

# Polk County

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



## Population

Census Population	Polk County	Florida
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%
<b>Estimates and Projections</b>		
2019 Estimate	690,606	21,208,589
% change 2010-19	14.7%	12.8%
2020 Projection based on 2019 estimate	704,072	21,555,986
% change 2019-20	1.9%	1.6%
2025 Projection based on 2019 estimate	766,442	23,130,870
% change 2020-25	8.9%	7.3%
2018 Median Age	40.9	41.7

Density	Polk County	Florida
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

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 by Industry

Number of Establishments	Polk County	Florida
<b>2019 preliminary</b>		
All industries	14,448	728,687
Natural Resource & Mining	266	5,301
Construction	1,847	75,725
Manufacturing	537	20,782
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	3,253	140,766
Information	151	11,897
Financial Activities	1,465	77,987
Professional & Business Services	2,703	174,242
Education & Health Services	1,467	77,515
Leisure and Hospitality	1,187	59,068
Other Services	1,138	57,596
Government	159	6,044

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

## Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP	Polk County	Florida
(Thousands of Chained 2012 Dollars)		
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	21,816,810	896,117,037
Percent of the State	2.4%	
2018 GDP	22,483,500	924,873,329
Percent of the State	2.4%	

## Housing

Housing Counts	Polk County	Florida
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	Polk County	Florida
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

Residence 1 Year Ago	Polk County	Florida
Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	85.4%	84.3%
Different house in the U.S.	13.9%	14.6%
Same county in Florida	7.8%	8.7%
Different county in Florida	3.1%	3.1%
Different county in another state	3.0%	2.8%
Abroad	0.7%	1.1%

**Employment by Industry**

Average Annual Employment, % of All Industries, 2019 preliminary	Polk County	Florida	Average Annual Wage 2019 preliminary	Polk County	Florida
All industries	227,999	8,878,680	All industries	\$43,821	\$51,761
Natural Resource & Mining	1.5%	0.8%	Natural Resource & Mining	\$46,368	\$35,649
Construction	5.7%	6.3%	Construction	\$48,414	\$52,926
Manufacturing	7.7%	4.3%	Manufacturing	\$56,945	\$63,883
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	25.7%	20.3%	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$40,845	\$46,237
Information	0.8%	1.6%	Information	\$49,299	\$86,109
Financial Activities	5.4%	6.6%	Financial Activities	\$56,251	\$77,030
Professional & Business Services	12.9%	15.7%	Professional & Business Services	\$47,056	\$63,747
Education & Health Services	14.6%	14.9%	Education & Health Services	\$47,788	\$52,050
Leisure and Hospitality	10.7%	14.2%	Leisure and Hospitality	\$19,985	\$26,681
Other Services	2.5%	3.2%	Other Services	\$39,202	\$37,972
Government	12.3%	12.1%	Government	\$47,063	\$55,897

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**Labor Force**

Labor Force as Percent of Population Aged 18 and Older	Polk County	Florida	Unemployment Rate	Polk County	Florida
1990	65.8%	64.3%	1990	10.2%	6.1%
2000	63.2%	63.7%	2000	4.1%	3.7%
2010	60.5%	62.2%	2010	12.1%	11.1%
2019	57.1%	61.2%	2019	3.7%	3.1%

**Income and Financial Health**

Personal Income (\$000s)	Polk County	Florida	Per Capita Personal Income	Polk County	Florida
1990	\$6,556,679	\$257,571,430	1990	\$16,080	\$19,763
2000	\$11,749,751	\$472,238,563	2000	\$24,201	\$29,428
2010	\$18,373,933	\$725,074,023	2010	\$30,464	\$38,474
2011	\$19,427,284	\$764,633,664	2011	\$31,851	\$40,047
% change 2010-11	5.7%	5.5%	% change 2010-11	4.6%	4.1%
2012	\$19,565,614	\$793,428,830	2012	\$31,789	\$41,055
% change 2011-12	0.7%	3.8%	% change 2011-12	-0.2%	2.5%
2013	\$19,623,670	\$795,424,889	2013	\$31,513	\$40,659
% change 2012-13	0.3%	0.3%	% change 2012-13	-0.9%	-1.0%
2014	\$20,686,969	\$856,161,682	2014	\$32,603	\$43,109
% change 2013-14	5.4%	7.6%	% change 2013-14	3.5%	6.0%
2015	\$21,738,397	\$915,895,494	2015	\$33,508	\$45,287
% change 2014-15	5.1%	7.0%	% change 2014-15	2.8%	5.1%
2016	\$22,207,869	\$942,461,242	2016	\$33,333	\$45,684
% change 2015-16	2.2%	2.9%	% change 2015-16	-0.5%	0.9%
2017	\$23,723,273	\$1,004,144,269	2017	\$34,591	\$47,869
% change 2016-17	6.8%	6.5%	% change 2016-17	3.8%	4.8%
2018	\$25,108,379	\$1,066,446,916	2018	\$35,463	\$50,070
% change 2017-18	5.8%	6.2%	% change 2017-18	2.5%	4.6%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)	Polk County	Florida	Median Income	Polk County	Florida
1990	\$4,424,186	\$161,135,722	Median Household Income	\$48,500	\$53,267
2000	\$7,390,851	\$308,751,767	Median Family Income	\$56,156	\$64,312
2010	\$10,587,732	\$438,991,235	<b>Percent in Poverty, 2018</b>		
2011	\$10,753,855	\$450,502,115	All ages in poverty	15.7%	13.7%
% change 2010-11	1.6%	2.6%	Under age 18 in poverty	24.0%	20.0%
2012	\$11,269,814	\$468,412,894	Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	23.0%	18.8%
% change 2011-12	4.8%	4.0%			
2013	\$11,647,519	\$482,900,406			
% change 2012-13	3.4%	3.1%			
2014	\$12,007,375	\$512,381,351			
% change 2013-14	3.1%	6.1%	<b>Percent Insured by Age Group</b>		
2015	\$12,518,546	\$545,198,370	Under 65 years	84.6%	83.9%
% change 2014-15	4.3%	6.4%	Under 19 years	93.4%	92.4%
2016	\$12,865,989	\$568,197,880	18 to 64 years	81.1%	80.8%
% change 2015-16	2.8%	4.2%			
2017	\$13,638,501	\$601,927,042			
% change 2016-17	6.0%	5.9%	<b>Education</b>		
2018	\$14,378,983	\$634,065,871	<b>Public Education Schools</b>		
% change 2017-18	5.4%	5.3%	<b>Traditional Setting (2019-20)</b>	<b>Polk County</b>	<b>Florida</b>
			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

Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)	Polk County	Florida	Educational attainment	Polk County	Florida
12-Month Period Ending Jun. 30, 2019	2.14	2.07	<b>Persons aged 25 and older</b>		
12-Month Period Ending Jun. 30, 2020	1.87	1.89	% HS graduate or higher	84.8%	88.0%
State Rank	17	NA	% bachelor's degree or higher	20.0%	29.2%

NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13

**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	Workers Aged 16 and Over		
Admissions to prison FY 2018-19	1,825	28,782	Place of Work in Florida		
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2018-19	264.3	135.7	Worked outside county of residence	20.3%	17.7%
			Travel Time to Work		
			Mean travel time to work (minutes)	26.8	27.4

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)

State Infrastructure

	Polk County	Florida
<b>Transportation</b>		
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	460.5	12,128.1
Lane Miles	1,681.4	45,030.3
State Bridges		
Number	194	7,044
<b>State Facilities</b>		
Buildings/Facilities (min. 300 Square Feet)		
Number	421	9,630
Square Footage	2,523,915	66,989,245
<b>Conservation Land (land acres only)</b>		
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	
	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

