

Gilchrist County

Florida's 56th most populous county
with 0.1% of Florida's population



Population

Census Population	Gilchrist County	Florida
1980 Census	5,767	9,746,961
1990 Census	9,667	12,938,071
2000 Census	14,437	15,982,824
2010 Census	16,939	18,801,332
2020 Census	17,864	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	5.5%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	20.7%	19.5%
% Aged 65 and over	21.2%	21.2%
% Median age	44.2	43.0
Gender		
% Male	51.4%	48.6%
% Female	48.6%	51.4%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	83.0%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	4.4%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	0.3%	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	4.1%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	7.5%	26.5%

Population Estimates

	Gilchrist County	Florida
2021 Estimate	18,126	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	1.5%	1.7%
2022 Estimate	18,841	22,276,132
% change 2020-2022	5.5%	3.4%
2023 Estimate	19,123	22,634,867
% change 2020-2023	7.0%	5.1%
2024 Estimate	19,503	23,014,551
% change 2020-2024	9.2%	6.9%
Based on 2023 Estimate		
2025	19,593	23,292,200
2030	20,607	24,698,545
2035	21,425	25,814,954
2040	22,107	26,682,030
2045	22,714	27,409,376
2050	23,294	28,065,018

Population Characteristics

	Gilchrist County	Florida
(% of total persons aged 5 and over)		
Speak only English	94.0%	69.9%
Speak a language other than English	6.0%	30.1%
Speak English "very well"	3.7%	18.0%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	4.7%	21.4%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	9.9%	7.7%

Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago	Gilchrist County	Florida
Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	89.9%	86.0%
Different house in the U.S.	9.7%	13.0%
Same county in Florida	2.2%	6.9%
Different county in Florida	6.7%	3.1%
Different county in another state	0.9%	3.0%
Abroad	0.4%	1.0%

Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2017 Dollars)	Gilchrist County	Florida
2017 GDP	330,710	1,014,866,863
Percent of the State	0.0%	
2018 GDP	343,291	1,050,433,812
Percent of the State	0.0%	
2019 GDP	348,667	1,084,913,903
Percent of the State	0.0%	
2020 GDP	406,713	1,069,758,799
Percent of the State	0.0%	
2021 GDP	389,155	1,170,526,307
Percent of the State	0.0%	
2022 GDP	393,412	1,239,883,625
Percent of the State	0.0%	
2023 GDP	421,677	1,292,787,615
Percent of the State	0.0%	

Population by Housing Type

	Gilchrist County	Florida
Household Population	16,865	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.57	2.47
Group Quarters Population	999	464,583

Housing

	Gilchrist County	Florida
Housing Counts		
Housing units, 2020 Census	7,493	9,865,350
Occupied	6,551	8,529,067
Vacant	942	1,336,283

Building Permits

	Gilchrist County	Florida
Units Permitted		
2000	70	155,269
2010	36	38,679
2020	83	164,074
2021	313	213,494
2022	112	211,962
2023	119	193,788
2024	94	173,326

Density

Persons per square mile	Gilchrist County	Florida
2000	41.4	296.4
2010	48.4	350.6
2020	51.1	401.4
2023	54.7	421.9
2024	55.8	429.0

Households and Family Households

	Gilchrist County	Florida
Households		
Total households, 2000 Census	5,021	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	3,715	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	44.5%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	6,121	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	4,357	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	37.6%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.58	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	3.02	3.01
Total households, 2020 Census	6,551	8,529,067
Family households, 2020 Census	4,597	5,571,482
% with own children under 18	34.1%	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

	Gilchrist County	Florida
All industries	396	878,947
Natural Resource & Mining	32	5,771
Construction	69	82,738
Manufacturing	12	25,599
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	71	151,500
Information	6	19,752
Financial Activities	24	95,132
Professional & Business Services	53	226,936
Education & Health Services	34	100,498
Leisure and Hospitality	27	66,309
Other Services	28	59,548
Government	27	5,830

Average Annual Employment

% of All Industries, 2023

	Gilchrist County	Florida
All industries	3.731	9,678,557
Natural Resource & Mining	11.0%	0.7%
Construction	9.9%	6.5%
Manufacturing	7.5%	4.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	9.1%	20.2%
Information	0.3%	1.6%
Financial Activities	2.0%	6.9%
Professional & Business Services	6.2%	16.7%
Education & Health Services	10.1%	15.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	10.6%	13.4%
Other Services	2.9%	3.0%
Government	30.2%	11.2%

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

Establishments

% of All Industries

	Gilchrist County	Florida
All industries	396	878,947
Natural Resource & Mining	8.1%	0.7%
Construction	17.4%	9.4%
Manufacturing	3.0%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	17.9%	17.2%
Information	1.5%	2.2%
Financial Activities	6.1%	10.8%
Professional & Business Services	13.4%	25.8%
Education & Health Services	8.6%	11.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	6.8%	7.5%
Other Services	7.1%	6.8%
Government	6.8%	0.7%

Average Annual Wage

2023

	Gilchrist County	Florida
All industries	\$44,884	\$66,446
Natural Resource & Mining	\$46,461	\$46,398
Construction	\$52,284	\$66,902
Manufacturing	\$62,661	\$78,331
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$43,923	\$59,161
Information	\$67,988	\$112,704
Financial Activities	\$56,847	\$101,130
Professional & Business Services	\$44,417	\$83,076
Education & Health Services	\$41,293	\$63,868
Leisure and Hospitality	\$22,031	\$35,528
Other Services	\$50,159	\$49,293
Government	\$45,612	\$67,715

Labor Force as Percent of Population

Aged 18 and Older

	Gilchrist County	Florida
2000	58.9%	63.7%
2010	51.2%	61.8%
2020	50.4%	58.0%
2021	51.5%	58.9%
2022	50.7%	59.8%
2023	48.4%	60.4%
2024	52.1%	60.3%

Unemployment Rate

	Gilchrist County	Florida
2000	3.6%	3.7%
2010	10.4%	10.8%
2020	4.9%	8.0%
2021	3.7%	4.7%
2022	2.9%	3.0%
2023	3.3%	2.9%
2024	3.5%	3.4%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)

	Gilchrist County	Florida
2000	\$294,324	\$471,588,082
2010	\$440,435	\$730,690,145
% change 2000-2010	49.6%	54.9%
2020	\$708,882	\$1,220,782,745
% change 2010-2020	61.0%	67.1%
2021	\$784,079	\$1,358,786,260
% change 2020-2021	10.6%	11.3%
2022	\$806,321	\$1,436,107,237
% change 2021-2022	2.8%	5.7%
2023	\$882,452	\$1,553,426,399
% change 2022-2023	9.4%	8.2%

Per Capita Personal Income

	Gilchrist County	Florida
2000	\$20,378	\$29,387
2010	\$25,931	\$38,778
% change 2000-2010	27.2%	32.0%
2020	\$39,642	\$56,540
% change 2010-2020	52.9%	45.8%
2021	\$42,808	\$62,242
% change 2020-2021	8.0%	10.1%
2022	\$42,433	\$64,557
% change 2021-2022	-0.9%	3.7%
2023	\$45,053	\$68,703
% change 2022-2023	6.2%	6.4%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)

	Gilchrist County	Florida
2000	\$101,246	\$308,751,767
2010	\$148,095	\$439,036,383
% change 2000-2010	46.3%	42.2%
2020	\$270,470	\$684,270,758
% change 2010-2020	82.6%	55.9%
2021	\$274,118	\$771,654,020
% change 2020-2021	1.3%	12.8%
2022	\$278,059	\$841,921,275
% change 2021-2022	1.4%	9.1%
2023	\$307,963	\$908,440,362
% change 2022-2023	10.8%	7.9%

Median Income

	Gilchrist County	Florida
Median Household Income	\$61,070	\$71,711
Median Family Income	\$74,783	\$86,127

Percent in Poverty, 2023

	Gilchrist County	Florida
All ages in poverty	13.5%	12.4%
Under age 18 in poverty	19.2%	16.0%
Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	19.0%	15.3%

Workers Aged 16 and Over

	Gilchrist County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida		
Worked outside county of residence	65.5%	17.2%
Travel Time to Work		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	30.6	28.0

Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate

	Gilchrist County	Florida
(per 1,000 population)		
12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2023	0.94	1.20
12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2024	0.56	1.53
State Rank	61	NA

NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2021-22	Gilchrist County	Florida*	Expenditures 2021-22	Gilchrist County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)			Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)		
Per Capita \$	\$58,376.6	\$100,987,094.3	Per Capita \$	\$51,767.58	\$87,375,419.16
% of Total	\$3,098.38	\$4,753.99	% of Total	\$2,747.60	\$4,113.22
	100.0%	100.0%		100.0%	100.0%
General Government Taxes (\$000s)			General Government Services** (\$000s)		
Per Capita \$	\$11,901.6	\$38,773,224.6	Per Capita \$	\$26,875.60	\$36,715,485.34
% of Total	\$631.68	\$1,825.26	% of Total	\$1,426.44	\$1,728.39
	20.4%	38.4%		51.9%	42.0%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)			Public Safety (\$000s)		
Per Capita \$	\$1,733.1	\$4,209,936.0	Per Capita \$	\$10,121.29	\$13,363,472.90
% of Total	\$91.99	\$198.18	% of Total	\$537.19	\$629.09
	3.0%	4.2%		19.6%	15.3%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)			Physical Environment (\$000s)		
Per Capita \$	\$10,404.4	\$8,275,034.7	Per Capita \$	\$1,559.83	\$5,823,076.34
% of Total	\$552.22	\$389.55	% of Total	\$82.79	\$274.12
	17.8%	8.2%		3.0%	6.7%
Charges for Services (\$000s)			Transportation (\$000s)		
Per Capita \$	\$3,444.8	\$25,774,852.2	Per Capita \$	\$1,907.96	\$6,146,973.86
% of Total	\$182.83	\$1,213.35	% of Total	\$101.27	\$289.37
	5.9%	25.5%		3.7%	7.0%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)			Economic Environment (\$000s)		
Per Capita \$	\$106.6	\$2,289,306.5	Per Capita \$	\$680.03	\$2,095,127.71
% of Total	\$5.66	\$107.77	% of Total	\$36.09	\$98.63
	0.2%	2.3%		1.3%	2.4%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)			Human Services (\$000s)		
Per Capita \$	\$22,731.3	\$8,397,909.0	Per Capita \$	\$697.68	\$4,845,695.64
% of Total	\$1,206.48	\$395.33	% of Total	\$37.03	\$228.11
	38.9%	8.3%		1.3%	5.5%
Other Sources (\$000s)			Culture / Recreation (\$000s)		
Per Capita \$	\$8,054.8	\$13,267,031.3	Per Capita \$	\$806.50	\$2,101,309.57
% of Total	\$427.51	\$624.55	% of Total	\$42.81	\$98.92
	13.8%	13.1%		1.6%	2.4%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)		
			Per Capita \$	\$8,164.38	\$12,196,205.02
			% of Total	\$433.33	\$574.14
				15.8%	14.0%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)		
			Per Capita \$	\$954.32	\$4,088,072.79
			% of Total	\$50.65	\$192.45
				1.8%	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	Gilchrist County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	662.3	2,158.0
Admissions to prison FY 2023-24	29	27,227
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2023-24	148.7	118.3

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	Gilchrist County	Florida
Under 65 years	85.9%	86.1%
Under 19 years	92.4%	92.7%
18 to 64 years	83.5%	83.8%

Education

Public Education Schools	Gilchrist County	Florida
Traditional Setting (2024-25)	School District	
Total (state total includes special districts)	4	3,791
Elementary	2	1,868
Middle	0	562
Senior High	2	728
Combination	0	633
Educational attainment		
Persons aged 25 and older		
% HS graduate or higher	85.5%	89.6%
% bachelor's degree or higher	14.5%	33.2%

Other County Profiles

Criminal Justice County Profiles
School District Profiles

State and Local Taxation

2024	Gilchrist County	
	County-Wide	Not County-Wide*
County	8.7000	
School	5.3940	
Municipal		0.4495
Special Districts	1.2936	

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

State Infrastructure

	Gilchrist County	Florida
Transportation		
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	60.2	12,189.9
Lane Miles	121.6	45,742.2
Conservation Land (land acres only)		
State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	8,215	5,689,323
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	96.8%	54.9%
% of Total Area Land	3.7%	16.6%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	0.1%	

