

# Highlands County

Florida's 36th most populous county  
with 0.5% of Florida's population



## Population

	Highlands County	Florida
<b>Census Population</b>		
1980 Census	47,526	9,746,961
1990 Census	68,432	12,938,071
% change 1980-90	44.0%	32.7%
2000 Census	87,366	15,982,824
% change 1990-00	27.7%	23.5%
2010 Census	98,786	18,801,332
% change 2000-10	13.1%	17.6%
<b>Age</b>		
% Under 18 years of age	18.2%	21.3%
% 65 years of age and over	32.2%	17.3%
<b>Race &amp; Ethnicity</b>		
% White alone	81.0%	75.0%
% Black or African American alone	9.4%	16.0%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	17.4%	22.5%
<b>Estimates and Projections</b>		
2019 Estimate	103,434	21,208,589
% change 2010-19	4.7%	12.8%
2020 Estimate	104,834	21,596,068
% change 2019-20	1.4%	1.8%
<b>Based on 2019 Estimate</b>		
2025	107,806	23,130,870
2030	110,760	24,426,178
2035	113,193	25,497,950
2040	115,180	26,428,726
2045	117,064	27,266,909
2019 Median Age	54.3	41.7
<b>Density</b>		
Persons per square mile		
2000	85.0	296.4
2010	97.2	350.6
2019	101.6	399.7

## Population Characteristics

	County	Florida
<b>Language spoken at home other than English</b>		
Persons aged 5 and over	19.0%	29.4%
<b>Place of birth</b>		
Foreign born	11.0%	20.7%
<b>Veteran status</b>		
Civilian population 18 and over	12.3%	8.6%

## Households and Family Households

	Highlands County	Florida
<b>Households</b>		
Total households, 2000 Census	37,471	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	25,794	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	29.0%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	42,604	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	28,027	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	28.4%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.28	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	2.74	3.01

## Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2012 Dollars)	Highlands County	Florida
2015 GDP	2,345,183	842,269,369
Percent of the State	0.3%	
2016 GDP	2,400,380	870,963,202
Percent of the State	0.3%	
2017 GDP	2,449,977	901,903,549
Percent of the State	0.3%	
2018 GDP	2,456,909	936,580,274
Percent of the State	0.3%	
2019 GDP	2,626,612	963,255,865
Percent of the State	0.3%	
<b>Housing Counts</b>	<b>Highlands County</b>	<b>Florida</b>
Occupied	37,471	6,337,929
Owner-occupied	29,853	4,441,799
Renter-occupied	7,618	1,896,130
Vacant	11,375	965,018
<b>Housing units, 2010 Census</b>	<b>55,386</b>	<b>8,989,580</b>
Occupied	42,604	7,420,802
Owner-occupied	32,830	4,998,979
Renter-occupied	9,774	2,421,823
Vacant	12,782	1,568,778
<b>Units Permitted</b>		
1990	847	126,384
2000	450	155,269
2010	154	38,679
2011	77	42,360
2012	32	64,810
2013	62	86,752
2014	92	84,075
2015	162	109,924
2016	128	116,240
2017	181	122,719
2018	271	144,427
2019	253	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 (CCR).

Employment and Labor Force

Establishments 2019 preliminary	Highlands County	Florida	Establishments % of All Industries, 2019 preliminary	Highlands County	Florida
All industries	2,382	728,687	All industries	2,382	728,687
Natural Resource & Mining	174	5,301	Natural Resource & Mining	7.3%	0.7%
Construction	281	75,725	Construction	11.8%	10.4%
Manufacturing	62	20,782	Manufacturing	2.6%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	504	140,766	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	21.2%	19.3%
Information	20	11,897	Information	0.8%	1.6%
Financial Activities	212	77,987	Financial Activities	8.9%	10.7%
Professional & Business Services	331	174,242	Professional & Business Services	13.9%	23.9%
Education & Health Services	336	77,515	Education & Health Services	14.1%	10.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	205	59,068	Leisure and Hospitality	8.6%	8.1%
Other Services	175	57,596	Other Services	7.3%	7.9%
Government	60	6,044	Government	2.5%	0.8%

Average Annual Employment % of All Industries, 2019 preliminary	Highlands County	Florida	Average Annual Wage 2019 preliminary	Highlands County	Florida
All industries	27,493	8,878,680	All industries	\$35,651	\$51,761
Natural Resource & Mining	7.4%	0.8%	Natural Resource & Mining	\$31,840	\$35,649
Construction	5.2%	6.3%	Construction	\$37,864	\$52,926
Manufacturing	2.3%	4.3%	Manufacturing	\$41,764	\$63,883
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	20.1%	20.3%	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$31,429	\$46,237
Information	0.5%	1.6%	Information	\$47,038	\$86,109
Financial Activities	3.3%	6.6%	Financial Activities	\$42,537	\$77,030
Professional & Business Services	7.7%	15.7%	Professional & Business Services	\$33,835	\$63,747
Education & Health Services	22.6%	14.9%	Education & Health Services	\$45,813	\$52,050
Leisure and Hospitality	12.8%	14.2%	Leisure and Hospitality	\$17,958	\$26,681
Other Services	2.4%	3.2%	Other Services	\$25,162	\$37,972
Government	15.6%	12.1%	Government	\$41,774	\$55,897

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

Labor Force as Percent of Population Aged 18 and Older	Highlands County	Florida	Unemployment Rate	Highlands County	Florida
1990	46.8%	64.3%	1990	9.0%	6.1%
2000	47.0%	63.7%	2000	4.8%	3.7%
2010	46.1%	62.2%	2010	12.5%	11.1%
2019	42.2%	61.2%	2019	4.5%	3.1%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)	Highlands County	Florida	Per Capita Personal Income	Highlands County	Florida
1990	\$1,127,130	\$257,571,430	1990	\$16,279	\$19,763
2000	\$1,810,547	\$472,238,563	2000	\$20,712	\$29,428
2010	\$2,839,216	\$725,074,023	2010	\$28,785	\$38,475
2011	\$2,913,943	\$764,633,664	2011	\$29,590	\$40,131
% change 2010-11	2.6%	5.5%	% change 2010-11	2.8%	4.3%
2012	\$2,938,159	\$793,428,830	2012	\$29,913	\$41,115
% change 2011-12	0.8%	3.8%	% change 2011-12	1.1%	2.5%
2013	\$2,916,520	\$795,425,004	2013	\$29,737	\$40,696
% change 2012-13	-0.7%	0.3%	% change 2012-13	-0.6%	-1.0%
2014	\$3,030,199	\$856,161,773	2014	\$30,737	\$43,140
% change 2013-14	3.9%	7.6%	% change 2013-14	3.4%	6.0%
2015	\$3,186,066	\$914,928,403	2015	\$31,817	\$45,273
% change 2014-15	5.1%	6.9%	% change 2014-15	3.5%	4.9%
2016	\$3,273,759	\$949,717,988	2016	\$32,083	\$46,073
% change 2015-16	2.8%	3.8%	% change 2015-16	0.8%	1.8%
2017	\$3,428,227	\$1,016,818,999	2017	\$33,011	\$48,504
% change 2016-17	4.7%	7.1%	% change 2016-17	2.9%	5.3%
2018	\$3,520,298	\$1,082,702,187	2018	\$33,548	\$50,964
% change 2017-18	2.7%	6.5%	% change 2017-18	1.6%	5.1%
2019	\$3,662,511	\$1,125,984,012	2019	\$34,480	\$52,426
% change 2018-19	4.0%	4.0%	% change 2018-19	2.8%	2.9%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)	Highlands County	Florida	Median Income	Highlands County	Florida
1990	\$518,120	\$161,135,722	Median Household Income	\$40,942	\$55,660
2000	\$806,265	\$308,751,767	Median Family Income	\$49,717	\$67,414
2010	\$1,271,008	\$438,991,235			
2011	\$1,288,424	\$450,502,115	<b>Percent in Poverty, 2019</b>		
% change 2010-11	1.4%	2.6%	All ages in poverty	15.8%	12.7%
2012	\$1,333,986	\$468,412,894	Under age 18 in poverty	26.2%	18.2%
% change 2011-12	3.5%	4.0%	Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	24.2%	16.9%
2013	\$1,315,971	\$482,900,406			
% change 2012-13	-1.4%	3.1%	<b>Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)</b>	<b>Highlands County</b>	<b>Florida</b>
2014	\$1,329,432	\$512,381,351	12-Month Period Ending Sep. 30, 2019	1.31	2.09
% change 2013-14	1.0%	6.1%	12-Month Period Ending Sep. 30, 2020	1.21	1.78
2015	\$1,398,914	\$544,423,234	State Rank	37	NA
% change 2014-15	5.2%	6.3%	NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13		
2016	\$1,419,653	\$568,848,341			
% change 2015-16	1.5%	4.5%	<b>Workers Aged 16 and Over</b>	<b>Highlands County</b>	<b>Florida</b>
2017	\$1,491,295	\$602,210,803	Place of Work in Florida		
% change 2016-17	5.0%	5.9%	Worked outside county of residence	10.8%	18.2%
2018	\$1,527,024	\$639,710,580	Travel Time to Work		
% change 2017-18	2.4%	6.2%	Mean travel time to work (minutes)	20.6	27.8
2019	\$1,601,282	\$672,454,824			
% change 2018-19	4.9%	5.1%			

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2017-18	Highlands County	Florida*	Expenditures 2017-18	Highlands County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$125,928.8	\$44,214,365.8	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$137,466.61	\$41,792,449.68
Per Capita \$	\$1,228.27	\$2,223.20	Per Capita \$	\$1,340.81	\$2,101.42
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
Taxes (\$000s)	\$55,172.7	\$14,725,283.7	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$33,615.05	\$7,105,044.04
Per Capita \$	\$538.14	\$740.42	Per Capita \$	\$327.87	\$357.26
% of Total	43.8%	33.3%	% of Total	24.5%	17.0%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$10,048.4	\$2,064,228.9	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$57,521.34	\$10,202,428.55
Per Capita \$	\$98.01	\$103.79	Per Capita \$	\$561.05	\$513.00
% of Total	8.0%	4.7%	% of Total	41.8%	24.4%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$22,641.8	\$4,552,371.7	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$13,338.48	\$4,910,992.05
Per Capita \$	\$220.84	\$228.90	Per Capita \$	\$130.10	\$246.94
% of Total	18.0%	10.3%	% of Total	9.7%	11.8%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$15,338.0	\$13,745,670.4	Transportation (\$000s)	\$17,015.60	\$5,056,604.18
Per Capita \$	\$149.60	\$691.16	Per Capita \$	\$165.97	\$254.26
% of Total	12.2%	31.1%	% of Total	12.4%	12.1%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$613.2	\$198,680.9	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$3,413.61	\$1,566,748.75
Per Capita \$	\$5.98	\$9.99	Per Capita \$	\$33.30	\$78.78
% of Total	0.5%	0.4%	% of Total	2.5%	3.7%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$20,544.8	\$1,189,350.3	Human Services (\$000s)	\$3,571.91	\$3,545,609.16
Per Capita \$	\$200.39	\$59.80	Per Capita \$	\$34.84	\$178.28
% of Total	16.3%	2.7%	% of Total	2.6%	8.5%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$1,569.9	\$7,738,780.0	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$2,960.29	\$1,704,980.28
Per Capita \$	\$15.31	\$389.12	Per Capita \$	\$28.87	\$85.73
% of Total	1.2%	17.5%	% of Total	2.2%	4.1%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$1,569.93	\$6,807,083.14
			Per Capita \$	\$15.31	\$342.28
			% of Total	1.1%	16.3%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$4,460.42	\$892,959.54
			Per Capita \$	\$43.51	\$44.90
			% of Total	3.2%	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	Highlands County	Florida
Crime rate, 2019 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	2,534.0	2,551.1
Admissions to prison FY 2019-20	133	21,276
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2019-20	126.9	98.5

State Infrastructure

Transportation	Highlands County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	132.5	12,128.1
Lane Miles	397.7	45,030.3
State Bridges		
Number	24	7,044

State Facilities

Buildings/Facilities (min. 300 Square Feet)	Highlands County	Florida
Number	77	9,630
Square Footage	141,121	66,989,245

Conservation Land (land acres only)

State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	Highlands County	Florida
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	20.7%	51.6%
% of Total Area Land	6.1%	15.7%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	0.7%	
State-Managed		
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	31.8%	52.6%
% of Total Area Land	9.4%	16.0%
% of Florida State-Managed CL	1.1%	

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	Highlands County	Florida
Under 65 years	80.6%	83.9%
Under 19 years	91.8%	92.4%
18 to 64 years	76.6%	80.8%

State and Local Taxation

2019 Ad Valorem Millage Rates	Highlands County	Not County-Wide*
County	8.5500	
School	6.1200	
Municipal		0.8069
Special Districts		0.2817

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

Education

Public Education Schools Traditional Setting (2019-20)	Highlands County School District	Florida
Total (state total includes special districts)	19	3,721
Elementary	11	1,878
Middle	4	575
Senior High	4	713
Combination	0	555
Educational attainment		
Persons aged 25 and older		
% HS graduate or higher	85.7%	88.2%
% bachelor's degree or higher	17.2%	29.9%

