

Columbia County

Florida's 41st most populous county
with 0.3% of Florida's population



Population

Census Population	Columbia County	Florida
1980 Census	35,399	9,746,961
1990 Census	42,613	12,938,071
2000 Census	56,513	15,982,824
2010 Census	67,531	18,801,332
2020 Census	69,698	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	3.2%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	21.4%	19.5%
% Aged 65 and over	20.6%	21.2%
% Median age	42.9	43.0
Gender		
% Male	51.1%	48.6%
% Female	48.9%	51.4%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	70.4%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	16.4%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	1.2%	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	3.8%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	7.3%	26.5%

Population Estimates

	Columbia County	Florida
2021 Estimate	69,809	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	0.2%	1.7%
2022 Estimate	71,525	22,276,132
% change 2020-2022	2.6%	3.4%
2023 Estimate	72,191	22,634,867
% change 2020-2023	3.6%	5.1%
2024 Estimate	72,155	23,014,551
% change 2020-2024	3.5%	6.9%
Based on 2023 Estimate		
2025	73,279	23,292,200
2030	75,377	24,698,545
2035	77,145	25,814,954
2040	78,598	26,682,030
2045	79,787	27,409,376
2050	80,852	28,065,018

Population Characteristics

	Columbia County	Florida
(% of total persons aged 5 and over)		
Speak only English	92.7%	69.9%
Speak a language other than English	7.3%	30.1%
Speak English "very well"	4.9%	18.0%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	4.0%	21.4%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	11.0%	7.7%

Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago	Columbia County	Florida
Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	81.2%	86.0%
Different house in the U.S.	18.1%	13.0%
Same county in Florida	8.0%	6.9%
Different county in Florida	7.3%	3.1%
Different county in another state	2.7%	3.0%
Abroad	0.7%	1.0%

Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2017 Dollars)	Columbia County	Florida
2017 GDP	2,136,953	1,014,866,863
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2018 GDP	2,223,072	1,050,433,812
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2019 GDP	2,305,577	1,084,913,903
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2020 GDP	2,351,424	1,069,758,799
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2021 GDP	2,358,696	1,170,526,307
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2022 GDP	2,445,992	1,239,883,625
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2023 GDP	2,604,298	1,292,787,615
Percent of the State	0.2%	

Population by Housing Type

	Columbia County	Florida
Household Population	66,097	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.50	2.47
Group Quarters Population	3,601	464,583

Housing

Housing Counts	Columbia County	Florida
Housing units, 2020 Census	29,775	9,865,350
Occupied	26,424	8,529,067
Vacant	3,351	1,336,283

Building Permits

Units Permitted	Columbia County	Florida
2000	289	155,269
2010	84	38,679
2020	194	164,074
2021	258	213,494
2022	211	211,962
2023	182	193,788
2024	178	173,326

Density

Persons per square mile	Columbia County	Florida
2000	70.9	296.4
2010	84.7	350.6
2020	87.4	401.4
2023	90.5	421.9
2024	90.5	429.0

Households and Family Households

	Columbia County	Florida
Households		
Total households, 2000 Census	20,925	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	14,919	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	45.1%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	24,941	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	17,122	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	39.4%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.52	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	3.00	3.01
Total households, 2020 Census	26,424	8,529,067
Family households, 2020 Census	17,554	5,571,482
% with own children under 18	35.9%	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 (CQR).

Employment and Labor Force

Establishments

2023

	Columbia County	Florida
All industries	18,335	878,947
Natural Resource & Mining	108	5,771
Construction	2,513	82,738
Manufacturing	405	25,599
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	2,581	151,500
Information	276	19,752
Financial Activities	2,640	95,132
Professional & Business Services	4,627	226,936
Education & Health Services	1,715	100,498
Leisure and Hospitality	1,348	66,309
Other Services	1,449	59,548
Government	81	5,830

Average Annual Employment

% of All Industries, 2023

	Columbia County	Florida
All industries	24,579	9,678,557
Natural Resource & Mining	0.9%	0.7%
Construction	4.7%	6.5%
Manufacturing	9.0%	4.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	22.6%	20.2%
Information	0.3%	1.6%
Financial Activities	3.0%	6.9%
Professional & Business Services	8.6%	16.7%
Education & Health Services	15.5%	15.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	11.9%	13.4%
Other Services	2.1%	3.0%
Government	21.3%	11.2%

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

Establishments

% of All Industries

	Columbia County	Florida
All industries	18,335	878,947
Natural Resource & Mining	0.6%	0.7%
Construction	13.7%	9.4%
Manufacturing	2.2%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	14.1%	17.2%
Information	1.5%	2.2%
Financial Activities	14.4%	10.8%
Professional & Business Services	25.2%	25.8%
Education & Health Services	9.4%	11.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	7.4%	7.5%
Other Services	7.9%	6.8%
Government	0.4%	0.7%

Average Annual Wage

2023

	Columbia County	Florida
All industries	\$49,443	\$66,446
Natural Resource & Mining	\$48,681	\$46,398
Construction	\$50,189	\$66,902
Manufacturing	\$61,501	\$78,331
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$45,968	\$59,161
Information	\$49,781	\$112,704
Financial Activities	\$74,262	\$101,130
Professional & Business Services	\$56,419	\$83,076
Education & Health Services	\$47,360	\$63,868
Leisure and Hospitality	\$23,080	\$35,528
Other Services	\$33,429	\$49,293
Government	\$59,595	\$67,715

Labor Force as Percent of Population

Aged 18 and Older

	Columbia County	Florida
2000	60.9%	63.7%
2010	54.5%	61.8%
2020	49.4%	58.0%
2021	49.2%	58.9%
2022	47.8%	59.8%
2023	52.2%	60.4%
2024	48.3%	60.3%

Unemployment Rate

	Columbia County	Florida
2000	3.9%	3.7%
2010	10.5%	10.8%
2020	6.6%	8.0%
2021	4.9%	4.7%
2022	3.5%	3.0%
2023	3.4%	2.9%
2024	4.0%	3.4%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)

	Columbia County	Florida
2000	\$1,095,134	\$471,588,082
2010	\$1,930,748	\$730,690,145
% change 2000-2010	76.3%	54.9%
2020	\$2,794,821	\$1,220,782,745
% change 2010-2020	44.8%	67.1%
2021	\$3,053,337	\$1,358,786,260
% change 2020-2021	9.2%	11.3%
2022	\$3,114,784	\$1,436,107,237
% change 2021-2022	2.0%	5.7%
2023	\$3,360,505	\$1,553,426,399
% change 2022-2023	7.9%	8.2%

Per Capita Personal Income

	Columbia County	Florida
2000	\$19,359	\$29,387
2010	\$28,606	\$38,778
% change 2000-2010	47.8%	32.0%
2020	\$40,075	\$56,540
% change 2010-2020	40.1%	45.8%
2021	\$43,662	\$62,242
% change 2020-2021	9.0%	10.1%
2022	\$43,339	\$64,557
% change 2021-2022	-0.7%	3.7%
2023	\$45,995	\$68,703
% change 2022-2023	6.1%	6.4%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)

	Columbia County	Florida
2000	\$712,287	\$308,751,767
2010	\$1,086,883	\$439,036,383
% change 2000-2010	52.6%	42.2%
2020	\$1,522,874	\$684,270,758
% change 2010-2020	40.1%	55.9%
2021	\$1,610,296	\$771,654,020
% change 2020-2021	5.7%	12.8%
2022	\$1,720,876	\$841,921,275
% change 2021-2022	6.9%	9.1%
2023	\$1,848,791	\$908,440,362
% change 2022-2023	7.4%	7.9%

Median Income

	Columbia County	Florida
Median Household Income	\$55,070	\$71,711
Median Family Income	\$67,370	\$86,127

Percent in Poverty, 2023

	Columbia County	Florida
All ages in poverty	17.0%	12.4%
Under age 18 in poverty	21.8%	16.0%
Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	20.6%	15.3%

Workers Aged 16 and Over

	Columbia County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida		
Worked outside county of residence	29.5%	17.2%
Travel Time to Work		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.6	28.0

Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate

	Columbia County	Florida
(per 1,000 population)		
12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2023	0.72	1.20
12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2024	0.82	1.53
State Rank	48	NA

NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2021-22	Columbia County	Florida*	Expenditures 2021-22	Columbia County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$234,454.6	\$100,987,094.3	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$217,670.59	\$87,375,419.16
Per Capita \$	\$3,277.94	\$4,753.99	Per Capita \$	\$3,043.28	\$4,113.22
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
General Government Taxes (\$000s)	\$107,001.3	\$38,773,224.6	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$89,346.77	\$36,715,485.34
Per Capita \$	\$1,496.00	\$1,825.26	Per Capita \$	\$1,249.17	\$1,728.39
% of Total	45.6%	38.4%	% of Total	41.0%	42.0%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$19,373.5	\$4,209,936.0	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$37,114.34	\$13,363,472.90
Per Capita \$	\$270.86	\$198.18	Per Capita \$	\$518.90	\$629.09
% of Total	8.3%	4.2%	% of Total	17.1%	15.3%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$33,051.2	\$8,275,034.7	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$11,337.46	\$5,823,076.34
Per Capita \$	\$462.09	\$389.55	Per Capita \$	\$158.51	\$274.12
% of Total	14.1%	8.2%	% of Total	5.2%	6.7%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$13,116.9	\$25,774,852.2	Transportation (\$000s)	\$13,222.92	\$6,146,973.86
Per Capita \$	\$183.39	\$1,213.35	Per Capita \$	\$184.87	\$289.37
% of Total	5.6%	25.5%	% of Total	6.1%	7.0%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$11,619.5	\$2,289,306.5	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$2,642.94	\$2,095,127.71
Per Capita \$	\$162.45	\$107.77	Per Capita \$	\$36.95	\$98.63
% of Total	5.0%	2.3%	% of Total	1.2%	2.4%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$7,249.5	\$8,397,909.0	Human Services (\$000s)	\$5,102.90	\$4,845,695.64
Per Capita \$	\$101.36	\$395.33	Per Capita \$	\$71.34	\$228.11
% of Total	3.1%	8.3%	% of Total	2.3%	5.5%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$43,042.8	\$13,267,031.3	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$2,548.36	\$2,101,309.57
Per Capita \$	\$601.79	\$624.55	Per Capita \$	\$35.63	\$98.92
% of Total	18.4%	13.1%	% of Total	1.2%	2.4%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$43,017.53	\$12,196,205.02
			Per Capita \$	\$601.43	\$574.14
			% of Total	19.8%	14.0%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$13,337.38	\$4,088,072.79
			Per Capita \$	\$186.47	\$192.45
			% of Total	6.1%	4.7%

* 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	Columbia County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	2,618.3	2,158.0
Admissions to prison FY 2023-24	410	27,227
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2023-24	568.2	118.3

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	Columbia County	Florida
Under 65 years	86.4%	86.1%
Under 19 years	91.4%	92.7%
18 to 64 years	84.4%	83.8%

Education

Public Education Schools	Columbia County	Florida
Traditional Setting (2024-25)	School District	
Total (state total includes special districts)	15	3,791
Elementary	9	1,868
Middle	2	562
Senior High	3	728
Combination	1	633
Educational attainment		
Persons aged 25 and older	Columbia County	Florida
% HS graduate or higher	85.5%	89.6%
% bachelor's degree or higher	16.3%	33.2%

Other County Profiles

Criminal Justice County Profiles
School District Profiles

State and Local Taxation

2024	Columbia County
	County-Wide Not County-Wide*
County	7,8150
School	5,3910
Municipal	
Special Districts	1,2599
	0,2937

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

State Infrastructure

Transportation	Columbia County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	203.3	12,189.9
Lane Miles	626.0	45,742.2
Conservation Land (land acres only)		
State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	28,433	5,689,323
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	19.5%	54.9%
% of Total Area Land	5.6%	16.6%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	0.5%	

