

Columbia County

Florida's 41st most populous county
with 0.3% of Florida's population



Population

Census Population	Columbia County	Florida
1980 Census	35,399	9,746,961
1990 Census	42,613	12,938,071
2000 Census	56,513	15,982,824
2010 Census	67,531	18,801,332
2020 Census	69,698	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	3.2%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	21.4%	19.5%
% Aged 65 and over	20.6%	21.2%
% Median age	42.9	43.0
Gender		
% Male	51.1%	48.6%
% Female	48.9%	51.4%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	70.4%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	16.4%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	1.2%	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	3.8%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	7.3%	26.5%

Population Estimates

	Columbia County	Florida
2021 Estimate	69,809	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	0.2%	1.7%
2022 Estimate	71,525	22,276,132
% change 2020-2022	2.6%	3.4%
2023 Estimate	72,191	22,634,867
% change 2020-2023	3.6%	5.1%
Based on 2023 Estimate		
2025	73,279	23,292,200
2030	75,377	24,698,545
2035	77,145	25,814,954
2040	78,598	26,682,030
2045	79,787	27,409,376
2050	80,852	28,065,018

Population Characteristics

	Columbia County	Florida
Language Spoken at home (% of total persons aged 5 and over)		
Speak only English	93.7%	70.1%
Speak a language other than English	6.3%	29.9%
Speak English "very well"	4.2%	18.1%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	3.8%	21.1%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	11.7%	7.9%

Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago	Columbia County	Florida
Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	80.1%	85.6%
Different house in the U.S.	19.6%	13.5%
Same county in Florida	9.7%	7.4%
Different county in Florida	7.3%	3.1%
Different county in another state	2.7%	3.0%
Abroad	0.3%	0.9%

Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2017 Dollars)	Columbia County	Florida
2017 GDP	2,136,953	1,014,866,863
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2018 GDP	2,223,072	1,050,433,812
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2019 GDP	2,297,452	1,079,271,045
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2020 GDP	2,342,595	1,068,377,540
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2021 GDP	2,341,993	1,164,778,182
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2022 GDP	2,332,181	1,218,430,197
Percent of the State	0.2%	

Population by Housing Type

	Columbia County	Florida
Household Population	66,097	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.50	2.47
Group Quarters Population	3,601	464,583

Housing

Housing Counts	Columbia County	Florida
Housing units, 2020 Census	29,775	9,865,350
Occupied	26,424	8,529,067
Vacant	3,351	1,336,283

Building Permits

Units Permitted	Columbia County	Florida
2000	289	155,269
2010	84	38,679
2020	194	164,074
2021	258	213,494
2022	211	211,962
2023	182	193,788

Density

Persons per square mile	Columbia County	Florida
2000	70.9	296.4
2010	84.7	350.6
2020	87.4	401.4
2023	90.5	421.9

Households and Family Households

Households	Columbia County	Florida
Total households, 2000 Census	20,925	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	14,919	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	45.1%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	24,941	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	17,122	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	39.4%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.52	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	3.00	3.01
Total households, 2020 Census	26,424	8,529,067
Family households, 2020 Census	17,554	5,571,482
% with own children under 18	35.9%	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			Establishments		
2023, preliminary	Columbia County	Florida	% of All Industries, 2023, preliminary	Columbia County	Florida
All industries	18,330	878,638	All industries	18,330	878,638
Natural Resource & Mining	108	5,768	Natural Resource & Mining	0.6%	0.7%
Construction	2,512	82,713	Construction	13.7%	9.4%
Manufacturing	405	25,594	Manufacturing	2.2%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	2,591	151,461	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	14.1%	17.2%
Information	276	19,747	Information	1.5%	2.2%
Financial Activities	2,639	95,110	Financial Activities	14.4%	10.8%
Professional & Business Services	4,625	226,854	Professional & Business Services	25.2%	25.8%
Education & Health Services	1,715	100,471	Education & Health Services	9.4%	11.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	1,347	66,292	Leisure and Hospitality	7.3%	7.5%
Other Services	1,449	59,538	Other Services	7.9%	6.8%
Government	81	5,831	Government	0.4%	0.7%

Average Annual Employment			Average Annual Wage		
% of All Industries, 2023, preliminary	Columbia County	Florida	2023, preliminary	Columbia County	Florida
All industries	24,578	9,680,249	All industries	\$49,445	\$66,443
Natural Resource & Mining	0.9%	0.7%	Natural Resource & Mining	\$48,681	\$46,399
Construction	4.7%	6.5%	Construction	\$50,189	\$66,905
Manufacturing	9.0%	4.3%	Manufacturing	\$61,501	\$78,331
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	22.6%	20.2%	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$45,968	\$59,165
Information	0.3%	1.6%	Information	\$49,781	\$112,706
Financial Activities	3.0%	7.0%	Financial Activities	\$74,262	\$100,986
Professional & Business Services	8.6%	16.7%	Professional & Business Services	\$56,419	\$83,076
Education & Health Services	15.5%	15.1%	Education & Health Services	\$47,360	\$63,872
Leisure and Hospitality	11.9%	13.4%	Leisure and Hospitality	\$23,080	\$35,532
Other Services	2.1%	3.0%	Other Services	\$33,429	\$49,297
Government	21.3%	11.2%	Government	\$59,595	\$67,715

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

Labor Force as Percent of Population			Unemployment Rate		
Aged 18 and Older	Columbia County	Florida		Columbia County	Florida
2000	60.9%	63.7%	2000	3.9%	3.7%
2010	54.5%	61.8%	2010	10.5%	10.8%
2020	52.8%	58.5%	2020	6.3%	8.1%
2021	53.4%	59.1%	2021	4.6%	4.7%
2022	51.7%	59.8%	2022	3.3%	3.0%
2023	51.8%	60.5%	2023	3.4%	2.9%

Personal Income (\$000s)			Income and Financial Health		
	Columbia County	Florida	Per Capita Personal Income	Columbia County	Florida
2000	\$1,095,134	\$471,588,082	2000	\$19,359	\$29,387
2010	\$1,930,748	\$730,690,145	2010	\$28,606	\$38,778
% change 2000-2010	76.3%	54.9%	% change 2000-2010	47.8%	32.0%
2020	\$2,786,225	\$1,221,121,559	2020	\$39,953	\$56,561
% change 2010-2020	44.3%	67.1%	% change 2010-2020	39.7%	45.9%
2021	\$3,075,087	\$1,376,879,460	2021	\$43,991	\$63,078
% change 2020-2021	10.4%	12.8%	% change 2020-2021	10.1%	11.5%
2022	\$3,105,848	\$1,441,598,918	2022	\$43,192	\$64,806
% change 2021-2022	1.0%	4.7%	% change 2021-2022	-1.8%	2.7%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)			Median Income		
	Columbia County	Florida	Median Household Income	Columbia County	Florida
2000	\$712,287	\$308,751,767	2000	\$53,501	\$67,917
2010	\$1,086,883	\$439,036,383	Median Family Income	\$70,757	\$81,514
% change 2000-2010	52.6%	42.2%			
2020	\$1,522,541	\$683,698,267			
% change 2010-2020	40.1%	55.7%			
2021	\$1,603,459	\$768,399,192			
% change 2020-2021	5.3%	12.4%			
2022	\$1,718,779	\$844,048,879			
% change 2021-2022	7.2%	9.8%			

Workers Aged 16 and Over			Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate		
	Columbia County	Florida	(per 1,000 population)	Columbia County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida			12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2022	0.67	1.14
Worked outside county of residence	27.6%	17.3%	12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2023	0.80	1.16
Travel Time to Work			State Rank	39	NA
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.3	27.9			

NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2020-21	Columbia County	Florida*	Expenditures 2020-21	Columbia County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$129,167.4	\$81,512,347.2	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$134,981.59	\$77,064,319.71
Per Capita \$	\$1,850.30	\$3,903.45	Per Capita \$	\$1,933.58	\$3,690.44
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
Taxes (\$000s)	\$41,120.5	\$28,700,395.9	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$10,838.85	\$30,930,327.83
Per Capita \$	\$589.04	\$1,374.40	Per Capita \$	\$155.26	\$1,481.19
% of Total	31.8%	35.2%	% of Total	8.0%	40.1%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$6,438.5	\$3,079,751.7	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$40,577.61	\$13,640,661.35
Per Capita \$	\$92.23	\$147.48	Per Capita \$	\$581.27	\$653.22
% of Total	5.0%	3.8%	% of Total	30.1%	17.7%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$27,223.3	\$9,164,789.4	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$9,892.65	\$5,265,524.83
Per Capita \$	\$389.97	\$438.88	Per Capita \$	\$141.71	\$252.15
% of Total	21.1%	11.2%	% of Total	7.3%	6.8%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$11,854.5	\$23,760,013.8	Transportation (\$000s)	\$13,204.77	\$5,650,946.87
Per Capita \$	\$169.81	\$1,137.82	Per Capita \$	\$189.16	\$270.61
% of Total	9.2%	29.1%	% of Total	9.8%	7.3%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$163.3	\$338,738.4	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$3,362.40	\$1,975,239.15
Per Capita \$	\$2.34	\$16.22	Per Capita \$	\$48.17	\$94.59
% of Total	0.1%	0.4%	% of Total	2.5%	2.6%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$2,197.0	\$4,467,076.4	Human Services (\$000s)	\$12,228.38	\$4,694,300.07
Per Capita \$	\$31.47	\$213.92	Per Capita \$	\$175.17	\$224.80
% of Total	1.7%	5.5%	% of Total	9.1%	6.1%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$40,170.4	\$12,001,581.6	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$2,369.06	\$1,794,823.73
Per Capita \$	\$575.43	\$574.73	Per Capita \$	\$33.94	\$85.95
% of Total	31.1%	14.7%	% of Total	1.8%	2.3%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$40,170.41	\$10,103,703.21
			Per Capita \$	\$575.43	\$483.84
			% of Total	29.8%	13.1%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$2,337.46	\$3,008,792.67
			Per Capita \$	\$33.48	\$144.08
			% of Total	1.7%	3.9%

* 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

	Columbia County	Florida
Crime		
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	2,618.3	2,158.0
Admissions to prison FY 2022-23	450	27,209
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2022-23	623.3	120.2

State Infrastructure

	Columbia County	Florida
Transportation		
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	203.3	12,123.4
Lane Miles	626.7	45,337.5
State Bridges		
Number	72	7,079

State Facilities

	Columbia County	Florida
Buildings/Facilities (min. 300 Square Feet)		
Number	216	9,426
Square Footage	1,235,666	65,539,144

Conservation Land (land acres only)

	Columbia County	Florida
State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	28,433	5,689,323
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	19.5%	54.9%
% of Total Area Land	5.6%	16.6%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	0.5%	

Other County Profiles

Criminal Justice County Profiles
School District Profiles

Health Insurance Status

	Columbia County	Florida
Percent Insured by Age Group		
Under 65 years	86.4%	86.1%
Under 19 years	91.4%	92.7%
18 to 64 years	84.4%	83.8%

State and Local Taxation

	Columbia County	Florida
2023		
County-Wide		
County	7,8150	3,787
School	5,4650	1,877
Municipal		2,5553
Special Districts	0,3114	

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

Education

	Columbia County	Florida
Public Education Schools		
Traditional Setting (2023-24)		
Total (state total includes special districts)	16	3,787
Elementary	10	1,877
Middle	2	565
Senior High	3	729
Combination	1	616

Educational attainment

	Columbia County	Florida
Persons aged 25 and older		
% HS graduate or higher	85.8%	89.3%
% bachelor's degree or higher	16.0%	32.3%

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