

Polk County

Florida's 9th most populous county
with 3.5% of Florida's population



Population

	Polk County	Florida
Census Population		
1980 Census	321,652	9,746,961
1990 Census	405,382	12,938,071
2000 Census	483,924	15,982,824
2010 Census	602,095	18,801,332
2020 Census	725,046	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	20.4%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	21.9%	19.5%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	54.2%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	13.9%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.2%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	1.8%	2.9%
% Not Hispanic-Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%
% Not Hispanic-Some Other Race	0.5%	0.6%
% Not Hispanic-Two or More Races	3.4%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	25.9%	26.5%

Real Gross Domestic Product

	Polk County	Florida
Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2012 Dollars)		
2015 GDP	21,532,353	852,242,411
Percent of the State	2.5%	
2016 GDP	22,171,258	881,539,238
Percent of the State	2.5%	
2017 GDP	23,407,114	912,687,386
Percent of the State	2.6%	
2018 GDP	23,945,143	941,626,696
Percent of the State	2.5%	
2019 GDP	24,742,403	965,672,478
Percent of the State	2.6%	
2020 GDP	25,553,413	950,164,387
Percent of the State	2.7%	
2021 GDP	26,955,415	1,029,575,591
Percent of the State	2.6%	

Population by Housing Type

	Polk County	Florida
Household Population	709,633	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.60	2.47
Group Quarters Population	15,413	464,583

Population Estimates

	Polk County	Florida
2021 Estimate	748,365	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	3.2%	1.7%
2022 Estimate	770,019	22,276,132
% change 2020-2022	6.2%	3.4%
Based on 2021 Estimate		
2025	810,945	23,164,008
2030	877,761	24,471,129
2035	932,712	25,520,837
2040	979,194	26,405,472
2045	1,019,496	27,176,715
2050	1,056,195	27,877,707

Housing

	Polk County	Florida
Housing Counts		
Housing units, 2020 Census	316,381	9,865,350
Occupied	272,418	8,529,067
Vacant	43,963	1,336,283

Building Permits

	Polk County	Florida
Units Permitted		
2000	4,746	155,269
2010	1,200	38,679
2020	9,492	164,074
2021	13,071	213,494

Population Characteristics

	Polk County	Florida
Language spoken at home other than English		
Persons aged 5 and over	24.2%	29.8%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	10.4%	21.0%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	8.2%	8.2%

Density

	Polk County	Florida
Persons per square mile		
2000	258.2	296.4
2010	334.9	350.6
2020	403.3	401.4
2022	416.3	408.2

Migration

	Polk County	Florida
Residence 1 Year Ago		
Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	85.5%	85.2%
Different house in the U.S.	13.8%	13.8%
Same county in Florida	7.0%	7.9%
Different county in Florida	3.7%	3.1%
Different county in another state	3.1%	2.9%
Abroad	0.7%	0.9%

Households and Family Households

	Polk County	Florida
Households		
Total households, 2000 Census	187,233	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	132,305	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	41.0%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	227,485	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	159,323	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	39.0%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.59	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	3.05	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			Establishments % of All Industries, 2021		
	Polk County	Florida		Polk County	Florida
All industries	17,114	820,313	All industries	17,114	820,313
Natural Resource & Mining	267	5,545	Natural Resource & Mining	1.6%	0.7%
Construction	1,994	78,395	Construction	11.7%	9.6%
Manufacturing	582	22,795	Manufacturing	3.4%	2.8%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	3,532	151,294	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	20.6%	18.4%
Information	216	16,928	Information	1.3%	2.1%
Financial Activities	2,552	89,810	Financial Activities	14.9%	10.9%
Professional & Business Services	3,199	205,828	Professional & Business Services	18.7%	25.1%
Education & Health Services	1,796	92,489	Education & Health Services	10.5%	11.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	1,342	63,682	Leisure and Hospitality	7.8%	7.8%
Other Services	1,134	57,817	Other Services	6.6%	7.0%
Government	158	5,893	Government	0.9%	0.7%

Average Annual Employment % of All Industries, 2021			Average Annual Wage 2021		
	Polk County	Florida		Polk County	Florida
All industries	243,834	8,859,818	All industries	\$48,322	\$60,299
Natural Resource & Mining	1.2%	0.8%	Natural Resource & Mining	\$51,623	\$42,128
Construction	5.9%	6.5%	Construction	\$54,438	\$59,088
Manufacturing	7.2%	4.4%	Manufacturing	\$64,795	\$69,997
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	29.0%	20.7%	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$42,906	\$53,762
Information	0.7%	1.6%	Information	\$58,068	\$104,461
Financial Activities	5.5%	6.9%	Financial Activities	\$65,558	\$93,945
Professional & Business Services	12.9%	16.5%	Professional & Business Services	\$54,377	\$74,787
Education & Health Services	14.0%	15.0%	Education & Health Services	\$54,353	\$59,043
Leisure and Hospitality	9.8%	12.7%	Leisure and Hospitality	\$22,552	\$31,029
Other Services	2.3%	3.0%	Other Services	\$42,421	\$44,107
Government	11.4%	11.8%	Government	\$48,299	\$61,210

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

Labor Force as Percent of Population Aged 18 and Older			Unemployment Rate		
	Polk County	Florida		Polk County	Florida
2000	63.8%	64.2%	2000	4.2%	3.8%
2010	59.9%	61.8%	2010	11.8%	10.8%
2020	57.6%	58.6%	2020	9.8%	8.2%
2021	56.7%	59.0%	2021	5.4%	4.6%
2022 preliminary	56.8%	60.1%	2022 preliminary	3.3%	2.7%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)			Per Capita Personal Income		
	Polk County	Florida		Polk County	Florida
2000	\$11,708,270	\$472,851,789	2000	\$24,115	\$29,466
2010	\$18,650,683	\$732,457,478	2010	\$30,939	\$38,872
% change 2000-2010	59.3%	54.9%	% change 2000-2010	28.3%	31.9%
2020	\$29,876,967	\$1,235,793,410	2020	\$40,970	\$57,292
% change 2010-2020	60.2%	68.7%	% change 2010-2020	32.4%	47.4%
2021	\$32,820,004	\$1,356,318,587	2021	\$43,556	\$62,270
% change 2020-2021	9.9%	9.8%	% change 2020-2021	6.3%	8.7%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)			Median Income		
	Polk County	Florida		Polk County	Florida
2000	\$7,390,851	\$308,751,767	Median Household Income	\$55,099	\$61,777
2010	\$10,587,553	\$438,983,914	Median Family Income	\$63,591	\$74,237
% change 2000-2010	43.3%	42.2%			
2020	\$16,406,259	\$686,243,741			
% change 2010-2020	55.0%	56.3%			
2021	\$17,791,677	\$764,483,116			
% change 2020-2021	8.4%	11.4%			

Workers Aged 16 and Over			Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)		
	Polk County	Florida		Polk County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida			12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2021	1.45	1.45
Worked outside county of residence	22.5%	17.8%	12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2022	1.20	1.14
Travel Time to Work			State Rank	12	NA
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	29.1	27.9			

NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2019-20	Polk County	Florida*	Expenditures 2019-20	Polk County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$1,158,018.5	\$52,645,134.4	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$1,077,074.37	\$48,804,501.28
Per Capita \$	\$1,619.40	\$2,553.85	Per Capita \$	\$1,506.21	\$2,367.54
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
Taxes (\$000s)	\$407,578.5	\$16,651,821.4	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$200,875.71	\$8,468,311.68
Per Capita \$	\$569.97	\$807.79	Per Capita \$	\$280.91	\$410.80
% of Total	35.2%	31.6%	% of Total	18.7%	17.4%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$83,019.8	\$2,256,256.6	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$400,305.95	\$12,039,077.73
Per Capita \$	\$116.10	\$109.45	Per Capita \$	\$559.80	\$584.02
% of Total	7.2%	4.3%	% of Total	37.2%	24.7%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$167,743.4	\$7,095,752.8	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$159,544.89	\$5,403,299.24
Per Capita \$	\$234.58	\$344.22	Per Capita \$	\$223.11	\$262.12
% of Total	14.5%	13.5%	% of Total	14.8%	11.1%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$320,086.0	\$14,148,555.9	Transportation (\$000s)	\$88,584.36	\$5,666,984.30
Per Capita \$	\$447.62	\$686.36	Per Capita \$	\$123.88	\$274.91
% of Total	27.6%	26.9%	% of Total	8.2%	11.6%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$5,415.3	\$161,937.7	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$23,724.99	\$1,793,284.71
Per Capita \$	\$7.57	\$7.86	Per Capita \$	\$33.18	\$86.99
% of Total	0.5%	0.3%	% of Total	2.2%	3.7%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$47,184.0	\$1,629,204.3	Human Services (\$000s)	\$69,311.69	\$4,112,446.49
Per Capita \$	\$65.98	\$79.03	Per Capita \$	\$96.93	\$199.50
% of Total	4.1%	3.1%	% of Total	6.4%	8.4%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$126,991.6	\$10,701,605.8	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$17,122.56	\$1,960,626.16
Per Capita \$	\$177.59	\$519.14	Per Capita \$	\$23.94	\$95.11
% of Total	11.0%	20.3%	% of Total	1.6%	4.0%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$85,748.54	\$8,431,538.28
			Per Capita \$	\$119.91	\$409.02
			% of Total	8.0%	17.3%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$31,855.68	\$928,932.70
			Per Capita \$	\$44.55	\$45.06
			% of Total	3.0%	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	Polk County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	1,694.5	2,158.0
Admissions to prison FY 2021-22	1,173	25,362
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2021-22	152.3	113.9

State Infrastructure

Transportation	Polk County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	460.8	12,123.4
Lane Miles	1,682.7	45,337.5
State Bridges		
Number	194	7,079

State Facilities

Buildings/Facilities (min. 300 Square Feet)	Polk County	Florida
Number	422	9,426
Square Footage	2,522,148	65,539,144

Conservation Land (land acres only)

State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	Polk County	Florida
State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	196,051	5,689,323
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	72.9%	54.9%
% of Total Area Land	17.1%	16.6%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	3.4%	

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	Polk County	Florida
Under 65 years	84.0%	84.5%
Under 19 years	93.0%	93.0%
18 to 64 years	80.4%	81.6%

State and Local Taxation

2022	Polk County	
	County-Wide	Not County-Wide*
County	6.6920	0.4966
School	5.5190	
Municipal		2.5433
Special Districts		0.4061

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

Education

Public Education Schools	Polk County	Florida
Traditional Setting (2022-23)		
Total (state total includes special districts)	151	3,780
Elementary	78	1,878
Middle	24	569
Senior High	28	725
Combination	21	608

Educational attainment

Persons aged 25 and older	Polk County	Florida
% HS graduate or higher	86.4%	89.0%
% bachelor's degree or higher	21.0%	31.5%

