

Okeechobee County

Florida's 45th 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
% change 1980-90	46.2%	32.7%
2000 Census	35,910	15,982,824
% change 1990-00	21.2%	23.5%
2010 Census	39,996	18,801,332
% change 2000-10	11.4%	17.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	24.0%	21.3%
% 65 years of age and over	17.0%	17.3%
Race & Ethnicity		
% White alone	77.5%	75.0%
% Black or African American alone	8.0%	16.0%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	23.9%	22.5%
Estimates and Projections		
2019 Estimate	41,808	21,208,589
% change 2010-19	4.5%	12.8%
2020 Estimate	42,112	21,596,068
% change 2019-20	0.7%	1.8%
Based on 2019 Estimate		
2025	43,428	23,130,870
2030	44,419	24,426,178
2035	45,281	25,497,950
2040	46,037	26,428,726
2045	46,727	27,266,909
2019 Median Age	39.4	41.7
Density		
Persons per square mile		
2000	46.4	296.4
2010	52.0	350.6
2019	54.4	399.7

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	12.0%	20.7%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	9.8%	8.6%

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

Real Gross Domestic Product

	Okeechobee County	Florida
Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2012 Dollars)		
2015 GDP	1,215,719	842,269,369
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2016 GDP	1,184,349	870,963,202
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2017 GDP	1,270,127	901,903,549
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2018 GDP	1,194,692	936,580,274
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2019 GDP	1,577,307	963,255,865
Percent of the State	0.2%	
Housing Counts		
Occupied	12,593	6,337,929
Owner-occupied	9,420	4,441,799
Renter-occupied	3,173	1,896,130
Vacant	2,911	965,018
Housing units, 2010 Census	18,509	8,989,580
Occupied	14,013	7,420,802
Owner-occupied	10,184	4,998,979
Renter-occupied	3,829	2,421,823
Vacant	4,496	1,568,778
Units Permitted		
1990	111	126,384
2000	131	155,269
2010	48	38,679
2011	42	42,360
2012	22	64,810
2013	35	86,752
2014	17	84,075
2015	69	109,924
2016	41	116,240
2017	43	122,719
2018	52	144,427
2019	69	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

Establishments	Okeechobee	Florida	Establishments	Okeechobee	Florida
2019 preliminary	County		% of All Industries, 2019 preliminary	County	
All industries	1,052	728,687	All industries	1,052	728,687
Natural Resource & Mining	90	5,301	Natural Resource & Mining	8.6%	0.7%
Construction	162	75,725	Construction	15.4%	10.4%
Manufacturing	25	20,782	Manufacturing	2.4%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	226	140,766	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	21.5%	19.3%
Information	8	11,897	Information	0.8%	1.6%
Financial Activities	62	77,987	Financial Activities	5.9%	10.7%
Professional & Business Services	159	174,242	Professional & Business Services	15.1%	23.9%
Education & Health Services	108	77,515	Education & Health Services	10.3%	10.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	92	59,068	Leisure and Hospitality	8.7%	8.1%
Other Services	78	57,596	Other Services	7.4%	7.9%
Government	37	6,044	Government	3.5%	0.8%

Average Annual Employment	Okeechobee	Florida	Average Annual Wage	Okeechobee	Florida
% of All Industries, 2019 preliminary	County		2019 preliminary	County	
All industries	11,509	8,878,680	All industries	\$37,225	\$51,761
Natural Resource & Mining	8.4%	0.8%	Natural Resource & Mining	\$36,747	\$35,649
Construction	6.3%	6.3%	Construction	\$38,035	\$52,926
Manufacturing	3.5%	4.3%	Manufacturing	\$49,584	\$63,883
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	19.9%	20.3%	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$34,249	\$46,237
Information	0.6%	1.6%	Information	\$41,898	\$86,109
Financial Activities	2.6%	6.6%	Financial Activities	\$42,273	\$77,030
Professional & Business Services	10.5%	15.7%	Professional & Business Services	\$41,090	\$63,747
Education & Health Services	14.9%	14.9%	Education & Health Services	\$43,337	\$52,050
Leisure and Hospitality	12.2%	14.2%	Leisure and Hospitality	\$19,222	\$26,681
Other Services	3.3%	3.2%	Other Services	\$29,972	\$37,972
Government	17.8%	12.1%	Government	\$43,500	\$55,897

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

Labor Force as Percent of Population	Okeechobee	Florida	Unemployment Rate	Okeechobee	Florida
Aged 18 and Older	County			County	
1990	64.0%	64.3%	1990	8.3%	6.1%
2000	58.3%	63.7%	2000	5.4%	3.7%
2010	59.5%	62.2%	2010	12.6%	11.1%
2019	55.1%	61.2%	2019	3.5%	3.1%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)	Okeechobee	Florida	Per Capita Personal Income	Okeechobee	Florida
	County			County	
1990	\$405,247	\$257,571,430	1990	\$13,583	\$19,763
2000	\$636,121	\$472,238,563	2000	\$17,711	\$29,428
2010	\$972,952	\$725,074,023	2010	\$24,309	\$38,475
2011	\$1,012,741	\$764,633,664	2011	\$25,402	\$40,131
% change 2010-11	4.1%	5.5%	% change 2010-11	4.5%	4.3%
2012	\$1,037,948	\$793,428,830	2012	\$26,138	\$41,115
% change 2011-12	2.5%	3.8%	% change 2011-12	2.9%	2.5%
2013	\$1,032,698	\$795,425,004	2013	\$26,156	\$40,696
% change 2012-13	-0.5%	0.3%	% change 2012-13	0.1%	-1.0%
2014	\$1,139,785	\$856,161,773	2014	\$28,805	\$43,140
% change 2013-14	10.4%	7.6%	% change 2013-14	10.1%	6.0%
2015	\$1,208,690	\$914,928,403	2015	\$30,328	\$45,273
% change 2014-15	6.0%	6.9%	% change 2014-15	5.3%	4.9%
2016	\$1,194,714	\$949,717,988	2016	\$29,304	\$46,073
% change 2015-16	-1.2%	3.8%	% change 2015-16	-3.4%	1.8%
2017	\$1,268,865	\$1,016,818,999	2017	\$30,742	\$48,504
% change 2016-17	6.2%	7.1%	% change 2016-17	4.9%	5.3%
2018	\$1,295,166	\$1,082,702,187	2018	\$31,093	\$50,964
% change 2017-18	2.1%	6.5%	% change 2017-18	1.1%	5.1%
2019	\$1,348,150	\$1,125,984,012	2019	\$31,971	\$52,426
% change 2018-19	4.1%	4.0%	% change 2018-19	2.8%	2.9%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)	Okeechobee	Florida	Median Income	Okeechobee	Florida
	County			County	
1990	\$220,375	\$161,135,722	Median Household Income	\$41,760	\$55,660
2000	\$350,259	\$308,751,767	Median Family Income	\$48,505	\$67,414
2010	\$511,850	\$438,991,235			
2011	\$518,333	\$450,502,115	Percent in Poverty, 2019		
% change 2010-11	1.3%	2.6%	All ages in poverty	18.4%	12.7%
2012	\$565,614	\$468,412,894	Under age 18 in poverty	27.7%	18.2%
% change 2011-12	9.1%	4.0%	Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	25.7%	16.9%
2013	\$588,724	\$482,900,406			
% change 2012-13	4.1%	3.1%			
2014	\$654,960	\$512,381,351	Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate		
% change 2013-14	11.3%	6.1%	(per 1,000 population)		
2015	\$703,254	\$544,423,234	12-Month Period Ending Sep. 30, 2019	1.63	2.09
% change 2014-15	7.4%	6.3%	12-Month Period Ending Sep. 30, 2020	1.52	1.78
2016	\$651,614	\$568,848,341	State Rank	21	NA
% change 2015-16	-7.3%	4.5%	NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13		
2017	\$771,463	\$602,210,803			
% change 2016-17	18.4%	5.9%	Workers Aged 16 and Over		
2018	\$708,879	\$639,710,580	Place of Work in Florida		
% change 2017-18	-8.1%	6.2%	Worked outside county of residence	20.3%	18.2%
2019	\$726,835	\$672,454,824	Travel Time to Work		
% change 2018-19	2.5%	5.1%	Mean travel time to work (minutes)	24.4	27.8

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2017-18	Okeechobee County	Florida*	Expenditures 2017-18	Okeechobee County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$52,936.3	\$44,214,365.8	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$58,868.99	\$41,792,449.68
Per Capita \$	\$1,287.36	\$2,223.20	Per Capita \$	\$1,431.64	\$2,101.42
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
Taxes (\$000s)	\$30,425.5	\$14,725,283.7	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$10,561.56	\$7,105,044.04
Per Capita \$	\$739.92	\$740.42	Per Capita \$	\$256.85	\$357.26
% of Total	57.5%	33.3%	% of Total	17.9%	17.0%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$1,270.8	\$2,064,228.9	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$26,746.50	\$10,202,428.55
Per Capita \$	\$30.91	\$103.79	Per Capita \$	\$650.45	\$513.00
% of Total	2.4%	4.7%	% of Total	45.4%	24.4%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$8,104.8	\$4,552,371.7	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$3,139.35	\$4,910,992.05
Per Capita \$	\$197.10	\$228.90	Per Capita \$	\$76.35	\$246.94
% of Total	15.3%	10.3%	% of Total	5.3%	11.8%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$4,588.2	\$13,745,670.4	Transportation (\$000s)	\$8,638.72	\$5,056,604.18
Per Capita \$	\$111.58	\$691.16	Per Capita \$	\$210.09	\$254.26
% of Total	8.7%	31.1%	% of Total	14.7%	12.1%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$702.7	\$198,680.9	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$1,186.37	\$1,566,748.75
Per Capita \$	\$17.09	\$9.99	Per Capita \$	\$28.85	\$78.78
% of Total	1.3%	0.4%	% of Total	2.0%	3.7%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$5,590.4	\$1,189,350.3	Human Services (\$000s)	\$2,444.39	\$3,545,609.16
Per Capita \$	\$135.95	\$59.80	Per Capita \$	\$59.45	\$178.28
% of Total	10.6%	2.7%	% of Total	4.2%	8.5%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$2,253.8	\$7,738,780.0	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$2,267.36	\$1,704,980.28
Per Capita \$	\$54.81	\$389.12	Per Capita \$	\$55.14	\$85.73
% of Total	4.3%	17.5%	% of Total	3.9%	4.1%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$1,475.06	\$6,807,083.14
			Per Capita \$	\$35.87	\$342.28
			% of Total	2.5%	16.3%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$2,409.69	\$892,959.54
			Per Capita \$	\$58.60	\$44.90
			% of Total	4.1%	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

	Okeechobee County	Florida
Crime		
Crime rate, 2019 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	2,810.5	2,551.1
Admissions to prison FY 2019-20	110	21,276
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2019-20	261.2	98.5

Health Insurance Status

	Okeechobee County	Florida
Percent Insured by Age Group		
Under 65 years	77.7%	83.9%
Under 19 years	89.1%	92.4%
18 to 64 years	73.3%	80.8%

State Infrastructure

	Okeechobee County	Florida
Transportation		
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	103.6	12,128.1
Lane Miles	256.7	45,030.3
State Bridges		
Number	37	7,044

State and Local Taxation

	Okeechobee County	Florida
2019 Ad Valorem Millage Rates		
County-Wide	8.0000	
County	6.0870	
School		0.8816
Municipal		0.2714
Special Districts	0.3600	

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

State Facilities

	Okeechobee County	Florida
Buildings/Facilities (min. 300 Square Feet)		
Number	161	9,630
Square Footage	761,368	66,989,245

Education

Conservation Land (land acres only)

	Okeechobee County	Florida
State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	79,091	5,383,024
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	73.4%	51.6%
% of Total Area Land	16.1%	15.7%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	1.5%	
State-Managed	87,268	5,486,474
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	81.0%	52.6%
% of Total Area Land	17.8%	16.0%
% of Florida State-Managed CL	1.6%	

Public Education Schools

	Okeechobee County School	Florida
Traditional Setting (2019-20)		
Total (state total includes special districts)	10	3,721
Elementary	6	1,878
Middle	2	575
Senior High	1	713
Combination	1	555

Educational attainment

	Okeechobee County	Florida
Persons aged 25 and older		
% HS graduate or higher	77.2%	88.2%
% bachelor's degree or higher	11.3%	29.9%

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