

# Okaloosa County

Florida's 26th most populous county  
with 1% of Florida's population



## Population

Census Population	Okaloosa County	Florida
1980 Census	109,920	9,746,961
1990 Census	143,777	12,938,071
2000 Census	170,498	15,982,824
2010 Census	180,822	18,801,332
2020 Census	211,668	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	17.1%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	22.3%	19.5%
% Aged 65 and over	16.6%	21.2%
% Median age	38.1	43.0
Gender		
% Male	50.1%	48.6%
% Female	49.9%	51.4%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	69.1%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	8.9%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.4%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	3.1%	2.9%
% Not Hispanic-Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.2%	0.1%
% Not Hispanic-Some Other Race	0.6%	0.6%
% Not Hispanic-Two or More Races	7.0%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	10.7%	26.5%

## Population Estimates

	Okaloosa County	Florida
2021 Estimate	213,204	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	0.7%	1.7%
2022 Estimate	215,751	22,276,132
% change 2020-2022	1.9%	3.4%
2023 Estimate	219,260	22,634,867
% change 2020-2023	3.6%	5.1%
Based on 2023 Estimate		
2025	224,924	23,292,200
2030	236,536	24,698,545
2035	245,221	25,814,954
2040	251,909	26,682,030
2045	257,536	27,409,376
2050	262,221	28,065,018

## Population Characteristics

	Okaloosa County	Florida
Language Spoken at home (% of total persons aged 5 and over)		
Speak only English	88.3%	70.1%
Speak a language other than English	11.7%	29.9%
Speak English "very well"	7.7%	18.1%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	7.9%	21.1%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	21.0%	7.9%

## Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago Persons aged 1 and over	Okaloosa County	Florida
Same house	80.3%	85.6%
Different house in the U.S.	18.7%	13.5%
Same county in Florida	8.5%	7.4%
Different county in Florida	3.6%	3.1%
Different county in another state	6.7%	3.0%
Abroad	1.0%	0.9%

## Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2017 Dollars)	Okaloosa County	Florida
2017 GDP	11,313,087	1,014,866,863
Percent of the State	1.1%	
2018 GDP	11,793,538	1,050,433,812
Percent of the State	1.1%	
2019 GDP	12,423,158	1,079,271,045
Percent of the State	1.2%	
2020 GDP	12,790,604	1,068,377,540
Percent of the State	1.2%	
2021 GDP	13,777,331	1,164,778,182
Percent of the State	1.2%	
2022 GDP	14,067,684	1,218,430,197
Percent of the State	1.2%	

## Population by Housing Type

	Okaloosa County	Florida
Household Population	207,302	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.47	2.47
Group Quarters Population	4,366	464,583

## Housing

Housing Counts	Okaloosa County	Florida
Housing units, 2020 Census	101,197	9,865,350
Occupied	83,957	8,529,067
Vacant	17,240	1,336,283

## Building Permits

Units Permitted	Okaloosa County	Florida
2000	1,489	155,269
2010	547	38,679
2020	993	164,074
2021	1,351	213,494
2022	1,474	211,962
2023	2,802	193,788

## Density

Persons per square mile	Okaloosa County	Florida
2000	182.2	296.4
2010	194.4	350.6
2020	227.6	401.4
2023	235.7	421.9

## Households and Family Households

Households	Okaloosa County	Florida
Total households, 2000 Census	66,269	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	46,499	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	47.1%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	72,379	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	48,457	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	41.6%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.43	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	2.92	3.01
Total households, 2020 Census	83,957	8,529,067
Family households, 2020 Census	55,944	5,571,482
% with own children under 18	39.8%	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

2023, preliminary	Okaloosa County	Florida
All industries	7,682	878,638
Natural Resource & Mining	28	5,768
Construction	826	82,713
Manufacturing	183	25,594
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	1,247	151,461
Information	147	19,747
Financial Activities	913	95,110
Professional & Business Services	1,752	226,854
Education & Health Services	844	100,471
Leisure and Hospitality	880	66,292
Other Services	533	59,538
Government	139	5,831

Establishments

% of All Industries, 2023, preliminary	Okaloosa County	Florida
All industries	7.682	878.638
Natural Resource & Mining	0.4%	0.7%
Construction	10.8%	9.4%
Manufacturing	2.4%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	16.2%	17.2%
Information	1.9%	2.2%
Financial Activities	11.9%	10.8%
Professional & Business Services	22.8%	25.8%
Education & Health Services	11.0%	11.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	11.5%	7.5%
Other Services	6.9%	6.8%
Government	1.8%	0.7%

Average Annual Employment

% of All Industries, 2023, preliminary	Okaloosa County	Florida
All industries	90,299	9,680,249
Natural Resource & Mining	0.1%	0.7%
Construction	4.8%	6.5%
Manufacturing	3.2%	4.3%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	17.0%	20.2%
Information	1.1%	1.6%
Financial Activities	5.2%	7.0%
Professional & Business Services	18.0%	16.7%
Education & Health Services	11.4%	15.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	16.9%	13.4%
Other Services	3.1%	3.0%
Government	18.9%	11.2%

Average Annual Wage

2023, preliminary	Okaloosa County	Florida
All industries	\$59,462	\$66,443
Natural Resource & Mining	\$47,069	\$46,399
Construction	\$54,146	\$66,905
Manufacturing	\$83,971	\$78,331
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$46,926	\$59,165
Information	\$120,243	\$112,706
Financial Activities	\$66,466	\$100,986
Professional & Business Services	\$83,397	\$83,076
Education & Health Services	\$56,151	\$63,872
Leisure and Hospitality	\$29,788	\$35,532
Other Services	\$44,787	\$49,297
Government	\$70,685	\$67,715

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

Labor Force as Percent of Population

Aged 18 and Older	Okaloosa County	Florida
2000	62.6%	63.7%
2010	62.9%	61.8%
2020	59.9%	58.5%
2021	60.1%	59.1%
2022	60.4%	59.8%
2023	61.4%	60.5%

Unemployment Rate	Okaloosa County	Florida
2000	3.7%	3.7%
2010	8.1%	10.8%
2020	5.8%	8.1%
2021	3.4%	4.7%
2022	2.5%	3.0%
2023	2.6%	2.9%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)	Okaloosa County	Florida
2000	\$4,988,148	\$471,588,082
2010	\$7,445,799	\$730,690,145
% change 2000-2010	49.3%	54.9%
2020	\$11,390,057	\$1,221,121,559
% change 2010-2020	53.0%	67.1%
2021	\$12,673,881	\$1,376,879,460
% change 2020-2021	11.3%	12.8%
2022	\$12,981,628	\$1,441,598,918
% change 2021-2022	2.4%	4.7%

Per Capita Personal Income	Okaloosa County	Florida
2000	\$29,136	\$29,387
2010	\$41,204	\$38,778
% change 2000-2010	41.4%	32.0%
2020	\$53,709	\$56,561
% change 2010-2020	30.3%	45.9%
2021	\$59,322	\$63,078
% change 2020-2021	10.5%	11.5%
2022	\$59,966	\$64,806
% change 2021-2022	1.1%	2.7%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)

	Okaloosa County	Florida
2000	\$3,443,561	\$308,751,767
2010	\$5,504,303	\$439,036,383
% change 2000-2010	59.8%	42.2%
2020	\$8,954,775	\$683,698,267
% change 2010-2020	62.7%	55.7%
2021	\$9,857,858	\$768,399,192
% change 2020-2021	10.1%	12.4%
2022	\$10,490,293	\$844,048,879
% change 2021-2022	6.4%	9.8%

Median Income	Okaloosa County	Florida
Median Household Income	\$73,988	\$67,917
Median Family Income	\$91,891	\$81,514
<b>Percent in Poverty, 2022</b>		
All ages in poverty	8.0%	12.7%
Under age 18 in poverty	12.6%	17.3%
Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	12.0%	16.1%

Workers Aged 16 and Over

Place of Work in Florida	Okaloosa County	Florida
Worked outside county of residence	9.1%	17.3%
Travel Time to Work		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.8	27.9

Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)	Okaloosa County	Florida
12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2022	0.63	1.14
12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2023	0.60	1.16
State Rank	57	NA

NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2020-21	Okaloosa County	Florida*	Expenditures 2020-21	Okaloosa County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$869,868.2	\$81,512,347.2	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$802,663.85	\$77,064,319.71
Per Capita \$	\$4,079.98	\$3,903.45	Per Capita \$	\$3,764.77	\$3,690.44
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
<b>Taxes (\$000s)</b>	\$137,730.0	\$28,700,395.9	<b>General Government Services** (\$000s)</b>	\$440,136.24	\$30,930,327.83
Per Capita \$	\$646.00	\$1,374.40	Per Capita \$	\$2,064.39	\$1,481.19
% of Total	15.8%	35.2%	% of Total	54.8%	40.1%
<b>Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)</b>	\$3,736.8	\$3,079,751.7	<b>Public Safety (\$000s)</b>	\$116,795.92	\$13,640,661.35
Per Capita \$	\$17.53	\$147.48	Per Capita \$	\$547.81	\$653.22
% of Total	0.4%	3.8%	% of Total	14.6%	17.7%
<b>Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)</b>	\$90,388.8	\$9,164,789.4	<b>Physical Environment (\$000s)</b>	\$47,256.10	\$5,265,524.83
Per Capita \$	\$423.95	\$438.88	Per Capita \$	\$221.65	\$252.15
% of Total	10.4%	11.2%	% of Total	5.9%	6.8%
<b>Charges for Services (\$000s)</b>	\$584,481.8	\$23,760,013.8	<b>Transportation (\$000s)</b>	\$43,434.73	\$5,650,946.87
Per Capita \$	\$2,741.42	\$1,137.82	Per Capita \$	\$203.72	\$270.61
% of Total	67.2%	29.1%	% of Total	5.4%	7.3%
<b>Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)</b>	\$6,685.7	\$338,738.4	<b>Economic Environment (\$000s)</b>	\$19,818.57	\$1,975,239.15
Per Capita \$	\$31.36	\$16.22	Per Capita \$	\$92.96	\$94.59
% of Total	0.8%	0.4%	% of Total	2.5%	2.6%
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)</b>	\$18,688.0	\$4,467,076.4	<b>Human Services (\$000s)</b>	\$5,655.14	\$4,694,300.07
Per Capita \$	\$87.65	\$213.92	Per Capita \$	\$26.52	\$224.80
% of Total	2.1%	5.5%	% of Total	0.7%	6.1%
<b>Other Sources (\$000s)</b>	\$28,157.0	\$12,001,581.6	<b>Culture / Recreation (\$000s)</b>	\$19,328.18	\$1,794,823.73
Per Capita \$	\$132.07	\$574.73	Per Capita \$	\$90.66	\$85.95
% of Total	3.2%	14.7%	% of Total	2.4%	2.3%
			<b>Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)</b>	\$21,637.33	\$10,103,703.21
			Per Capita \$	\$101.49	\$483.84
			% of Total	2.7%	13.1%
			<b>Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)</b>	\$88,601.65	\$3,008,792.67
			Per Capita \$	\$415.57	\$144.08
			% of Total	11.0%	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	Okaloosa County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	1,825.4	2,158.0
Admissions to prison FY 2022-23	218	27,209
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2022-23	99.4	120.2

State Infrastructure

Transportation	Okaloosa County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	215.5	12,123.4
Lane Miles	710.3	45,337.5
State Bridges		
Number	84	7,079

State Facilities

Buildings/Facilities (min. 300 Square Feet)	Okaloosa County	Florida
Number	90	9,426
Square Footage	468,016	65,539,144

Conservation Land (land acres only)

State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	Okaloosa County	Florida
72,073	5,689,323	54.9%
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	22.7%	54.9%
% of Total Area Land	12.1%	16.6%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	1.3%	

Other County Profiles

Criminal Justice County Profiles  
School District Profiles

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	Okaloosa County	Florida
Under 65 years	88.1%	86.1%
Under 19 years	93.1%	92.7%
18 to 64 years	86.2%	83.8%

State and Local Taxation

2023	Okaloosa County	Florida
	County-Wide	Not County-Wide*
County	3.8308	0.1373
School	5.4770	
Municipal		1.3723
Special Districts	0.0234	1.1990

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

Education

Public Education Schools	Okaloosa County	Florida
<b>Traditional Setting (2023-24)</b>	<b>School District</b>	
Total (state total includes special districts)	43	3,787
Elementary	19	1,877
Middle	7	565
Senior High	7	729
Combination	10	616

Educational attainment

Persons aged 25 and older	Okaloosa County	Florida
% HS graduate or higher	93.0%	89.3%
% bachelor's degree or higher	33.3%	32.3%

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