

# Okeechobee County

Florida's 45th most populous county  
with 0.2% of Florida's population



## Population

	Okeechobee County	Florida
<b>Census Population</b>		
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%
<b>Estimates and Projections</b>		
2017 Estimate	41,140	20,484,142
% change 2010-17	2.9%	9.0%
2020 Projection based on 2016 estimate	41,899	21,438,743
% change 2016-20	1.8%	4.7%
2025 Projection based on 2016 estimate	43,082	22,943,880
% change 2020-25	2.8%	7.0%
2016 Median Age	39.1	41.6

## Density

	Okeechobee County	Florida
Persons per square mile		
2000	46.4	296.4
2010	52.0	350.6
2017	53.5	382.0

## Households and Family Households

	Okeechobee County	Florida
<b>Households</b>		
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

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).

## Number of Establishments

	Okeechobee County	Florida
<b>2016 preliminary</b>		
All industries	950	670,061
Natural Resource & Mining	93	5,368
Construction	118	66,377
Manufacturing	29	20,584
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	202	141,643
Information	10	10,923
Financial Activities	55	71,938
Professional & Business Services	126	154,679
Education & Health Services	110	71,153
Leisure and Hospitality	95	55,437
Other Services	69	54,912
Government	39	6,137

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

## Housing

	Okeechobee County	Florida
<b>Housing Units</b>		
Housing units, 2000 Census	15,504	7,302,947
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
<b>Units Permitted</b>		
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

## Population Characteristics

	Okeechobee County	Florida
Language spoken at home other than English		
Persons aged 5 and over	23.3% +/- 1.2%	28.3% +/- 0.1%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	12.1% +/- 1.2%	19.9% +/- 0.1%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	9.1% +/- 0.8%	9.4% +/- 0.1%
<b>Residence 1 Year Ago</b>		
<b>Persons aged 1 and over</b>		
Same house	90.8% +/- 1.5%	83.9% +/- 0.1%
Different house in the U.S.	9.1% +/- 1.5%	15.1% +/- 0.1%
Same county in Florida	4.1% +/- 1.0%	9.2% +/- 0.1%
Different county in Florida	3.0% +/- 0.9%	3.1% +/- 0.1%
Different county in another state	2.0% +/- 0.7%	2.8% +/- 0.1%
Abroad	0.1% +/- 0.1%	1.0% +/- 0.1%

+/- = margin of error based on a 90% confidence level.

## Employment by Industry

	Okeechobee County	Florida
<b>2016 preliminary</b>		
All industries	950	670,061
Natural Resource & Mining	9.8%	0.8%
Construction	12.4%	9.9%
Manufacturing	3.1%	3.1%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	21.3%	21.1%
Information	1.1%	1.6%
Financial Activities	5.8%	10.7%
Professional & Business Services	13.3%	23.1%
Education & Health Services	11.6%	10.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	10.0%	8.3%
Other Services	7.3%	8.2%
Government	4.1%	0.9%

**Employment by Industry**

Average Annual Employment, % of All Industries, 2016 preliminary	Okeechobee County	Florida	Average Annual Wage 2016 preliminary	Okeechobee County	Florida
All industries	11,124	8,309,088	All industries	\$34,600	\$47,060
Natural Resource & Mining	10.1%	0.9%	Natural Resource & Mining	\$35,034	\$31,501
Construction	5.4%	5.7%	Construction	\$36,127	\$47,342
Manufacturing	4.8%	4.3%	Manufacturing	\$41,851	\$57,824
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	19.1%	20.6%	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$31,301	\$41,939
Information	0.7%	1.6%	Information	\$42,491	\$77,256
Financial Activities	2.4%	6.5%	Financial Activities	\$40,920	\$69,701
Professional & Business Services	8.9%	15.5%	Professional & Business Services	\$35,500	\$56,930
Education & Health Services	15.5%	14.8%	Education & Health Services	\$41,002	\$48,616
Leisure and Hospitality	12.3%	14.1%	Leisure and Hospitality	\$17,169	\$24,399
Other Services	3.1%	3.3%	Other Services	\$27,641	\$33,996
Government	18.0%	12.6%	Government	\$41,576	\$52,022

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**Labor Force**

Labor Force as Percent of Population Aged 18 and Older	Okeechobee County	Florida	Unemployment Rate	Okeechobee County	Florida
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%
2016	56.7%	61.4%	2016	5.4%	4.9%

**Income and Financial Health**

Personal Income (\$000s)	Okeechobee County	Florida	Per Capita Personal Income	Okeechobee County	Florida
1990	\$407,040	\$260,093,568	1990	\$13,643	\$19,956
2000	\$638,209	\$477,315,998	2000	\$17,769	\$29,744
% change 1990-2000	56.8%	83.5%	% change 1990-00	30.2%	49.0%
2010	\$969,831	\$728,063,852	2010	\$24,229	\$38,626
% change 2000-10	52.0%	52.5%	% change 2000-10	36.4%	29.9%
2011	\$1,012,953	\$773,315,948	2011	\$25,678	\$40,494
% change 2010-11	4.4%	6.2%	% change 2010-11	6.0%	4.8%
2012	\$1,027,558	\$793,103,892	2012	\$26,155	\$41,000
% change 2011-12	1.4%	2.6%	% change 2011-12	1.9%	1.2%
2013	\$1,026,583	\$798,885,890	2013	\$26,330	\$40,797
% change 2012-13	-0.1%	0.7%	% change 2012-13	0.7%	-0.5%
2014	\$1,115,454	\$856,491,910	2014	\$28,528	\$43,064
% change 2013-14	8.7%	7.2%	% change 2013-14	8.3%	5.6%
2015	\$1,190,169	\$919,957,986	2015	\$30,200	\$45,441
% change 2014-15	6.7%	7.4%	% change 2014-15	5.9%	5.5%
2016	\$1,173,362	\$947,207,472	2016	\$29,106	\$45,953
% change 2015-16	-1.4%	3.0%	% change 2015-16	-3.6%	1.1%

**Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)**

1990	\$220,676	\$161,317,329
2000	\$354,967	\$313,054,047
% change 1990-2000	60.9%	94.1%
2010	\$511,354	\$437,064,465
% change 2000-10	44.1%	39.6%
2011	\$516,324	\$447,731,548
% change 2010-11	1.0%	2.4%
2012	\$558,758	\$465,347,164
% change 2011-12	8.2%	3.9%
2013	\$580,529	\$479,490,070
% change 2012-13	3.9%	3.0%
2014	\$629,255	\$507,928,140
% change 2013-14	8.4%	5.9%
2015	\$676,633	\$541,836,991
% change 2014-15	16.6%	13.0%
2016	\$631,520	\$564,243,047
% change 2015-16	0.4%	11.1%

**Median Income**

Median Household Income	\$36,415 +/- \$1,507	\$48,900 +/- \$200
Median Family Income	\$44,270 +/- \$2,828	\$59,139 +/- \$295

+/- = margin of error based on a 90% confidence level.

**Percent in Poverty, 2016**

All ages in poverty	20.2%	14.8%
Under age 18 in poverty	29.4%	21.3%
Ages 5-17 in families in poverty	28.0%	20.1%

**Education**

Public Education Schools Traditional Setting (2016-17)	Okeechobee County School	Florida
Total (state total includes special districts)	10	3,245
Elementary	6	1,931
Middle	2	591
Senior High	1	723
Combination	1	472

**Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate  
(per 1,000 population)**

12-Month Period Ending March 31, 2016	Okeechobee County	Florida
12-Month Period Ending March 31, 2016	1.54	2.55
12-Month Period Ending March 31, 2017	1.65	2.10
State Rank	23	NA

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**Educational attainment**

Persons aged 25 and older	Okeechobee County	Florida
% HS graduate or higher	71.9% +/- 2.2%	87.2% +/- 0.1%
% bachelor's degree or higher	10.7% +/- 1.3%	27.9% +/- 0.2%

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**Quality of Life**

Crime	Okeechobee County	Florida	Workers Aged 16 and Over	Okeechobee County	Florida
Crime rate, 2016 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	3,499.5	3,181.4	Place of Work in Florida		
Admissions to prison FY 2015-16	157	30,289	Worked outside county of residence	20.0% +/- 2.9%	17.5% +/- 0.1%
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2015-16	394.2	155.3	Travel Time to Work		
			Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.0 +/- 1.8	26.7 +/- 0.1

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Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2014-15	Okeechobee		Expenditures 2014-15	Okeechobee	
	County	Florida*		County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$46,864.4	\$39,173,950.7	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$45,128.14	\$37,648,543.60
Per Capita \$	\$1,170.09	\$2,071.64	Per Capita \$	\$1,126.74	\$1,990.97
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	96.3%	96.1%
Taxes (\$000s)	\$25,559.4	\$12,048,064.2	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$8,102.40	\$6,826,642.19
Per Capita \$	\$638.15	\$637.14	Per Capita \$	\$202.30	\$361.01
% of Total	54.5%	30.8%	% of Total	17.3%	17.4%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$3,368.5	\$1,603,417.1	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$20,535.15	\$8,691,656.62
Per Capita \$	\$84.10	\$84.79	Per Capita \$	\$512.71	\$459.64
% of Total	7.2%	4.1%	% of Total	43.8%	22.2%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$9,139.6	\$3,997,485.2	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$2,885.96	\$4,201,869.90
Per Capita \$	\$228.19	\$211.40	Per Capita \$	\$72.06	\$222.21
% of Total	19.5%	10.2%	% of Total	6.2%	10.7%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$4,305.1	\$12,014,816.2	Transportation (\$000s)	\$5,328.34	\$4,472,600.28
Per Capita \$	\$107.49	\$635.38	Per Capita \$	\$133.04	\$236.53
% of Total	9.2%	30.7%	% of Total	11.4%	11.4%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$458.5	\$213,460.3	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$1,826.25	\$1,274,070.27
Per Capita \$	\$11.45	\$11.29	Per Capita \$	\$45.60	\$67.38
% of Total	1.0%	0.5%	% of Total	3.9%	3.3%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$3,369.8	\$924,478.7	Human Services (\$000s)	\$1,881.15	\$3,046,122.82
Per Capita \$	\$84.14	\$48.89	Per Capita \$	\$46.97	\$161.09
% of Total	7.2%	2.4%	% of Total	4.0%	7.8%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$663.5	\$8,372,229.2	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$1,740.43	\$1,462,898.42
Per Capita \$	\$16.57	\$442.75	Per Capita \$	\$43.45	\$77.36
% of Total	1.4%	21.4%	% of Total	3.7%	3.7%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$898.02	\$6,734,703.84
			Per Capita \$	\$22.42	\$356.15
			% of Total	1.9%	17.2%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$1,930.43	\$937,979.28
			Per Capita \$	\$48.20	\$49.60
			% of Total	4.1%	2.4%

\* 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

	Okeechobee County	Florida
<b>Transportation</b>		
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	103.6	12,109.9
Lane Miles	242.0	43,819.1
State Bridges		
Number	34	6,783
<b>State Facilities</b>		
Buildings/Facilities (min. 300 Square Feet)		
Number	155	9,319
Square Footage	739,499	63,971,860
State Owned Lands		
<b>State Lands</b>		
Conservation Lands		
Parcels	27	38,326
Acreage	47,439.8	3,140,422.9
Non-Conservation Lands		
Parcels	87	5,880
Acreage	1,698.8	160,353.7

State and Local Taxation

2016 Ad Valorem Millage Rates	Okeechobee County	
	County-Wide	Not County-Wide*
County	8.1354	
School	6.8520	
Municipal		1.2188
Special Districts	0.4000	0.3312

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



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