

# Polk County

Florida's 9th most populous county  
with 3.4% of Florida's population



## Population

Census Population	Polk County	Florida
1980 Census	321,652	9,746,961
1990 Census	405,382	12,938,071
2000 Census	483,924	15,982,824
2010 Census	602,095	18,801,332
2020 Census	725,046	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	20.4%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	21.9%	19.5%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	54.2%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	13.9%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.2%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	1.8%	2.9%
% Not Hispanic-Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%
% Not Hispanic-Some Other Race	0.5%	0.6%
% Not Hispanic-Two or More Races	3.4%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	25.9%	26.5%
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.60	2.47
<b>Estimates and Projections</b>		
2021 Estimate	748,365	21,898,945
Based on 2020 Estimate		
2025	783,145	23,138,553
2030	840,192	24,419,127
2035	888,368	25,461,863
2040	929,316	26,356,415
2045	965,766	27,149,835
2020 Median Age	41.1	41.8

## Population Characteristics

	Polk County	Florida
Language spoken at home other than English		
Persons aged 5 and over	22.3%	29.4%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	10.0%	20.7%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	9.1%	8.6%

## 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

## Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2012 Dollars)	Polk County	Florida
2015 GDP	21,532,353	852,242,411
Percent of the State	2.5%	
2016 GDP	22,171,258	881,539,238
Percent of the State	2.5%	
2017 GDP	23,421,440	912,966,152
Percent of the State	2.6%	
2018 GDP	24,014,079	943,463,397
Percent of the State	2.5%	
2019 GDP	24,938,252	971,619,168
Percent of the State	2.6%	
2020 GDP	25,297,584	944,000,797
Percent of the State	2.7%	

## Housing

Housing Counts	Polk County	Florida
Housing units, 2020 Census	316,381	9,865,350
Occupied	272,418	8,529,067
Vacant	43,963	1,336,283
<b>Units Permitted</b>		
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
2020	9,492	164,074
<b>Density</b>		
Persons per square mile		
2000	258.2	296.4
2010	334.9	350.6
2020	403.3	401.4
2021	416.3	408.2
<b>Residence 1 Year Ago</b>		
Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	85.3%	84.5%
Different house in the U.S.	14.0%	14.4%
Same county in Florida	7.4%	8.5%
Different county in Florida	3.5%	3.1%
Different county in another state	3.1%	2.8%
Abroad	0.7%	1.1%

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 and Labor Force

Establishments 2020 preliminary	Polk County	Florida
All industries	15,136	763,477
Natural Resource & Mining	276	5,511
Construction	1,914	77,530
Manufacturing	554	21,812
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	3,370	145,824
Information	172	13,452
Financial Activities	1,620	83,894
Professional & Business Services	2,806	187,325
Education & Health Services	1,715	87,735
Leisure and Hospitality	1,234	60,978
Other Services	1,082	56,376
Government	154	5,894

Establishments % of All Industries, 2020 preliminary	Polk County	Florida
All industries	15,136	763,477
Natural Resource & Mining	1.8%	0.7%
Construction	12.6%	10.2%
Manufacturing	3.7%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	22.3%	19.1%
Information	1.1%	1.8%
Financial Activities	10.7%	11.0%
Professional & Business Services	18.5%	24.5%
Education & Health Services	11.3%	11.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	8.2%	8.0%
Other Services	7.1%	7.4%
Government	1.0%	0.8%

Average Annual Employment % of All Industries, 2020 preliminary	Polk County	Florida
All industries	229,691	8,452,413
Natural Resource & Mining	1.3%	0.8%
Construction	6.0%	6.7%
Manufacturing	7.7%	4.5%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	27.3%	20.6%
Information	0.7%	1.5%
Financial Activities	5.7%	6.9%
Professional & Business Services	12.8%	16.1%
Education & Health Services	14.6%	15.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	9.2%	11.9%
Other Services	2.3%	3.0%
Government	12.3%	12.5%

Average Annual Wage 2020 preliminary	Polk County	Florida
All industries	\$46,724	\$55,845
Natural Resource & Mining	\$48,279	\$37,711
Construction	\$51,835	\$55,884
Manufacturing	\$62,263	\$66,740
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$43,435	\$49,378
Information	\$53,391	\$93,327
Financial Activities	\$62,541	\$84,238
Professional & Business Services	\$49,793	\$68,201
Education & Health Services	\$50,931	\$55,093
Leisure and Hospitality	\$20,602	\$45,092
Other Services	\$40,835	\$41,146
Government	\$46,443	\$58,795

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
1990	66.1%	64.5%
2000	63.8%	64.2%
2010	60.5%	61.8%
2020	57.9%	58.8%

Unemployment Rate	Polk County	Florida
1990	10.4%	6.2%
2000	4.2%	3.8%
2010	12.1%	10.8%
2020	9.0%	3.3%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)	Polk County	Florida
1990	\$6,556,679	\$257,571,430
2000	\$11,708,270	\$472,851,789
2010	\$18,650,683	\$732,457,478
2011	\$19,666,336	\$771,409,454
% change 2010-11	5.4%	5.3%
2012	\$19,815,333	\$800,551,723
% change 2011-12	0.8%	3.8%
2013	\$19,915,841	\$802,975,701
% change 2012-13	0.5%	0.3%
2014	\$20,927,737	\$861,412,339
% change 2013-14	5.1%	7.3%
2015	\$21,939,354	\$919,834,894
% change 2014-15	4.8%	6.8%
2016	\$22,502,739	\$954,069,719
% change 2015-16	2.6%	3.7%
2017	\$24,164,464	\$1,023,131,116
% change 2016-17	7.4%	7.2%
2018	\$25,489,580	\$1,087,188,628
% change 2017-18	5.5%	6.3%
2019	\$26,956,118	\$1,139,799,293
% change 2018-19	5.8%	4.8%
2020	\$29,603,579	\$1,209,995,921
% change 2019-20	9.8%	6.2%

Per Capita Personal Income	Polk County	Florida
1990	\$16,080	\$19,763
2000	\$24,115	\$29,466
2010	\$30,924	\$38,865
2011	\$32,239	\$40,482
% change 2010-11	4.3%	4.2%
2012	\$32,190	\$41,475
% change 2011-12	-0.2%	2.5%
2013	\$31,977	\$41,069
% change 2012-13	-0.7%	-1.0%
2014	\$32,977	\$43,388
% change 2013-14	3.1%	5.6%
2015	\$33,814	\$45,493
% change 2014-15	2.5%	4.9%
2016	\$33,774	\$46,253
% change 2015-16	-0.1%	1.7%
2017	\$35,236	\$48,774
% change 2016-17	4.3%	5.5%
2018	\$36,048	\$51,150
% change 2017-18	2.3%	4.9%
2019	\$37,183	\$53,034
% change 2018-19	3.1%	3.7%
2020	\$39,760	\$55,675
% change 2019-20	6.9%	5.0%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)	Polk County	Florida
1990	\$4,424,186	\$161,135,722
2000	\$7,390,851	\$308,751,767
2010	\$10,587,553	\$438,983,914
2011	\$10,753,801	\$450,498,606
% change 2010-11	1.6%	2.6%
2012	\$11,270,018	\$468,410,475
% change 2011-12	4.8%	4.0%
2013	\$11,671,184	\$482,898,301
% change 2012-13	3.6%	3.1%
2014	\$12,029,389	\$512,375,290
% change 2013-14	3.1%	6.1%
2015	\$12,520,914	\$544,408,719
% change 2014-15	4.1%	6.3%
2016	\$12,902,347	\$569,769,284
% change 2015-16	3.0%	4.7%
2017	\$13,662,482	\$603,668,170
% change 2016-17	5.9%	5.9%
2018	\$14,488,427	\$639,620,451
% change 2017-18	6.0%	6.0%
2019	\$15,358,848	\$671,553,148
% change 2018-19	6.0%	5.0%
2020	\$16,404,737	\$688,764,753
% change 2019-20	6.8%	2.6%

Median Income	Polk County	Florida
Median Household Income	\$50,584	\$55,660
Median Family Income	\$58,508	\$67,414

Percent in Poverty, 2020	Polk County	Florida
All ages in poverty	14.4%	12.4%
Under age 18 in poverty	22.2%	17.2%
Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	22.0%	16.5%

Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)	Polk County	Florida
12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2020	1.75	1.78
12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2021	1.45	1.45
State Rank	12	NA
NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13		

Workers Aged 16 and Over	Polk County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida		
Worked outside county of residence	22.3%	18.2%
Travel Time to Work		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	27.8	27.8

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2018-19	Polk County	Florida*	Expenditures 2018-19	Polk County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$1,039,195.4	\$48,723,763.0	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$858,594.88	\$44,233,424.76
Per Capita \$	\$1,504.76	\$2,407.55	Per Capita \$	\$1,243.25	\$2,185.67
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
Taxes (\$000s)	\$391,444.0	\$16,114,573.3	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$187,130.86	\$7,462,947.96
Per Capita \$	\$566.81	\$796.26	Per Capita \$	\$270.97	\$368.76
% of Total	37.7%	33.1%	% of Total	21.8%	16.9%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$72,252.1	\$2,274,184.8	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$292,332.76	\$10,847,409.29
Per Capita \$	\$104.62	\$112.37	Per Capita \$	\$423.30	\$535.99
% of Total	7.0%	4.7%	% of Total	34.0%	24.5%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$121,885.5	\$5,241,885.1	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$101,546.32	\$5,318,683.90
Per Capita \$	\$176.49	\$259.01	Per Capita \$	\$147.04	\$262.81
% of Total	11.7%	10.8%	% of Total	11.8%	12.0%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$302,044.0	\$14,324,919.1	Transportation (\$000s)	\$63,072.97	\$5,298,301.67
Per Capita \$	\$437.36	\$707.83	Per Capita \$	\$91.33	\$261.80
% of Total	29.1%	29.4%	% of Total	7.3%	12.0%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$6,629.0	\$196,108.5	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$21,556.56	\$1,655,038.81
Per Capita \$	\$9.60	\$9.69	Per Capita \$	\$31.21	\$81.78
% of Total	0.6%	0.4%	% of Total	2.5%	3.7%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$58,276.2	\$1,713,370.3	Human Services (\$000s)	\$66,801.45	\$3,755,466.15
Per Capita \$	\$84.38	\$84.66	Per Capita \$	\$96.73	\$185.57
% of Total	5.6%	3.5%	% of Total	7.8%	8.5%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$86,664.7	\$8,858,722.0	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$16,001.86	\$1,814,978.48
Per Capita \$	\$125.49	\$437.73	Per Capita \$	\$23.17	\$89.68
% of Total	8.3%	18.2%	% of Total	1.9%	4.1%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$76,181.52	\$7,163,763.98
			Per Capita \$	\$110.31	\$353.98
			% of Total	8.9%	16.2%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$33,970.58	\$916,834.54
			Per Capita \$	\$49.19	\$45.30
			% of Total	4.0%	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
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	1,694.5	2,152.3
Admissions to prison FY 2019-20	1,172	21,276
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2019-20	156.6	97.2

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	Polk County	Florida
Under 65 years	82.9%	83.6%
Under 19 years	92.9%	92.4%
18 to 64 years	78.9%	80.6%

State Infrastructure

Transportation	Polk County	Florida
State Highway Centerline Miles	460.8	12,135.8
Lane Miles	1,682.2	45,111.7
State Bridges Number	194	7,079
State Facilities		
Buildings/Facilities (min. 300 Square Feet) Number	422	9,426
Square Footage	2,522,148	65,539,144
Conservation Land (land acres only)		
State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	139,525	5,478,547
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	47.9%	51.8%
% of Total Area Land	12.1%	16.0%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	2.5%	
State-Managed	196,141	5,627,174
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	67.4%	53.2%
% of Total Area Land	17.0%	16.4%
% of Florida State-Managed CL	3.5%	

State and Local Taxation

2020 Ad Valorem Millage Rates	Polk County	Florida
County	6.8990	0.5184
School	5.9350	
Municipal		2.4456
Special Districts		0.4516

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

Education

Public Education Schools Traditional Setting (2020-21)	Polk County School District	Florida
Total (state total includes special districts)	150	3,744
Elementary	77	1,883
Middle	26	573
Senior High	28	715
Combination	19	573
Educational attainment		
Persons aged 25 and older		
% HS graduate or higher	85.0%	88.2%
% bachelor's degree or higher	20.2%	29.9%

