

Polk County

Florida's 9th most populous county
with 3.3% of Florida's population



Population

| | Polk County | Florida |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Census Population | | |
| 1980 Census | 321,652 | 9,746,961 |
| 1990 Census | 405,382 | 12,938,071 |
| % change 1980-90 | 26.0% | 32.7% |
| 2000 Census | 483,924 | 15,982,824 |
| % change 1990-00 | 19.4% | 23.5% |
| 2010 Census | 602,095 | 18,801,332 |
| % change 2000-10 | 24.4% | 17.6% |
| Age | | |
| % Under 18 years of age | 23.5% | 21.3% |
| % 65 years of age and over | 18.0% | 17.3% |
| Race & Ethnicity | | |
| % White alone | 75.2% | 75.0% |
| % Black or African American alone | 14.8% | 16.0% |
| % Hispanic or Latino (of any race) | 17.7% | 22.5% |
| Estimates and Projections | | |
| 2019 Estimate | 690,606 | 21,208,589 |
| % change 2010-19 | 14.7% | 12.8% |
| 2020 Estimate | 715,090 | 21,596,068 |
| % change 2019-20 | 3.5% | 1.8% |
| Based on 2019 Estimate | | |
| 2025 | 766,442 | 23,130,870 |
| 2030 | 816,987 | 24,426,178 |
| 2035 | 858,046 | 25,497,950 |
| 2040 | 893,089 | 26,428,726 |
| 2045 | 924,739 | 27,266,909 |
| 2019 Median Age | 41.0 | 41.7 |
| Density | | |
| Persons per square mile | | |
| 2000 | 258.2 | 296.4 |
| 2010 | 334.9 | 350.6 |
| 2019 | 384.2 | 399.7 |

Population Characteristics

| | Polk County | Florida |
|--|-------------|---------|
| Language spoken at home other than English | | |
| Persons aged 5 and over | 21.4% | 29.1% |
| Place of birth | | |
| Foreign born | 10.0% | 20.5% |
| Veteran status | | |
| Civilian population 18 and over | 9.3% | 8.9% |

Households and Family Households

| | Polk County | Florida |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Households | | |
| 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 |

Real Gross Domestic Product

| Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2012 Dollars) | Polk County | Florida |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| 2015 GDP | 20,462,688 | 839,124,321 |
| Percent of the State | 2.4% | |
| 2016 GDP | 20,928,287 | 866,730,997 |
| Percent of the State | 2.4% | |
| 2017 GDP | 21,816,610 | 896,117,037 |
| Percent of the State | 2.4% | |
| 2018 GDP | 22,483,500 | 924,873,329 |
| Percent of the State | 2.4% | |

Housing

| | Polk County | Florida |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Housing Counts | | |
| Housing units, 2000 Census | 226,376 | 7,302,947 |
| Occupied | 187,233 | 6,337,929 |
| Owner-occupied | 137,389 | 4,441,799 |
| Renter-occupied | 49,844 | 1,896,130 |
| Vacant | 39,143 | 965,018 |
| Housing units, 2010 Census | 281,214 | 8,989,580 |
| Occupied | 227,485 | 7,420,802 |
| Owner-occupied | 160,442 | 4,998,979 |
| Renter-occupied | 67,043 | 2,421,823 |
| Vacant | 53,729 | 1,568,778 |
| Units Permitted | | |
| 1990 | 2,785 | 126,384 |
| 2000 | 4,746 | 155,269 |
| 2010 | 1,200 | 38,679 |
| 2011 | 1,156 | 42,360 |
| 2012 | 1,522 | 64,810 |
| 2013 | 2,034 | 86,752 |
| 2014 | 2,559 | 84,075 |
| 2015 | 3,039 | 109,924 |
| 2016 | 4,567 | 116,240 |
| 2017 | 4,604 | 122,719 |
| 2018 | 5,331 | 144,427 |
| 2019 | 8,726 | 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 (CCQR).

Employment and Labor Force

| Number of Establishments 2019 preliminary | | Polk County | Florida | Percent of All Establishments 2019 preliminary | |
|--|-------|-------------|---------|---|--------|
| All industries | | 14,448 | 728,687 | All industries | 14,448 |
| Natural Resource & Mining | 266 | | 5,301 | Natural Resource & Mining | 1.8% |
| Construction | 1,847 | | 75,725 | Construction | 12.8% |
| Manufacturing | 537 | | 20,782 | Manufacturing | 3.7% |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 3,253 | | 140,766 | Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 22.5% |
| Information | 151 | | 11,897 | Information | 1.0% |
| Financial Activities | 1,465 | | 77,987 | Financial Activities | 10.1% |
| Professional & Business Services | 2,703 | | 174,242 | Professional & Business Services | 18.7% |
| Education & Health Services | 1,467 | | 77,515 | Education & Health Services | 10.2% |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 1,187 | | 59,068 | Leisure and Hospitality | 8.2% |
| Other Services | 1,138 | | 57,596 | Other Services | 7.9% |
| Government | 159 | | 6,044 | Government | 1.1% |

| Average Annual Employment, % of All Industries, 2019 preliminary | | Polk County | Florida | Average Annual Wage 2019 preliminary | |
|---|-------|-------------|-----------|---|----------|
| All industries | | 227,999 | 8,878,680 | All industries | \$43,821 |
| Natural Resource & Mining | 1.5% | | 0.8% | Natural Resource & Mining | \$46,368 |
| Construction | 5.7% | | 6.3% | Construction | \$48,414 |
| Manufacturing | 7.7% | | 4.3% | Manufacturing | \$56,945 |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 25.7% | | 20.3% | Trade, Transportation and Utilities | \$40,845 |
| Information | 0.8% | | 1.6% | Information | \$49,299 |
| Financial Activities | 5.4% | | 6.6% | Financial Activities | \$56,251 |
| Professional & Business Services | 12.9% | | 15.7% | Professional & Business Services | \$47,056 |
| Education & Health Services | 14.6% | | 14.9% | Education & Health Services | \$47,788 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 10.7% | | 14.2% | Leisure and Hospitality | \$19,985 |
| Other Services | 2.5% | | 3.2% | Other Services | \$39,202 |
| Government | 12.3% | | 12.1% | Government | \$47,063 |

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 | |
|---|--|-------------|---------|-------------------|-------|
| 1990 | | 65.8% | 64.3% | 1990 | 10.2% |
| 2000 | | 63.2% | 63.7% | 2000 | 4.1% |
| 2010 | | 60.5% | 62.2% | 2010 | 12.1% |
| 2019 | | 57.1% | 61.2% | 2019 | 3.7% |

Income and Financial Health

| Personal Income (\$000s) | | Polk County | Florida | Per Capita Personal Income | |
|--------------------------|------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------|
| 1990 | | \$6,556,679 | \$257,571,430 | 1990 | \$16,080 |
| 2000 | | \$11,749,751 | \$472,238,563 | 2000 | \$24,201 |
| 2010 | | \$18,373,933 | \$725,074,023 | 2010 | \$30,466 |
| 2011 | | \$19,427,284 | \$764,633,664 | 2011 | \$31,851 |
| % change 2010-11 | 5.7% | | 5.5% | % change 2010-11 | 4.5% |
| 2012 | | \$19,565,614 | \$793,428,830 | 2012 | \$31,791 |
| % change 2011-12 | 0.7% | | 3.8% | % change 2011-12 | -0.2% |
| 2013 | | \$19,647,197 | \$795,425,004 | 2013 | \$31,555 |
| % change 2012-13 | 0.4% | | 0.3% | % change 2012-13 | -0.7% |
| 2014 | | \$20,708,624 | \$856,161,773 | 2014 | \$32,643 |
| % change 2013-14 | 5.4% | | 7.6% | % change 2013-14 | 3.4% |
| 2015 | | \$21,738,318 | \$914,928,403 | 2015 | \$33,520 |
| % change 2014-15 | 5.0% | | 6.9% | % change 2014-15 | 2.7% |
| 2016 | | \$22,346,001 | \$949,717,988 | 2016 | \$33,561 |
| % change 2015-16 | 2.8% | | 3.8% | % change 2015-16 | 0.1% |
| 2017 | | \$23,945,564 | \$1,016,818,999 | 2017 | \$34,938 |
| % change 2016-17 | 7.2% | | 7.1% | % change 2016-17 | 4.1% |
| 2018 | | \$25,288,404 | \$1,082,702,187 | 2018 | \$35,789 |
| % change 2017-18 | 5.6% | | 6.5% | % change 2017-18 | 2.4% |
| 2019 | | \$26,562,710 | \$1,125,984,012 | 2019 | \$36,649 |
| % change 2018-19 | 5.0% | | 4.0% | % change 2018-19 | 2.4% |

| Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s) | | Polk County | Florida | Median Income | |
|------------------------------------|------|--------------|---------------|---|----------|
| 1990 | | \$4,424,186 | \$161,135,722 | Median Household Income | \$48,500 |
| 2000 | | \$7,390,851 | \$308,751,767 | Median Family Income | \$56,156 |
| 2010 | | \$10,587,732 | \$438,991,235 | Percent in Poverty, 2018 | |
| 2011 | | \$10,753,855 | \$450,502,115 | All ages in poverty | 15.7% |
| % change 2010-11 | 1.6% | | 2.6% | Under age 18 in poverty | 24.0% |
| 2012 | | \$11,269,814 | \$468,412,894 | Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty | 23.0% |
| % change 2011-12 | 4.8% | | 4.0% | Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population) | |
| 2013 | | \$11,671,328 | \$482,900,406 | 12-Month Period Ending Jun. 30, 2019 | 2.14 |
| % change 2012-13 | 3.6% | | 3.1% | 12-Month Period Ending Jun. 30, 2020 | 1.87 |
| 2014 | | \$12,029,701 | \$512,381,351 | State Rank | 17 |
| % change 2013-14 | 3.1% | | 6.1% | NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13 | NA |
| 2015 | | \$12,521,463 | \$544,423,234 | Health Insurance Status | |
| % change 2014-15 | 4.1% | | 6.3% | Percent Insured by Age Group | |
| 2016 | | \$12,901,095 | \$568,848,341 | Under 65 years | 84.6% |
| % change 2015-16 | 3.0% | | 4.5% | Under 19 years | 93.4% |
| 2017 | | \$13,655,172 | \$602,210,803 | 18 to 64 years | 81.1% |
| % change 2016-17 | 5.8% | | 5.9% | | |
| 2018 | | \$14,505,064 | \$639,710,580 | | |
| % change 2017-18 | 6.2% | | 6.2% | | |
| 2019 | | \$15,395,158 | \$672,454,824 | | |
| % change 2018-19 | 6.1% | | 5.1% | | |

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

| Revenue 2017-18 | Polk County | Florida* | Expenditures 2017-18 | Polk County | Florida* |
|--|-------------|----------------|--|--------------|-----------------|
| Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s) | \$853,214.6 | \$44,214,365.8 | Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s) | \$802,309.51 | \$41,792,449.68 |
| Per Capita \$ | \$1,267.73 | \$2,223.20 | Per Capita \$ | \$1,192.09 | \$2,101.42 |
| % of Total | 100.0% | 100.0% | % of Total | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Taxes (\$000s) | \$349,858.7 | \$14,725,283.7 | General Government Services** (\$000s) | \$179,754.84 | \$7,105,044.04 |
| Per Capita \$ | \$519.83 | \$740.42 | Per Capita \$ | \$267.08 | \$357.26 |
| % of Total | 41.0% | 33.3% | % of Total | 22.4% | 17.0% |
| Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s) | \$72,439.3 | \$2,064,228.9 | Public Safety (\$000s) | \$271,988.84 | \$10,202,428.55 |
| Per Capita \$ | \$107.63 | \$103.79 | Per Capita \$ | \$404.13 | \$513.00 |
| % of Total | 8.5% | 4.7% | % of Total | 33.9% | 24.4% |
| Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s) | \$78,920.5 | \$4,552,371.7 | Physical Environment (\$000s) | \$125,904.09 | \$4,910,992.05 |
| Per Capita \$ | \$117.26 | \$228.90 | Per Capita \$ | \$187.07 | \$246.94 |
| % of Total | 9.2% | 10.3% | % of Total | 15.7% | 11.8% |
| Charges for Services (\$000s) | \$270,785.7 | \$13,745,670.4 | Transportation (\$000s) | \$61,152.84 | \$5,056,604.18 |
| Per Capita \$ | \$402.34 | \$691.16 | Per Capita \$ | \$90.86 | \$254.26 |
| % of Total | 31.7% | 31.1% | % of Total | 7.6% | 12.1% |
| Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s) | \$6,897.2 | \$198,680.9 | Economic Environment (\$000s) | \$18,400.43 | \$1,566,748.75 |
| Per Capita \$ | \$10.25 | \$9.99 | Per Capita \$ | \$27.34 | \$78.78 |
| % of Total | 0.8% | 0.4% | % of Total | 2.3% | 3.7% |
| Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s) | \$38,042.4 | \$1,189,350.3 | Human Services (\$000s) | \$61,669.62 | \$3,545,609.16 |
| Per Capita \$ | \$56.52 | \$59.80 | Per Capita \$ | \$91.63 | \$178.28 |
| % of Total | 4.5% | 2.7% | % of Total | 7.7% | 8.5% |
| Other Sources (\$000s) | \$36,270.8 | \$7,738,780.0 | Culture / Recreation (\$000s) | \$14,322.25 | \$1,704,980.28 |
| Per Capita \$ | \$53.89 | \$389.12 | Per Capita \$ | \$21.28 | \$85.73 |
| % of Total | 4.3% | 17.5% | % of Total | 1.8% | 4.1% |
| | | | Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s) | \$35,273.58 | \$6,807,083.14 |
| | | | Per Capita \$ | \$52.41 | \$342.28 |
| | | | % of Total | 4.4% | 16.3% |
| | | | Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s) | \$33,843.02 | \$892,959.54 |
| | | | Per Capita \$ | \$50.28 | \$44.90 |
| | | | % of Total | 4.2% | 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

| Crime | Polk County | Florida | Workers Aged 16 and Over | Polk County | Florida |
|--|-------------|---------|------------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| Crime rate, 2019 (index crimes per 100,000 population) | 1,996.4 | 2,551.1 | Place of Work in Florida | | |
| Admissions to prison FY 2018-19 | 1,825 | 28,782 | Worked outside county of residence | 20.3% | 17.7% |
| Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2018-19 | 264.3 | 135.7 | Travel Time to Work | | |
| | | | Mean travel time to work (minutes) | 26.8 | 27.4 |

State Infrastructure

| | Polk County | Florida |
|---|-------------|------------|
| Transportation | | |
| State Highway | | |
| Centerline Miles | 460.5 | 12,128.1 |
| Lane Miles | 1,681.4 | 45,030.3 |
| State Bridges | | |
| Number | 194 | 7,044 |
| State Facilities | | |
| Buildings/Facilities (min. 300 Square Feet) | | |
| Number | 421 | 9,630 |
| Square Footage | 2,523,915 | 66,989,245 |
| Conservation Land (land acres only) | | |
| State-Owned (includes partially-owned) | 139,520 | 5,383,024 |
| % of Total Conservation Land (CL) | 48.4% | 51.6% |
| % of Total Area Land | 12.1% | 15.7% |
| % of Florida State-Owned CL | 2.6% | |
| State-Managed | 193,505 | 5,486,474 |
| % of Total Conservation Land (CL) | 67.1% | 52.6% |
| % of Total Area Land | 16.8% | 16.0% |
| % of Florida State-Managed CL | 3.5% | |

State and Local Taxation

| 2019 Ad Valorem Millage Rates | Polk County | Polk County |
|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| | County-Wide | Not County-Wide* |
| County | 7.1565 | 0.5200 |
| School | 6.0860 | |
| Municipal | | 2.4438 |
| Special Districts | | 0.4700 |

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

Education

| Public Education Schools | Polk County | Florida |
|--|------------------------|---------|
| Traditional Setting (2019-20) | School District | |
| Total (state total includes special districts) | 149 | 3,721 |
| Elementary | 76 | 1,878 |
| Middle | 26 | 575 |
| Senior High | 28 | 713 |
| Combination | 19 | 555 |

| Educational attainment | Polk County | Florida |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| Persons aged 25 and older | | |
| % HS graduate or higher | 84.8% | 88.0% |
| % bachelor's degree or higher | 20.0% | 26.0% |

