5%	
Leisure and Hospitality	95		61,008		Leisure and Hospitality	8.8%		8.0%	
Other Services	75		56,385		Other Services	7.0%		7.4%	
Government	35		5,895		Government	3.2%		0.8%	

Average Annual Employment % of All Industries, 2020	Okeechobee		Florida		Average Annual Wage 2020	Okeechobee		Florida	
	County					County			
All industries	11,098		8,453,489		All industries	\$40,611		\$55,840	
Natural Resource & Mining	6.7%		0.8%		Natural Resource & Mining	\$41,789		\$37,710	
Construction	3.3%		6.7%		Construction	\$49,203		\$55,840	
Manufacturing	20.7%		4.5%		Manufacturing	\$35,646		\$66,738	
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	0.5%		20.6%		Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$47,363		\$49,342	
Information	2.5%		1.5%		Information	\$45,813		\$93,360	
Financial Activities	11.4%		6.9%		Financial Activities	\$45,089		\$84,295	
Professional & Business Services	14.3%		16.1%		Professional & Business Services	\$45,171		\$68,218	
Education & Health Services	10.8%		15.3%		Education & Health Services	\$22,015		\$55,099	
Leisure and Hospitality	3.3%		11.9%		Leisure and Hospitality	\$32,692		\$27,694	
Other Services	NA		3.0%		Other Services	NA		\$41,131	
Government	18.1%		12.5%		Government	\$50,205		\$58,821	

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

Labor Force as Percent of Population Aged 18 and Older	Okeechobee		Florida		Unemployment Rate	Okeechobee		Florida	
	County					County			
2000	58.8%		64.2%		2000	5.4%		3.8%	
2010	59.0%		61.8%		2010	12.2%		10.8%	
2020	52.5%		58.6%		2020	5.9%		8.2%	
2021	53.4%		59.0%		2021	4.1%		4.6%	

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)	Okeechobee		Florida		Per Capita Personal Income	Okeechobee		Florida	
	County					County			
2000	\$635,484		\$472,851,789		2000	\$17,693		\$29,466	
2010	\$1,005,915		\$732,457,478		2010	\$25,139		\$38,865	
2011	\$1,056,068		\$771,409,454		2011	\$26,498		\$40,482	
% change 2010-11	5.0%		5.3%		% change 2010-11	5.4%		4.2%	
2012	\$1,052,879		\$800,551,723		2012	\$26,526		\$41,475	
% change 2011-12	-0.3%		3.8%		% change 2011-12	0.1%		2.5%	
2013	\$1,042,389		\$802,975,701		2013	\$26,414		\$41,069	
% change 2012-13	-1.0%		0.3%		% change 2012-13	-0.4%		-1.0%	
2014	\$1,143,716		\$861,412,339		2014	\$28,918		\$43,388	
% change 2013-14	9.7%		7.3%		% change 2013-14	9.5%		5.6%	
2015	\$1,215,647		\$919,834,894		2015	\$30,519		\$45,493	
% change 2014-15	6.3%		6.8%		% change 2014-15	5.5%		4.9%	
2016	\$1,198,828		\$954,069,719		2016	\$29,407		\$46,253	
% change 2015-16	-1.4%		3.7%		% change 2015-16	-3.6%		1.7%	
2017	\$1,280,103		\$1,023,131,116		2017	\$31,034		\$48,774	
% change 2016-17	6.8%		7.2%		% change 2016-17	5.5%		5.5%	
2018	\$1,274,550		\$1,087,188,628		2018	\$30,637		\$51,150	
% change 2017-18	-0.4%		6.3%		% change 2017-18	-1.3%		4.9%	
2019	\$1,358,451		\$1,139,799,293		2019	\$32,236		\$53,034	
% change 2018-19	6.6%		4.8%		% change 2018-19	5.2%		3.7%	
2020	\$1,480,291		\$1,209,995,921		2020	\$34,998		\$55,675	
% change 2019-20	9.0%		6.2%		% change 2019-20	8.6%		5.0%	

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)	Okeechobee		Florida		Median Income	Okeechobee		Florida	
	County					County			
2000	\$350,259		\$308,751,767		Median Household Income	\$46,097		\$57,703	
2010	\$512,294		\$438,983,914		Median Family Income	\$51,754		\$69,670	
2011	\$518,825		\$450,498,606						
% change 2010-11	1.3%		2.6%						
2012	\$565,952		\$468,410,475						
% change 2011-12	9.1%		4.0%						
2013	\$588,625		\$482,898,301						
% change 2012-13	4.0%		3.1%						
2014	\$653,990		\$512,375,290						
% change 2013-14	11.1%		6.1%						
2015	\$702,047		\$544,408,719						
% change 2014-15	7.3%		6.3%						
2016	\$652,958		\$569,769,284						
% change 2015-16	-7.0%		4.7%						
2017	\$775,555		\$603,668,170						
% change 2016-17	18.8%		5.9%						
2018	\$687,338		\$639,620,451						
% change 2017-18	-11.4%		6.0%						
2019	\$718,477		\$671,553,148						
% change 2018-19	4.5%		5.0%						
2020	\$761,538		\$688,764,753						
% change 2019-20	6.0%		2.6%						

Percent in Poverty, 2020		
All ages in poverty	17.7%	12.4%
Under age 18 in poverty	24.7%	17.2%
Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	24.0%	16.5%

Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)	Okeechobee		Florida	
	County			
12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2020	1.46		1.66	
12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2021	0.87		1.38	
State Rank	35		NA	
NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13				

Workers Aged 16 and Over	Okeechobee		Florida	
	County			
Place of Work in Florida				
Worked outside county of residence	22.4%		18.1%	
Travel Time to Work				
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.9		27.9	

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2019-20	Okeechobee		Florida*		Expenditures 2019-20	Okeechobee		Florida*	
	County					County			
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$62,281.9		\$52,645,134.4		Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$66,091.44		\$48,804,501.28	
Per Capita \$	\$1,478.96		\$2,553.85		Per Capita \$	\$1,569.42		\$2,367.54	
% of Total	100.0%		100.0%		% of Total	100.0%		100.0%	
Taxes (\$000s)	\$38,194.9		\$16,651,821.4		General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$15,585.01		\$8,468,311.68	
Per Capita \$	\$906.98		\$807.79		Per Capita \$	\$370.08		\$410.80	
% of Total	61.3%		31.6%		% of Total	23.6%		17.4%	
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$1,238.4		\$2,256,256.6		Public Safety (\$000s)	\$27,073.84		\$12,039,077.73	
Per Capita \$	\$29.41		\$109.45		Per Capita \$	\$642.90		\$584.02	
% of Total	2.0%		4.3%		% of Total	41.0%		24.7%	
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$9,430.0		\$7,095,752.8		Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$3,203.10		\$5,403,299.24	
Per Capita \$	\$223.93		\$344.22		Per Capita \$	\$76.06		\$262.12	
% of Total	15.1%		13.5%		% of Total	4.8%		11.1%	
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$4,960.8		\$14,148,555.9		Transportation (\$000s)	\$8,568.54		\$5,666,984.30	
Per Capita \$	\$117.80		\$686.36		Per Capita \$	\$203.47		\$274.91	
% of Total	8.0%		26.9%		% of Total	13.0%		11.6%	
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$607.8		\$161,937.7		Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$2,180.35		\$1,793,284.71	
Per Capita \$	\$14.43		\$7.86		Per Capita \$	\$51.77		\$86.99	
% of Total	1.0%		0.3%		% of Total	3.3%		3.7%	
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$5,463.1		\$1,629,204.3		Human Services (\$000s)	\$2,598.59		\$4,112,446.49	
Per Capita \$	\$129.73		\$79.03		Per Capita \$	\$61.71		\$199.50	
% of Total	8.8%		3.1%		% of Total	3.9%		8.4%	
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$2,386.9		\$10,701,605.8		Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$2,234.17		\$1,960,626.16	
Per Capita \$	\$56.68		\$519.14		Per Capita \$	\$53.05		\$95.11	
% of Total	3.8%		20.3%		% of Total	3.4%		4.0%	
					Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$2,158.92		\$8,431,538.28	
					Per Capita \$	\$51.27		\$409.02	
					% of Total	3.3%		17.3%	
					Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$2,488.93		\$928,932.70	
					Per Capita \$	\$59.10		\$45.06	
					% of Total	3.8%		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)	2,956.4	2,152.3
Admissions to prison FY 2020-21	107	18,149
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2020-21	273.3	82.9

State Infrastructure

Transportation	County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	103.6	12,135.8
Lane Miles	256.7	45,111.7
State Bridges		
Number	36	7,079

State Facilities

Buildings/Facilities (min. 300 Square Feet)	County	Florida
Number	155	9,426
Square Footage	754,324	65,539,144

Conservation Land (land acres only)

State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	County	Florida
State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	84,299	5,478,547
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	74.2%	51.8%
% of Total Area Land	17.1%	16.0%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	1.5%	
State-Managed	93,140	5,627,174
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	82.0%	53.2%
% of Total Area Land	18.9%	16.4%
% of Florida State-Managed CL	1.7%	

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	County	Florida
Under 65 years	78.0%	83.6%
Under 19 years	90.0%	92.4%
18 to 64 years	73.4%	80.6%

State and Local Taxation

2021 Ad Valorem Millage Rates	Okeechobee County	Not County-Wide*
County-Wide	8.0000	
School	5.8430	
Municipal		0.9143
Special Districts	0.3000	0.2923

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

Education

Public Education Schools	Okeechobee County School	Florida
Traditional Setting (2021-22)		
Total (state total includes special districts)	10	3,755
Elementary	6	1,876
Middle	2	568
Senior High	1	719
Combination	1	592
Educational attainment		
Persons aged 25 and older		
% HS graduate or higher	79.8%	88.5%
% bachelor's degree or higher	14.3%	30.5%

