

# St. Lucie County

Florida's 20th most populous county  
with 1.7% of Florida's population



## Population

Census Population	St. Lucie County	Florida
1980 Census	87,182	9,746,961
1990 Census	150,171	12,938,071
2000 Census	192,695	15,982,824
2010 Census	277,789	18,801,332
2020 Census	329,226	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	18.5%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	19.9%	19.5%
% Aged 65 and over	24.2%	21.2%
% Median age	45.9	43.0
Gender		
% Male	48.5%	48.6%
% Female	51.5%	51.4%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	53.6%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	19.6%	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	0.8%	0.6%
% Not Hispanic-Two or More Races	3.9%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	20.1%	26.5%

## Population Estimates

	St. Lucie County	Florida
2021 Estimate	340,060	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	3.3%	1.7%
2022 Estimate	350,518	22,276,132
% change 2020-2022	6.5%	3.4%
2023 Estimate	368,628	22,634,867
% change 2020-2023	12.0%	5.1%
2024 Estimate	385,746	23,014,551
% change 2020-2024	17.2%	6.9%
Based on 2023 Estimate		
2025	385,443	23,292,200
2030	423,946	24,698,545
2035	456,774	25,814,954
2040	484,158	26,682,030
2045	508,824	27,409,376
2050	530,684	28,065,018

## Population Characteristics

	St. Lucie County	Florida
(% of total persons aged 5 and over)		
Speak only English	76.2%	69.9%
Speak a language other than English	23.8%	30.1%
Speak English "very well"	15.6%	18.0%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	17.7%	21.4%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	9.3%	7.7%

## Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago	St. Lucie County	Florida
Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	89.4%	86.0%
Different house in the U.S.	10.1%	13.0%
Same county in Florida	4.3%	6.9%
Different county in Florida	3.8%	3.1%
Different county in another state	2.1%	3.0%
Abroad	0.5%	1.0%

## Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2017 Dollars)	St. Lucie County	Florida
2017 GDP	9,305,423	1,014,866,863
Percent of the State	0.9%	
2018 GDP	9,570,887	1,050,433,812
Percent of the State	0.9%	
2019 GDP	9,810,809	1,084,913,903
Percent of the State	0.9%	
2020 GDP	10,118,688	1,069,758,799
Percent of the State	0.9%	
2021 GDP	11,062,056	1,170,526,307
Percent of the State	0.9%	
2022 GDP	11,668,412	1,239,883,625
Percent of the State	0.9%	
2023 GDP	12,048,037	1,292,787,615
Percent of the State	0.9%	

## Population by Housing Type

	St. Lucie County	Florida
Household Population	326,316	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.53	2.47
Group Quarters Population	2,910	464,583

## Housing

Housing Counts	St. Lucie County	Florida
Household units, 2020 Census	147,884	9,865,350
Occupied	128,997	8,529,067
Vacant	18,887	1,336,283

## Building Permits

Units Permitted	St. Lucie County	Florida
2000	2,093	155,269
2010	293	38,679
2020	4,694	164,074
2021	7,461	213,494
2022	6,470	211,962
2023	5,193	193,788

## Density

Persons per square mile	St. Lucie County	Florida
2000	336.6	296.4
2010	485.7	350.6
2020	575.9	401.4
2023	644.8	421.9
2024	674.8	429.0

## Households and Family Households

	St. Lucie County	Florida
Households		
Total households, 2000 Census	76,933	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	54,258	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	37.3%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	108,523	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	74,963	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	38.4%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.53	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	2.99	3.01
Total households, 2020 Census	128,997	8,529,067
Family households, 2020 Census	88,835	5,571,482
% with own children under 18	33.6%	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	St. Lucie County	Florida
All industries	8,629	878,947
Natural Resource & Mining	52	5,771
Construction	1,302	82,738
Manufacturing	266	25,599
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	1,478	151,500
Information	116	19,752
Financial Activities	774	95,132
Professional & Business Services	1,795	226,936
Education & Health Services	1,216	100,498
Leisure and Hospitality	644	66,309
Other Services	616	59,548
Government	89	5,830

Establishments

% of All Industries	St. Lucie County	Florida
All industries	8.629	878.947
Natural Resource & Mining	0.6%	0.7%
Construction	15.1%	9.4%
Manufacturing	3.1%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	17.1%	17.2%
Information	1.3%	2.2%
Financial Activities	9.0%	10.8%
Professional & Business Services	20.8%	25.8%
Education & Health Services	14.1%	11.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	7.5%	7.5%
Other Services	7.1%	6.8%
Government	1.0%	0.7%

Average Annual Employment

% of All Industries, 2023	St. Lucie County	Florida
All industries	88,764	9,678,557
Natural Resource & Mining	0.6%	0.7%
Construction	7.8%	6.5%
Manufacturing	5.4%	4.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	23.2%	20.2%
Information	0.6%	1.6%
Financial Activities	3.1%	6.9%
Professional & Business Services	11.0%	16.7%
Education & Health Services	16.7%	15.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	12.2%	13.4%
Other Services	3.7%	3.0%
Government	15.3%	11.2%

Average Annual Wage

2023	St. Lucie County	Florida
All industries	\$51,336	\$66,446
Natural Resource & Mining	\$50,076	\$46,398
Construction	\$54,044	\$66,902
Manufacturing	\$59,801	\$78,331
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$47,094	\$59,161
Information	\$76,949	\$112,704
Financial Activities	\$62,028	\$101,130
Professional & Business Services	\$54,644	\$83,076
Education & Health Services	\$57,429	\$63,868
Leisure and Hospitality	\$28,481	\$35,528
Other Services	\$45,863	\$49,293
Government	\$60,917	\$67,715

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

Labor Force as Percent of Population

Aged 18 and Older	St. Lucie County	Florida
2000	58.6%	63.7%
2010	59.1%	61.8%
2020	55.6%	58.1%
2021	56.0%	59.1%
2022	55.3%	59.8%
2023	54.3%	60.4%

Unemployment Rate	St. Lucie County	Florida
2000	5.8%	3.7%
2010	13.3%	10.8%
2020	8.1%	8.1%
2021	5.0%	4.7%
2022	3.5%	3.0%
2023	3.5%	2.9%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)	St. Lucie County	Florida
2000	\$4,357,847	\$471,588,082
2010	\$8,571,125	\$730,690,145
% change 2000-2010	96.7%	54.9%
2020	\$15,030,766	\$1,220,782,745
% change 2010-2020	75.4%	67.1%
2021	\$17,387,975	\$1,358,786,260
% change 2020-2021	15.7%	11.3%
2022	\$18,301,604	\$1,436,107,237
% change 2021-2022	5.3%	5.7%
2023	\$20,488,368	\$1,553,426,399
% change 2022-2023	11.9%	8.2%

Per Capita Personal Income	St. Lucie County	Florida
2000	\$22,519	\$29,387
2010	\$30,812	\$38,778
% change 2000-2010	36.8%	32.0%
2020	\$45,350	\$56,540
% change 2010-2020	47.2%	45.8%
2021	\$50,510	\$62,242
% change 2020-2021	11.4%	10.1%
2022	\$50,996	\$64,557
% change 2021-2022	1.0%	3.7%
2023	\$54,842	\$68,703
% change 2022-2023	7.5%	6.4%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)

	St. Lucie County	Florida
2000	\$1,947,741	\$308,751,767
2010	\$3,497,858	\$439,036,383
% change 2000-2010	79.6%	42.2%
2020	\$5,560,449	\$684,270,758
% change 2010-2020	59.0%	55.9%
2021	\$6,211,886	\$771,654,020
% change 2020-2021	11.7%	12.8%
2022	\$6,647,587	\$841,921,275
% change 2021-2022	7.0%	9.1%
2023	\$7,137,903	\$908,440,362
% change 2022-2023	7.4%	7.9%

Median Income	St. Lucie County	Florida
Median Household Income	\$69,027	\$71,711
Median Family Income	\$79,218	\$86,127

Percent in Poverty, 2023

	St. Lucie County	Florida
All ages in poverty	10.4%	12.4%
Under age 18 in poverty	12.2%	16.0%
Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	11.4%	15.3%

Workers Aged 16 and Over

	St. Lucie County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida		
Worked outside county of residence	33.7%	17.2%
Travel Time to Work		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	28.5	28.0

Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)

	St. Lucie County	Florida
12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2022	1.38	1.14
12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2023	1.36	1.16
State Rank	6	NA

NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2021-22	St. Lucie County	Florida*	Expenditures 2021-22	St. Lucie County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$1,372,741.4	\$100,987,094.3	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$1,336,538.07	\$87,375,419.16
Per Capita \$	\$3,916.32	\$4,753.99	Per Capita \$	\$3,813.04	\$4,113.22
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
General Government Taxes (\$000s)	\$237,980.8	\$38,773,224.6	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$875,458.98	\$36,715,485.34
Per Capita \$	\$678.94	\$1,825.26	Per Capita \$	\$2,497.61	\$1,728.39
% of Total	17.3%	38.4%	% of Total	65.5%	42.0%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$794,470.8	\$4,209,936.0	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$135,776.93	\$13,363,472.90
Per Capita \$	\$2,266.56	\$198.18	Per Capita \$	\$387.36	\$629.09
% of Total	57.9%	4.2%	% of Total	10.2%	15.3%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$79,120.9	\$8,275,034.7	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$57,231.17	\$5,823,076.34
Per Capita \$	\$225.73	\$389.55	Per Capita \$	\$163.28	\$274.12
% of Total	5.8%	8.2%	% of Total	4.3%	6.7%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$102,027.8	\$25,774,652.2	Transportation (\$000s)	\$51,242.14	\$6,146,973.86
Per Capita \$	\$291.08	\$1,213.35	Per Capita \$	\$146.19	\$289.37
% of Total	7.4%	25.5%	% of Total	3.8%	7.0%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$2,424.8	\$2,289,306.5	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$9,937.28	\$2,095,127.71
Per Capita \$	\$6.92	\$107.77	Per Capita \$	\$28.35	\$98.63
% of Total	0.2%	2.3%	% of Total	0.7%	2.4%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$22,036.2	\$8,397,909.0	Human Services (\$000s)	\$20,041.38	\$4,845,695.64
Per Capita \$	\$62.87	\$395.33	Per Capita \$	\$57.18	\$228.11
% of Total	1.6%	8.3%	% of Total	1.5%	5.5%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$134,679.9	\$13,267,031.3	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$29,854.86	\$2,101,309.57
Per Capita \$	\$384.23	\$624.55	Per Capita \$	\$85.17	\$98.92
% of Total	9.8%	13.1%	% of Total	2.2%	2.4%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$94,679.65	\$12,196,205.02
			Per Capita \$	\$270.11	\$574.14
			% of Total	7.1%	14.0%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$62,315.69	\$4,088,072.79
			Per Capita \$	\$177.78	\$192.45
			% of Total	4.7%	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	St. Lucie County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	1,395.4	2,158.0
Admissions to prison FY 2023-24	586	27,227
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2023-24	151.9	118.3

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	St. Lucie County	Florida
Under 65 years	85.9%	86.1%
Under 19 years	92.4%	92.7%
18 to 64 years	83.6%	83.8%

Education

Public Education Schools Traditional Setting (2023-24)	St. Lucie County School District	Florida
Total (state total includes special districts)	46	3,787
Elementary	18	1,877
Middle	4	565
Senior High	11	729
Combination	13	616

Educational attainment Persons aged 25 and older	St. Lucie County	Florida
% HS graduate or higher	88.6%	89.6%
% bachelor's degree or higher	25.4%	33.2%

Other County Profiles  
Criminal Justice County Profiles  
School District Profiles

State and Local Taxation

2024	St. Lucie County	Not County-Wide*
County	7.0516	0.8527
School	6.2480	
Municipal		3.6539
Special Districts	3.6239	0.1311

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

State Infrastructure

Transportation	St. Lucie County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	166.4	12,189.9
Lane Miles	699.1	45,742.2
Conservation Land (land acres only)		
State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	19,912	5,689,323
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	65.0%	54.9%
% of Total Area Land	5.4%	16.6%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	0.3%	

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