

Highlands County

Florida's 36th most populous county
with 0.5% of Florida's population



Population

Census Population	Highlands County	Florida
1980 Census	47,526	9,746,961
1990 Census	68,432	12,938,071
% change 1980-90	44.0%	32.7%
2000 Census	87,366	15,982,824
% change 1990-00	27.7%	23.5%
2010 Census	98,786	18,801,332
% change 2000-10	13.1%	17.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	18.2%	21.3%
% 65 years of age and over	32.2%	17.3%
Race & Ethnicity		
% White alone	81.0%	75.0%
% Black or African American alone	9.4%	16.0%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	17.4%	22.5%
Estimates and Projections		
2018 Estimate	102,525	20,840,568
% change 2010-18	3.8%	10.8%
2020 Projection based on 2018 estimate	104,077	21,517,610
% change 2018-20	1.5%	3.2%
2025 Projection based on 2018 estimate	107,488	23,050,820
% change 2020-25	3.3%	7.1%
2017 Median Age	53.7	41.6

Density

Persons per square mile	Highlands County	Florida
2000	85.0	296.4
2010	97.2	350.6
2018	100.8	392.7

Households and Family Households

Households	Highlands County	Florida
Total households, 2000 Census	37,471	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	25,794	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	29.0%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	42,604	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	28,027	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	28.4%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.28	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	2.74	3.01

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).

Housing

Housing Counts	Highlands County	Florida
Housing units, 2000 Census	48,846	7,302,947
Occupied	37,471	6,337,929
Owner-occupied	29,853	4,441,799
Renter-occupied	7,618	1,896,130
Vacant	11,375	965,018
Housing units, 2010 Census	55,386	8,989,580
Occupied	42,604	7,420,802
Owner-occupied	32,830	4,998,979
Renter-occupied	9,774	2,421,823
Vacant	12,782	1,568,778
Units Permitted		
1990	847	126,384
2000	450	155,269
2010	154	38,679
2011	77	42,360
2012	32	64,810
2013	62	86,752
2014	92	84,075
2015	162	109,924
2016	128	116,240
2017	181	122,719

Population Characteristics

Language spoken at home other than English	Highlands County	Florida
Persons aged 5 and over	18.8%	28.7%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	11.1%	20.2%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	14.1%	9.0%

Residence 1 Year Ago	Highlands County	Florida
Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	83.5%	84.1%
Different house in the U.S.	15.0%	14.8%
Same county in Florida	9.0%	8.9%
Different county in Florida	3.0%	3.1%
Different county in another state	3.0%	2.8%
Abroad	1.4%	1.1%

Employment by Industry

Number of Establishments	Highlands County	Florida	Percent of All Establishments	Highlands County	Florida
2017			2017		
All industries	2,302	679,976	All industries	2,302	679,976
Natural Resource & Mining	178	5,274	Natural Resource & Mining	7.7%	0.8%
Construction	262	68,218	Construction	11.4%	10.0%
Manufacturing	69	20,585	Manufacturing	3.0%	3.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	497	139,467	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	21.6%	20.5%
Information	21	10,989	Information	0.9%	1.6%
Financial Activities	203	72,393	Financial Activities	8.8%	10.6%
Professional & Business Services	316	159,259	Professional & Business Services	13.7%	23.4%
Education & Health Services	317	72,778	Education & Health Services	13.8%	10.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	200	55,767	Leisure and Hospitality	8.7%	8.2%
Other Services	171	55,357	Other Services	7.4%	8.1%
Government	60	6,037	Government	2.6%	0.9%

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

Employment by Industry

Average Annual Employment, % of All Industries, 2017	Highlands County	Florida	Average Annual Wage 2017	Highlands County	Florida
All industries	27,827	8,495,250	All industries	\$33,820	\$48,452
Natural Resource & Mining	9.3%	0.9%	Natural Resource & Mining	\$27,075	\$32,773
Construction	4.5%	5.9%	Construction	\$34,520	\$49,255
Manufacturing	2.6%	4.3%	Manufacturing	\$38,197	\$59,389
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	19.7%	20.5%	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$29,379	\$43,218
Information	0.6%	1.6%	Information	\$42,975	\$80,303
Financial Activities	3.0%	6.6%	Financial Activities	\$41,592	\$72,712
Professional & Business Services	9.8%	15.6%	Professional & Business Services	\$33,448	\$58,701
Education & Health Services	21.8%	14.8%	Education & Health Services	\$43,444	\$49,450
Leisure and Hospitality	11.7%	14.1%	Leisure and Hospitality	\$16,660	\$24,901
Other Services	2.3%	3.2%	Other Services	\$24,069	\$35,320
Government	14.7%	12.4%	Government	\$42,267	\$53,214

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Labor Force

Labor Force as Percent of Population Aged 18 and Older	Highlands County	Florida	Unemployment Rate	Highlands County	Florida
1990	46.8%	64.3%	1990	9.0%	6.1%
2000	47.0%	63.7%	2000	4.8%	3.7%
2010	46.1%	62.2%	2010	12.5%	11.1%
2018	42.8%	61.6%	2018	4.8%	3.6%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)	Highlands County	Florida	Per Capita Personal Income	Highlands County	Florida
1990	\$1,142,723	\$260,093,568	1990	\$16,504	\$19,956
2000	\$1,829,589	\$477,315,998	2000	\$20,929	\$29,744
% change 1990-2000	60.1%	83.5%	% change 1990-00	26.8%	49.0%
2010	\$2,841,572	\$725,801,140	2010	\$28,809	\$38,511
% change 2000-10	55.3%	52.1%	% change 2000-10	37.7%	29.5%
2011	\$2,918,216	\$766,185,838	2011	\$29,641	\$40,120
% change 2010-11	2.7%	5.6%	% change 2010-11	2.9%	4.2%
2012	\$2,934,597	\$791,918,553	2012	\$29,882	\$40,944
% change 2011-12	0.6%	3.4%	% change 2011-12	0.8%	2.1%
2013	\$2,934,293	\$794,796,980	2013	\$29,920	\$40,582
% change 2012-13	0.0%	0.4%	% change 2012-13	0.1%	-0.9%
2014	\$3,063,361	\$858,498,660	2014	\$31,106	\$43,146
% change 2013-14	4.4%	8.0%	% change 2013-14	4.0%	6.3%
2015	\$3,237,173	\$919,226,924	2015	\$32,407	\$45,352
% change 2014-15	5.7%	7.1%	% change 2014-15	4.2%	5.1%
2016	\$3,324,368	\$953,260,614	2016	\$32,734	\$46,148
% change 2015-16	2.7%	3.7%	% change 2015-16	1.0%	1.8%
2017	\$3,441,046	\$1,000,624,065	2017	\$33,446	\$47,684
% change 2016-17	3.5%	5.0%	% change 2016-17	2.2%	3.3%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)	Highlands County	Florida	Median Income	Highlands County	Florida
1990	\$518,825	\$161,317,329	Median Household Income	\$36,374	\$50,883
2000	\$819,910	\$313,054,047	Median Family Income	\$44,219	\$61,442
% change 1990-2000	58.0%	94.1%			
2010	\$1,271,008	\$438,991,235			
% change 2000-10	55.0%	40.2%			
2011	\$1,288,424	\$450,502,115			
% change 2010-11	1.4%	2.6%			
2012	\$1,333,986	\$468,412,894			
% change 2011-12	3.5%	4.0%			
2013	\$1,335,037	\$482,900,406			
% change 2012-13	0.1%	3.1%			
2014	\$1,351,523	\$512,331,048			
% change 2013-14	1.2%	6.1%			
2015	\$1,441,515	\$545,122,402			
% change 2014-15	8.0%	12.9%			
2016	\$1,447,005	\$567,712,460			
% change 2015-16	7.1%	10.8%			
2017	\$1,465,885	\$596,159,864			
% change 2016-17	1.7%	9.4%			

Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)	Highlands County	Florida	Educational attainment Persons aged 25 and older	Highlands County	Florida
12-Month Period Ending Dec. 31, 2017	1.43	1.99	% HS graduate or higher	84.0%	87.6%
12-Month Period Ending Dec. 31, 2018	1.43	2.02	% bachelor's degree or higher	17.1%	28.5%
State Rank	31	NA			

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Education

Public Education Schools Traditional Setting (2018-19)	Highlands County School District	Florida
Total (state total includes special districts)	19	3,186
Elementary	11	1,898
Middle	4	580
Senior High	4	708
Combination	0	531

Quality of Life

Crime	Highlands County	Florida	Workers Aged 16 and Over	Highlands County	Florida
Crime rate, 2017 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	2,931.3	2,989.5	Place of Work in Florida		
Admissions to prison FY 2017-18	164	27,917	Worked outside county of residence	12.9%	17.6%
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2017-18	160.0	134.0	Travel Time to Work		
			Mean travel time to work (minutes)	20.4	27.0

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2015-16	Highlands County	Florida*	Expenditures 2015-16	Highlands County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$110,103.7	\$40,323,612.7	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$119,697.12	\$38,724,729.62
Per Capita \$	\$1,084.43	\$2,097.46	Per Capita \$	\$1,178.92	\$2,014.29
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	108.7%	96.0%
Taxes (\$000s)	\$52,101.2	\$12,835,034.6	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$25,914.00	\$7,520,342.77
Per Capita \$	\$513.16	\$667.62	Per Capita \$	\$255.23	\$391.18
% of Total	47.3%	31.8%	% of Total	23.5%	18.6%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$7,421.1	\$1,732,457.6	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$52,038.24	\$9,077,106.65
Per Capita \$	\$73.09	\$90.11	Per Capita \$	\$512.54	\$472.15
% of Total	6.7%	4.3%	% of Total	47.3%	22.5%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$18,718.0	\$4,079,466.6	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$12,069.01	\$4,450,581.04
Per Capita \$	\$184.36	\$212.20	Per Capita \$	\$118.87	\$231.50
% of Total	17.0%	10.1%	% of Total	11.0%	11.0%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$15,259.4	\$12,526,050.9	Transportation (\$000s)	\$14,340.35	\$4,573,528.57
Per Capita \$	\$150.29	\$651.55	Per Capita \$	\$141.24	\$237.89
% of Total	13.9%	31.1%	% of Total	13.0%	11.3%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$659.1	\$202,607.1	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$2,913.81	\$1,451,926.79
Per Capita \$	\$6.49	\$10.54	Per Capita \$	\$28.70	\$75.52
% of Total	0.6%	0.5%	% of Total	2.6%	3.6%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$14,823.2	\$908,143.1	Human Services (\$000s)	\$3,830.09	\$3,212,191.93
Per Capita \$	\$146.00	\$47.24	Per Capita \$	\$37.72	\$167.08
% of Total	13.5%	2.3%	% of Total	3.5%	8.0%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$1,121.7	\$8,039,852.7	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$3,016.03	\$1,496,681.81
Per Capita \$	\$11.05	\$418.20	Per Capita \$	\$29.71	\$77.85
% of Total	1.0%	19.9%	% of Total	2.7%	3.7%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$1,121.71	\$6,041,997.10
			Per Capita \$	\$11.05	\$314.28
			% of Total	1.0%	15.0%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$4,453.88	\$900,372.95
			Per Capita \$	\$43.87	\$46.83
			% of Total	4.0%	2.2%

* 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)

State Infrastructure

	Highlands County	Florida
Transportation		
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	132.5	12,106.8
Lane Miles	397.8	44,204.6
State Bridges		
Number	24	6,929
State Facilities		
Buildings/Facilities (min. 300 Square Feet)		
Number	73	9,498
Square Footage	106,905	64,170,217
State Owned Lands		
State Lands		
Conservation Lands		
Parcels	3,522	38,326
Acreage	28,024.1	3,140,422.9
Non-Conservation Lands		
Parcels	35	5,880
Acreage	1,310.6	160,353.7

State and Local Taxation

2018 Ad Valorem Millage Rates	Highlands County	
	County-Wide	Not County-Wide*
County	8.5500	
School	6.3220	
Municipal		0.8137
Special Districts		0.2971

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

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