

# Okeechobee County

Florida's 47th most populous county  
with 0.2% of Florida's population



## Population

	Okeechobee County	Florida
<b>Census Population</b>		
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%
<b>Age</b>		
% Under 18 years of age	22.0%	19.5%
<b>Race (alone) &amp; Ethnicity</b>		
% 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
<b>2021 Estimate</b>	39,148	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	-1.3%	1.7%
<b>2022 Estimate</b>	39,385	22,276,132
% change 2020-2022	-0.7%	3.4%
Based on 2021 Estimate		
2025	39,937	23,164,008
2030	40,526	24,471,129
2035	40,889	25,520,837
2040	41,167	26,405,472
2045	41,391	27,176,715
2050	41,583	27,877,707

## Population Characteristics

	County	Florida
<b>Language spoken at home other than English</b>		
Persons aged 5 and over	22.7%	29.8%
<b>Place of birth</b>		
Foreign born	12.4%	21.0%
<b>Veteran status</b>		
Civilian population 18 and over	9.8%	8.2%

## Migration

	Okeechobee County	Florida
<b>Residence 1 Year Ago</b>		
<b>Persons aged 1 and over</b>		
Same house	89.3%	85.2%
Different house in the U.S.	10.5%	13.8%
Same county in Florida	4.7%	7.9%
Different county in Florida	4.2%	3.1%
Different county in another state	1.5%	2.9%
Abroad	0.3%	0.9%

## Real Gross Domestic Product

	Okeechobee County	Florida
<b>Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2012 Dollars)</b>		
2015 GDP	1,203,286	852,242,411
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2016 GDP	1,167,576	881,539,238
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2017 GDP	1,270,655	912,687,386
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2018 GDP	1,156,102	941,626,696
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2019 GDP	1,544,315	965,672,478
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2020 GDP	1,662,306	950,164,387
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2021 GDP	1,669,033	1,029,575,591
Percent of the State	0.2%	

## Population by Housing Type

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

## Housing

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

## Building Permits

	Okeechobee County	Florida
<b>Units Permitted</b>		
2000	131	155,269
2010	48	38,679
2020	15	164,074
2021	13	213,494

## Density

	County	Florida
<b>Persons per square mile</b>		
2000	46.4	296.4
2010	52.0	350.6
2020	51.5	401.4
2022	50.9	408.2

## Households and Family Households

	Okeechobee County	Florida
<b>Households</b>		
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

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 2021	Okeechobee County		Florida		Establishments % of All Industries, 2021	Okeechobee County		Florida	
All industries	1,065		820,313		All industries	1,065		820,313	
Natural Resource & Mining	92		5,545		Natural Resource & Mining	8.6%		0.7%	
Construction	158		78,395		Construction	14.8%		9.6%	
Manufacturing	25		22,795		Manufacturing	2.3%		2.8%	
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	233		151,294		Trade, Transportation and Utilities	21.9%		18.4%	
Information	9		16,928		Information	0.8%		2.1%	
Financial Activities	65		89,810		Financial Activities	6.1%		10.9%	
Professional & Business Services	156		205,828		Professional & Business Services	14.6%		25.1%	
Education & Health Services	120		92,489		Education & Health Services	11.3%		11.3%	
Leisure and Hospitality	85		63,682		Leisure and Hospitality	8.0%		7.8%	
Other Services	78		57,817		Other Services	7.3%		7.0%	
Government	35		5,893		Government	3.3%		0.7%	

Average Annual Employment % of All Industries, 2021	Okeechobee County		Florida		Average Annual Wage 2021	Okeechobee County		Florida	
All industries	11,261		8,859,818		All industries	\$42,324		\$60,299	
Natural Resource & Mining	7.8%		0.8%		Natural Resource & Mining	\$38,728		\$42,128	
Construction	6.8%		6.5%		Construction	\$46,271		\$59,088	
Manufacturing	3.1%		4.4%		Manufacturing	\$52,741		\$69,997	
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	21.5%		20.7%		Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$37,646		\$53,762	
Information	0.4%		1.6%		Information	\$52,349		\$104,461	
Financial Activities	2.7%		6.9%		Financial Activities	\$41,367		\$93,945	
Professional & Business Services	11.4%		16.5%		Professional & Business Services	\$45,495		\$74,787	
Education & Health Services	14.6%		15.0%		Education & Health Services	\$50,093		\$59,043	
Leisure and Hospitality	10.7%		12.7%		Leisure and Hospitality	\$22,609		\$31,029	
Other Services	3.6%		3.0%		Other Services	\$32,913		\$44,107	
Government	17.5%		11.8%		Government	\$51,555		\$61,210	

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

Labor Force as Percent of Population Aged 18 and Older	Okeechobee County		Florida		Unemployment Rate	Okeechobee County		Florida	
2000	58.8%		64.2%		2000	5.4%		3.8%	
2010	59.0%		61.8%		2010	12.2%		10.8%	
2020	52.5%		58.6%		2020	5.9%		8.2%	
2021	57.6%		59.0%		2021	4.1%		4.6%	
2022 preliminary	58.3%		60.1%		2022 preliminary	2.8%		2.7%	

**Income and Financial Health**

Personal Income (\$000s)	Okeechobee County		Florida		Per Capita Personal Income	Okeechobee County		Florida	
2000	\$635,484		\$472,851,789		2000	\$17,693		\$29,466	
2010	\$1,005,915		\$732,457,478		2010	\$25,179		\$38,872	
% change 2000-2010	58.3%		54.9%		% change 2000-2010	42.3%		31.9%	
2020	\$1,426,470		\$1,235,793,410		2020	\$35,985		\$57,292	
% change 2010-2020	41.8%		68.7%		% change 2010-2020	42.9%		47.4%	
2021	\$1,600,443		\$1,356,318,587		2021	\$39,747		\$62,270	
% change 2020-2021	12.2%		9.8%		% change 2020-2021	10.5%		8.7%	

  

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)	Okeechobee County		Florida		Median Income	Okeechobee County		Florida	
2000	\$350,259		\$308,751,767		Median Household Income	\$47,020		\$61,777	
2010	\$512,294		\$438,983,914		Median Family Income	\$55,061		\$74,237	
% change 2000-2010	46.3%		42.2%						
2020	\$735,348		\$686,243,741						
% change 2010-2020	43.5%		56.3%						
2021	\$759,353		\$764,483,116						
% change 2020-2021	3.3%		11.4%						

Workers Aged 16 and Over	Okeechobee County		Florida		Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)	Okeechobee County		Florida	
Place of Work in Florida					12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2021	1.12		1.45	
Worked outside county of residence	21.8%		17.8%		12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2022	1.19		1.14	
Travel Time to Work					State Rank	13		NA	
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	26.6		27.9						

NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2019-20	Okeechobee County	Florida*	Expenditures 2019-20	Okeechobee County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$62,281.9	\$52,645,134.4	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$66,091.44	\$48,804,501.28
Per Capita \$	\$1,478.96	\$2,553.85	Per Capita \$	\$1,569.42	\$2,367.54
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
Taxes (\$000s)	\$38,194.9	\$16,651,821.4	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$15,585.01	\$8,468,311.68
Per Capita \$	\$906.98	\$807.79	Per Capita \$	\$370.08	\$410.80
% of Total	61.3%	31.6%	% of Total	23.6%	17.4%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$1,238.4	\$2,256,256.6	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$27,073.84	\$12,039,077.73
Per Capita \$	\$29.41	\$109.45	Per Capita \$	\$642.90	\$584.02
% of Total	2.0%	4.3%	% of Total	41.0%	24.7%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$9,430.0	\$7,095,752.8	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$3,203.10	\$5,403,299.24
Per Capita \$	\$223.93	\$344.22	Per Capita \$	\$76.06	\$262.12
% of Total	15.1%	13.5%	% of Total	4.8%	11.1%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$4,960.8	\$14,148,555.9	Transportation (\$000s)	\$8,568.54	\$5,666,984.30
Per Capita \$	\$117.80	\$686.36	Per Capita \$	\$203.47	\$274.91
% of Total	8.0%	26.9%	% of Total	13.0%	11.6%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$607.8	\$161,937.7	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$2,180.35	\$1,793,284.71
Per Capita \$	\$14.43	\$7.86	Per Capita \$	\$51.77	\$86.99
% of Total	1.0%	0.3%	% of Total	3.3%	3.7%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$5,463.1	\$1,629,204.3	Human Services (\$000s)	\$2,598.59	\$4,112,446.49
Per Capita \$	\$129.73	\$79.03	Per Capita \$	\$61.71	\$199.50
% of Total	8.8%	3.1%	% of Total	3.9%	8.4%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$2,386.9	\$10,701,605.8	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$2,234.17	\$1,960,626.16
Per Capita \$	\$56.68	\$519.14	Per Capita \$	\$53.05	\$95.11
% of Total	3.8%	20.3%	% of Total	3.4%	4.0%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$2,158.92	\$8,431,538.28
			Per Capita \$	\$51.27	\$409.02
			% of Total	3.3%	17.3%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$2,488.93	\$928,932.70
			Per Capita \$	\$59.10	\$45.06
			% of Total	3.8%	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)	2,956.4	2,158.0
Admissions to prison FY 2021-22	146	25,362
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2021-22	370.7	113.9

State Infrastructure

Transportation	County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	103.5	12,123.4
Lane Miles	256.5	45,337.5
State Bridges		
Number	36	7,079

State Facilities

Buildings/Facilities (min. 300 Square Feet)		
Number	155	9,426
Square Footage	754,324	65,539,144

Conservation Land (land acres only)

State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	101,705	5,689,323
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	82.6%	54.9%
% of Total Area Land	20.7%	16.6%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	1.8%	

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	County	Florida
Under 65 years	78.8%	84.5%
Under 19 years	90.6%	93.0%
18 to 64 years	74.0%	81.6%

State and Local Taxation

2022	Okeechobee County	Not County-Wide*
County	8.0000	
School	5.4710	
Municipal		0.8267
Special Districts	0.3000	0.2554

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

Education

Public Education Schools	Okeechobee County School	Florida
Traditional Setting (2022-23)		
Total (state total includes special districts)	10	3,780
Elementary	6	1,878
Middle	2	569
Senior High	1	725
Combination	1	608

Educational attainment

Persons aged 25 and older	Okeechobee County	Florida
% HS graduate or higher	80.6%	89.0%
% bachelor's degree or higher	16.6%	31.5%

