

Sarasota County

Florida's 14th most populous county

with 2.1% of Florida's population



Population

Census Population	Sarasota County	Florida
1980 Census	202,251	9,746,961
1990 Census	277,776	12,938,071
2000 Census	325,961	15,982,824
2010 Census	379,448	18,801,332
2020 Census	434,006	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	14.4%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	13.7%	19.5%
% Aged 65 and over	37.6%	21.2%
% Median age	57.6	43.0
Gender		
% Male	47.7%	48.6%
% Female	52.3%	51.4%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	80.6%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	3.7%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.2%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	1.9%	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	3.2%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	10.0%	26.5%

Population Estimates

	Sarasota County	Florida
2021 Estimate	441,508	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	1.7%	1.7%
2022 Estimate	452,378	22,276,132
% change 2020-2022	4.2%	3.4%
2023 Estimate	464,223	22,634,867
% change 2020-2023	7.0%	5.1%
2024 Estimate	479,027	23,014,551
% change 2020-2024	10.4%	6.9%
2025 Estimate	487,640	23,379,261
% change 2020-2025	12.4%	8.5%
Based on 2025 Estimate		
2030	525,776	24,909,028
2035	555,816	26,074,611
2040	578,428	26,967,897
2045	596,028	27,664,885
2050	610,979	28,250,130

Population Characteristics

	Sarasota County	Florida
(% of total persons aged 5 and over)		
Speak only English	85.2%	69.4%
Speak a language other than English	14.8%	30.6%
Speak English "very well"	9.3%	18.1%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	13.0%	21.9%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	8.8%	7.4%

Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago	Sarasota County	Florida
Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	85.0%	86.3%
Different house in the U.S.	14.4%	12.6%
Same county in Florida	6.8%	6.6%
Different county in Florida	2.9%	3.1%
Different county in another state	4.7%	2.9%
Abroad	0.6%	1.1%

Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2017 Dollars)	Sarasota County	Florida
2017 GDP	20,195,020	1,014,866,863
Percent of the State	2.0%	
2018 GDP	21,289,883	1,050,433,812
Percent of the State	2.0%	
2019 GDP	22,084,521	1,084,913,903
Percent of the State	2.0%	
2020 GDP	22,426,330	1,072,481,562
Percent of the State	2.1%	
2021 GDP	23,559,445	1,172,655,328
Percent of the State	2.0%	
2022 GDP	25,555,591	1,245,927,559
Percent of the State	2.1%	
2023 GDP	26,976,477	1,309,392,241
Percent of the State	2.1%	
2024 GDP	27,981,018	1,352,275,106
Percent of the State	2.1%	

Population by Housing Type

	Sarasota County	Florida
Household Population	426,047	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.13	2.47
Group Quarters Population	7,959	464,583

Housing

Housing Counts	Sarasota County	Florida
Housing units, 2020 Census	253,231	9,865,350
Occupied	200,211	8,529,067
Vacant	53,020	1,336,283

Building Permits

Units Permitted	Sarasota County	Florida
2000	3,658	155,269
2010	708	38,679
2020	4,437	164,074
2021	7,805	213,494
2022	7,323	211,962
2023	7,822	193,788
2024	7,466	173,326
2025	6,627	178,297

Population Density

Persons per square mile	Sarasota County	Florida
2000	570.3	296.4
2010	682.6	350.6
2020	780.6	401.4
2025	877.1	435.8

Households and Family Households

Households	Sarasota County	Florida
Total households, 2000 Census	149,940	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	94,528	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	29.0%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	175,746	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	106,952	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	28.1%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.13	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	2.64	3.01
Total households, 2020 Census	200,211	8,529,067
Family households, 2020 Census	123,563	5,571,482
% with own children under 18	23.8%	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 (CCR).

Employment and Labor Force

Establishments 2024	Sarasota County		Florida		Establishments % of All Industries	Sarasota County		Florida	
All industries	21,209		881,780		All industries	21,209		881,780	
Natural Resource & Mining	55		5,872		Natural Resource & Mining	0.3%		0.7%	
Construction	2,576		84,932		Construction	12.1%		9.6%	
Manufacturing	647		26,842		Manufacturing	3.1%		3.0%	
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	3,105		151,230		Trade, Transportation and Utilities	14.6%		17.2%	
Information	481		20,233		Information	2.3%		2.3%	
Financial Activities	2,734		95,614		Financial Activities	12.9%		10.8%	
Professional & Business Services	5,511		225,541		Professional & Business Services	26.0%		25.6%	
Education & Health Services	2,450		104,515		Education & Health Services	11.6%		11.9%	
Leisure and Hospitality	1,534		68,016		Leisure and Hospitality	7.2%		7.7%	
Other Services	1,590		60,954		Other Services	7.5%		6.9%	
Government	98		5,886		Government	0.5%		0.7%	

Average Annual Employment % of All Industries, 2024	Sarasota County		Florida		Average Annual Wage 2024	Sarasota County		Florida	
All industries	190,083		9,837,263		All industries	\$65,135		\$69,492	
Natural Resource & Mining	0.1%		0.7%		Natural Resource & Mining	\$87,009		\$49,698	
Construction	9.7%		6.6%		Construction	\$68,484		\$70,271	
Manufacturing	4.7%		4.3%		Manufacturing	\$73,321		\$81,956	
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	17.5%		20.1%		Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$52,503		\$61,291	
Information	1.2%		1.6%		Information	\$144,738		\$121,266	
Financial Activities	5.5%		6.9%		Financial Activities	\$102,376		\$108,740	
Professional & Business Services	13.8%		16.5%		Professional & Business Services	\$85,099		\$87,036	
Education & Health Services	21.0%		15.5%		Education & Health Services	\$66,072		\$66,009	
Leisure and Hospitality	14.5%		13.4%		Leisure and Hospitality	\$35,125		\$37,261	
Other Services	3.7%		3.0%		Other Services	\$47,152		\$51,306	
Government	8.1%		11.3%		Government	\$71,314		\$71,045	

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

Labor Force as Percent of Population Aged 18 and Older	Sarasota County		Florida		Unemployment Rate	Sarasota County		Florida	
2000	55.0%		64.1%		2000	3.2%		3.7%	
2010	52.4%		62.5%		2010	11.7%		11.3%	
2020	47.3%		58.0%		2020	7.3%		8.0%	
2021	48.5%		59.0%		2021	4.1%		4.7%	
2022	48.7%		59.8%		2022	3.1%		3.0%	
2023	49.4%		60.6%		2023	3.1%		2.9%	
2024	49.5%		60.1%		2024	3.6%		3.4%	
2025	48.8%		59.2%		2025	4.3%		3.9%	

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

Personal Income (\$000s)	Sarasota County		Florida		Per Capita Personal Income	Sarasota County		Florida	
2000	\$13,023,120		\$471,588,082		2000	\$39,806		\$29,387	
2010	\$17,329,847		\$730,690,145		2010	\$45,635		\$38,779	
% change 2000-2010	33.1%		54.9%		% change 2000-2010	14.6%		32.0%	
2020	\$32,190,666		\$1,222,053,372		2020	\$73,788		\$56,597	
% change 2010-2020	85.8%		67.2%		% change 2010-2020	61.7%		45.9%	
2021	\$36,130,027		\$1,367,061,863		2021	\$80,516		\$62,617	
% change 2020-2021	12.2%		11.9%		% change 2020-2021	9.1%		10.6%	
2022	\$37,917,444		\$1,464,251,012		2022	\$81,707		\$65,429	
% change 2021-2022	4.9%		7.1%		% change 2021-2022	1.5%		4.5%	
2023	\$42,323,233		\$1,604,650,325		2023	\$89,653		\$70,057	
% change 2022-2023	11.6%		9.6%		% change 2022-2023	9.7%		7.1%	
2024	\$44,847,781		\$1,706,305,733		2024	\$94,099		\$73,006	
% change 2023-2024	6.0%		6.3%		% change 2023-2024	5.0%		4.2%	

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)	Sarasota County		Florida		Median Income	Sarasota County		Florida	
2000	\$5,932,296		\$308,751,767		Median Household Income	\$83,416		\$74,568	
2010	\$7,765,963		\$439,036,383		Median Family Income	\$102,230		\$89,891	
% change 2000-2010	30.9%		42.2%		Percent in Poverty, 2024				
2020	\$13,461,036		\$684,772,318		All ages in poverty	8.6%		12.1%	
% change 2010-2020	73.3%		56.0%		Under age 18 in poverty	11.6%		15.7%	
2021	\$15,345,219		\$771,994,702		Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	11.2%		14.8%	
% change 2020-2021	14.0%		12.7%						
2022	\$16,776,320		\$845,179,676						
% change 2021-2022	9.3%		9.5%						
2023	\$18,135,696		\$915,351,168						
% change 2022-2023	8.1%		8.3%						
2024	\$19,413,241		\$972,525,321						
% change 2023-2024	7.0%		6.2%						

Workers Aged 16 and Over	Sarasota County		Florida		Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)	Sarasota County		Florida	
Place of Work in Florida					12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2024	0.85		1.46	
Worked outside county of residence	13.5%		17.0%		12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2025	1.05		1.71	
Travel Time to Work					State Rank	43		NA	
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	24.5		28.0						

NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13

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

Revenue 2022-23	Sarasota County	Florida*	Expenditures 2022-23	Sarasota County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$3,147,857.6	\$117,776,640.6	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$2,960,809.90	\$110,894,156.90
Per Capita \$	\$6,780.92	\$5,456.77	Per Capita \$	\$6,377.99	\$5,137.89
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
General Government Taxes (\$000s)	\$452,295.2	\$48,947,738.5	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$194,355.25	\$56,597,761.19
Per Capita \$	\$974.31	\$2,267.82	Per Capita \$	\$418.67	\$2,622.26
% of Total	14.4%	41.6%	% of Total	6.6%	51.0%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$211,001.1	\$5,231,689.8	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$416,922.04	\$14,143,806.21
Per Capita \$	\$454.53	\$242.39	Per Capita \$	\$898.11	\$655.30
% of Total	6.7%	4.4%	% of Total	14.1%	12.8%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$148,503.7	\$8,250,822.1	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$204,206.64	\$6,602,230.32
Per Capita \$	\$319.90	\$382.27	Per Capita \$	\$439.89	\$305.89
% of Total	4.7%	7.0%	% of Total	6.9%	6.0%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$407,295.4	\$28,150,407.9	Transportation (\$000s)	\$95,664.43	\$6,383,904.27
Per Capita \$	\$877.37	\$1,304.25	Per Capita \$	\$206.07	\$295.78
% of Total	12.9%	23.9%	% of Total	3.2%	5.8%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$4,829.1	\$1,880,041.8	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$11,397.37	\$2,413,716.53
Per Capita \$	\$10.40	\$87.11	Per Capita \$	\$24.55	\$111.83
% of Total	0.2%	1.6%	% of Total	0.4%	2.2%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$1,688,894.0	\$12,799,887.1	Human Services (\$000s)	\$25,287.83	\$5,303,244.59
Per Capita \$	\$3,638.11	\$593.04	Per Capita \$	\$54.47	\$245.71
% of Total	53.7%	10.9%	% of Total	0.9%	4.8%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$235,039.0	\$12,516,053.5	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$65,125.07	\$2,195,932.65
Per Capita \$	\$506.31	\$579.89	Per Capita \$	\$140.29	\$101.74
% of Total	7.5%	10.6%	% of Total	2.2%	2.0%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$1,928,176.97	\$13,256,605.85
			Per Capita \$	\$4,153.56	\$614.20
			% of Total	65.1%	12.0%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$19,674.31	\$3,996,955.30
			Per Capita \$	\$42.38	\$185.18
			% of Total	0.7%	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	Sarasota County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	1,755.2	2,158.0
Admissions to prison FY 2024-25	657	27,171
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2024-25	134.7	116.2

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	Sarasota County	Florida
Under 65 years	86.9%	86.6%
Under 19 years	90.1%	92.7%
18 to 64 years	85.9%	84.5%

Education

Public Education Schools	Sarasota County	Florida
Traditional Setting (2025-26)	School District	Florida
Total (state total includes special districts)	56	3,796
Elementary	25	1,847
Middle	11	561
Senior High	10	736
Combination	10	652
Educational attainment	Sarasota County	Florida
Persons aged 25 and older		
% HS graduate or higher	94.8%	89.9%
% bachelor's degree or higher	40.8%	34.1%

State and Local Taxation

2025	Sarasota County	
	County-Wide	Not County-Wide*
County	3.2940	0.5717
School	6.0950	
Municipal		1.4373
Special Districts	1.3547	

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

State Infrastructure

Transportation	Sarasota County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	158.1	12,265.7
Lane Miles	720.6	46,013.4
Conservation Land (CL land acres only)		
State or Regionally Owned (includes partially-owned)	67,888	5,863,289
% of Total Conservation Land (including private)	56.5%	53.6%
% of Total Area Land	19.1%	17.1%
% of Florida State or Regionally Owned CL	1.2%	

Other County Profiles

Criminal Justice County Profiles
School District Profiles

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