

DeSoto County

Florida's 49th most populous county
with 0.2% of Florida's population



Population

	DeSoto County	Florida
Census Population		
1980 Census	19,039	9,746,961
1990 Census	23,865	12,938,071
2000 Census	32,209	15,982,824
2010 Census	34,862	18,801,332
2020 Census	33,976	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	-2.5%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	20.5%	19.5%
% Aged 65 and over	22.7%	21.2%
% Median age	42.7	43.0
Gender		
% Male	54.0%	48.6%
% Female	46.0%	51.4%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	54.8%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	12.4%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.2%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	0.6%	2.9%
% Not Hispanic-Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%
% Not Hispanic-Some Other Race	0.2%	0.6%
% Not Hispanic-Two or More Races	2.3%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	29.5%	26.5%

Population Estimates

	DeSoto County	Florida
2021 Estimate	34,031	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	0.2%	1.7%
2022 Estimate	34,748	22,276,132
% change 2020-2022	2.3%	3.4%
2023 Estimate	34,974	22,634,867
% change 2020-2023	2.9%	5.1%
Based on 2023 Estimate		
2025	35,158	23,292,200
2030	35,526	24,698,545
2035	35,820	25,814,954
2040	35,960	26,682,030
2045	36,057	27,409,376
2050	36,186	28,065,018

Population Characteristics

	DeSoto County	Florida
Language Spoken at home (% of total persons aged 5 and over)		
Speak only English	77.2%	70.1%
Speak a language other than English	22.8%	29.9%
Speak English "very well"	12.1%	18.1%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	12.9%	21.1%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	7.1%	7.9%

Migration

	DeSoto County	Florida
Residence 1 Year Ago Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	86.1%	85.6%
Different house in the U.S.	13.1%	13.5%
Same county in Florida	5.8%	7.4%
Different county in Florida	5.0%	3.1%
Different county in another state	2.3%	3.0%
Abroad	0.8%	0.9%

Real Gross Domestic Product

	DeSoto County	Florida
Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2017 Dollars)		
2017 GDP	932,062	1,014,866,863
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2018 GDP	904,266	1,050,433,812
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2019 GDP	965,758	1,079,271,045
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2020 GDP	938,427	1,068,377,540
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2021 GDP	940,852	1,164,778,182
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2022 GDP	989,688	1,218,430,197
Percent of the State	0.1%	

Population by Housing Type

	DeSoto County	Florida
Household Population	30,851	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.58	2.47
Group Quarters Population	3,125	464,583

Housing

	DeSoto County	Florida
Housing Counts		
Housing units, 2020 Census	15,548	9,865,350
Occupied	11,941	8,529,067
Vacant	3,607	1,336,283

Building Permits

	DeSoto County	Florida
Units Permitted		
2000	121	155,269
2010	96	38,679
2020	110	164,074
2021	127	213,494
2022	252	211,962
2023	153	193,788

Density

	DeSoto County	Florida
Persons per square mile		
2000	50.5	296.4
2010	54.7	350.6
2020	53.4	401.4
2023	54.9	421.9

Households and Family Households

	DeSoto County	Florida
Households		
Total households, 2000 Census	10,746	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	7,676	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	37.2%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	11,445	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	7,903	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	38.7%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.71	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	3.10	3.01
Total households, 2020 Census	11,941	8,529,067
Family households, 2020 Census	8,146	5,571,482
% with own children under 18	34.4%	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	DeSoto County	Florida	% of All Industries, 2023, preliminary	DeSoto County	Florida
All industries	749	878,638	All industries	749	878,638
Natural Resource & Mining	83	5,768	Natural Resource & Mining	11.1%	0.7%
Construction	139	82,713	Construction	18.6%	9.4%
Manufacturing	25	25,594	Manufacturing	3.3%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	142	151,461	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	19.0%	17.2%
Information	6	19,747	Information	0.8%	2.2%
Financial Activities	39	95,110	Financial Activities	5.2%	10.8%
Professional & Business Services	115	226,854	Professional & Business Services	15.4%	25.8%
Education & Health Services	48	100,471	Education & Health Services	6.4%	11.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	54	66,292	Leisure and Hospitality	7.2%	7.5%
Other Services	44	59,538	Other Services	5.9%	6.8%
Government	32	5,831	Government	4.3%	0.7%

Average Annual Employment			Average Annual Wage		
% of All Industries, 2023, preliminary	DeSoto County	Florida	2023, preliminary	DeSoto County	Florida
All industries	9,820	9,680,249	All industries	\$46,425	\$66,443
Natural Resource & Mining	13.6%	0.7%	Natural Resource & Mining	\$35,015	\$46,399
Construction	8.6%	6.5%	Construction	\$46,817	\$66,905
Manufacturing	4.4%	4.3%	Manufacturing	\$71,635	\$78,331
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	27.8%	20.2%	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$45,601	\$59,165
Information	NA	1.6%	Information	NA	\$112,706
Financial Activities	1.8%	7.0%	Financial Activities	\$57,183	\$100,986
Professional & Business Services	5.5%	16.7%	Professional & Business Services	\$49,728	\$83,076
Education & Health Services	8.1%	15.1%	Education & Health Services	\$50,297	\$63,872
Leisure and Hospitality	7.2%	13.4%	Leisure and Hospitality	\$24,547	\$35,532
Other Services	1.4%	3.0%	Other Services	\$39,301	\$49,297
Government	20.6%	11.2%	Government	\$55,042	\$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					
	DeSoto County	Florida		DeSoto County	Florida
2000	53.3%	63.7%	2000	4.5%	3.7%
2010	48.0%	61.8%	2010	11.9%	10.8%
2020	49.1%	58.5%	2020	5.4%	8.1%
2021	50.4%	59.1%	2021	4.3%	4.7%
2022	47.0%	59.8%	2022	3.6%	3.0%
2023	47.2%	60.5%	2023	3.6%	2.9%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)			Per Capita Personal Income		
	DeSoto County	Florida		DeSoto County	Florida
2000	\$552,935	\$471,588,082	2000	\$17,174	\$29,387
2010	\$774,344	\$730,690,145	2010	\$22,231	\$38,778
% change 2000-2010	40.0%	54.9%	% change 2000-2010	29.4%	32.0%
2020	\$1,042,810	\$1,221,121,559	2020	\$30,593	\$56,561
% change 2010-2020	34.7%	67.1%	% change 2010-2020	37.6%	45.9%
2021	\$1,141,445	\$1,376,879,460	2021	\$33,240	\$63,078
% change 2020-2021	9.5%	12.8%	% change 2020-2021	8.7%	11.5%
2022	\$1,161,519	\$1,441,598,918	2022	\$32,893	\$64,806
% change 2021-2022	1.8%	4.7%	% change 2021-2022	-1.0%	2.7%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)			Median Income		
	DeSoto County	Florida		DeSoto County	Florida
2000	\$341,261	\$308,751,767	Median Household Income	\$45,000	\$67,917
2010	\$488,916	\$439,036,383	Median Family Income	\$53,743	\$81,514
% change 2000-2010	43.3%	42.2%			
2020	\$637,572	\$683,698,267			
% change 2010-2020	30.4%	55.7%			
2021	\$665,646	\$768,399,192			
% change 2020-2021	4.4%	12.4%			
2022	\$724,098	\$844,048,879			
% change 2021-2022	8.8%	9.8%			

Workers Aged 16 and Over			Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate		
	DeSoto County	Florida	(per 1,000 population)	DeSoto County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida			12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2022	0.86	1.14
Worked outside county of residence	27.8%	17.3%	12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2023	0.69	1.16
Travel Time to Work			State Rank	50	NA
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	27.7	27.9			

NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2020-21	DeSoto County	Florida*	Expenditures 2020-21	DeSoto County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$84,819.2	\$81,512,347.2	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$76,235.64	\$77,064,319.71
Per Capita \$	\$2,492.41	\$3,903.45	Per Capita \$	\$2,240.18	\$3,690.44
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
Taxes (\$000s)	\$27,465.0	\$28,700,395.9	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$18,518.28	\$30,930,327.83
Per Capita \$	\$807.06	\$1,374.40	Per Capita \$	\$544.16	\$1,481.19
% of Total	32.4%	35.2%	% of Total	24.3%	40.1%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$8,280.7	\$3,079,751.7	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$22,147.69	\$13,640,661.35
Per Capita \$	\$243.33	\$147.48	Per Capita \$	\$650.81	\$653.22
% of Total	9.8%	3.8%	% of Total	29.1%	17.7%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$17,480.0	\$9,164,789.4	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$8,469.32	\$5,265,524.83
Per Capita \$	\$513.65	\$438.88	Per Capita \$	\$248.87	\$252.15
% of Total	20.6%	11.2%	% of Total	11.1%	6.8%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$17,354.3	\$23,760,013.8	Transportation (\$000s)	\$5,561.07	\$5,650,946.87
Per Capita \$	\$509.96	\$1,137.82	Per Capita \$	\$163.41	\$270.61
% of Total	20.5%	29.1%	% of Total	7.3%	7.3%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$173.2	\$338,738.4	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$1,007.21	\$1,975,239.15
Per Capita \$	\$5.09	\$16.22	Per Capita \$	\$29.60	\$94.59
% of Total	0.2%	0.4%	% of Total	1.3%	2.6%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$1,068.6	\$4,467,076.4	Human Services (\$000s)	\$3,711.96	\$4,694,300.07
Per Capita \$	\$31.40	\$213.92	Per Capita \$	\$109.08	\$224.80
% of Total	1.3%	5.5%	% of Total	4.9%	6.1%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$12,997.2	\$12,001,581.6	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$1,466.83	\$1,794,823.73
Per Capita \$	\$381.92	\$574.73	Per Capita \$	\$43.10	\$85.95
% of Total	15.3%	14.7%	% of Total	1.9%	2.3%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$13,139.60	\$10,103,703.21
			Per Capita \$	\$386.11	\$483.84
			% of Total	17.2%	13.1%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$2,213.69	\$3,008,792.67
			Per Capita \$	\$65.05	\$144.08
			% of Total	2.9%	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

Crime	DeSoto County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	1,984.8	2,158.0
Admissions to prison FY 2022-23	131	27,209
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2022-23	374.6	120.2

State Infrastructure

Transportation	DeSoto County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	82.9	12,123.4
Lane Miles	218.0	45,337.5
State Bridges		
Number	28	7,079

State Facilities

Buildings/Facilities (min. 300 Square Feet)	DeSoto County	Florida
Number	120	9,426
Square Footage	889,217	65,539,144

Conservation Land (land acres only)

State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	DeSoto County	Florida
State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	53,671	5,689,323
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	94.3%	54.9%
% of Total Area Land	13.2%	16.6%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	0.9%	

Other County Profiles

Criminal Justice County Profiles
School District Profiles

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	DeSoto County	Florida
Under 65 years	77.4%	86.1%
Under 19 years	90.6%	92.7%
18 to 64 years	73.0%	83.8%

State and Local Taxation

2023	DeSoto County	Not County-Wide*
County	7,9048	2,1710
School	5,3330	
Municipal		0,9260
Special Districts	0,2043	

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

Education

Public Education Schools	DeSoto County	Florida
Traditional Setting (2023-24)		
Total (state total includes special districts)	7	3,787
Elementary	3	1,877
Middle	1	565
Senior High	1	729
Combination	2	616

Educational attainment

Persons aged 25 and older	DeSoto County	Florida
% HS graduate or higher	73.1%	89.3%
% bachelor's degree or higher	11.6%	32.3%

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