

Hardee County

Florida's 52rd most populous county
with 0.1% of Florida's population



Population

Census Population	Hardee County	Florida
1980 Census	20,357	9,746,961
1990 Census	19,499	12,938,071
2000 Census	26,938	15,982,824
2010 Census	27,731	18,801,332
2020 Census	25,327	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	-8.7%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	25.6%	19.5%
% Aged 65 and over	16.9%	21.2%
% Median age	37.4	43.0
Gender		
% Male	53.5%	48.6%
% Female	46.5%	51.4%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	46.9%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	8.3%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.2%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	0.7%	2.9%
% Not Hispanic-Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%
% Not Hispanic-Some Other Race	0.1%	0.6%
% Not Hispanic-Two or More Races	1.9%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	41.9%	26.5%

Population Estimates

	Hardee County	Florida
2021 Estimate	25,269	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	-0.2%	1.7%
2022 Estimate	25,544	22,276,132
% change 2020-2022	0.9%	3.4%
2023 Estimate	25,645	22,634,867
% change 2020-2023	1.3%	5.1%
2024 Estimate	25,883	23,014,551
% change 2020-2024	2.2%	6.9%
Based on 2023 Estimate		
2025	25,684	23,292,200
2030	25,744	24,698,545
2035	25,787	25,814,954
2040	25,826	26,682,030
2045	25,855	27,409,376
2050	25,885	28,065,018

Population Characteristics

	Hardee County	Florida
(% of total persons aged 5 and over)		
Speak only English	68.5%	69.9%
Speak a language other than English	31.5%	30.1%
Speak English "very well"	17.8%	18.0%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	10.7%	21.4%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	4.8%	7.7%

Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago	Hardee County	Florida
Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	91.6%	86.0%
Different house in the U.S.	8.1%	13.0%
Same county in Florida	3.6%	6.9%
Different county in Florida	3.5%	3.1%
Different county in another state	1.0%	3.0%
Abroad	0.3%	1.0%

Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2017 Dollars)	Hardee County	Florida
2017 GDP	1,037,682	1,014,866,863
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2018 GDP	964,031	1,050,433,812
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2019 GDP	1,125,101	1,084,913,903
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2020 GDP	1,077,046	1,069,758,799
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2021 GDP	1,182,316	1,170,526,307
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2022 GDP	1,251,750	1,239,883,625
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2023 GDP	1,156,610	1,292,787,615
Percent of the State	0.1%	

Population by Housing Type

	Hardee County	Florida
Household Population	23,428	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.91	2.47
Group Quarters Population	1,899	464,583

Housing

Housing Counts	Hardee County	Florida
Household units, 2020 Census	9,820	9,865,350
Occupied	8,059	8,529,067
Vacant	1,761	1,336,283

Building Permits

Units Permitted	Hardee County	Florida
2000	56	155,269
2010	12	38,679
2020	50	164,074
2021	61	213,494
2022	85	211,962
2023	73	193,788

Density

Persons per square mile	Hardee County	Florida
2000	42.3	296.4
2010	43.5	350.6
2020	39.7	401.4
2023	40.2	421.9
2024	40.6	429.0

Households and Family Households

	Hardee County	Florida
Households		
Total households, 2000 Census	8,166	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	6,253	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	45.5%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	8,245	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	6,172	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	45.5%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	3.12	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	3.52	3.01
Total households, 2020 Census	8,059	8,529,067
Family households, 2020 Census	5,810	5,571,482
% with own children under 18	42.3%	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	Hardee County	Florida
All industries	591	878,947
Natural Resource & Mining	110	5,771
Construction	50	82,738
Manufacturing	13	25,599
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	122	151,500
Information	3	19,752
Financial Activities	37	95,132
Professional & Business Services	69	226,936
Education & Health Services	50	100,498
Leisure and Hospitality	50	66,309
Other Services	38	59,548
Government	32	5,830

Establishments

% of All Industries	Hardee County	Florida
All industries	591	878,947
Natural Resource & Mining	18.6%	0.7%
Construction	8.5%	9.4%
Manufacturing	2.2%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	20.6%	17.2%
Information	0.5%	2.2%
Financial Activities	6.3%	10.8%
Professional & Business Services	11.7%	25.8%
Education & Health Services	8.5%	11.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	8.5%	7.5%
Other Services	6.4%	6.8%
Government	5.4%	0.7%

Average Annual Employment

% of All Industries, 2023	Hardee County	Florida
All industries	7,304	9,678,557
Natural Resource & Mining	13.6%	0.7%
Construction	4.4%	6.5%
Manufacturing	4.2%	4.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	19.2%	20.2%
Information	NA	1.6%
Financial Activities	4.5%	6.9%
Professional & Business Services	4.4%	16.7%
Education & Health Services	11.9%	15.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	13.8%	13.4%
Other Services	1.2%	3.0%
Government	22.3%	11.2%

Average Annual Wage

2023	Hardee County	Florida
All industries	\$45,345	\$66,446
Natural Resource & Mining	\$43,980	\$46,398
Construction	\$46,032	\$66,902
Manufacturing	\$40,287	\$78,331
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$49,741	\$59,161
Information	NA	\$112,704
Financial Activities	\$60,177	\$101,130
Professional & Business Services	\$45,112	\$83,076
Education & Health Services	\$47,029	\$63,868
Leisure and Hospitality	\$32,126	\$35,528
Other Services	\$27,856	\$49,293
Government	\$48,583	\$67,715

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

Labor Force as Percent of Population

Aged 18 and Older	Hardee County	Florida
2000	55.1%	63.7%
2010	58.2%	61.8%
2020	44.6%	58.1%
2021	47.1%	59.1%
2022	45.3%	59.8%
2023	47.1%	60.4%

Unemployment Rate	Hardee County	Florida
2000	5.9%	3.7%
2010	11.2%	10.8%
2020	6.9%	8.1%
2021	5.0%	4.7%
2022	4.0%	3.0%
2023	4.1%	2.9%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)	Hardee County	Florida
2000	\$477,269	\$471,588,082
2010	\$643,043	\$730,690,145
% change 2000-2010	34.7%	54.9%
2020	\$815,935	\$1,220,782,745
% change 2010-2020	26.9%	67.1%
2021	\$906,143	\$1,358,786,260
% change 2020-2021	11.1%	11.3%
2022	\$899,401	\$1,436,107,237
% change 2021-2022	-0.7%	5.7%
2023	\$949,800	\$1,553,426,399
% change 2022-2023	5.6%	8.2%

Per Capita Personal Income	Hardee County	Florida
2000	\$17,829	\$29,387
2010	\$23,221	\$38,778
% change 2000-2010	30.2%	32.0%
2020	\$32,201	\$56,540
% change 2010-2020	38.7%	45.8%
2021	\$35,785	\$62,242
% change 2020-2021	11.1%	10.1%
2022	\$35,063	\$64,557
% change 2021-2022	-2.0%	3.7%
2023	\$36,871	\$68,703
% change 2022-2023	5.2%	6.4%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)

	Hardee County	Florida
2000	\$297,234	\$308,751,767
2010	\$403,154	\$439,036,383
% change 2000-2010	35.6%	42.2%
2020	\$444,071	\$684,270,758
% change 2010-2020	10.1%	55.9%
2021	\$473,301	\$771,654,020
% change 2020-2021	6.6%	12.8%
2022	\$485,656	\$841,921,275
% change 2021-2022	2.6%	9.1%
2023	\$536,968	\$908,440,362
% change 2022-2023	10.6%	7.9%

Median Income	Hardee County	Florida
Median Household Income	\$54,231	\$71,711
Median Family Income	\$60,539	\$86,127

Percent in Poverty, 2023	Hardee County	Florida
All ages in poverty	20.5%	12.4%
Under age 18 in poverty	23.5%	16.0%
Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	23.6%	15.3%

Workers Aged 16 and Over	Hardee County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida		
Worked outside county of residence	36.7%	17.2%
Travel Time to Work		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	27.9	28.0

Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)	Hardee County	Florida
12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2022	0.35	1.14
12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2023	0.16	1.16
State Rank	67	NA

NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2021-22	Hardee County	Florida*	Expenditures 2021-22	Hardee County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$64,170.6	\$100,987,094.3	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$55,266.98	\$87,375,419.16
Per Capita \$	\$2,512.16	\$4,753.99	Per Capita \$	\$2,163.60	\$4,113.22
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
General Government Taxes (\$000s)	\$19,502.2	\$38,773,224.6	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$13,075.64	\$36,715,485.34
Per Capita \$	\$763.48	\$1,825.26	Per Capita \$	\$511.89	\$1,728.39
% of Total	30.4%	38.4%	% of Total	23.7%	42.0%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$3,874.9	\$4,209,936.0	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$19,834.06	\$13,363,472.90
Per Capita \$	\$151.70	\$198.18	Per Capita \$	\$776.47	\$629.09
% of Total	6.0%	4.2%	% of Total	35.9%	15.3%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$20,399.3	\$8,275,034.7	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$5,159.21	\$5,823,076.34
Per Capita \$	\$798.60	\$389.55	Per Capita \$	\$201.97	\$274.12
% of Total	31.8%	8.2%	% of Total	9.3%	6.7%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$6,814.4	\$25,774,652.2	Transportation (\$000s)	\$7,031.02	\$6,146,973.86
Per Capita \$	\$266.77	\$1,213.35	Per Capita \$	\$275.25	\$289.37
% of Total	10.6%	25.5%	% of Total	12.7%	7.0%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$172.1	\$2,289,306.5	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$4,389.29	\$2,095,127.71
Per Capita \$	\$6.74	\$107.77	Per Capita \$	\$171.83	\$98.63
% of Total	0.3%	2.3%	% of Total	7.9%	2.4%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$10,913.3	\$8,397,909.0	Human Services (\$000s)	\$1,027.99	\$4,845,695.64
Per Capita \$	\$427.24	\$395.33	Per Capita \$	\$40.24	\$228.11
% of Total	17.0%	8.3%	% of Total	1.9%	5.5%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$2,494.3	\$13,267,031.3	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$1,337.81	\$2,101,309.57
Per Capita \$	\$97.65	\$624.55	Per Capita \$	\$52.37	\$98.92
% of Total	3.9%	13.1%	% of Total	2.4%	2.4%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$2,496.61	\$12,196,205.02
			Per Capita \$	\$97.74	\$574.14
			% of Total	4.5%	14.0%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$915.34	\$4,088,072.79
			Per Capita \$	\$35.83	\$192.45
			% of Total	1.7%	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	Hardee County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	2,091.6	2,158.0
Admissions to prison FY 2023-24	40	27,227
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2023-24	154.5	118.3

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	Hardee County	Florida
Under 65 years	82.1%	86.1%
Under 19 years	92.5%	92.7%
18 to 64 years	77.2%	83.8%

Education

Public Education Schools Traditional Setting (2023-24)	Hardee County School District	Florida
Total (state total includes special districts)	8	3,787
Elementary	5	1,877
Middle	1	565
Senior High	2	729
Combination	0	616

Educational attainment Persons aged 25 and older	Hardee County	Florida
% HS graduate or higher	78.4%	89.6%
% bachelor's degree or higher	12.3%	33.2%

Other County Profiles
Criminal Justice County Profiles
School District Profiles

State and Local Taxation

2024	Hardee County	Not County-Wide*
County	8,3950	
School	5,2840	
Municipal		0,7303
Special Districts	0,1909	

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

State Infrastructure

Transportation	Hardee County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	94.7	12,189.9
Lane Miles	231.8	45,742.2
Conservation Land (land acres only)		
State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	10,948	5,689,323
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	100.0%	54.9%
% of Total Area Land	2.7%	16.6%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	0.2%	

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