Walton County

Florida's 39th most populous county

with 0.4% of Florida's population

Population

Census Population	Walton County	Florida
1980 Census	21,300	9,746,961
1990 Census	27,759	12,938,071
2000 Census	40,601	15,982,824
2010 Census	55,043	18,801,332
2020 Census	75,305	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	36.8%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	20.4%	19.5%
% Aged 65 and over	20.3%	21.2%
% Median age	44.5	43.0
Gender		
% Male	50.5%	48.6%
% Female	49.5%	51.4%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	80.5%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	4.4%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.6%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	1.2%	2.9%
% Not Hispanic-Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.1%
% Not Hispanic-Some Other Race	0.4%	0.6%
% Not Hispanic-Two or More Races	4.7%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	8.2%	26.5%

Population Estimates

	Walton County	Florida
2021 Estimate	77,941	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	3.5%	1.7%
2022 Estimate	79,544	22,276,132
% change 2020-2022	5.6%	3.4%
2023 Estimate	83,342	22,634,867
% change 2020-2023	10.7%	5.1%
2024 Estimate	87,728	23,014,551
% change 2020-2024	16.5%	6.9%
2025 Estimate	90,547	23,379,261
% change 2020-2025	20.2%	8.5%
Based on 2025 Estimate		
2030	103,440	24,909,028
2035	113,544	26,074,611
2040	121,712	26,967,897
2045	128,349	27,664,885
2050	134,152	28,250,130

Population Characteristics

	Walton County	Florida
(% of total persons aged 5 and over)		
Speak only English	91.5%	69.4%
Speak a language other than English	8.5%	30.6%
Speak English "very well"	4.8%	18.1%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	7.4%	21.9%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	10.3%	7.4%

Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago Persons aged 1 and over	Walton County	Florida
Same house	85.2%	86.3%
Different house in the U.S.	14.3%	12.6%
Same county in Florida	5.5%	6.6%
Different county in Florida	4.0%	3.1%
Different county in another state	4.7%	2.9%
Abroad	0.5%	1.1%

Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2017 Dollars)	Walton County	Florida
2017 GDP	3,072,674	1,014,866,863
Percent of the State	0.3%	
2018 GDP	3,197,506	1,050,433,812
Percent of the State	0.3%	
2019 GDP	3,462,810	1,084,913,903
Percent of the State	0.3%	
2020 GDP	3,523,396	1,072,481,562
Percent of the State	0.3%	
2021 GDP	4,070,945	1,172,655,328
Percent of the State	0.3%	
2022 GDP	4,395,861	1,245,927,559
Percent of the State	0.4%	
2023 GDP	4,608,075	1,309,392,241
Percent of the State	0.4%	
2024 GDP	4,883,487	1,352,275,106
Percent of the State	0.4%	

Population by Housing Type

	Walton County	Florida
Household Population	72,940	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.43	2.47
Group Quarters Population	2,365	464,583

Housing

Housing Counts	Walton County	Florida
Housing units, 2020 Census	56,197	9,865,350
Occupied	29,981	8,529,067
Vacant	26,216	1,336,283

Building Permits

Units Permitted	Walton County	Florida
2000	1,464	155,269
2010	388	38,679
2020	1,762	164,074
2021	2,541	213,494
2022	2,648	211,962
2023	2,794	193,788
2024	2,883	173,326
2025	2,399	178,297

Population Density

Persons per square mile	Walton County	Florida
2000	38.4	296.4
2010	53.0	350.6
2020	72.5	401.4
2025	87.2	435.8

Households and Family Households

Households	Walton County	Florida
Total households, 2000 Census	16,548	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	11,119	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	39.3%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	22,301	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	14,512	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	37.3%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.38	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	2.87	3.01
Total households, 2020 Census	29,981	8,529,067
Family households, 2020 Census	20,325	5,571,482
% with own children under 18	34.2%	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	Walton County	Florida
All industries	4,126	881,780
Natural Resource & Mining	22	5,872
Construction	577	84,932
Manufacturing	79	26,842
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	693	151,230
Information	66	20,233
Financial Activities	699	95,614
Professional & Business Services	900	225,541
Education & Health Services	275	104,515
Leisure and Hospitality	468	68,016
Other Services	226	60,954
Government	40	5,886

Establishments % of All Industries	Walton County	Florida
All industries	4,126	881,780
Natural Resource & Mining	0.5%	0.7%
Construction	14.0%	9.6%
Manufacturing	1.9%	3.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	16.8%	17.2%
Information	1.6%	2.3%
Financial Activities	16.9%	10.8%
Professional & Business Services	21.8%	25.6%
Education & Health Services	6.7%	11.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	11.3%	7.7%
Other Services	5.5%	6.9%
Government	1.0%	0.7%

Average Annual Employment % of All Industries, 2024	Walton County	Florida
All industries	34,838	9,837,263
Natural Resource & Mining	0.2%	0.7%
Construction	10.6%	6.6%
Manufacturing	1.2%	4.3%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	20.0%	20.1%
Information	0.7%	1.6%
Financial Activities	7.0%	6.9%
Professional & Business Services	12.2%	16.5%
Education & Health Services	8.0%	15.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	24.7%	13.4%
Other Services	3.4%	3.0%
Government	11.8%	11.3%

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

Average Annual Wage 2024	Walton County	Florida
All industries	$56,126	$69,492
Natural Resource & Mining	$65,063	$49,698
Construction	$63,723	$70,271
Manufacturing	$61,512	$81,956
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	$45,330	$61,291
Information	$141,927	$121,266
Financial Activities	$69,488	$108,740
Professional & Business Services	$76,364	$87,036
Education & Health Services	$66,518	$66,009
Leisure and Hospitality	$39,172	$37,261
Other Services	$42,079	$51,306
Government	$64,172	$71,045

Labor Force as Percent of Population Aged 18 and Older	Walton County	Florida
2000	61.6%	64.1%
2010	59.6%	62.5%
2020	57.6%	58.0%
2021	60.3%	59.0%
2022	61.9%	59.8%
2023	61.4%	60.6%
2024	59.6%	60.1%
2025	59.3%	59.2%

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

Unemployment Rate	Walton County	Florida
2000	3.5%	3.7%
2010	9.4%	11.3%
2020	5.6%	8.0%
2021	3.4%	4.7%
2022	2.5%	3.0%
2023	2.6%	2.9%
2024	3.0%	3.4%
2025	3.7%	3.9%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income ($000s)	Walton County	Florida
2000	$832,953	$471,588,082
2010	$2,197,221	$730,690,145
% change 2000-2010	163.8%	54.9%
2020	$5,438,112	$1,222,053,372
% change 2010-2020	147.5%	67.2%
2021	$6,717,652	$1,367,061,863
% change 2020-2021	23.5%	11.9%
2022	$7,208,386	$1,464,251,012
% change 2021-2022	7.3%	7.1%
2023	$7,926,353	$1,604,650,325
% change 2022-2023	10.0%	9.6%
2024	$8,480,756	$1,706,305,733
% change 2023-2024	7.0%	6.3%

Per Capita Personal Income	Walton County	Florida
2000	$20,438	$29,387
2010	$39,808	$38,779
% change 2000-2010	94.8%	32.0%
2020	$71,657	$56,597
% change 2010-2020	80.0%	45.9%
2021	$84,240	$62,617
% change 2020-2021	17.6%	10.6%
2022	$86,744	$65,429
% change 2021-2022	3.0%	4.5%
2023	$91,806	$70,057
% change 2022-2023	5.8%	7.1%
2024	$94,582	$73,006
% change 2023-2024	3.0%	4.2%

Earnings by Place of Work ($000s)		
2000	$414,803	$308,751,767
2010	$951,369	$439,036,383
% change 2000-2010	129.4%	42.2%
2020	$2,087,422	$684,772,318
% change 2010-2020	119.4%	56.0%
2021	$2,501,775	$771,994,702
% change 2020-2021	19.8%	12.7%
2022	$2,872,427	$845,179,676
% change 2021-2022	14.8%	9.5%
2023	$3,206,054	$915,351,168
% change 2022-2023	11.6%	8.3%
2024	$3,399,249	$972,525,321
% change 2023-2024	6.0%	6.2%

Median Income		
Median Household Income	$81,986	$74,568
Median Family Income	$97,261	$89,891

Workers Aged 16 and Over	Walton County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida		
Worked outside county of residence	19.7%	17.0%
Travel Time to Work		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	29.4	28.0

Percent in Poverty, 2024		
All ages in poverty	10.6%	12.1%
Under age 18 in poverty	15.1%	15.7%
Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	14.6%	14.8%

Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)	Walton County	Florida
12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2024	0.89	1.46
12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2025	1.03	1.71
State Rank	44	NA

NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13

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

Revenue 2022-23	Walton County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes ($000s)	$752,715.3	$117,776,640.6
Per Capita $	$9,031.64	$5,456.77
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
General Government Taxes ($000s)	$216,360.0	$48,947,738.5
Per Capita $	$2,596.05	$2,267.82
% of Total	28.7%	41.6%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments ($000s)	$12,633.6	$5,231,689.8
Per Capita $	$151.59	$242.39
% of Total	1.7%	4.4%
Intergovernmental Revenues ($000s)	$40,763.7	$8,250,822.1
Per Capita $	$489.11	$382.27
% of Total	5.4%	7.0%
Charges for Services ($000s)	$15,555.5	$28,150,407.9
Per Capita $	$186.65	$1,304.25
% of Total	2.1%	23.9%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits ($000s)	$1,228.6	$1,880,041.8
Per Capita $	$14.74	$87.11
% of Total	0.2%	1.6%
Miscellaneous Revenues ($000s)	$438,010.8	$12,799,887.1
Per Capita $	$5,255.58	$593.04
% of Total	58.2%	10.9%
Other Sources ($000s)	$28,163.0	$12,516,053.5
Per Capita $	$337.92	$579.89
% of Total	3.7%	10.6%

Expenditures 2022-23	Walton County	Florida*
Total - All Expenditure Account Codes ($000s)	$699,200.44	$110,894,156.90
Per Capita $	$8,389.53	$5,137.89
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
General Government Services** ($000s)	$117,177.53	$56,597,761.19
Per Capita $	$1,405.98	$2,622.26
% of Total	16.8%	51.0%
Public Safety ($000s)	$86,605.95	$14,143,806.21
Per Capita $	$1,039.16	$655.30
% of Total	12.4%	12.8%
Physical Environment ($000s)	$16,293.93	$6,602,230.32
Per Capita $	$195.51	$305.89
% of Total	2.3%	6.0%
Transportation ($000s)	$36,289.49	$6,383,904.27
Per Capita $	$435.43	$295.78
% of Total	5.2%	5.8%
Economic Environment ($000s)	$51,304.37	$2,413,716.53
Per Capita $	$615.59	$111.83
% of Total	7.3%	2.2%
Human Services ($000s)	$10,270.14	$5,303,244.59
Per Capita $	$123.23	$245.71
% of Total	1.5%	4.8%
Culture / Recreation ($000s)	$8,223.99	$2,195,932.65
Per Capita $	$98.68	$101.74
% of Total	1.2%	2.0%
Other Uses and Non-Operating ($000s)	$26,756.63	$13,256,605.85
Per Capita $	$321.05	$614.20
% of Total	3.8%	12.0%
Court-Related Expenditures ($000s)	$346,278.42	$3,996,955.30
Per Capita $	$4,154.91	$185.18
% of Total	49.5%	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	Walton County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	1,316.8	2,158.0
Admissions to prison FY 2024-25	97	27,171
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2024-25	107.1	116.2

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	Walton County	Florida
Under 65 years	87.5%	86.6%
Under 19 years	91.3%	92.7%
18 to 64 years	86.1%	84.5%

Education

Public Education Schools Traditional Setting (2025-26)	Walton County School District	Florida
Total (state total includes special districts)	19	3,796
Elementary	8	1,847
Middle	3	561
Senior High	6	736
Combination	2	652

Educational attainment Persons aged 25 and older	Walton County	Florida
% HS graduate or higher	92.1%	89.9%
% bachelor's degree or higher	35.0%	34.1%

State and Local Taxation

2025	Walton County	
	County-Wide	Not County-Wide*
County	3.5190	
School	4.2610	
Municipal		0.2161
Special Districts	0.0207	1.1344

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

State Infrastructure

Transportation	Walton County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	203.6	12,265.7
Lane Miles	590.7	46,013.4
Conservation Land (CL land acres only)		
State or Regionally Owned (includes partially-owned)	100,090	5,863,289
% of Total Conservation Land (including private)	39.0%	53.6%
% of Total Area Land	15.1%	17.1%
% of Florida State or Regionally Owned CL	1.7%	

Other County Profiles

Criminal Justice County Profiles

School District Profiles

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