

Hardee County

Florida's 52nd most populous county
with 0.1% of Florida's population



Population

Census Population	Hardee County	Florida
1980 Census	20,357	9,746,961
1990 Census	19,499	12,938,071
2000 Census	26,938	15,982,824
2010 Census	27,731	18,801,332
2020 Census	25,327	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	-8.7%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	25.6%	19.5%
% Aged 65 and over	16.9%	21.2%
% Median age	37.4	43.0
Gender		
% Male	53.5%	48.6%
% Female	46.5%	51.4%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	46.9%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	8.3%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.2%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	0.7%	2.9%
% Not Hispanic-Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%
% Not Hispanic-Some Other Race	0.1%	0.6%
% Not Hispanic-Two or More Races	1.9%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	41.9%	26.5%

Population Estimates

	Hardee County	Florida
2021 Estimate	25,269	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	-0.2%	1.7%
2022 Estimate	25,544	22,276,132
% change 2020-2022	0.9%	3.4%
2023 Estimate	25,645	22,634,867
% change 2020-2023	1.3%	5.1%
Based on 2023 Estimate		
2025	25,684	23,292,200
2030	25,744	24,698,545
2035	25,787	25,814,954
2040	25,826	26,682,030
2045	25,855	27,409,376
2050	25,885	28,065,018

Population Characteristics

	Hardee County	Florida
Language Spoken at home (% of total persons aged 5 and over)		
Speak only English	63.0%	70.1%
Speak a language other than English	37.0%	29.9%
Speak English "very well"	20.2%	18.1%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	11.2%	21.1%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	4.7%	7.9%

Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago Persons aged 1 and over	Hardee County	Florida
Same house	91.8%	85.6%
Different house in the U.S.	7.9%	13.5%
Same county in Florida	2.7%	7.4%
Different county in Florida	4.5%	3.1%
Different county in another state	0.7%	3.0%
Abroad	0.3%	0.9%

Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2017 Dollars)	Hardee County	Florida
2017 GDP	1,037,682	1,014,866,863
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2018 GDP	964,031	1,050,433,812
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2019 GDP	956,907	1,079,271,045
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2020 GDP	955,355	1,068,377,540
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2021 GDP	945,501	1,164,778,182
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2022 GDP	1,005,913	1,218,430,197
Percent of the State	0.1%	

Population by Housing Type

	Hardee County	Florida
Household Population	23,428	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.91	2.47
Group Quarters Population	1,899	464,583

Housing

Housing Counts	Hardee County	Florida
Housing units, 2020 Census	9,820	9,865,350
Occupied	8,059	8,529,067
Vacant	1,761	1,336,283

Building Permits

Units Permitted	Hardee County	Florida
2000	56	155,269
2010	12	38,679
2020	50	164,074
2021	61	213,494
2022	85	211,962
2023	73	193,788

Density

Persons per square mile	Hardee County	Florida
2000	42.3	296.4
2010	43.5	350.6
2020	39.7	401.4
2023	40.2	421.9

Households and Family Households

Households	Hardee County	Florida
Total households, 2000 Census	8,166	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	6,253	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	45.5%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	8,245	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	6,172	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	45.5%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	3.12	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	3.52	3.01
Total households, 2020 Census	8,059	8,529,067
Family households, 2020 Census	5,810	5,571,482
% with own children under 18	42.3%	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			Establishments		
2023, preliminary	Hardee County	Florida	% of All Industries, 2023, preliminary	Hardee County	Florida
All industries	590	878,638	All industries	590	878,638
Natural Resource & Mining	110	5,768	Natural Resource & Mining	18.6%	0.7%
Construction	50	82,713	Construction	8.5%	9.4%
Manufacturing	13	25,594	Manufacturing	2.2%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	122	151,461	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	20.7%	17.2%
Information	3	19,747	Information	0.5%	2.2%
Financial Activities	37	95,110	Financial Activities	6.3%	10.8%
Professional & Business Services	68	226,854	Professional & Business Services	11.5%	25.8%
Education & Health Services	50	100,471	Education & Health Services	8.5%	11.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	50	66,292	Leisure and Hospitality	8.5%	7.5%
Other Services	38	59,538	Other Services	6.4%	6.8%
Government	32	5,831	Government	5.4%	0.7%

Average Annual Employment			Average Annual Wage		
% of All Industries, 2023, preliminary	Hardee County	Florida	2023, preliminary	Hardee County	Florida
All industries	7,304	9,680,249	All industries	\$45,344	\$66,443
Natural Resource & Mining	13.6%	0.7%	Natural Resource & Mining	\$43,980	\$46,399
Construction	4.4%	6.5%	Construction	\$46,032	\$66,905
Manufacturing	4.2%	4.3%	Manufacturing	\$40,287	\$78,331
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	19.2%	20.2%	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$49,741	\$59,165
Information	NA	1.6%	Information	NA	\$112,706
Financial Activities	4.5%	7.0%	Financial Activities	\$60,177	\$100,986
Professional & Business Services	4.4%	16.7%	Professional & Business Services	\$45,087	\$83,076
Education & Health Services	11.9%	15.1%	Education & Health Services	\$47,029	\$63,872
Leisure and Hospitality	13.8%	13.4%	Leisure and Hospitality	\$32,126	\$35,532
Other Services	1.2%	3.0%	Other Services	\$27,856	\$49,297
Government	22.3%	11.2%	Government	\$48,583	\$67,715

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

Labor Force as Percent of Population			Unemployment Rate		
Aged 18 and Older	Hardee County	Florida		Hardee County	Florida
2000	55.1%	63.7%	2000	5.9%	3.7%
2010	58.2%	61.8%	2010	11.2%	10.8%
2020	41.6%	58.5%	2020	6.9%	8.1%
2021	47.1%	59.1%	2021	5.0%	4.7%
2022	45.3%	59.8%	2022	4.0%	3.0%
2023	47.0%	60.5%	2023	4.1%	2.9%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)			Per Capita Personal Income		
	Hardee County	Florida		Hardee County	Florida
2000	\$477,269	\$471,588,082	2000	\$17,829	\$29,387
2010	\$643,043	\$730,690,145	2010	\$23,221	\$38,778
% change 2000-2010	34.7%	54.9%	% change 2000-2010	30.2%	32.0%
2020	\$817,961	\$1,221,121,559	2020	\$32,291	\$56,561
% change 2010-2020	27.2%	67.1%	% change 2010-2020	39.1%	45.9%
2021	\$897,656	\$1,376,879,460	2021	\$35,471	\$63,078
% change 2020-2021	9.7%	12.8%	% change 2020-2021	9.8%	11.5%
2022	\$896,743	\$1,441,598,918	2022	\$34,968	\$64,806
% change 2021-2022	-0.1%	4.7%	% change 2021-2022	-1.4%	2.7%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)			Median Income		
	Hardee County	Florida		Hardee County	Florida
2000	\$297,234	\$308,751,767	Median Household Income	\$44,665	\$67,917
2010	\$403,154	\$439,036,383	Median Family Income	\$52,250	\$81,514
% change 2000-2010	35.6%	42.2%			
2020	\$443,248	\$683,698,267			
% change 2010-2020	9.9%	55.7%			
2021	\$462,197	\$768,399,192			
% change 2020-2021	4.3%	12.4%			
2022	\$481,719	\$844,048,879			
% change 2021-2022	4.2%	9.8%			

Workers Aged 16 and Over			Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate		
	Hardee County	Florida	(per 1,000 population)	Hardee County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida			12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2022	0.35	1.14
Worked outside county of residence	31.4%	17.3%	12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2023	0.16	1.16
Travel Time to Work			State Rank	67	NA
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	27.6	27.9			

NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2020-21	Hardee County	Florida*	Expenditures 2020-21	Hardee County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$58,509.2	\$81,512,347.2	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$59,204.07	\$77,064,319.71
Per Capita \$	\$2,315.45	\$3,903.45	Per Capita \$	\$2,342.95	\$3,690.44
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
Taxes (\$000s)	\$18,486.0	\$28,700,395.9	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$18,956.12	\$30,930,327.83
Per Capita \$	\$731.57	\$1,374.40	Per Capita \$	\$750.17	\$1,481.19
% of Total	31.6%	35.2%	% of Total	32.0%	40.1%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$3,713.2	\$3,079,751.7	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$20,178.91	\$13,640,661.35
Per Capita \$	\$146.95	\$147.48	Per Capita \$	\$798.56	\$653.22
% of Total	6.3%	3.8%	% of Total	34.1%	17.7%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$21,524.9	\$9,164,789.4	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$4,534.50	\$5,265,524.83
Per Capita \$	\$851.83	\$438.88	Per Capita \$	\$179.45	\$252.15
% of Total	36.8%	11.2%	% of Total	7.7%	6.8%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$6,043.6	\$23,760,013.8	Transportation (\$000s)	\$7,745.47	\$5,650,946.87
Per Capita \$	\$239.17	\$1,137.82	Per Capita \$	\$306.52	\$270.61
% of Total	10.3%	29.1%	% of Total	13.1%	7.3%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$203.9	\$338,738.4	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$3,256.76	\$1,975,239.15
Per Capita \$	\$8.07	\$16.22	Per Capita \$	\$128.88	\$94.59
% of Total	0.3%	0.4%	% of Total	5.5%	2.6%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$6,554.0	\$4,467,076.4	Human Services (\$000s)	\$999.46	\$4,694,300.07
Per Capita \$	\$259.37	\$213.92	Per Capita \$	\$39.55	\$224.80
% of Total	11.2%	5.5%	% of Total	1.7%	6.1%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$1,983.6	\$12,001,581.6	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$1,530.60	\$1,794,823.73
Per Capita \$	\$78.50	\$574.73	Per Capita \$	\$60.57	\$85.95
% of Total	3.4%	14.7%	% of Total	2.6%	2.3%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$1,983.56	\$10,103,703.21
			Per Capita \$	\$78.50	\$483.84
			% of Total	3.4%	13.1%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$18.69	\$3,008,792.67
			Per Capita \$	\$0.74	\$144.08
			% of Total	0.0%	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	Hardee County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	2,091.6	2,158.0
Admissions to prison FY 2022-23	46	27,209
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2022-23	179.4	120.2

State Infrastructure

Transportation	Hardee County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	94.7	12,123.4
Lane Miles	231.5	45,337.5
State Bridges		
Number	30	7,079

State Facilities

Buildings/Facilities (min. 300 Square Feet)		
Number	59	9,426
Square Footage	544,151	65,539,144

Conservation Land (land acres only)

State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	10,948	5,689,323
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	100.0%	54.9%
% of Total Area Land	2.7%	16.6%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	0.2%	

Other County Profiles
Criminal Justice County Profiles
School District Profiles

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	Hardee County	Florida
Under 65 years	82.1%	86.1%
Under 19 years	92.5%	92.7%
18 to 64 years	77.2%	83.8%

State and Local Taxation

2023	Hardee County	Not County-Wide*
County-Wide		
County	8.8000	
School	5.4040	
Municipal		0.7298
Special Districts	0.2043	

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

Education

Public Education Schools	Hardee County	Florida
Traditional Setting (2023-24)	School District	
Total (state total includes special districts)	8	3,787
Elementary	5	1,877
Middle	1	565
Senior High	2	729
Combination	0	616

Educational attainment

Persons aged 25 and older	Hardee County	Florida
% HS graduate or higher	77.9%	89.3%
% bachelor's degree or higher	10.4%	32.3%

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