

# Okeechobee County

Florida's 47th most populous county  
with 0.2% of Florida's population



## Population

Census Population	Okeechobee County	Florida
1980 Census	20,264	9,746,961
1990 Census	29,627	12,938,071
2000 Census	35,910	15,982,824
2010 Census	39,996	18,801,332
2020 Census	39,644	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	-0.9%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	22.0%	19.5%
% Aged 65 and over	20.7%	21.2%
% Median age	42.2	43.0
Gender		
% Male	53.1%	48.6%
% Female	46.9%	51.4%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	62.2%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	8.4%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.7%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	0.8%	2.9%
% Not Hispanic-Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%
% Not Hispanic-Some Other Race	0.4%	0.6%
% Not Hispanic-Two or More Races	2.6%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	24.9%	26.5%

## Population Estimates

	Okeechobee County	Florida
2021 Estimate	39,148	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	-1.3%	1.7%
2022 Estimate	39,385	22,276,132
% change 2020-2022	-0.7%	3.4%
2023 Estimate	39,591	22,634,867
% change 2020-2023	-0.1%	5.1%
2024 Estimate	40,230	23,014,551
% change 2020-2024	1.5%	6.9%
Based on 2023 Estimate		
2025	39,762	23,292,200
2030	40,043	24,698,545
2035	40,282	25,814,954
2040	40,467	26,682,030
2045	40,620	27,409,376
2050	40,763	28,065,018

## Population Characteristics

	Okeechobee County	Florida
(% of total persons aged 5 and over)		
Speak only English	78.3%	69.9%
Speak a language other than English	21.7%	30.1%
Speak English "very well"	14.1%	18.0%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	12.4%	21.4%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	9.0%	7.7%

## Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago	Okeechobee County	Florida
Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	86.5%	86.0%
Different house in the U.S.	12.8%	13.0%
Same county in Florida	4.4%	6.9%
Different county in Florida	6.6%	3.1%
Different county in another state	1.8%	3.0%
Abroad	0.7%	1.0%

## Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2017 Dollars)	Okeechobee County	Florida
2017 GDP	1,253,574	1,014,866,863
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2018 GDP	1,152,401	1,050,433,812
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2019 GDP	1,547,145	1,084,913,903
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2020 GDP	1,659,922	1,069,758,799
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2021 GDP	1,693,367	1,170,526,307
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2022 GDP	1,870,262	1,239,883,625
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2023 GDP	2,123,213	1,292,787,615
Percent of the State	0.2%	

## Population by Housing Type

	Okeechobee County	Florida
Household Population	37,010	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.56	2.47
Group Quarters Population	2,634	464,583

## Housing

Housing Counts	Okeechobee County	Florida
Household units, 2020 Census	18,484	9,865,350
Occupied	14,433	8,529,067
Vacant	4,051	1,336,283

## Building Permits

Units Permitted	Okeechobee County	Florida
2000	131	155,269
2010	48	38,679
2020	15	164,074
2021	13	213,494
2022	26	211,962
2023	9	193,788

## Density

Persons per square mile	Okeechobee County	Florida
2000	46.4	296.4
2010	52.0	350.6
2020	51.5	401.4
2023	51.5	421.9
2024	52.3	429.0

## Households and Family Households

	Okeechobee County	Florida
Households		
Total households, 2000 Census	12,593	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	9,022	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	42.4%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	14,013	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	9,632	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	40.5%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.68	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	3.13	3.01
Total households, 2020 Census	14,433	8,529,067
Family households, 2020 Census	9,595	5,571,482
% with own children under 18	36.8%	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	Okeechobee County	Florida	Establishments % of All Industries	Okeechobee County	Florida
All industries	1,103	878,947	All industries	1,103	878,947
Natural Resource & Mining	83	5,771	Natural Resource & Mining	7.5%	0.7%
Construction	160	82,738	Construction	14.5%	9.4%
Manufacturing	23	25,599	Manufacturing	2.1%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	224	151,500	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	20.3%	17.2%
Information	12	19,752	Information	1.1%	2.2%
Financial Activities	76	95,132	Financial Activities	6.9%	10.8%
Professional & Business Services	156	226,936	Professional & Business Services	14.1%	25.8%
Education & Health Services	124	100,498	Education & Health Services	11.2%	11.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	87	66,309	Leisure and Hospitality	7.9%	7.5%
Other Services	86	59,548	Other Services	7.8%	6.8%
Government	34	5,830	Government	3.1%	0.7%

Average Annual Employment % of All Industries, 2023	Okeechobee County	Florida	Average Annual Wage 2023	Okeechobee County	Florida
All industries	11,995	9,678,557	All industries	\$46,920	\$66,446
Natural Resource & Mining	7.4%	0.7%	Natural Resource & Mining	\$43,914	\$46,398
Construction	6.9%	6.5%	Construction	\$48,809	\$66,902
Manufacturing	3.2%	4.4%	Manufacturing	\$60,357	\$78,331
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	20.8%	20.2%	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$41,138	\$59,161
Information	0.3%	1.6%	Information	\$48,929	\$112,704
Financial Activities	3.0%	6.9%	Financial Activities	\$49,056	\$101,130
Professional & Business Services	13.7%	16.7%	Professional & Business Services	\$46,610	\$83,076
Education & Health Services	15.2%	15.1%	Education & Health Services	\$52,472	\$63,868
Leisure and Hospitality	10.3%	13.4%	Leisure and Hospitality	\$29,003	\$35,528
Other Services	3.2%	3.0%	Other Services	\$39,564	\$49,293
Government	15.6%	11.2%	Government	\$60,311	\$67,715

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

Labor Force as Percent of Population Aged 18 and Older	Okeechobee County	Florida	Unemployment Rate	Okeechobee County	Florida
2000	58.3%	63.7%	2000	5.4%	3.7%
2010	59.0%	61.8%	2010	12.2%	10.8%
2020	55.1%	58.1%	2020	5.7%	8.1%
2021	56.9%	59.1%	2021	4.3%	4.7%
2022	57.1%	59.8%	2022	3.2%	3.0%
2023	58.4%	60.4%	2023	3.2%	2.9%

**Income and Financial Health**

Personal Income (\$000s)	Okeechobee	Florida	Per Capita Personal Income	Okeechobee	Florida
2000	\$638,219	\$471,588,082	2000	\$17,769	\$29,387
2010	\$1,001,305	\$730,690,145	2010	\$25,063	\$38,778
% change 2000-2010	56.9%	54.9%	% change 2000-2010	41.0%	32.0%
2020	\$1,415,782	\$1,220,782,745	2020	\$35,705	\$56,540
% change 2010-2020	41.4%	67.1%	% change 2010-2020	42.5%	45.8%
2021	\$1,582,026	\$1,358,786,260	2021	\$39,520	\$62,242
% change 2020-2021	11.7%	11.3%	% change 2020-2021	10.7%	10.1%
2022	\$1,624,784	\$1,436,107,237	2022	\$40,244	\$64,557
% change 2021-2022	2.7%	5.7%	% change 2021-2022	1.8%	3.7%
2023	\$1,769,019	\$1,553,426,399	2023	\$42,702	\$68,703
% change 2022-2023	8.9%	8.2%	% change 2022-2023	6.1%	6.4%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)	Okeechobee	Florida	Median Income	Okeechobee	Florida
2000	\$350,259	\$308,751,767	Median Household Income	\$52,288	\$71,711
2010	\$512,361	\$439,036,383	Median Family Income	\$60,527	\$86,127
% change 2000-2010	46.3%	42.2%			
2020	\$736,510	\$684,270,758			
% change 2010-2020	43.7%	55.9%			
2021	\$773,612	\$771,654,020			
% change 2020-2021	5.0%	12.8%			
2022	\$826,681	\$841,921,275			
% change 2021-2022	6.9%	9.1%			
2023	\$913,190	\$908,440,362			
% change 2022-2023	10.5%	7.9%			

Workers Aged 16 and Over	Okeechobee County	Florida	Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)	Okeechobee County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida			12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2022	1.19	1.14
Worked outside county of residence	23.0%	17.2%	12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2023	1.69	1.16
Travel Time to Work			State Rank	2	NA
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	26.0	28.0			

NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2021-22	Okeechobee County	Florida*	Expenditures 2021-22	Okeechobee County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$145,956.1	\$100,987,094.3	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$132,430.59	\$87,375,419.16
Per Capita \$	\$3,705.88	\$4,753.99	Per Capita \$	\$3,362.46	\$4,113.22
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
General Government Taxes (\$000s)	\$34,855.2	\$38,773,224.6	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$14,163.74	\$36,715,485.34
Per Capita \$	\$884.99	\$1,825.26	Per Capita \$	\$359.62	\$1,728.39
% of Total	23.9%	38.4%	% of Total	10.7%	42.0%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$10,571.4	\$4,209,936.0	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$42,973.08	\$13,363,472.90
Per Capita \$	\$268.41	\$198.18	Per Capita \$	\$1,091.10	\$629.09
% of Total	7.2%	4.2%	% of Total	32.4%	15.3%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$25,849.9	\$8,275,034.7	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$3,266.31	\$5,823,076.34
Per Capita \$	\$656.34	\$389.55	Per Capita \$	\$82.93	\$274.12
% of Total	17.7%	8.2%	% of Total	2.5%	6.7%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$8,725.1	\$25,774,652.2	Transportation (\$000s)	\$10,102.72	\$6,146,973.86
Per Capita \$	\$221.53	\$1,213.35	Per Capita \$	\$256.51	\$289.37
% of Total	6.0%	25.5%	% of Total	7.6%	7.0%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$291.5	\$2,289,306.5	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$984.96	\$2,095,127.71
Per Capita \$	\$7.40	\$107.77	Per Capita \$	\$25.01	\$98.63
% of Total	0.2%	2.3%	% of Total	0.7%	2.4%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$57,090.9	\$8,397,909.0	Human Services (\$000s)	\$2,569.03	\$4,845,695.64
Per Capita \$	\$1,449.56	\$395.33	Per Capita \$	\$65.23	\$228.11
% of Total	39.1%	8.3%	% of Total	1.9%	5.5%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$8,572.1	\$13,267,031.3	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$2,552.82	\$2,101,309.57
Per Capita \$	\$217.65	\$624.55	Per Capita \$	\$64.82	\$98.92
% of Total	5.9%	13.1%	% of Total	1.9%	2.4%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$1,555.11	\$12,196,205.02
			Per Capita \$	\$39.48	\$574.14
			% of Total	1.2%	14.0%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$54,262.83	\$4,088,072.79
			Per Capita \$	\$1,377.75	\$192.45
			% of Total	41.0%	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

	Okeechobee County	Florida
<b>Crime</b>		
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	2,956.4	2,158.0
Admissions to prison FY 2023-24	127	27,227
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2023-24	315.7	118.3

Health Insurance Status

	Okeechobee County	Florida
<b>Percent Insured by Age Group</b>		
Under 65 years	82.5%	86.1%
Under 19 years	91.8%	92.7%
18 to 64 years	78.8%	83.8%

Education

	Okeechobee County School District	Florida
<b>Public Education Schools Traditional Setting (2023-24)</b>		
Total (state total includes special districts)	9	3,787
Elementary	5	1,877
Middle	2	565
Senior High	1	729
Combination	1	616

	Okeechobee County	Florida
<b>Educational attainment</b>		
<b>Persons aged 25 and older</b>		
% HS graduate or higher	80.0%	89.6%
% bachelor's degree or higher	16.1%	33.2%

**Other County Profiles**  
 Criminal Justice County Profiles  
 School District Profiles

State and Local Taxation

2024	Okeechobee County	County-Wide	Not County-Wide*
County		7,9000	
School		5,3440	
Municipal			0,7221
Special Districts		0,3000	0,2362

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

State Infrastructure

	Okeechobee County	Florida
<b>Transportation</b>		
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	103.5	12,189.9
Lane Miles	256.5	45,742.2
<b>Conservation Land (land acres only)</b>		
State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	101,705	5,689,323
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	82.6%	54.9%
% of Total Area Land	20.7%	16.6%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	1.8%	

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