

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%
Based on 2023 Estimate		
2025	88,260	23,292,200
2030	98,493	24,698,545
2035	106,708	25,814,954
2040	113,406	26,682,030
2045	119,290	27,409,376
2050	124,814	28,065,018

Population Characteristics

	Walton County	Florida
Language Spoken at home (% of total persons aged 5 and over)		
Speak only English	92.2%	70.1%
Speak a language other than English	7.8%	29.9%
Speak English "very well"	5.0%	18.1%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	7.5%	21.1%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	11.9%	7.9%

Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago Persons aged 1 and over	Walton County	Florida
Same house	85.0%	85.6%
Different house in the U.S.	14.8%	13.5%
Same county in Florida	6.0%	7.4%
Different county in Florida	3.5%	3.1%
Different county in another state	5.2%	3.0%
Abroad	0.2%	0.9%

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	3,439,071	1,079,271,045
Percent of the State	0.3%	
2020 GDP	3,507,457	1,068,377,540
Percent of the State	0.3%	
2021 GDP	4,089,495	1,164,778,182
Percent of the State	0.4%	
2022 GDP	4,272,984	1,218,430,197
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

Density

Persons per square mile	Walton County	Florida
2000	38.4	296.4
2010	53.0	350.6
2020	72.5	401.4
2023	80.3	421.9

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 (CCR).

Employment and Labor Force

Establishments 2023, preliminary			Establishments % of All Industries, 2023, preliminary		
	Walton County	Florida		Walton County	Florida
All industries	3,966	878,638	All industries	3,966	878,638
Natural Resource & Mining	21	5,768	Natural Resource & Mining	0.5%	0.7%
Construction	546	82,713	Construction	13.8%	9.4%
Manufacturing	73	25,594	Manufacturing	1.8%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	672	151,461	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	16.9%	17.2%
Information	66	19,747	Information	1.7%	2.2%
Financial Activities	682	95,110	Financial Activities	17.2%	10.8%
Professional & Business Services	857	226,854	Professional & Business Services	21.6%	25.8%
Education & Health Services	253	100,471	Education & Health Services	6.4%	11.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	432	66,292	Leisure and Hospitality	10.9%	7.5%
Other Services	216	59,538	Other Services	5.4%	6.8%
Government	38	5,831	Government	1.0%	0.7%

Average Annual Employment % of All Industries, 2023, preliminary			Average Annual Wage 2023, preliminary		
	Walton County	Florida		Walton County	Florida
All industries	33,913	9,680,249	All industries	\$54,589	\$66,443
Natural Resource & Mining	0.2%	0.7%	Natural Resource & Mining	\$57,294	\$46,399
Construction	10.4%	6.5%	Construction	\$60,528	\$66,905
Manufacturing	1.3%	4.3%	Manufacturing	\$57,018	\$78,331
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	20.1%	20.2%	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$44,272	\$59,165
Information	0.8%	1.6%	Information	\$119,797	\$112,706
Financial Activities	7.8%	7.0%	Financial Activities	\$68,652	\$100,986
Professional & Business Services	12.8%	16.7%	Professional & Business Services	\$76,080	\$83,076
Education & Health Services	7.8%	15.1%	Education & Health Services	\$63,679	\$63,872
Leisure and Hospitality	24.3%	13.4%	Leisure and Hospitality	\$38,139	\$35,532
Other Services	3.1%	3.0%	Other Services	\$41,531	\$49,297
Government	11.2%	11.2%	Government	\$59,715	\$67,715

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

Labor Force as Percent of Population Aged 18 and Older			Unemployment Rate		
	Walton County	Florida		Walton County	Florida
2000	61.0%	63.7%	2000	3.5%	3.7%
2010	59.0%	61.8%	2010	9.1%	10.8%
2020	54.3%	58.5%	2020	6.1%	8.1%
2021	54.6%	59.1%	2021	3.6%	4.7%
2022	54.3%	59.8%	2022	2.7%	3.0%
2023	54.4%	60.5%	2023	2.8%	2.9%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)			Per Capita Personal Income		
	Walton County	Florida		Walton County	Florida
2000	\$832,953	\$471,588,082	2000	\$20,438	\$29,387
2010	\$2,197,221	\$730,690,145	2010	\$39,804	\$38,778
% change 2000-2010	163.8%	54.9%	% change 2000-2010	94.8%	32.0%
2020	\$5,578,170	\$1,221,121,559	2020	\$73,458	\$56,561
% change 2010-2020	153.9%	67.1%	% change 2010-2020	84.5%	45.9%
2021	\$6,796,994	\$1,376,879,460	2021	\$84,975	\$63,078
% change 2020-2021	21.8%	12.8%	% change 2020-2021	15.7%	11.5%
2022	\$7,349,744	\$1,441,598,918	2022	\$88,228	\$64,806
% change 2021-2022	8.1%	4.7%	% change 2021-2022	3.8%	2.7%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)			Median Income		
	Walton County	Florida		Walton County	Florida
2000	\$414,803	\$308,751,767	Median Household Income	\$74,832	\$67,917
2010	\$951,369	\$439,036,383	Median Family Income	\$91,969	\$81,514
% change 2000-2010	129.4%	42.2%			
2020	\$2,083,566	\$683,698,267			
% change 2010-2020	119.0%	55.7%			
2021	\$2,487,264	\$768,399,192			
% change 2020-2021	19.4%	12.4%			
2022	\$2,861,418	\$844,048,879			
% change 2021-2022	15.0%	9.8%			

Workers Aged 16 and Over			Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)		
	Walton County	Florida		Walton County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida			12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2022	0.69	1.14
Worked outside county of residence	19.9%	17.3%	12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2023	0.64	1.16
Travel Time to Work			State Rank	55	NA
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	28.0	27.9			

NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2020-21	Walton County	Florida*	Expenditures 2020-21	Walton County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$657,824.3	\$81,512,347.2	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$604,408.20	\$77,064,319.71
Per Capita \$	\$8,440.03	\$3,903.45	Per Capita \$	\$7,754.69	\$3,690.44
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
Taxes (\$000s)	\$178,187.3	\$28,700,395.9	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$387,809.47	\$30,930,327.83
Per Capita \$	\$2,286.18	\$1,374.40	Per Capita \$	\$4,975.68	\$1,481.19
% of Total	27.1%	35.2%	% of Total	64.2%	40.1%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$12,460.0	\$3,079,751.7	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$68,828.26	\$13,640,661.35
Per Capita \$	\$159.86	\$147.48	Per Capita \$	\$883.08	\$653.22
% of Total	1.9%	3.8%	% of Total	11.4%	17.7%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$55,214.9	\$9,164,789.4	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$16,578.98	\$5,265,524.83
Per Capita \$	\$708.42	\$438.88	Per Capita \$	\$212.71	\$252.15
% of Total	8.4%	11.2%	% of Total	2.7%	6.8%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$14,359.8	\$23,760,013.8	Transportation (\$000s)	\$41,257.75	\$5,650,946.87
Per Capita \$	\$184.24	\$1,137.82	Per Capita \$	\$529.35	\$270.61
% of Total	2.2%	29.1%	% of Total	6.8%	7.3%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$797.4	\$338,738.4	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$39,732.91	\$1,975,239.15
Per Capita \$	\$10.23	\$16.22	Per Capita \$	\$509.78	\$94.59
% of Total	0.1%	0.4%	% of Total	6.6%	2.6%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$361,142.3	\$4,467,076.4	Human Services (\$000s)	\$9,237.80	\$4,694,300.07
Per Capita \$	\$4,633.53	\$213.92	Per Capita \$	\$118.52	\$224.80
% of Total	54.9%	5.5%	% of Total	1.5%	6.1%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$35,662.6	\$12,001,581.6	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$4,727.29	\$1,794,823.73
Per Capita \$	\$457.56	\$574.73	Per Capita \$	\$60.65	\$85.95
% of Total	5.4%	14.7%	% of Total	0.8%	2.3%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$35,662.64	\$10,103,703.21
			Per Capita \$	\$457.56	\$483.84
			% of Total	5.9%	13.1%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$573.09	\$3,008,792.67
			Per Capita \$	\$7.35	\$144.08
			% of Total	0.1%	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	Walton County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	1,316.8	2,158.0
Admissions to prison FY 2022-23	131	27,209
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2022-23	157.2	120.2

State Infrastructure

Transportation	Walton County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	203.6	12,123.4
Lane Miles	581.1	45,337.5
State Bridges		
Number	60	7,079

State Facilities

Buildings/Facilities (min. 300 Square Feet)	Walton County	Florida
Number	176	9,426
Square Footage	490,617	65,539,144

Conservation Land (land acres only)

State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	Walton County	Florida
State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	96,465	5,689,323
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	38.5%	54.9%
% of Total Area Land	14.5%	16.6%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	1.7%	

Other County Profiles
Criminal Justice County Profiles
School District Profiles

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	Walton County	Florida
Under 65 years	86.2%	86.1%
Under 19 years	89.8%	92.7%
18 to 64 years	84.9%	83.8%

State and Local Taxation

2023	Walton County	Not County-Wide*
County	3.6000	
School	4.2530	
Municipal		0.1904
Special Districts	0.0234	1.1325

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

Education

Public Education Schools	Walton County	Florida
Traditional Setting (2023-24)	School District	
Total (state total includes special districts)	18	3,787
Elementary	7	1,877
Middle	3	565
Senior High	6	729
Combination	2	616

Educational attainment

Persons aged 25 and older	Walton County	Florida
% HS graduate or higher	91.9%	89.3%
% bachelor's degree or higher	33.1%	32.3%

