Suwannee County

Florida's 43rd most populous county

with 0.2% of Florida's population



Population

Census Population	Suwannee County	Florida
1980 Census	22,287	9,746,961
1990 Census	26,780	12,938,071
2000 Census	34,844	15,982,824
2010 Census	41,551	18,801,332
2020 Census	43,474	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	4.6%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	21.2%	19.5%
% Aged 65 and over	22.8%	21.2%
% Median age	44.7	43.0
Gender		
% Male	51.2%	48.6%
% Female	48.8%	51.4%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	72.8%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	11.3%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.4%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	0.6%	2.9%
% Not Hispanic-Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%
% Not Hispanic-Some Other Race	0.3%	0.6%
% Not Hispanic-Two or More Races	3.5%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	11.0%	26.5%

Population Estimates

	Suwannee County	Florida
2021 Estimate	43,676	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	0.5%	1.7%
2022 Estimate	44,688	22,276,132
% change 2020-2022	2.8%	3.4%
2023 Estimate	45,448	22,634,867
% change 2020-2023	4.5%	5.1%
2024 Estimate	46,519	23,014,551
% change 2020-2024	7.0%	6.9%
2025 Estimate	47,274	23,379,261
% change 2020-2025	8.7%	8.5%
Based on 2025 Estimate		
2030	49,169	24,909,028
2035	50,715	26,074,611
2040	51,910	26,967,897
2045	52,885	27,664,885
2050	53,643	28,250,130

Population Characteristics

	County	Florida
(% of total persons aged 5 and over)		
Speak only English	90.9%	69.4%
Speak a language other than English	9.1%	30.6%
Speak English "very well"	4.9%	18.1%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	6.0%	21.9%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	9.9%	7.4%

Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago Persons aged 1 and over	Suwannee County	Florida
Same house	86.8%	86.3%
Different house in the U.S.	13.0%	12.6%
Same county in Florida	3.9%	6.6%
Different county in Florida	6.8%	3.1%
Different county in another state	2.3%	2.9%
Abroad	0.2%	1.1%

Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2017 Dollars)	Suwannee County	Florida
2017 GDP	1,217,082	1,014,866,863
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2018 GDP	1,259,159	1,050,433,812
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2019 GDP	1,122,436	1,084,913,903
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2020 GDP	1,166,131	1,072,481,562
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2021 GDP	1,204,556	1,172,655,328
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2022 GDP	1,373,208	1,245,927,559
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2023 GDP	1,513,031	1,309,392,241
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2024 GDP	1,666,334	1,352,275,106
Percent of the State	0.1%	

Population by Housing Type

	Suwannee County	Florida
Household Population	40,839	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.49	2.47
Group Quarters Population	2,635	464,583

Housing

Housing Counts	Suwannee County	Florida
Housing units, 2020 Census	18,859	9,865,350
Occupied	16,385	8,529,067
Vacant	2,474	1,336,283

Building Permits

Units Permitted	Suwannee County	Florida
2000	125	155,269
2010	50	38,679
2020	75	164,074
2021	144	213,494
2022	163	211,962
2023	142	193,788
2024	136	173,326
2025	136	178,297

Population Density

Persons per square mile	Suwannee County	Florida
2000	50.7	296.4
2010	60.3	350.6
2020	63.1	401.4
2025	68.7	435.8

Households and Family Households

Households	Suwannee County	Florida
Total households, 2000 Census	13,460	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	9,687	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	41.0%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	15,953	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	11,035	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	37.4%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.52	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	2.97	3.01
Total households, 2020 Census	16,385	8,529,067
Family households, 2020 Census	11,012	5,571,482
% with own children under 18	33.5%	36.0%

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 2024	Suwannee County	Florida
All industries	934	881,780
Natural Resource & Mining	71	5,872
Construction	130	84,932
Manufacturing	26	26,842
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	236	151,230
Information	12	20,233
Financial Activities	52	95,614
Professional & Business Services	119	225,541
Education & Health Services	111	104,515
Leisure and Hospitality	70	68,016
Other Services	59	60,954
Government	39	5,886

Establishments % of All Industries	Suwannee County	Florida
All industries	934	881,780
Natural Resource & Mining	7.6%	0.7%
Construction	13.9%	9.6%
Manufacturing	2.8%	3.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	25.3%	17.2%
Information	1.3%	2.3%
Financial Activities	5.6%	10.8%
Professional & Business Services	12.7%	25.6%
Education & Health Services	11.9%	11.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	7.5%	7.7%
Other Services	6.3%	6.9%
Government	4.2%	0.7%

Average Annual Employment % of All Industries, 2024	Suwannee County	Florida
All industries	12,030	9,837,263
Natural Resource & Mining	4.9%	0.7%
Construction	6.6%	6.6%
Manufacturing	NA	4.3%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	21.3%	20.1%
Information	0.6%	1.6%
Financial Activities	1.9%	6.9%
Professional & Business Services	5.8%	16.5%
Education & Health Services	11.3%	15.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	9.7%	13.4%
Other Services	2.0%	3.0%
Government	20.5%	11.3%

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

Average Annual Wage 2024	Suwannee County	Florida
All industries	$47,638	$69,492
Natural Resource & Mining	$41,171	$49,698
Construction	$59,579	$70,271
Manufacturing	NA	$81,956
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	$42,890	$61,291
Information	$62,804	$121,266
Financial Activities	$52,946	$108,740
Professional & Business Services	$50,012	$87,036
Education & Health Services	$49,121	$66,009
Leisure and Hospitality	$25,531	$37,261
Other Services	$41,988	$51,306
Government	$53,891	$71,045

Labor Force as Percent of Population Aged 18 and Older	Suwannee County	Florida
2000	58.8%	64.1%
2010	59.8%	62.5%
2020	49.2%	58.0%
2021	48.1%	59.0%
2022	46.4%	59.8%
2023	48.1%	60.6%
2024	48.2%	60.1%
2025	46.4%	59.2%

(2025 is based on 11 months -- no data for October 2025)

Unemployment Rate	Suwannee County	Florida
2000	3.6%	3.7%
2010	9.9%	11.3%
2020	6.0%	8.0%
2021	4.7%	4.7%
2022	3.5%	3.0%
2023	3.5%	2.9%
2024	3.9%	3.4%
2025	4.8%	3.9%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income ($000s)	Suwannee	Florida
2000	$688,558	$471,588,082
2010	$1,188,216	$730,690,145
% change 2000-2010	72.6%	54.9%
2020	$1,643,914	$1,222,053,372
% change 2010-2020	38.4%	67.2%
2021	$1,802,378	$1,367,061,863
% change 2020-2021	9.6%	11.9%
2022	$1,893,328	$1,464,251,012
% change 2021-2022	5.0%	7.1%
2023	$2,041,981	$1,604,650,325
% change 2022-2023	7.9%	9.6%
2024	$2,128,383	$1,706,305,733
% change 2023-2024	4.2%	6.3%

Per Capita Personal Income	Suwannee County	Florida
2000	$19,633	$29,387
2010	$28,092	$38,779
% change 2000-2010	43.1%	32.0%
2020	$37,765	$56,597
% change 2010-2020	34.4%	45.9%
2021	$40,834	$62,617
% change 2020-2021	8.1%	10.6%
2022	$41,731	$65,429
% change 2021-2022	2.2%	4.5%
2023	$44,262	$70,057
% change 2022-2023	6.1%	7.1%
2024	$44,774	$73,006
% change 2023-2024	1.2%	4.2%

Earnings by Place of Work ($000s)		
2000	$350,136	$308,751,767
2010	$581,799	$439,036,383
% change 2000-2010	66.2%	42.2%
2020	$716,031	$684,772,318
% change 2010-2020	23.1%	56.0%
2021	$791,969	$771,994,702
% change 2020-2021	10.6%	12.7%
2022	$903,594	$845,179,676
% change 2021-2022	14.1%	9.5%
2023	$999,786	$915,351,168
% change 2022-2023	10.6%	8.3%
2024	$1,051,645	$972,525,321
% change 2023-2024	5.2%	6.2%

Median Income		
Median Household Income	$56,658	$74,568
Median Family Income	$64,614	$89,891

Workers Aged 16 and Over	Suwannee County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida		
Worked outside county of residence	33.1%	17.0%
Travel Time to Work		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	29.2	28.0

Percent in Poverty, 2024	
All ages in poverty	18.8%
Under age 18 in poverty	26.9%
Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	28.4%

Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)	Suwannee County	Florida
12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2024	1.40	1.46
12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2025	1.12	1.71
State Rank	41	NA

NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures (Includes all Custodial Fund reporting)

Revenue 2022-23	Suwannee County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes ($000s)	$150,636.6	$117,776,640.6
Per Capita $	$3,314.48	$5,456.77
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
General Government Taxes ($000s)	$75,692.8	$48,947,738.5
Per Capita $	$1,665.48	$2,267.82
% of Total	50.2%	41.6%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments ($000s)	$13,174.0	$5,231,689.8
Per Capita $	$289.87	$242.39
% of Total	8.7%	4.4%
Intergovernmental Revenues ($000s)	$18,692.1	$8,250,822.1
Per Capita $	$411.29	$382.27
% of Total	12.4%	7.0%
Charges for Services ($000s)	$9,631.8	$28,150,407.9
Per Capita $	$211.93	$1,304.25
% of Total	6.4%	23.9%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits ($000s)	$2,148.9	$1,880,041.8
Per Capita $	$47.28	$87.11
% of Total	1.4%	1.6%
Miscellaneous Revenues ($000s)	$3,418.0	$12,799,887.1
Per Capita $	$75.21	$593.04
% of Total	2.3%	10.9%
Other Sources ($000s)	$27,879.0	$12,516,053.5
Per Capita $	$613.43	$579.89
% of Total	18.5%	10.6%

Expenditures 2022-23	Suwannee County	Florida*
Total - All Expenditure Account Codes ($000s)	$150,785.77	$110,894,156.90
Per Capita $	$3,317.76	$5,137.89
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
General Government Services** ($000s)	$69,964.67	$56,597,761.19
Per Capita $	$1,539.44	$2,622.26
% of Total	46.4%	51.0%
Public Safety ($000s)	$23,899.83	$14,143,806.21
Per Capita $	$525.87	$655.30
% of Total	15.9%	12.8%
Physical Environment ($000s)	$6,409.93	$6,602,230.32
Per Capita $	$141.04	$305.89
% of Total	4.3%	6.0%
Transportation ($000s)	$13,657.38	$6,383,904.27
Per Capita $	$300.51	$295.78
% of Total	9.1%	5.8%
Economic Environment ($000s)	$1,058.79	$2,413,716.53
Per Capita $	$23.30	$111.83
% of Total	0.7%	2.2%
Human Services ($000s)	$1,259.37	$5,303,244.59
Per Capita $	$27.71	$245.71
% of Total	0.8%	4.8%
Culture / Recreation ($000s)	$5,180.84	$2,195,932.65
Per Capita $	$113.99	$101.74
% of Total	3.4%	2.0%
Other Uses and Non-Operating ($000s)	$26,922.53	$13,256,605.85
Per Capita $	$592.38	$614.20
% of Total	17.9%	12.0%
Court-Related Expenditures ($000s)	$2,432.44	$3,996,955.30
Per Capita $	$53.52	$185.18
% of Total	1.6%	3.6%

* 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	Suwannee County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	2,008.2	2,158.0
Admissions to prison FY 2024-25	113	27,171
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2024-25	239.0	116.2

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	Suwannee County	Florida
Under 65 years	86.5%	86.6%
Under 19 years	92.8%	92.7%
18 to 64 years	84.0%	84.5%

Education

Public Education Schools Traditional Setting (2025-26)	Suwannee County School District	Florida
Total (state total includes special districts)	9	3,796
Elementary	4	1,847
Middle	1	561
Senior High	2	736
Combination	2	652

Educational attainment Persons aged 25 and older	Suwannee County	Florida
% HS graduate or higher	85.2%	89.9%
% bachelor's degree or higher	16.6%	34.1%

State and Local Taxation

2025	Suwannee County	
	County-Wide	Not County-Wide*
County	8.8000	
School	5.4150	
Municipal		1.1649
Special Districts	0.2812	

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

State Infrastructure

Transportation	Suwannee County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	128.8	12,265.7
Lane Miles	332.8	46,013.4
Conservation Land (CL land acres only)		
State or Regionally Owned (includes partially-owned)	21,087	5,863,289
% of Total Conservation Land (including private)	98.9%	53.6%
% of Total Area Land	4.8%	17.1%
% of Florida State or Regionally Owned CL	0.4%	

Other County Profiles

Criminal Justice County Profiles

School District Profiles

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