

DeSoto County

Florida's 49th most populous county
with 0.2% of Florida's population



Population

Census Population	DeSoto County	Florida
1980 Census	19,039	9,746,961
1990 Census	23,865	12,938,071
2000 Census	32,209	15,982,824
2010 Census	34,862	18,801,332
2020 Census	33,976	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	-2.5%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	20.5%	19.5%
% Aged 65 and over	22.7%	21.2%
% Median age	42.7	43.0
Gender		
% Male	54.0%	48.6%
% Female	46.0%	51.4%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	54.8%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	12.4%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.2%	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	0.2%	0.6%
% Not Hispanic-Two or More Races	2.3%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	29.5%	26.5%

Population Estimates

	DeSoto County	Florida
2021 Estimate	34,031	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	0.2%	1.7%
2022 Estimate	34,748	22,276,132
% change 2020-2022	2.3%	3.4%
2023 Estimate	34,974	22,634,867
% change 2020-2023	2.9%	5.1%
2024 Estimate	35,487	23,014,551
% change 2020-2024	4.4%	6.9%
Based on 2023 Estimate		
2025	35,158	23,292,200
2030	35,526	24,698,545
2035	35,820	25,814,954
2040	35,960	26,682,030
2045	36,057	27,409,376
2050	36,186	28,065,018

Population Characteristics

	DeSoto County	Florida
(% of total persons aged 5 and over)		
Speak only English	79.5%	69.9%
Speak a language other than English	20.5%	30.1%
Speak English "very well"	10.7%	18.0%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	12.7%	21.4%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	7.7%	7.7%

Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago	DeSoto County	Florida
Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	86.1%	86.0%
Different house in the U.S.	13.2%	13.0%
Same county in Florida	5.9%	6.9%
Different county in Florida	4.9%	3.1%
Different county in another state	2.4%	3.0%
Abroad	0.7%	1.0%

Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2017 Dollars)	DeSoto County	Florida
2017 GDP	932,062	1,014,866,863
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2018 GDP	904,266	1,050,433,812
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2019 GDP	986,563	1,084,913,903
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2020 GDP	932,826	1,069,758,799
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2021 GDP	967,077	1,170,526,307
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2022 GDP	1,007,073	1,239,883,625
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2023 GDP	1,079,903	1,292,787,615
Percent of the State	0.1%	

Population by Housing Type

	DeSoto County	Florida
Household Population	30,851	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.58	2.47
Group Quarters Population	3,125	464,583

Housing

Housing Counts	DeSoto County	Florida
Household units, 2020 Census	15,548	9,865,350
Occupied	11,941	8,529,067
Vacant	3,607	1,336,283

Building Permits

Units Permitted	DeSoto County	Florida
2000	121	155,269
2010	96	38,679
2020	110	164,074
2021	127	213,494
2022	252	211,962
2023	153	193,788

Density

Persons per square mile	DeSoto County	Florida
2000	50.5	296.4
2010	54.7	350.6
2020	53.4	401.4
2023	54.9	421.9
2024	55.7	429.0

Households and Family Households

Households	DeSoto County	Florida
Total households, 2000 Census	10,746	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	7,676	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	37.2%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	11,445	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	7,903	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	38.7%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.71	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	3.10	3.01
Total households, 2020 Census	11,941	8,529,067
Family households, 2020 Census	8,146	5,571,482
% with own children under 18	34.4%	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

2023	DeSoto County	Florida
All industries	749	878,947
Natural Resource & Mining	83	5,771
Construction	139	82,738
Manufacturing	25	25,599
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	142	151,500
Information	6	19,752
Financial Activities	39	95,132
Professional & Business Services	115	226,936
Education & Health Services	48	100,498
Leisure and Hospitality	54	66,309
Other Services	44	59,548
Government	32	5,830

Establishments

% of All Industries	DeSoto County	Florida
All industries	749	878,947
Natural Resource & Mining	11.1%	0.7%
Construction	18.6%	9.4%
Manufacturing	3.3%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	19.0%	17.2%
Information	0.8%	2.2%
Financial Activities	5.2%	10.8%
Professional & Business Services	15.4%	25.8%
Education & Health Services	6.4%	11.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	7.2%	7.5%
Other Services	5.9%	6.8%
Government	4.3%	0.7%

Average Annual Employment

% of All Industries, 2023	DeSoto County	Florida
All industries	9,820	9,678,557
Natural Resource & Mining	13.6%	0.7%
Construction	8.6%	6.5%
Manufacturing	4.4%	4.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	27.8%	20.2%
Information	NA	1.6%
Financial Activities	1.8%	6.9%
Professional & Business Services	5.5%	16.7%
Education & Health Services	8.1%	15.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	7.2%	13.4%
Other Services	1.4%	3.0%
Government	20.6%	11.2%

Average Annual Wage

2023	DeSoto County	Florida
All industries	\$46,425	\$66,446
Natural Resource & Mining	\$35,015	\$46,398
Construction	\$46,817	\$66,902
Manufacturing	\$71,635	\$78,331
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$45,601	\$59,161
Information	NA	\$112,704
Financial Activities	\$57,183	\$101,130
Professional & Business Services	\$49,728	\$83,076
Education & Health Services	\$50,297	\$63,868
Leisure and Hospitality	\$24,547	\$35,528
Other Services	\$39,301	\$49,293
Government	\$55,042	\$67,715

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

Labor Force as Percent of Population

Aged 18 and Older	DeSoto County	Florida
2000	53.3%	63.7%
2010	48.0%	61.8%
2020	53.0%	58.1%
2021	50.4%	59.1%
2022	47.0%	59.8%
2023	47.4%	60.4%

Unemployment Rate	DeSoto County	Florida
2000	4.5%	3.7%
2010	11.9%	10.8%
2020	5.4%	8.1%
2021	4.3%	4.7%
2022	3.6%	3.0%
2023	3.6%	2.9%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)	DeSoto County	Florida
2000	\$552,935	\$471,588,082
2010	\$774,344	\$730,690,145
% change 2000-2010	40.0%	54.9%
2020	\$1,026,956	\$1,220,782,745
% change 2010-2020	32.6%	67.1%
2021	\$1,140,794	\$1,358,786,260
% change 2020-2021	11.1%	11.3%
2022	\$1,177,161	\$1,436,107,237
% change 2021-2022	3.2%	5.7%
2023	\$1,251,566	\$1,553,426,399
% change 2022-2023	6.3%	8.2%

Per Capita Personal Income	DeSoto County	Florida
2000	\$17,174	\$29,387
2010	\$22,231	\$38,778
% change 2000-2010	29.4%	32.0%
2020	\$30,128	\$56,540
% change 2010-2020	35.5%	45.8%
2021	\$33,227	\$62,242
% change 2020-2021	10.3%	10.1%
2022	\$33,328	\$64,557
% change 2021-2022	0.3%	3.7%
2023	\$34,786	\$68,703
% change 2022-2023	4.4%	6.4%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)

	DeSoto County	Florida
2000	\$341,261	\$308,751,767
2010	\$488,916	\$439,036,383
% change 2000-2010	43.3%	42.2%
2020	\$638,021	\$684,270,758
% change 2010-2020	30.5%	55.9%
2021	\$676,431	\$771,654,020
% change 2020-2021	6.0%	12.8%
2022	\$723,694	\$841,921,275
% change 2021-2022	7.0%	9.1%
2023	\$771,775	\$908,440,362
% change 2022-2023	6.6%	7.9%

Median Income	DeSoto County	Florida
Median Household Income	\$50,868	\$71,711
Median Family Income	\$59,568	\$86,127
Percent in Poverty, 2023		
All ages in poverty	18.8%	12.4%
Under age 18 in poverty	26.2%	16.0%
Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	27.0%	15.3%

Workers Aged 16 and Over

	DeSoto County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida		
Worked outside county of residence	39.2%	17.2%
Travel Time to Work		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	29.7	28.0

Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)	DeSoto County	Florida
12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2022	0.86	1.14
12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2023	0.69	1.16
State Rank	50	NA

NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2021-22	DeSoto County	Florida*	Expenditures 2021-22	DeSoto County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$112,103.6	\$100,987,094.3	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$106,467.54	\$87,375,419.16
Per Capita \$	\$3,226.19	\$4,753.99	Per Capita \$	\$3,063.99	\$4,113.22
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
General Government Taxes (\$000s)	\$47,625.1	\$38,773,224.6	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$17,938.48	\$36,715,485.34
Per Capita \$	\$1,370.58	\$1,825.26	Per Capita \$	\$516.25	\$1,728.39
% of Total	42.5%	38.4%	% of Total	16.8%	42.0%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$13,577.0	\$4,209,936.0	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$23,667.71	\$13,363,472.90
Per Capita \$	\$390.73	\$198.18	Per Capita \$	\$681.12	\$629.09
% of Total	12.1%	4.2%	% of Total	22.2%	15.3%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$15,839.4	\$8,275,034.7	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$10,688.67	\$5,823,076.34
Per Capita \$	\$455.84	\$389.55	Per Capita \$	\$307.61	\$274.12
% of Total	14.1%	8.2%	% of Total	10.0%	6.7%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$21,397.0	\$25,774,652.2	Transportation (\$000s)	\$7,010.85	\$6,146,973.86
Per Capita \$	\$615.78	\$1,213.35	Per Capita \$	\$201.76	\$289.37
% of Total	19.1%	25.5%	% of Total	6.6%	7.0%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$1,468.6	\$2,289,306.5	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$1,216.10	\$2,095,127.71
Per Capita \$	\$42.26	\$107.77	Per Capita \$	\$35.00	\$98.63
% of Total	1.3%	2.3%	% of Total	1.1%	2.4%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$1,902.3	\$8,397,909.0	Human Services (\$000s)	\$4,382.57	\$4,845,695.64
Per Capita \$	\$54.75	\$395.33	Per Capita \$	\$126.12	\$228.11
% of Total	1.7%	8.3%	% of Total	4.1%	5.5%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$10,294.3	\$13,267,031.3	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$1,510.92	\$2,101,309.57
Per Capita \$	\$296.25	\$624.55	Per Capita \$	\$43.48	\$98.92
% of Total	9.2%	13.1%	% of Total	1.4%	2.4%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$34,933.31	\$12,196,205.02
			Per Capita \$	\$1,005.33	\$574.14
			% of Total	32.8%	14.0%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$5,118.94	\$4,088,072.79
			Per Capita \$	\$147.32	\$192.45
			% of Total	4.8%	4.7%

* 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	DeSoto County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	1,984.8	2,158.0
Admissions to prison FY 2023-24	164	27,227
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2023-24	462.1	118.3

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	DeSoto County	Florida
Under 65 years	77.4%	86.1%
Under 19 years	90.6%	92.7%
18 to 64 years	73.0%	83.8%

Education

Public Education Schools Traditional Setting (2023-24)	DeSoto County School District	Florida
Total (state total includes special districts)	7	3,787
Elementary	3	1,877
Middle	1	565
Senior High	1	729
Combination	2	616

Educational attainment Persons aged 25 and older	DeSoto County	Florida
% HS graduate or higher	73.0%	89.6%
% bachelor's degree or higher	11.0%	33.2%

Other County Profiles
Criminal Justice County Profiles
School District Profiles

State and Local Taxation

2024	DeSoto County	Not County-Wide*
County	7,6153	2,1563
School	5,3440	
Municipal		0,9780
Special Districts	0,1909	

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

State Infrastructure

Transportation	DeSoto County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	82.9	12,189.9
Lane Miles	218.0	45,742.2
Conservation Land (land acres only)		
State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	53,671	5,689,323
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	94.3%	54.9%
% of Total Area Land	13.2%	16.6%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	0.9%	

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