Okeechobee County

Florida's 47th most populous county

with 0.2% of Florida's population

Population

Census Population	Okeechobee County	Florida
1980 Census	20,264	9,746,961
1990 Census	29,627	12,938,071
2000 Census	35,910	15,982,824
2010 Census	39,996	18,801,332
2020 Census	39,644	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	-0.9%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	22.0%	19.5%
% Aged 65 and over	20.7%	21.2%
% Median age	42.2	43.0
Gender		
% Male	53.1%	48.6%
% Female	46.9%	51.4%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	62.2%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	8.4%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.7%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	0.8%	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	2.6%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	24.9%	26.5%

Population Estimates

	Okeechobee County	Florida
2021 Estimate	39,148	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	-1.3%	1.7%
2022 Estimate	39,385	22,276,132
% change 2020-2022	-0.7%	3.4%
2023 Estimate	39,591	22,634,867
% change 2020-2023	-0.1%	5.1%
2024 Estimate	40,230	23,014,551
% change 2020-2024	1.5%	6.9%
2025 Estimate	40,314	23,379,261
% change 2020-2025	1.7%	8.5%
Based on 2025 Estimate		
2030	40,912	24,909,028
2035	41,253	26,074,611
2040	41,572	26,967,897
2045	41,838	27,664,885
2050	42,063	28,250,130

Population Characteristics

	County	Florida
(% of total persons aged 5 and over)		
Speak only English	77.6%	69.4%
Speak a language other than English	22.4%	30.6%
Speak English "very well"	14.9%	18.1%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	13.4%	21.9%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	8.2%	7.4%

Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago Persons aged 1 and over	Okeechobee County	Florida
Same house	87.4%	86.3%
Different house in the U.S.	11.8%	12.6%
Same county in Florida	3.9%	6.6%
Different county in Florida	6.1%	3.1%
Different county in another state	1.8%	2.9%
Abroad	0.9%	1.1%

Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2017 Dollars)	Okeechobee County	Florida
2017 GDP	1,253,574	1,014,866,863
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2018 GDP	1,152,401	1,050,433,812
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2019 GDP	1,547,145	1,084,913,903
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2020 GDP	1,662,574	1,072,481,562
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2021 GDP	1,693,516	1,172,655,328
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2022 GDP	1,873,785	1,245,927,559
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2023 GDP	2,181,486	1,309,392,241
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2024 GDP	2,175,079	1,352,275,106
Percent of the State	0.2%	

Population by Housing Type

	Okeechobee County	Florida
Household Population	37,010	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.56	2.47
Group Quarters Population	2,634	464,583

Housing

Housing Counts	Okeechobee County	Florida
Housing units, 2020 Census	18,484	9,865,350
Occupied	14,433	8,529,067
Vacant	4,051	1,336,283

Building Permits

Units Permitted	Okeechobee County	Florida
2000	131	155,269
2010	48	38,679
2020	15	164,074
2021	13	213,494
2022	26	211,962
2023	9	193,788
2024	18	173,326
2025	88	178,297

Population Density

Persons per square mile	County	Florida
2000	46.4	296.4
2010	52.0	350.6
2020	51.5	401.4
2025	52.4	435.8

Households and Family Households

Households	Okeechobee County	Florida
Total households, 2000 Census	12,593	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	9,022	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	42.4%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	14,013	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	9,632	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	40.5%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.68	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	3.13	3.01
Total households, 2020 Census	14,433	8,529,067
Family households, 2020 Census	9,595	5,571,482
% with own children under 18	36.8%	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 (CQR).

Employment and Labor Force

Establishments 2024	Okeechobee County	Florida
All industries	1,089	881,780
Natural Resource & Mining	77	5,872
Construction	172	84,932
Manufacturing	26	26,842
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	232	151,230
Information	10	20,233
Financial Activities	82	95,614
Professional & Business Services	153	225,541
Education & Health Services	117	104,515
Leisure and Hospitality	84	68,016
Other Services	87	60,954
Government	34	5,886

Establishments % of All Industries	Okeechobee County	Florida
All industries	1,089	881,780
Natural Resource & Mining	7.1%	0.7%
Construction	15.8%	9.6%
Manufacturing	2.4%	3.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	21.3%	17.2%
Information	0.9%	2.3%
Financial Activities	7.5%	10.8%
Professional & Business Services	14.0%	25.6%
Education & Health Services	10.7%	11.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	7.7%	7.7%
Other Services	8.0%	6.9%
Government	3.1%	0.7%

Average Annual Employment % of All Industries, 2024	Okeechobee County	Florida
All industries	12,349	9,837,263
Natural Resource & Mining	6.9%	0.7%
Construction	7.3%	6.6%
Manufacturing	3.1%	4.3%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	20.1%	20.1%
Information	0.2%	1.6%
Financial Activities	3.1%	6.9%
Professional & Business Services	14.8%	16.5%
Education & Health Services	14.9%	15.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	9.7%	13.4%
Other Services	3.2%	3.0%
Government	16.3%	11.3%

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

Average Annual Wage 2024	Okeechobee County	Florida
All industries	$48,406	$69,492
Natural Resource & Mining	$45,630	$49,698
Construction	$50,584	$70,271
Manufacturing	$64,486	$81,956
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	$43,090	$61,291
Information	$54,426	$121,266
Financial Activities	$49,953	$108,740
Professional & Business Services	$44,620	$87,036
Education & Health Services	$54,035	$66,009
Leisure and Hospitality	$29,234	$37,261
Other Services	$42,210	$51,306
Government	$62,789	$71,045

Labor Force as Percent of Population Aged 18 and Older	Okeechobee County	Florida
2000	58.8%	64.1%
2010	59.7%	62.5%
2020	48.5%	58.0%
2021	49.8%	59.0%
2022	50.1%	59.8%
2023	50.7%	60.6%
2024	51.5%	60.1%
2025	52.3%	59.2%

(2025 is based on 11 months -- no data for October 2025)

Unemployment Rate	Okeechobee County	Florida
2000	5.4%	3.7%
2010	12.7%	11.3%
2020	6.3%	8.0%
2021	4.8%	4.7%
2022	3.5%	3.0%
2023	3.6%	2.9%
2024	3.9%	3.4%
2025	4.6%	3.9%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income ($000s)	Okeechobee	Florida
2000	$638,219	$471,588,082
2010	$1,001,305	$730,690,145
% change 2000-2010	56.9%	54.9%
2020	$1,422,486	$1,222,053,372
% change 2010-2020	42.1%	67.2%
2021	$1,584,502	$1,367,061,863
% change 2020-2021	11.4%	11.9%
2022	$1,633,776	$1,464,251,012
% change 2021-2022	3.1%	7.1%
2023	$1,761,849	$1,604,650,325
% change 2022-2023	7.8%	9.6%
2024	$1,864,600	$1,706,305,733
% change 2023-2024	5.8%	6.3%

Per Capita Personal Income	Okeechobee	Florida
2000	$17,769	$29,387
2010	$25,065	$38,779
% change 2000-2010	41.1%	32.0%
2020	$35,871	$56,597
% change 2010-2020	43.1%	45.9%
2021	$39,579	$62,617
% change 2020-2021	10.3%	10.6%
2022	$40,424	$65,429
% change 2021-2022	2.1%	4.5%
2023	$42,349	$70,057
% change 2022-2023	4.8%	7.1%
2024	$44,009	$73,006
% change 2023-2024	3.9%	4.2%

Earnings by Place of Work ($000s)		
2000	$350,259	$308,751,767
2010	$512,361	$439,036,383
% change 2000-2010	46.3%	42.2%
2020	$742,418	$684,772,318
% change 2010-2020	44.9%	56.0%
2021	$773,034	$771,994,702
% change 2020-2021	4.1%	12.7%
2022	$827,817	$845,179,676
% change 2021-2022	7.1%	9.5%
2023	$925,023	$915,351,168
% change 2022-2023	11.7%	8.3%
2024	$984,770	$972,525,321
% change 2023-2024	6.5%	6.2%

Median Income		
Median Household Income	$57,984	$74,568
Median Family Income	$68,838	$89,891

Percent in Poverty, 2024	
All ages in poverty	17.0%	12.1%
Under age 18 in poverty	23.0%	15.7%
Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	24.0%	14.8%

Workers Aged 16 and Over	Okeechobee County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida		
Worked outside county of residence	24.6%	17.0%
Travel Time to Work		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	28.4	28.0

Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)	Okeechobee County	Florida
12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2024	1.62	1.46
12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2025	1.49	1.71
State Rank	23	NA

NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures (Includes all Custodial Fund reporting)

Revenue 2022-23	Okeechobee County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes ($000s)	$158,014.3	$117,776,640.6
Per Capita $	$3,991.17	$5,456.77
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
General Government Taxes ($000s)	$38,867.7	$48,947,738.5
Per Capita $	$981.73	$2,267.82
% of Total	24.6%	41.6%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments ($000s)	$12,127.4	$5,231,689.8
Per Capita $	$306.32	$242.39
% of Total	7.7%	4.4%
Intergovernmental Revenues ($000s)	$17,212.3	$8,250,822.1
Per Capita $	$434.75	$382.27
% of Total	10.9%	7.0%
Charges for Services ($000s)	$9,114.1	$28,150,407.9
Per Capita $	$230.21	$1,304.25
% of Total	5.8%	23.9%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits ($000s)	$848.3	$1,880,041.8
Per Capita $	$21.43	$87.11
% of Total	0.5%	1.6%
Miscellaneous Revenues ($000s)	$61,354.5	$12,799,887.1
Per Capita $	$1,549.71	$593.04
% of Total	38.8%	10.9%
Other Sources ($000s)	$18,490.0	$12,516,053.5
Per Capita $	$467.03	$579.89
% of Total	11.7%	10.6%

Expenditures 2022-23	Okeechobee County	Florida*
Total - All Expenditure Account Codes ($000s)	$150,121.08	$110,894,156.90
Per Capita $	$3,791.80	$5,137.89
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
General Government Services** ($000s)	$14,821.36	$56,597,761.19
Per Capita $	$374.36	$2,622.26
% of Total	9.9%	51.0%
Public Safety ($000s)	$53,360.38	$14,143,806.21
Per Capita $	$1,347.79	$655.30
% of Total	35.5%	12.8%
Physical Environment ($000s)	$4,208.47	$6,602,230.32
Per Capita $	$106.30	$305.89
% of Total	2.8%	6.0%
Transportation ($000s)	$6,989.83	$6,383,904.27
Per Capita $	$176.55	$295.78
% of Total	4.7%	5.8%
Economic Environment ($000s)	$1,200.43	$2,413,716.53
Per Capita $	$30.32	$111.83
% of Total	0.8%	2.2%
Human Services ($000s)	$2,642.07	$5,303,244.59
Per Capita $	$66.73	$245.71
% of Total	1.8%	4.8%
Culture / Recreation ($000s)	$3,184.85	$2,195,932.65
Per Capita $	$80.44	$101.74
% of Total	2.1%	2.0%
Other Uses and Non-Operating ($000s)	$8,298.25	$13,256,605.85
Per Capita $	$209.60	$614.20
% of Total	5.5%	12.0%
Court-Related Expenditures ($000s)	$55,415.45	$3,996,955.30
Per Capita $	$1,399.70	$185.18
% of Total	36.9%	3.6%

* 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	Okeechobee County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	2,956.4	2,158.0
Admissions to prison FY 2024-25	115	27,171
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2024-25	285.3	116.2

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	Okeechobee County	Florida
Under 65 years	82.7%	86.6%
Under 19 years	90.2%	92.7%
18 to 64 years	79.7%	84.5%

Education

Public Education Schools Traditional Setting (2025-26)	Okeechobee County School District	Florida
Total (state total includes special districts)	10	3,796
Elementary	6	1,847
Middle	2	561
Senior High	1	736
Combination	1	652

Educational attainment Persons aged 25 and older	Okeechobee County	Florida
% HS graduate or higher	80.2%	89.9%
% bachelor's degree or higher	15.8%	34.1%

State and Local Taxation

2025	Okeechobee County	
	County-Wide	Not County-Wide*
County	7.8000	
School	5.3840	
Municipal		0.7194
Special Districts	0.3000	0.2323

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

State Infrastructure

Transportation	Okeechobee County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	103.5	12,265.7
Lane Miles	256.5	46,013.4
Conservation Land (CL land acres only)		
State or Regionally Owned (includes partially-owned)	113,758	5,863,289
% of Total Conservation Land (including private)	82.0%	53.6%
% of Total Area Land	23.2%	17.1%
% of Florida State or Regionally Owned CL	1.9%	

Other County Profiles

Criminal Justice County Profiles

School District Profiles

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