

Lee County

Florida's 8th most populous county
with 3.6% of Florida's population



Population

Census Population	Lee County	Florida
1980 Census	205,266	9,746,961
1990 Census	335,113	12,938,071
2000 Census	440,888	15,982,824
2010 Census	618,754	18,801,332
2020 Census	760,822	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	23.0%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	17.4%	19.5%
% Aged 65 and over	29.1%	21.2%
% Median age	49.7	43.0
Gender		
% Male	48.8%	48.6%
% Female	51.2%	51.4%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	64.5%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	7.4%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.2%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	1.7%	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	3.0%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	22.8%	26.5%

Population Estimates

	Lee County	Florida
2021 Estimate	782,579	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	2.9%	1.7%
2022 Estimate	802,178	22,276,132
% change 2020-2022	5.4%	3.4%
2023 Estimate	800,989	22,634,867
% change 2020-2023	5.3%	5.1%
2024 Estimate	827,016	23,014,551
% change 2020-2024	8.7%	6.9%
Based on 2023 Estimate		
2025	835,889	23,292,200
2030	908,482	24,698,545
2035	964,371	25,814,954
2040	1,006,745	26,682,030
2045	1,042,449	27,409,376
2050	1,075,096	28,065,018

Population Characteristics

	Lee County	Florida
(% of total persons aged 5 and over)		
Speak only English	75.6%	69.9%
Speak a language other than English	24.4%	30.1%
Speak English "very well"	14.2%	18.0%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	17.9%	21.4%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	8.0%	7.7%

Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago	Lee County	Florida
Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	86.2%	86.0%
Different house in the U.S.	12.8%	13.0%
Same county in Florida	6.7%	6.9%
Different county in Florida	2.1%	3.1%
Different county in another state	4.1%	3.0%
Abroad	0.9%	1.0%

Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2017 Dollars)	Lee County	Florida
2017 GDP	31,283,529	1,014,866,863
Percent of the State	3.1%	
2018 GDP	32,564,768	1,050,433,812
Percent of the State	3.1%	
2019 GDP	33,346,800	1,084,913,903
Percent of the State	3.1%	
2020 GDP	33,175,327	1,069,758,799
Percent of the State	3.1%	
2021 GDP	35,989,626	1,170,526,307
Percent of the State	3.1%	
2022 GDP	38,800,253	1,239,883,625
Percent of the State	3.1%	
2023 GDP	40,416,750	1,292,787,615
Percent of the State	3.1%	

Population by Housing Type

	Lee County	Florida
Household Population	747,696	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.35	2.47
Group Quarters Population	13,126	464,583

Housing

Housing Counts	Lee County	Florida
Household units, 2020 Census	416,332	9,865,350
Occupied	318,303	8,529,067
Vacant	98,029	1,336,283

Building Permits

Units Permitted	Lee County	Florida
2000	9,120	155,269
2010	1,276	38,679
2020	10,673	164,074
2021	13,394	213,494
2022	13,621	211,962
2023	13,556	193,788

Density

Persons per square mile	Lee County	Florida
2000	548.6	296.4
2010	788.7	350.6
2020	974.2	401.4
2023	1,025.6	421.9
2024	1,058.9	429.0

Households and Family Households

Households	Lee County	Florida
Total households, 2000 Census	188,599	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	127,611	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	33.1%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	259,818	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	171,026	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	33.9%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.35	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	2.81	3.01
Total households, 2020 Census	318,303	8,529,067
Family households, 2020 Census	211,191	5,571,482
% with own children under 18	29.6%	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	Lee County	Florida
All industries	28,555	878,947
Natural Resource & Mining	122	5,771
Construction	4,640	82,738
Manufacturing	722	25,599
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	4,547	151,500
Information	461	19,752
Financial Activities	3,498	95,132
Professional & Business Services	6,506	226,936
Education & Health Services	2,726	100,498
Leisure and Hospitality	2,201	66,309
Other Services	2,048	59,548
Government	182	5,830

Establishments

% of All Industries	Lee County	Florida
All industries	28,555	878,947
Natural Resource & Mining	0.4%	0.7%
Construction	16.2%	9.4%
Manufacturing	2.5%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	15.9%	17.2%
Information	1.6%	2.2%
Financial Activities	12.3%	10.8%
Professional & Business Services	22.8%	25.8%
Education & Health Services	9.5%	11.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	7.7%	7.5%
Other Services	7.2%	6.8%
Government	0.6%	0.7%

Average Annual Employment

% of All Industries, 2023	Lee County	Florida
All industries	293,576	9,678,557
Natural Resource & Mining	0.5%	0.7%
Construction	13.6%	6.5%
Manufacturing	2.7%	4.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	19.6%	20.2%
Information	1.1%	1.6%
Financial Activities	4.9%	6.9%
Professional & Business Services	13.8%	16.7%
Education & Health Services	11.4%	15.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	13.9%	13.4%
Other Services	3.2%	3.0%
Government	15.2%	11.2%

Average Annual Wage

2023	Lee County	Florida
All industries	\$59,832	\$66,446
Natural Resource & Mining	\$47,107	\$46,398
Construction	\$62,782	\$66,902
Manufacturing	\$68,534	\$78,331
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$50,569	\$59,161
Information	\$81,824	\$112,704
Financial Activities	\$89,221	\$101,130
Professional & Business Services	\$73,545	\$83,076
Education & Health Services	\$63,760	\$63,868
Leisure and Hospitality	\$32,558	\$35,528
Other Services	\$45,879	\$49,293
Government	\$69,431	\$67,715

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

Labor Force as Percent of Population

Aged 18 and Older	Lee County	Florida
2000	58.6%	63.7%
2010	56.4%	61.8%
2020	54.8%	58.1%
2021	56.1%	59.1%
2022	56.1%	59.8%
2023	57.4%	60.4%

Unemployment Rate	Lee County	Florida
2000	3.2%	3.7%
2010	12.1%	10.8%
2020	7.7%	8.1%
2021	4.3%	4.7%
2022	3.3%	3.0%
2023	3.2%	2.9%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)	Lee County	Florida
2000	\$12,731,525	\$471,588,082
2010	\$24,495,250	\$730,690,145
% change 2000-2010	92.4%	54.9%
2020	\$44,892,746	\$1,220,782,745
% change 2010-2020	83.3%	67.1%
2021	\$48,461,488	\$1,358,786,260
% change 2020-2021	7.9%	11.3%
2022	\$50,584,954	\$1,436,107,237
% change 2021-2022	4.4%	5.7%
2023	\$54,979,729	\$1,553,426,399
% change 2022-2023	8.7%	8.2%

Per Capita Personal Income	Lee County	Florida
2000	\$28,655	\$29,387
2010	\$39,510	\$38,778
% change 2000-2010	37.9%	32.0%
2020	\$58,641	\$56,540
% change 2010-2020	48.4%	45.8%
2021	\$61,275	\$62,242
% change 2020-2021	4.5%	10.1%
2022	\$61,510	\$64,557
% change 2021-2022	0.4%	3.7%
2023	\$65,878	\$68,703
% change 2022-2023	7.1%	6.4%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)

	Lee County	Florida
2000	\$7,005,480	\$308,751,767
2010	\$12,758,789	\$439,036,383
% change 2000-2010	82.1%	42.2%
2020	\$20,786,946	\$684,270,758
% change 2010-2020	62.9%	55.9%
2021	\$22,991,620	\$771,654,020
% change 2020-2021	10.6%	12.8%
2022	\$25,342,920	\$841,921,275
% change 2021-2022	10.2%	9.1%
2023	\$27,374,854	\$908,440,362
% change 2022-2023	8.0%	7.9%

Median Income	Lee County	Florida
Median Household Income	\$73,099	\$71,711
Median Family Income	\$86,023	\$86,127

Percent in Poverty, 2023	Lee County	Florida
All ages in poverty	12.1%	12.4%
Under age 18 in poverty	17.3%	16.0%
Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	16.2%	15.3%

Workers Aged 16 and Over

	Lee County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida		
Worked outside county of residence	10.2%	17.2%
Travel Time to Work		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	28.4	28.0

Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)	Lee County	Florida
12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2022	0.94	1.14
12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2023	1.00	1.16
State Rank	23	NA

NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2021-22	Lee County	Florida*	Expenditures 2021-22	Lee County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$3,953,948.1	\$100,987,094.3	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$3,569,194.28	\$87,375,419.16
Per Capita \$	\$4,929.02	\$4,753.99	Per Capita \$	\$4,449.38	\$4,113.22
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
General Government Taxes (\$000s)	\$539,266.7	\$38,773,224.6	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$2,103,351.37	\$36,715,485.34
Per Capita \$	\$672.25	\$1,825.26	Per Capita \$	\$2,622.05	\$1,728.39
% of Total	13.6%	38.4%	% of Total	58.9%	42.0%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$115,264.4	\$4,209,936.0	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$373,956.60	\$13,363,472.90
Per Capita \$	\$143.69	\$198.18	Per Capita \$	\$466.18	\$629.09
% of Total	2.9%	4.2%	% of Total	10.5%	15.3%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$276,426.5	\$8,275,034.7	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$289,054.85	\$5,823,076.34
Per Capita \$	\$344.60	\$389.55	Per Capita \$	\$360.34	\$274.12
% of Total	7.0%	8.2%	% of Total	8.1%	6.7%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$708,413.8	\$25,774,652.2	Transportation (\$000s)	\$355,992.06	\$6,146,973.86
Per Capita \$	\$883.11	\$1,213.35	Per Capita \$	\$443.78	\$289.37
% of Total	17.9%	25.5%	% of Total	10.0%	7.0%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$6,633.6	\$2,289,306.5	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$39,540.20	\$2,095,127.71
Per Capita \$	\$8.27	\$107.77	Per Capita \$	\$49.29	\$98.63
% of Total	0.2%	2.3%	% of Total	1.1%	2.4%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$1,699,007.6	\$8,397,909.0	Human Services (\$000s)	\$25,825.58	\$4,845,695.64
Per Capita \$	\$2,117.99	\$395.33	Per Capita \$	\$32.19	\$228.11
% of Total	43.0%	8.3%	% of Total	0.7%	5.5%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$608,935.4	\$13,267,031.3	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$93,055.25	\$2,101,309.57
Per Capita \$	\$759.10	\$624.55	Per Capita \$	\$116.00	\$98.92
% of Total	15.4%	13.1%	% of Total	2.6%	2.4%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$245,255.99	\$12,196,205.02
			Per Capita \$	\$305.74	\$574.14
			% of Total	6.9%	14.0%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$43,162.39	\$4,088,072.79
			Per Capita \$	\$53.81	\$192.45
			% of Total	1.2%	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	Lee County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	1,361.5	2,158.0
Admissions to prison FY 2023-24	688	27,227
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2023-24	83.2	118.3

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	Lee County	Florida
Under 65 years	82.9%	86.1%
Under 19 years	90.1%	92.7%
18 to 64 years	80.6%	83.8%

Education

Public Education Schools Traditional Setting (2023-24)	Lee County School District	Florida
Total (state total includes special districts)	111	3,787
Elementary	51	1,877
Middle	18	565
Senior High	28	729
Combination	14	616

Educational attainment Persons aged 25 and older	Lee County	Florida
% HS graduate or higher	90.4%	89.6%
% bachelor's degree or higher	30.8%	33.2%

Other County Profiles
Criminal Justice County Profiles
School District Profiles

State and Local Taxation

2024	Lee County	Not County-Wide*
County	3,7623	0.8911
School	5,2860	
Municipal		2,0545
Special Districts	0,2895	1,7472

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

State Infrastructure

Transportation	Lee County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	172.3	12,189.9
Lane Miles	837.3	45,742.2
Conservation Land (land acres only)		
State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	51,756	5,689,323
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	52.2%	54.9%
% of Total Area Land	10.3%	16.6%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	0.9%	

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