

Highlands County

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



Population

	Highlands County	Florida
Census Population		
1980 Census	47,526	9,746,961
1990 Census	68,432	12,938,071
2000 Census	87,366	15,982,824
2010 Census	98,786	18,801,332
2020 Census	101,235	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	2.5%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	17.5%	19.5%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	64.7%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	9.4%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	1.6%	2.9%
% Not Hispanic-Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%
% Not Hispanic-Some Other Race	0.3%	0.6%
% Not Hispanic-Two or More Races	3.0%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	20.7%	26.5%

Real Gross Domestic Product

	Highlands County	Florida
Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2012 Dollars)		
2015 GDP	2,245,501	852,242,411
Percent of the State	0.3%	
2016 GDP	2,317,301	881,539,238
Percent of the State	0.3%	
2017 GDP	2,364,405	912,687,386
Percent of the State	0.3%	
2018 GDP	2,272,300	941,626,696
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2019 GDP	2,416,158	965,672,478
Percent of the State	0.3%	
2020 GDP	2,393,429	950,164,387
Percent of the State	0.3%	
2021 GDP	2,428,533	1,029,575,591
Percent of the State	0.2%	

Population by Housing Type

	Highlands County	Florida
Household Population	99,826	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.25	2.47
Group Quarters Population	1,409	464,583

Population Estimates

	Highlands County	Florida
2021 Estimate	102,065	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	0.8%	1.7%
2022 Estimate	103,102	22,276,132
% change 2020-2022	1.8%	3.4%
Based on 2021 Estimate		
2025	104,239	23,164,008
2030	106,471	24,471,129
2035	108,290	25,520,837
2040	109,803	26,405,472
2045	111,121	27,176,715
2050	112,323	27,877,707

Housing

	Highlands County	Florida
Housing Units		
Housing units, 2020 Census	57,486	9,865,350
Occupied	44,376	8,529,067
Vacant	13,110	1,336,283

Building Permits

	Highlands County	Florida
Units Permitted		
2000	450	155,269
2010	154	38,679
2020	384	164,074
2021	644	213,494

Population Characteristics

	County	Florida
Language spoken at home other than English		
Persons aged 5 and over	20.5%	29.8%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	11.2%	21.0%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	11.3%	8.2%

Density

	Highlands County	Florida
Persons per square mile		
2000	85.0	296.4
2010	97.2	350.6
2020	99.5	401.4
2022	100.3	408.2

Migration

	Highlands County	Florida
Residence 1 Year Ago		
Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	88.0%	85.2%
Different house in the U.S.	11.5%	13.8%
Same county in Florida	5.6%	7.9%
Different county in Florida	3.4%	3.1%
Different county in another state	2.5%	2.9%
Abroad	0.5%	0.9%

Households and Family Households

	Highlands County	Florida
Households		
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).

Employment and Labor Force

Establishments	Highlands	Florida	Establishments	Highlands County	Florida
2021	County	Florida	% of All Industries, 2021	Highlands County	Florida
All industries	2,471	820,313	All industries	2,471	820,313
Natural Resource & Mining	178	5,545	Natural Resource & Mining	7.2%	0.7%
Construction	298	78,395	Construction	12.1%	9.6%
Manufacturing	65	22,795	Manufacturing	2.6%	2.8%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	512	151,294	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	20.7%	18.4%
Information	25	16,928	Information	1.0%	2.1%
Financial Activities	211	89,810	Financial Activities	8.5%	10.9%
Professional & Business Services	360	205,828	Professional & Business Services	14.8%	25.1%
Education & Health Services	359	92,489	Education & Health Services	14.5%	11.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	213	63,682	Leisure and Hospitality	8.6%	7.8%
Other Services	168	57,817	Other Services	6.8%	7.0%
Government	57	5,893	Government	2.3%	0.7%
Average Annual Employment	Highlands	Florida	Average Annual Wage	Highlands County	Florida
% of All Industries, 2021	County	Florida	2021	Highlands County	Florida
All industries	26,792	8,859,818	All industries	\$40,529	\$60,299
Natural Resource & Mining	7.2%	0.8%	Natural Resource & Mining	\$33,500	\$42,128
Construction	6.2%	6.5%	Construction	\$42,557	\$59,088
Manufacturing	2.2%	4.4%	Manufacturing	\$47,990	\$69,997
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	20.3%	20.7%	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$36,190	\$53,762
Information	0.7%	1.6%	Information	\$58,299	\$104,461
Financial Activities	3.1%	6.9%	Financial Activities	\$51,168	\$93,945
Professional & Business Services	8.5%	16.5%	Professional & Business Services	\$37,432	\$74,787
Education & Health Services	22.5%	15.0%	Education & Health Services	\$52,873	\$59,043
Leisure and Hospitality	11.8%	12.7%	Leisure and Hospitality	\$20,922	\$31,029
Other Services	2.2%	3.0%	Other Services	\$29,597	\$44,107
Government	15.4%	11.8%	Government	\$45,067	\$61,210
<small>Industries may not add to the total due to confidentiality and unclassified.</small>					
Labor Force as Percent of Population	Highlands	Florida	Unemployment Rate	Highlands County	Florida
Aged 18 and Older	County	Florida	2000	Highlands County	Florida
2000	47.4%	64.2%	2000	4.8%	3.8%
2010	45.7%	61.8%	2010	12.1%	10.8%
2020	39.9%	58.6%	2020	8.4%	8.2%
2021	41.4%	59.0%	2021	5.9%	4.6%
2022 preliminary	40.6%	60.1%	2022 preliminary	4.2%	2.7%
Income and Financial Health					
Personal Income (\$000s)	Highlands	Florida	Per Capita Personal Income	Highlands County	Florida
2000	\$1,793,710	\$472,851,789	2000	\$20,519	\$29,466
2010	\$2,870,330	\$732,457,478	2010	\$29,137	\$38,872
% change 2000-2010	60.0%	54.9%	% change 2000-2010	42.0%	31.9%
2020	\$3,964,116	\$1,235,793,410	2020	\$39,163	\$57,292
% change 2010-2020	38.1%	68.7%	% change 2010-2020	34.4%	47.4%
2021	\$4,293,843	\$1,356,318,587	2021	\$41,568	\$62,270
% change 2020-2021	8.3%	9.8%	% change 2020-2021	6.1%	8.7%
Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)			Median Income		
2000	\$806,265	\$308,751,767	Median Household Income	\$46,895	\$61,777
2010	\$1,270,876	\$438,983,914	Median Family Income	\$56,527	\$74,237
% change 2000-2010	57.6%	42.2%			
2020	\$1,593,829	\$686,243,741	Percent in Poverty, 2021		
% change 2010-2020	25.4%	56.3%	All ages in poverty	15.1%	13.2%
2021	\$1,686,182	\$764,483,116	Under age 18 in poverty	22.8%	18.4%
% change 2020-2021	5.8%	11.4%	Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	21.6%	17.5%
Workers Aged 16 and Over	Highlands	Florida	Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate	Highlands County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida			(per 1,000 population)		
Worked outside county of residence	10.2%	17.8%	12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2021	1.04	1.45
Travel Time to Work			12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2022	0.84	1.14
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	21.0	27.9	State Rank	36	NA
			NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13		

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2019-20	Highlands County	Florida*	Expenditures 2019-20	Highlands County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$150,044.4	\$52,645,134.4	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$150,010.70	\$48,804,501.28
Per Capita \$	\$1,431.26	\$2,553.85	Per Capita \$	\$1,430.94	\$2,367.54
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
Taxes (\$000s)	\$57,650.7	\$16,651,821.4	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$37,047.17	\$8,468,311.68
Per Capita \$	\$549.92	\$807.79	Per Capita \$	\$353.39	\$410.80
% of Total	38.4%	31.6%	% of Total	24.7%	17.4%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$13,356.3	\$2,256,256.6	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$54,772.74	\$12,039,077.73
Per Capita \$	\$127.40	\$109.45	Per Capita \$	\$522.47	\$584.02
% of Total	8.9%	4.3%	% of Total	36.5%	24.7%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$31,523.0	\$7,095,752.8	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$15,317.29	\$5,403,299.24
Per Capita \$	\$300.69	\$344.22	Per Capita \$	\$146.11	\$262.12
% of Total	21.0%	13.5%	% of Total	10.2%	11.1%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$19,298.6	\$14,148,555.9	Transportation (\$000s)	\$21,374.85	\$5,666,984.30
Per Capita \$	\$184.09	\$686.36	Per Capita \$	\$203.89	\$274.91
% of Total	12.9%	26.9%	% of Total	14.2%	11.6%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$617.4	\$161,937.7	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$3,091.15	\$1,793,284.71
Per Capita \$	\$5.89	\$7.86	Per Capita \$	\$29.49	\$86.99
% of Total	0.4%	0.3%	% of Total	2.1%	3.7%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$24,467.5	\$1,629,204.3	Human Services (\$000s)	\$7,387.68	\$4,112,446.49
Per Capita \$	\$233.39	\$79.03	Per Capita \$	\$70.47	\$199.50
% of Total	16.3%	3.1%	% of Total	4.9%	8.4%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$3,130.9	\$10,701,605.8	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$3,214.31	\$1,960,626.16
Per Capita \$	\$29.87	\$519.14	Per Capita \$	\$30.66	\$95.11
% of Total	2.1%	20.3%	% of Total	2.1%	4.0%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$3,130.91	\$8,431,538.28
			Per Capita \$	\$29.87	\$409.02
			% of Total	2.1%	17.3%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$4,674.60	\$928,932.70
			Per Capita \$	\$44.59	\$45.06
			% of Total	3.1%	1.9%

* 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	County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	2,084.2	2,158.0
Admissions to prison FY 2021-22	221	25,362
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2021-22	214.4	113.9

State Infrastructure

Transportation	County	Florida
State Highway Centerline Miles	132.5	12,123.4
Lane Miles	397.9	45,337.5
State Bridges Number	24	7,079

State Facilities

Buildings/Facilities (min. 300 Square Feet)	County	Florida
Number	82	9,426
Square Footage	144,289	65,539,144

Conservation Land (land acres only)

State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	County	Florida
State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	62,164	5,689,323
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	35.5%	54.9%
% of Total Area Land	9.6%	16.6%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	1.1%	

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	Highlands County	Florida
Under 65 years	81.2%	84.5%
Under 19 years	91.2%	93.0%
18 to 64 years	77.6%	81.6%

State and Local Taxation

2022	Highlands County	Not County-Wide*
County	8.1000	
School	5.5510	
Municipal		1.1675
Special Districts		0.2275

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

Education

Public Education Schools Traditional Setting (2022-23)	Highlands County School District	Florida
Total (state total includes special districts)	19	3,780
Elementary	11	1,878
Middle	4	569
Senior High	4	725
Combination	0	608

Educational attainment

Persons aged 25 and older	Highlands County	Florida
% HS graduate or higher	85.9%	89.0%
% bachelor's degree or higher	18.8%	31.5%

