

Walton County

Florida's 39th most populous county
with 0.4% of Florida's population



Population

Census Population	Walton County	Florida
1980 Census	21,300	9,746,961
1990 Census	27,759	12,938,071
2000 Census	40,601	15,982,824
2010 Census	55,043	18,801,332
2020 Census	75,305	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	36.8%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	20.4%	19.5%
% Aged 65 and over	20.3%	21.2%
% Median age	44.5	43.0
Gender		
% Male	50.5%	48.6%
% Female	49.5%	51.4%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	80.5%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	4.4%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.6%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	1.2%	2.9%
% Not Hispanic-Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.1%
% Not Hispanic-Some Other Race	0.4%	0.6%
% Not Hispanic-Two or More Races	4.7%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	8.2%	26.5%

Population Estimates

	Walton County	Florida
2021 Estimate	77,941	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	3.5%	1.7%
2022 Estimate	79,544	22,276,132
% change 2020-2022	5.6%	3.4%
2023 Estimate	83,342	22,634,867
% change 2020-2023	10.7%	5.1%
2024 Estimate	87,728	23,014,551
% change 2020-2024	16.5%	6.9%
Based on 2023 Estimate		
2025	88,260	23,292,200
2030	98,493	24,698,545
2035	106,708	25,814,954
2040	113,406	26,682,030
2045	119,290	27,409,376
2050	124,814	28,065,018

Population Characteristics

	Walton County	Florida
(% of total persons aged 5 and over)		
Speak only English	91.3%	69.9%
Speak a language other than English	8.7%	30.1%
Speak English "very well"	5.0%	18.0%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	8.1%	21.4%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	10.5%	7.7%

Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago	Walton County	Florida
Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	85.5%	86.0%
Different house in the U.S.	14.3%	13.0%
Same county in Florida	6.1%	6.9%
Different county in Florida	3.4%	3.1%
Different county in another state	4.7%	3.0%
Abroad	0.3%	1.0%

Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP	Walton County	Florida
(Thousands of Chained 2017 Dollars)		
2017 GDP	3,072,674	1,014,866,863
Percent of the State	0.3%	
2018 GDP	3,197,506	1,050,433,812
Percent of the State	0.3%	
2019 GDP	3,462,810	1,084,913,903
Percent of the State	0.3%	
2020 GDP	3,516,795	1,069,758,799
Percent of the State	0.3%	
2021 GDP	4,067,259	1,170,526,307
Percent of the State	0.3%	
2022 GDP	4,412,434	1,239,883,625
Percent of the State	0.4%	
2023 GDP	4,720,447	1,292,787,615
Percent of the State	0.4%	

Population by Housing Type

	Walton County	Florida
Household Population	72,940	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.43	2.47
Group Quarters Population	2,365	464,583

Housing

Housing Counts	Walton County	Florida
Housing units, 2020 Census	56,197	9,865,350
Occupied	29,981	8,529,067
Vacant	26,216	1,336,283

Building Permits

Units Permitted	Walton County	Florida
2000	1,464	155,269
2010	388	38,679
2020	1,762	164,074
2021	2,541	213,494
2022	2,648	211,962
2023	2,794	193,788
2024	2,883	173,326

Density

Persons per square mile	Walton County	Florida
2000	38.4	296.4
2010	53.0	350.6
2020	72.5	401.4
2023	80.3	421.9
2024	84.5	429.0

Households and Family Households

	Walton County	Florida
Households		
Total households, 2000 Census	16,548	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	11,119	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	39.3%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	22,301	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	14,512	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	37.3%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.38	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	2.87	3.01
Total households, 2020 Census	29,981	8,529,067
Family households, 2020 Census	20,325	5,571,482
% with own children under 18	34.2%	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

	Walton County	Florida
All industries	3,968	878,947
Natural Resource & Mining	21	5,771
Construction	546	82,738
Manufacturing	73	25,599
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	672	151,500
Information	66	19,752
Financial Activities	682	95,132
Professional & Business Services	857	226,936
Education & Health Services	254	100,498
Leisure and Hospitality	432	66,309
Other Services	216	59,548
Government	38	5,830

Average Annual Employment

% of All Industries, 2023

	Walton County	Florida
All industries	33.931	9,678,557
Natural Resource & Mining	0.2%	0.7%
Construction	10.4%	6.5%
Manufacturing	1.3%	4.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	20.0%	20.2%
Information	0.8%	1.6%
Financial Activities	7.8%	6.9%
Professional & Business Services	12.8%	16.7%
Education & Health Services	7.8%	15.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	24.3%	13.4%
Other Services	3.1%	3.0%
Government	11.2%	11.2%

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

Establishments

% of All Industries

	Walton County	Florida
All industries	3,968	878,947
Natural Resource & Mining	0.5%	0.7%
Construction	13.8%	9.4%
Manufacturing	1.8%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	16.9%	17.2%
Information	1.7%	2.2%
Financial Activities	17.2%	10.8%
Professional & Business Services	21.6%	25.8%
Education & Health Services	6.4%	11.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	10.9%	7.5%
Other Services	5.4%	6.8%
Government	1.0%	0.7%

Average Annual Wage

2023

	Walton County	Florida
All industries	\$54,581	\$66,446
Natural Resource & Mining	\$57,714	\$46,398
Construction	\$60,528	\$66,902
Manufacturing	\$57,018	\$78,331
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$44,276	\$59,161
Information	\$119,797	\$112,704
Financial Activities	\$68,652	\$101,130
Professional & Business Services	\$76,080	\$83,076
Education & Health Services	\$63,679	\$63,868
Leisure and Hospitality	\$38,136	\$35,528
Other Services	\$41,531	\$49,293
Government	\$59,715	\$67,715

Labor Force as Percent of Population

Aged 18 and Older

	Walton County	Florida
2000	61.0%	63.7%
2010	59.0%	61.8%
2020	57.6%	58.0%
2021	60.3%	58.9%
2022	61.9%	59.8%
2023	53.2%	60.4%
2024	59.6%	60.3%

Unemployment Rate

	Walton County	Florida
2000	3.5%	3.7%
2010	9.1%	10.8%
2020	5.6%	8.0%
2021	3.4%	4.7%
2022	2.5%	3.0%
2023	2.8%	2.9%
2024	3.0%	3.4%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)

	Walton County	Florida
2000	\$832,953	\$471,588,082
2010	\$2,197,221	\$730,690,145
% change 2000-2010	163.8%	54.9%
2020	\$5,432,337	\$1,220,782,745
% change 2010-2020	147.2%	67.1%
2021	\$6,660,533	\$1,358,786,260
% change 2020-2021	22.6%	11.3%
2022	\$7,036,755	\$1,436,107,237
% change 2021-2022	5.6%	5.7%
2023	\$7,723,035	\$1,553,426,399
% change 2022-2023	9.8%	8.2%

Per Capita Personal Income

	Walton County	Florida
2000	\$20,438	\$29,387
2010	\$39,804	\$38,778
% change 2000-2010	94.8%	32.0%
2020	\$71,534	\$56,540
% change 2010-2020	79.7%	45.8%
2021	\$83,235	\$62,242
% change 2020-2021	16.4%	10.1%
2022	\$84,370	\$64,557
% change 2021-2022	1.4%	3.7%
2023	\$89,435	\$68,703
% change 2022-2023	6.0%	6.4%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)

	Walton County	Florida
2000	\$414,803	\$308,751,767
2010	\$951,369	\$439,036,383
% change 2000-2010	129.4%	42.2%
2020	\$2,086,418	\$684,270,758
% change 2010-2020	119.3%	55.9%
2021	\$2,500,706	\$771,654,020
% change 2020-2021	19.9%	12.8%
2022	\$2,865,182	\$841,921,275
% change 2021-2022	14.6%	9.1%
2023	\$3,145,703	\$908,440,362
% change 2022-2023	9.8%	7.9%

Median Income

	Walton County	Florida
Median Household Income	\$79,281	\$71,711
Median Family Income	\$95,772	\$86,127

Percent in Poverty, 2023

	Walton County	Florida
All ages in poverty	10.9%	12.4%
Under age 18 in poverty	13.9%	16.0%
Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	13.4%	15.3%

Workers Aged 16 and Over

	Walton County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida		
Worked outside county of residence	19.9%	17.2%
Travel Time to Work		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	29.0	28.0

Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate

	Walton County	Florida
(per 1,000 population)		
12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2023	0.82	1.20
12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2024	0.83	1.53
State Rank	47	NA

NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2021-22	Walton County	Florida*	Expenditures 2021-22	Walton County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$695,223.8	\$100,987,094.3	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$641,267.95	\$87,375,419.16
Per Capita \$	\$8,740.12	\$4,753.99	Per Capita \$	\$8,061.80	\$4,113.22
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
General Government Taxes (\$000s)	\$198,060.2	\$38,773,224.6	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$154,859.27	\$36,715,485.34
Per Capita \$	\$2,489.94	\$1,825.26	Per Capita \$	\$1,946.84	\$1,728.39
% of Total	28.5%	38.4%	% of Total	24.1%	42.0%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$12,971.6	\$4,209,936.0	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$70,239.89	\$13,363,472.90
Per Capita \$	\$163.07	\$198.18	Per Capita \$	\$883.03	\$629.09
% of Total	1.9%	4.2%	% of Total	11.0%	15.3%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$51,158.4	\$8,275,034.7	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$15,435.35	\$5,823,076.34
Per Capita \$	\$643.15	\$389.55	Per Capita \$	\$194.05	\$274.12
% of Total	7.4%	8.2%	% of Total	2.4%	6.7%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$15,464.0	\$25,774,852.2	Transportation (\$000s)	\$41,784.96	\$6,146,973.86
Per Capita \$	\$194.41	\$1,213.35	Per Capita \$	\$525.31	\$289.37
% of Total	2.2%	25.5%	% of Total	6.5%	7.0%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$1,078.0	\$2,289,306.5	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$42,121.62	\$2,095,127.71
Per Capita \$	\$13.55	\$107.77	Per Capita \$	\$529.54	\$98.63
% of Total	0.2%	2.3%	% of Total	6.6%	2.4%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$392,629.2	\$8,397,909.0	Human Services (\$000s)	\$8,727.75	\$4,845,695.64
Per Capita \$	\$4,936.00	\$395.33	Per Capita \$	\$109.72	\$228.11
% of Total	56.5%	8.3%	% of Total	1.4%	5.5%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$23,862.5	\$13,267,031.3	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$6,915.86	\$2,101,309.57
Per Capita \$	\$299.99	\$624.55	Per Capita \$	\$86.94	\$98.92
% of Total	3.4%	13.1%	% of Total	1.1%	2.4%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$23,020.64	\$12,196,205.02
			Per Capita \$	\$289.41	\$574.14
			% of Total	3.6%	14.0%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$278,162.61	\$4,088,072.79
			Per Capita \$	\$3,496.97	\$192.45
			% of Total	43.4%	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	Walton County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	1,316.8	2,158.0
Admissions to prison FY 2023-24	131	27,227
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2023-24	149.3	118.3

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	Walton County	Florida
Under 65 years	86.2%	86.1%
Under 19 years	89.8%	92.7%
18 to 64 years	84.9%	83.8%

Education

Public Education Schools	Walton County	Florida
Traditional Setting (2024-25)	School District	
Total (state total includes special districts)	19	3,791
Elementary	8	1,868
Middle	3	562
Senior High	6	728
Combination	2	633
Educational attainment		
Persons aged 25 and older		
% HS graduate or higher	91.4%	89.6%
% bachelor's degree or higher	34.2%	33.2%

Other County Profiles

Criminal Justice County Profiles
School District Profiles

State and Local Taxation

2024	Walton County	
	County-Wide	Not County-Wide*
County	3.6000	
School	4.2880	
Municipal		0.2015
Special Districts	0.0218	1.1432

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

State Infrastructure

	Walton County	Florida
Transportation		
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	203.6	12,189.9
Lane Miles	587.2	45,742.2
Conservation Land (land acres only)		
State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	96,465	5,689,323
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	38.5%	54.9%
% of Total Area Land	14.5%	16.6%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	1.7%	

