

Gulf County

Florida's 59th most populous county
with 0.1% of Florida's population



Population

Census Population	Gulf County	Florida
1980 Census	10,658	9,746,961
1990 Census	11,504	12,938,071
2000 Census	14,560	15,982,824
2010 Census	15,863	18,801,332
2020 Census	14,192	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	-10.5%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	16.7%	19.5%
% Aged 65 and over	24.6%	21.2%
% Median age	48.8	43.0
Gender		
% Male	53.4%	48.6%
% Female	46.6%	51.4%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	79.1%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	11.9%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.5%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	0.4%	2.9%
% Not Hispanic-Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%
% Not Hispanic-Some Other Race	0.2%	0.6%
% Not Hispanic-Two or More Races	4.0%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3.9%	26.5%

Population Estimates

	Gulf County	Florida
2021 Estimate	14,824	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	4.5%	1.7%
2022 Estimate	15,938	22,276,132
% change 2020-2022	12.3%	3.4%
2023 Estimate	16,323	22,634,867
% change 2020-2023	15.0%	5.1%
2024 Estimate	16,947	23,014,551
% change 2020-2024	19.4%	6.9%
Based on 2023 Estimate		
2025	16,708	23,292,200
2030	17,485	24,698,545
2035	18,107	25,814,954
2040	18,618	26,682,030
2045	19,066	27,409,376
2050	19,490	28,065,018

Population Characteristics

	Gulf County	Florida
(% of total persons aged 5 and over)		
Speak only English	94.3%	69.9%
Speak a language other than English	5.7%	30.1%
Speak English "very well"	3.8%	18.0%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	3.6%	21.4%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	9.9%	7.7%

Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago	Gulf County	Florida
Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	79.5%	86.0%
Different house in the U.S.	19.5%	13.0%
Same county in Florida	6.9%	6.9%
Different county in Florida	10.8%	3.1%
Different county in another state	1.8%	3.0%
Abroad	0.9%	1.0%

Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2017 Dollars)	Gulf County	Florida
2017 GDP	387,076	1,014,866,863
Percent of the State	0.0%	
2018 GDP	389,414	1,050,433,812
Percent of the State	0.0%	
2019 GDP	403,186	1,084,913,903
Percent of the State	0.0%	
2020 GDP	423,982	1,069,758,799
Percent of the State	0.0%	
2021 GDP	450,680	1,170,526,307
Percent of the State	0.0%	
2022 GDP	476,808	1,239,883,625
Percent of the State	0.0%	
2023 GDP	492,965	1,292,787,615
Percent of the State	0.0%	

Population by Housing Type

	Gulf County	Florida
Household Population	12,959	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.33	2.47
Group Quarters Population	1,233	464,583

Housing

	Gulf County	Florida
Housing Counts		
Housing units, 2020 Census	8,796	9,865,350
Occupied	5,571	8,529,067
Vacant	3,225	1,336,283

Building Permits

	Gulf County	Florida
Units Permitted		
2000	188	155,269
2010	45	38,679
2020	242	164,074
2021	293	213,494
2022	299	211,962
2023	278	193,788
2024	302	173,326

Density

Persons per square mile	Gulf County	Florida
2000	26.3	296.4
2010	28.1	350.6
2020	25.6	401.4
2023	29.5	421.9
2024	30.6	429.0

Households and Family Households

	Gulf County	Florida
Households		
Total households, 2000 Census	4,931	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	3,537	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	39.6%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	5,335	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	3,529	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	34.8%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.33	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	2.83	3.01
Total households, 2020 Census	5,571	8,529,067
Family households, 2020 Census	3,656	5,571,482
% with own children under 18	27.9%	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

	Gulf County	Florida
All industries	530	878,947
Natural Resource & Mining	8	5,771
Construction	97	82,738
Manufacturing	10	25,599
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	88	151,500
Information	9	19,752
Financial Activities	63	95,132
Professional & Business Services	77	226,936
Education & Health Services	37	100,498
Leisure and Hospitality	72	66,309
Other Services	18	59,548
Government	23	5,830

Average Annual Employment

% of All Industries, 2023

	Gulf County	Florida
All industries	4,423	9,678,557
Natural Resource & Mining	2.2%	0.7%
Construction	8.7%	6.5%
Manufacturing	3.5%	4.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	15.9%	20.2%
Information	NA	1.6%
Financial Activities	7.0%	6.9%
Professional & Business Services	8.9%	16.7%
Education & Health Services	11.8%	15.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	15.2%	13.4%
Other Services	1.6%	3.0%
Government	21.8%	11.2%

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

Establishments

% of All Industries

	Gulf County	Florida
All industries	504	878,947
Natural Resource & Mining	1.6%	0.7%
Construction	15.7%	9.4%
Manufacturing	1.4%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	23.2%	17.2%
Information	1.6%	2.2%
Financial Activities	6.9%	10.8%
Professional & Business Services	11.9%	25.8%
Education & Health Services	10.9%	11.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	8.9%	7.5%
Other Services	10.1%	6.8%
Government	6.2%	0.7%

Average Annual Wage

2023

	Gulf County	Florida
All industries	\$50,022	\$66,446
Natural Resource & Mining	\$65,602	\$46,398
Construction	\$44,334	\$66,902
Manufacturing	\$84,375	\$78,331
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$45,148	\$59,161
Information	NA	\$112,704
Financial Activities	\$50,554	\$101,130
Professional & Business Services	\$64,415	\$83,076
Education & Health Services	\$62,751	\$63,868
Leisure and Hospitality	\$26,475	\$35,528
Other Services	\$29,083	\$49,293
Government	\$52,171	\$67,715

Labor Force as Percent of Population

Aged 18 and Older

	Gulf County	Florida
2000	45.0%	63.7%
2010	46.5%	61.8%
2020	50.5%	58.0%
2021	50.4%	58.9%
2022	47.9%	59.8%
2023	40.2%	60.4%
2024	49.4%	60.3%

Unemployment Rate

2000

	Gulf County	Florida
2000	6.0%	3.7%
2010	10.0%	10.8%
2020	5.5%	8.0%
2021	3.5%	4.7%
2022	2.9%	3.0%
2023	2.7%	2.9%
2024	3.2%	3.4%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)

	Gulf County	Florida
2000	\$247,937	\$471,588,082
2010	\$420,699	\$730,690,145
% change 2000-2010	69.7%	54.9%
2020	\$649,578	\$1,220,782,745
% change 2010-2020	54.4%	67.1%
2021	\$719,803	\$1,358,786,260
% change 2020-2021	10.8%	11.3%
2022	\$739,734	\$1,436,107,237
% change 2021-2022	2.8%	5.7%
2023	\$795,430	\$1,553,426,399
% change 2022-2023	7.5%	8.2%

Per Capita Personal Income

	Gulf County	Florida
2000	\$17,022	\$29,387
2010	\$26,553	\$38,778
% change 2000-2010	56.0%	32.0%
2020	\$45,556	\$56,540
% change 2010-2020	71.6%	45.8%
2021	\$49,772	\$62,242
% change 2020-2021	9.3%	10.1%
2022	\$48,352	\$64,557
% change 2021-2022	-2.9%	3.7%
2023	\$50,687	\$68,703
% change 2022-2023	4.8%	6.4%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)

	Gulf County	Florida
2000	\$126,375	\$308,751,767
2010	\$182,379	\$439,036,383
% change 2000-2010	44.3%	42.2%
2020	\$265,229	\$684,270,758
% change 2010-2020	45.4%	55.9%
2021	\$287,867	\$771,654,020
% change 2020-2021	8.5%	12.8%
2022	\$311,002	\$841,921,275
% change 2021-2022	8.0%	9.1%
2023	\$340,813	\$908,440,362
% change 2022-2023	9.6%	7.9%

Median Income

	Gulf County	Florida
Median Household Income	\$67,361	\$71,711
Median Family Income	\$78,722	\$86,127

Percent in Poverty, 2023

	Gulf County	Florida
All ages in poverty	14.9%	12.4%
Under age 18 in poverty	22.1%	16.0%
Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	21.5%	15.3%

Workers Aged 16 and Over

	Gulf County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida		
Worked outside county of residence	31.1%	17.2%
Travel Time to Work		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.3	28.0

Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate

	Gulf County	Florida
(per 1,000 population)		
12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2023	0.43	1.20
12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2024	0.71	1.53
State Rank	54	NA

NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2021-22	Gulf County	Florida*	Expenditures 2021-22	Gulf County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$110,590.6	\$100,987,094.3	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$99,145.83	\$87,375,419.16
Per Capita \$	\$6,938.80	\$4,753.99	Per Capita \$	\$6,220.72	\$4,113.22
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
General Government Taxes (\$000s)	\$22,819.6	\$38,773,224.6	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$47,023.03	\$36,715,485.34
Per Capita \$	\$1,431.77	\$1,825.26	Per Capita \$	\$2,950.37	\$1,728.39
% of Total	20.6%	38.4%	% of Total	47.4%	42.0%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$1,110.6	\$4,209,936.0	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$9,904.19	\$13,363,472.90
Per Capita \$	\$69.68	\$198.18	Per Capita \$	\$621.42	\$629.09
% of Total	1.0%	4.2%	% of Total	10.0%	15.3%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$26,259.6	\$8,275,034.7	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$14,011.41	\$5,823,076.34
Per Capita \$	\$1,647.61	\$389.55	Per Capita \$	\$879.12	\$274.12
% of Total	23.7%	8.2%	% of Total	14.1%	6.7%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$6,470.5	\$25,774,852.2	Transportation (\$000s)	\$8,085.73	\$6,146,973.86
Per Capita \$	\$405.98	\$1,213.35	Per Capita \$	\$507.32	\$289.37
% of Total	5.9%	25.5%	% of Total	8.2%	7.0%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$127.6	\$2,289,306.5	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$2,908.31	\$2,095,127.71
Per Capita \$	\$8.00	\$107.77	Per Capita \$	\$182.48	\$98.63
% of Total	0.1%	2.3%	% of Total	2.9%	2.4%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$50,113.3	\$8,397,909.0	Human Services (\$000s)	\$1,814.70	\$4,845,695.64
Per Capita \$	\$3,144.26	\$395.33	Per Capita \$	\$113.86	\$228.11
% of Total	45.3%	8.3%	% of Total	1.8%	5.5%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$3,689.5	\$13,267,031.3	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$1,599.59	\$2,101,309.57
Per Capita \$	\$231.49	\$624.55	Per Capita \$	\$100.36	\$98.92
% of Total	3.3%	13.1%	% of Total	1.6%	2.4%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$3,621.53	\$12,196,205.02
			Per Capita \$	\$227.23	\$574.14
			% of Total	3.7%	14.0%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$10,177.36	\$4,088,072.79
			Per Capita \$	\$638.56	\$192.45
			% of Total	10.3%	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	Gulf County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	1,684.3	2,158.0
Admissions to prison FY 2023-24	50	27,227
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2023-24	295.0	118.3

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	Gulf County	Florida
Under 65 years	85.9%	86.1%
Under 19 years	90.2%	92.7%
18 to 64 years	84.3%	83.8%

Education

Public Education Schools	Gulf County	Florida
Traditional Setting (2024-25)	School District	
Total (state total includes special districts)	5	3,791
Elementary	3	1,868
Middle	0	562
Senior High	2	728
Combination	0	633
Educational attainment		
Persons aged 25 and older		
% HS graduate or higher	86.7%	89.6%
% bachelor's degree or higher	24.5%	33.2%

Other County Profiles

Criminal Justice County Profiles
School District Profiles

State and Local Taxation

2024	Gulf County	
	County-Wide	Not County-Wide*
County	5.9000	0.1117
School	5.3880	
Municipal		0.8919
Special Districts	0.0218	0.3852

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

State Infrastructure

	Gulf County	Florida
Transportation		
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	79.0	12,189.9
Lane Miles	160.1	45,742.2
Conservation Land (land acres only)		
State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	67,238	5,689,323
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	98.6%	54.9%
% of Total Area Land	19.1%	16.6%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	1.2%	

