

Lee County

Florida's 8th most populous county
with 3.5% of Florida's population



Population

Census Population	Lee County	Florida
1980 Census	205,266	9,746,961
1990 Census	335,113	12,938,071
2000 Census	440,888	15,982,824
2010 Census	618,754	18,801,332
2020 Census	760,822	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	23.0%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	17.4%	19.5%
% Aged 65 and over	29.1%	21.2%
% Median age	49.7	43.0
Gender		
% Male	48.8%	48.6%
% Female	51.2%	51.4%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	64.5%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	7.4%	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	0.5%	0.6%
% Not Hispanic-Two or More Races	3.0%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	22.8%	26.5%

Population Estimates

	Lee County	Florida
2021 Estimate	782,579	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	2.9%	1.7%
2022 Estimate	802,178	22,276,132
% change 2020-2022	5.4%	3.4%
2023 Estimate	800,989	22,634,867
% change 2020-2023	5.3%	5.1%
Based on 2023 Estimate		
2025	835,889	23,292,200
2030	908,482	24,698,545
2035	964,371	25,814,954
2040	1,006,745	26,682,030
2045	1,042,449	27,409,376
2050	1,075,096	28,065,018

Population Characteristics

	Lee County	Florida
Language Spoken at home (% of total persons aged 5 and over)		
Speak only English	76.0%	70.1%
Speak a language other than English	24.0%	29.9%
Speak English "very well"	14.0%	18.1%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	17.6%	21.1%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	8.3%	7.9%

Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago Persons aged 1 and over	Lee County	Florida
Same house	85.6%	85.6%
Different house in the U.S.	13.5%	13.5%
Same county in Florida	7.2%	7.4%
Different county in Florida	2.1%	3.1%
Different county in another state	4.3%	3.0%
Abroad	0.8%	0.9%

Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2017 Dollars)	Lee County	Florida
2017 GDP	31,283,529	1,014,866,863
Percent of the State	3.1%	
2018 GDP	32,564,768	1,050,433,812
Percent of the State	3.1%	
2019 GDP	33,089,321	1,079,271,045
Percent of the State	3.1%	
2020 GDP	33,048,241	1,068,377,540
Percent of the State	3.1%	
2021 GDP	35,789,303	1,164,778,182
Percent of the State	3.1%	
2022 GDP	37,489,983	1,218,430,197
Percent of the State	3.1%	

Population by Housing Type

	Lee County	Florida
Household Population	747,696	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.35	2.47
Group Quarters Population	13,126	464,583

Housing

Housing Counts	Lee County	Florida
Housing units, 2020 Census	416,332	9,865,350
Occupied	318,303	8,529,067
Vacant	98,029	1,336,283

Building Permits

Units Permitted	Lee County	Florida
2000	9,120	155,269
2010	1,276	38,679
2020	10,673	164,074
2021	13,394	213,494
2022	13,621	211,962
2023	13,556	193,788

Density

Persons per square mile	Lee County	Florida
2000	548.6	296.4
2010	788.7	350.6
2020	974.2	401.4
2023	1,025.6	421.9

Households and Family Households

Households	Lee County	Florida
Total households, 2000 Census	188,599	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	127,611	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	33.1%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	259,818	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	171,026	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	33.9%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.35	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	2.81	3.01
Total households, 2020 Census	318,303	8,529,067
Family households, 2020 Census	211,191	5,571,482
% with own children under 18	29.6%	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 (CCR).

Employment and Labor Force

Establishments 2023, preliminary	Lee County	Florida	Establishments % of All Industries, 2023, preliminary	Lee County	Florida
All industries	28,547	878,638	All industries	28,547	878,638
Natural Resource & Mining	122	5,768	Natural Resource & Mining	0.4%	0.7%
Construction	4,638	82,713	Construction	16.2%	9.4%
Manufacturing	722	25,594	Manufacturing	2.5%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	4,546	151,461	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	15.9%	17.2%
Information	461	19,747	Information	1.6%	2.2%
Financial Activities	3,498	95,110	Financial Activities	12.3%	10.8%
Professional & Business Services	6,503	226,854	Professional & Business Services	22.8%	25.8%
Education & Health Services	2,725	100,471	Education & Health Services	9.5%	11.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	2,201	66,292	Leisure and Hospitality	7.7%	7.5%
Other Services	2,047	59,538	Other Services	7.2%	6.8%
Government	182	5,831	Government	0.6%	0.7%

Average Annual Employment % of All Industries, 2023, preliminary	Lee County	Florida
All industries	293,534	9,680,249
Natural Resource & Mining	0.5%	0.7%
Construction	13.6%	6.5%
Manufacturing	2.7%	4.3%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	19.6%	20.2%
Information	1.1%	1.6%
Financial Activities	4.9%	7.0%
Professional & Business Services	13.8%	16.7%
Education & Health Services	11.4%	15.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	13.9%	13.4%
Other Services	3.2%	3.0%
Government	15.2%	11.2%

Average Annual Wage 2023, preliminary	Lee County	Florida
All industries	\$59,833	\$66,443
Natural Resource & Mining	\$47,137	\$46,399
Construction	\$62,786	\$66,905
Manufacturing	\$68,543	\$78,331
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$50,570	\$59,165
Information	\$81,824	\$112,706
Financial Activities	\$89,227	\$100,986
Professional & Business Services	\$73,554	\$83,076
Education & Health Services	\$63,747	\$63,872
Leisure and Hospitality	\$32,559	\$35,532
Other Services	\$45,880	\$49,297
Government	\$69,431	\$67,715

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

Labor Force as Percent of Population Aged 18 and Older	Lee County	Florida
2000	58.6%	63.7%
2010	56.4%	61.8%
2020	56.3%	58.5%
2021	56.1%	59.1%
2022	56.1%	59.8%
2023	56.1%	60.5%

Unemployment Rate	Lee County	Florida
2000	3.2%	3.7%
2010	12.1%	10.8%
2020	7.7%	8.1%
2021	4.3%	4.7%
2022	3.3%	3.0%
2023	3.2%	2.9%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)	Lee County	Florida
2000	\$12,731,525	\$471,588,082
2010	\$24,495,250	\$730,690,145
% change 2000-2010	92.4%	54.9%
2020	\$44,505,846	\$1,221,121,559
% change 2010-2020	81.7%	67.1%
2021	\$49,641,402	\$1,376,879,460
% change 2020-2021	11.5%	12.8%
2022	\$52,281,287	\$1,441,598,918
% change 2021-2022	5.3%	4.7%

Per Capita Personal Income	Lee County	Florida
2000	\$28,655	\$29,387
2010	\$39,510	\$38,778
% change 2000-2010	37.9%	32.0%
2020	\$58,139	\$56,561
% change 2010-2020	47.2%	45.9%
2021	\$62,783	\$63,078
% change 2020-2021	8.0%	11.5%
2022	\$63,568	\$64,806
% change 2021-2022	1.3%	2.7%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)	Lee County	Florida
2000	\$7,005,480	\$308,751,767
2010	\$12,758,789	\$439,036,383
% change 2000-2010	82.1%	42.2%
2020	\$20,763,048	\$683,698,267
% change 2010-2020	62.7%	55.7%
2021	\$22,856,121	\$768,399,192
% change 2020-2021	10.1%	12.4%
2022	\$25,428,314	\$844,048,879
% change 2021-2022	11.3%	9.8%

Median Income	Lee County	Florida
Median Household Income	\$69,368	\$67,917
Median Family Income	\$81,979	\$81,514

Percent in Poverty, 2022	Lee County	Florida
All ages in poverty	11.1%	12.7%
Under age 18 in poverty	16.0%	17.3%
Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	15.8%	16.1%

Workers Aged 16 and Over	Lee County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida		
Worked outside county of residence	10.3%	17.3%
Travel Time to Work		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	27.9	27.9

Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)	Lee County	Florida
12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2022	0.94	1.14
12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2023	1.00	1.16
State Rank	23	NA

NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2020-21	Lee County	Florida*	Expenditures 2020-21	Lee County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$1,881,540.9	\$81,512,347.2	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$1,845,585.53	\$77,064,319.71
Per Capita \$	\$2,404.28	\$3,903.45	Per Capita \$	\$2,358.34	\$3,690.44
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
Taxes (\$000s)	\$510,999.1	\$28,700,395.9	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$365,321.91	\$30,930,327.83
Per Capita \$	\$652.97	\$1,374.40	Per Capita \$	\$466.82	\$1,481.19
% of Total	27.2%	35.2%	% of Total	19.8%	40.1%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$99,429.3	\$3,079,751.7	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$319,750.48	\$13,640,661.35
Per Capita \$	\$127.05	\$147.48	Per Capita \$	\$408.59	\$653.22
% of Total	5.3%	3.8%	% of Total	17.3%	17.7%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$207,834.8	\$9,164,789.4	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$228,122.16	\$5,265,524.83
Per Capita \$	\$265.58	\$438.88	Per Capita \$	\$291.50	\$252.15
% of Total	11.0%	11.2%	% of Total	12.4%	6.8%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$642,949.9	\$23,760,013.8	Transportation (\$000s)	\$309,155.04	\$5,650,946.87
Per Capita \$	\$821.58	\$1,137.82	Per Capita \$	\$395.05	\$270.61
% of Total	34.2%	29.1%	% of Total	16.8%	7.3%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$5,356.0	\$338,738.4	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$36,444.54	\$1,975,239.15
Per Capita \$	\$6.84	\$16.22	Per Capita \$	\$46.57	\$94.59
% of Total	0.3%	0.4%	% of Total	2.0%	2.6%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$29,700.0	\$4,467,076.4	Human Services (\$000s)	\$80,850.96	\$4,694,300.07
Per Capita \$	\$37.95	\$213.92	Per Capita \$	\$103.31	\$224.80
% of Total	1.6%	5.5%	% of Total	4.4%	6.1%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$385,271.8	\$12,001,581.6	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$79,046.38	\$1,794,823.73
Per Capita \$	\$492.31	\$574.73	Per Capita \$	\$101.01	\$85.95
% of Total	20.5%	14.7%	% of Total	4.3%	2.3%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$382,908.68	\$10,103,703.21
			Per Capita \$	\$489.29	\$483.84
			% of Total	20.7%	13.1%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$43,985.38	\$3,008,792.67
			Per Capita \$	\$56.21	\$144.08
			% of Total	2.4%	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	Lee County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	1,361.5	2,158.0
Admissions to prison FY 2022-23	698	27,209
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2022-23	87.1	120.2

State Infrastructure

Transportation	Lee County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	169.6	12,123.4
Lane Miles	825.4	45,337.5
State Bridges		
Number	106	7,079

State Facilities

Buildings/Facilities (min. 300 Square Feet)	Lee County	Florida
Number	130	9,426
Square Footage	959,911	65,539,144

Conservation Land (land acres only)

State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	Lee County	Florida
State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	51,756	5,689,323
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	52.2%	54.9%
% of Total Area Land	10.3%	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	Lee County	Florida
Under 65 years	82.9%	86.1%
Under 19 years	90.1%	92.7%
18 to 64 years	80.6%	83.8%

State and Local Taxation

2023	Lee County	
	County-Wide	Not County-Wide*
County	3,7623	0.9136
School	5,4300	
Municipal		2,1549
Special Districts	0.2912	1,7488

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

Education

Public Education Schools	Lee County	Florida
Traditional Setting (2023-24)		
Total (state total includes special districts)	111	3,787
Elementary	51	1,877
Middle	18	565
Senior High	28	729
Combination	14	616

Educational attainment

Persons aged 25 and older	Lee County	Florida
% HS graduate or higher	90.1%	89.3%
% bachelor's degree or higher	30.1%	32.3%

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