

Polk County

Florida's 9th most populous county
with 3.4% of Florida's population



Population

Census Population	Polk County	Florida
1980 Census	321,652	9,746,961
1990 Census	405,382	12,938,071
2000 Census	483,924	15,982,824
2010 Census	602,095	18,801,332
2020 Census	725,046	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	20.4%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	21.9%	19.5%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	54.2%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	13.9%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.2%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	1.8%	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	3.4%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	25.9%	26.5%

Population Estimates

	Polk County	Florida
2021 Estimate	748,365	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	3.2%	1.7%
Based on 2021 Estimate		
2025	810,945	23,164,008
2030	877,761	24,471,129
2035	932,712	25,520,837
2040	979,194	26,405,472
2045	1,019,496	27,176,715
2050	1,056,195	27,877,707

Population Characteristics

	Polk County	Florida
Language spoken at home other than English		
Persons aged 5 and over	22.9%	29.4%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	10.5%	20.8%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	8.7%	8.4%

Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago	Polk County	Florida
Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	85.1%	84.9%
Different house in the U.S.	14.1%	14.1%
Same county in Florida	7.1%	8.1%
Different county in Florida	3.7%	3.1%
Different county in another state	3.2%	2.8%
Abroad	0.8%	1.0%

Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2012 Dollars)	Polk County	Florida
2015 GDP	21,532,353	852,242,411
Percent of the State	2.5%	
2016 GDP	22,171,258	881,539,238
Percent of the State	2.5%	
2017 GDP	23,421,440	912,966,152
Percent of the State	2.6%	
2018 GDP	24,014,079	943,463,397
Percent of the State	2.5%	
2019 GDP	24,938,252	971,619,168
Percent of the State	2.6%	
2020 GDP	25,297,584	944,000,797
Percent of the State	2.7%	

Population by Housing Type

	Polk County	Florida
Household Population	709,633	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.60	2.47
Group Quarters Population	15,413	464,583

Housing

Housing Counts	Polk County	Florida
Housing units, 2020 Census	316,381	9,865,350
Occupied	272,418	8,529,067
Vacant	43,963	1,336,283

Building Permits

Units Permitted	Polk County	Florida
2000	4,746	155,269
2010	1,200	38,679
2020	9,492	164,074
2021	13,071	213,494

Density

Persons per square mile	Polk County	Florida
2000	258.2	296.4
2010	334.9	350.6
2020	403.3	401.4
2021	416.3	408.2

Households and Family Households

Households	Polk County	Florida
Total households, 2000 Census	187,233	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	132,305	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	41.0%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	227,485	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	159,323	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	39.0%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.59	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	3.05	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	Polk County	Florida	Establishments % of All Industries, 2020	Polk County	Florida
All industries	15,143	763,854	All industries	15,143	763,854
Natural Resource & Mining	276	5,514	Natural Resource & Mining	1.8%	0.7%
Construction	1,918	77,720	Construction	12.7%	10.2%
Manufacturing	551	21,822	Manufacturing	3.6%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	3,376	145,853	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	22.3%	19.1%
Information	171	13,437	Information	1.1%	1.8%
Financial Activities	1,619	83,911	Financial Activities	10.7%	11.0%
Professional & Business Services	2,808	187,348	Professional & Business Services	18.5%	24.5%
Education & Health Services	1,716	87,764	Education & Health Services	11.3%	11.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	1,234	61,008	Leisure and Hospitality	8.1%	8.0%
Other Services	1,081	56,385	Other Services	7.1%	7.4%
Government	154	5,895	Government	1.0%	0.8%

Average Annual Employment % of All Industries, 2020	Polk County	Florida	Average Annual Wage 2020	Polk County	Florida
All industries	229,824	8,453,489	All industries	\$46,758	\$55,840
Natural Resource & Mining	6.0%	0.8%	Natural Resource & Mining	\$51,852	\$37,710
Construction	7.7%	6.7%	Construction	\$62,254	\$55,840
Manufacturing	27.3%	4.5%	Manufacturing	\$43,374	\$66,738
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	0.7%	20.6%	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$53,391	\$49,342
Information	5.7%	1.5%	Information	\$63,367	\$93,360
Financial Activities	12.8%	6.9%	Financial Activities	\$49,788	\$84,295
Professional & Business Services	14.6%	16.1%	Professional & Business Services	\$50,956	\$68,218
Education & Health Services	9.2%	15.3%	Education & Health Services	\$20,601	\$55,099
Leisure and Hospitality	2.3%	11.9%	Leisure and Hospitality	\$40,921	\$27,694
Other Services	0.1%	3.0%	Other Services	\$28,857	\$41,131
Government	12.3%	12.5%	Government	\$46,443	\$58,821

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

Labor Force as Percent of Population Aged 18 and Older	Polk County	Florida	Unemployment Rate	Polk County	Florida
2000	63.8%	64.2%	2000	4.2%	3.8%
2010	59.9%	61.8%	2010	11.8%	10.8%
2020	57.6%	58.6%	2020	9.8%	8.2%
2021	57.6%	59.0%	2021	5.4%	4.6%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)	Polk County	Florida	Per Capita Personal Income	Polk County	Florida
2000	\$11,708,270	\$472,851,789	2000	\$24,115	\$29,466
2010	\$18,650,683	\$732,457,478	2010	\$30,924	\$38,865
2011	\$19,666,336	\$771,409,454	2011	\$32,239	\$40,482
% change 2010-11	5.4%	5.3%	% change 2010-11	4.3%	4.2%
2012	\$19,815,333	\$800,551,723	2012	\$32,190	\$41,475
% change 2011-12	0.8%	3.8%	% change 2011-12	-0.2%	2.5%
2013	\$19,915,841	\$802,975,701	2013	\$31,977	\$41,069
% change 2012-13	0.5%	0.3%	% change 2012-13	-0.7%	-1.0%
2014	\$20,927,737	\$861,412,339	2014	\$32,977	\$43,388
% change 2013-14	5.1%	7.3%	% change 2013-14	3.1%	5.6%
2015	\$21,939,354	\$919,834,894	2015	\$33,814	\$45,493
% change 2014-15	4.8%	6.8%	% change 2014-15	2.5%	4.9%
2016	\$22,502,739	\$954,069,719	2016	\$33,774	\$46,253
% change 2015-16	2.6%	3.7%	% change 2015-16	-0.1%	1.7%
2017	\$24,164,464	\$1,023,131,116	2017	\$35,236	\$48,774
% change 2016-17	7.4%	7.2%	% change 2016-17	4.3%	5.5%
2018	\$25,489,580	\$1,087,188,628	2018	\$36,048	\$51,150
% change 2017-18	5.5%	6.3%	% change 2017-18	2.3%	4.9%
2019	\$26,956,118	\$1,139,799,293	2019	\$37,183	\$53,034
% change 2018-19	5.8%	4.8%	% change 2018-19	3.1%	3.7%
2020	\$29,603,579	\$1,209,995,921	2020	\$39,760	\$55,675
% change 2019-20	9.8%	6.2%	% change 2019-20	6.9%	5.0%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)	Polk County	Florida	Median Income	Polk County	Florida
2000	\$7,390,851	\$308,751,767	Median Household Income	\$51,535	\$57,703
2010	\$10,587,553	\$438,983,914	Median Family Income	\$59,623	\$69,670
2011	\$10,753,801	\$450,498,606			
% change 2010-11	1.6%	2.6%			
2012	\$11,270,018	\$468,410,475			
% change 2011-12	4.8%	4.0%			
2013	\$11,671,184	\$482,898,301			
% change 2012-13	3.6%	3.1%			
2014	\$12,029,389	\$512,375,290			
% change 2013-14	3.1%	6.1%			
2015	\$12,520,914	\$544,408,719			
% change 2014-15	4.1%	6.3%			
2016	\$12,902,347	\$569,769,284			
% change 2015-16	3.0%	4.7%			
2017	\$13,662,482	\$603,668,170			
% change 2016-17	5.9%	5.9%			
2018	\$14,488,427	\$639,620,451			
% change 2017-18	6.0%	6.0%			
2019	\$15,358,848	\$671,553,148			
% change 2018-19	6.0%	5.0%			
2020	\$16,404,737	\$688,764,753			
% change 2019-20	6.8%	2.6%			

Percent in Poverty, 2020	Polk County	Florida
All ages in poverty	14.4%	12.4%
Under age 18 in poverty	22.2%	17.2%
Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	22.0%	16.5%

Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)	Polk County	Florida
12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2020	1.61	1.66
12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2021	1.42	1.38
State Rank	11	NA
NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13		

Workers Aged 16 and Over	Polk County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida		
Worked outside county of residence	21.9%	18.1%
Travel Time to Work		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	28.4	27.9

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2019-20	Polk County	Florida*	Expenditures 2019-20	Polk County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$1,158,018.5	\$52,645,134.4	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$1,077,074.37	\$48,804,501.28
Per Capita \$	\$1,619.40	\$2,553.85	Per Capita \$	\$1,506.21	\$2,367.54
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
Taxes (\$000s)	\$407,578.5	\$16,651,821.4	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$200,875.71	\$8,468,311.68
Per Capita \$	\$569.97	\$807.79	Per Capita \$	\$280.91	\$410.80
% of Total	35.2%	31.6%	% of Total	18.7%	17.4%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$83,019.8	\$2,256,256.6	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$400,305.95	\$12,039,077.73
Per Capita \$	\$116.10	\$109.45	Per Capita \$	\$559.80	\$584.02
% of Total	7.2%	4.3%	% of Total	37.2%	24.7%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$167,743.4	\$7,095,752.8	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$159,544.89	\$5,403,299.24
Per Capita \$	\$234.58	\$344.22	Per Capita \$	\$223.11	\$262.12
% of Total	14.5%	13.5%	% of Total	14.8%	11.1%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$320,086.0	\$14,148,555.9	Transportation (\$000s)	\$88,584.36	\$5,666,984.30
Per Capita \$	\$447.62	\$686.36	Per Capita \$	\$123.88	\$274.91
% of Total	27.6%	26.9%	% of Total	8.2%	11.6%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$5,415.3	\$161,937.7	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$23,724.99	\$1,793,284.71
Per Capita \$	\$7.57	\$7.86	Per Capita \$	\$33.18	\$86.99
% of Total	0.5%	0.3%	% of Total	2.2%	3.7%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$47,184.0	\$1,629,204.3	Human Services (\$000s)	\$69,311.69	\$4,112,446.49
Per Capita \$	\$65.98	\$79.03	Per Capita \$	\$96.93	\$199.50
% of Total	4.1%	3.1%	% of Total	6.4%	8.4%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$126,991.6	\$10,701,605.8	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$17,122.56	\$1,960,626.16
Per Capita \$	\$177.59	\$519.14	Per Capita \$	\$23.94	\$95.11
% of Total	11.0%	20.3%	% of Total	1.6%	4.0%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$85,748.54	\$8,431,538.28
			Per Capita \$	\$119.91	\$409.02
			% of Total	8.0%	17.3%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$31,855.68	\$928,932.70
			Per Capita \$	\$44.55	\$45.06
			% of Total	3.0%	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	Polk County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	1,694.5	2,152.3
Admissions to prison FY 2020-21	781	18,149
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2020-21	104.4	82.9

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	Polk County	Florida
Under 65 years	82.9%	83.6%
Under 19 years	92.9%	92.4%
18 to 64 years	78.9%	80.6%

State Infrastructure

Transportation	Polk County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	460.8	12,135.8
Lane Miles	1,682.2	45,111.7
State Bridges		
Number	194	7,079

State and Local Taxation

2021 Ad Valorem Millage Rates	Polk County	Not County-Wide*
County-Wide	6.8990	0.5166
School	5.8290	
Municipal		2.5050
Special Districts		0.4377

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

Education

State Facilities	Polk County	Florida
Buildings/Facilities (min. 300 Square Feet)		
Number	422	9,426
Square Footage	2,522,148	65,539,144

Conservation Land (land acres only)	Polk County	Florida
State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	139,525	5,478,547
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	47.9%	51.8%
% of Total Area Land	12.1%	16.0%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	2.5%	
State-Managed	196,141	5,627,174
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	67.4%	53.2%
% of Total Area Land	17.0%	16.4%
% of Florida State-Managed CL	3.5%	

Public Education Schools	Polk County	Florida
Traditional Setting (2021-22)		
Total (state total includes special districts)	150	3,755
Elementary	77	1,876
Middle	26	568
Senior High	28	719
Combination	19	592

Educational attainment	Polk County	Florida
Persons aged 25 and older		
% HS graduate or higher	85.4%	88.5%
% bachelor's degree or higher	20.6%	30.5%

