

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%

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	424,989	1,072,481,562
Percent of the State	0.0%	
2021 GDP	450,663	1,172,655,328
Percent of the State	0.0%	
2022 GDP	476,244	1,245,927,559
Percent of the State	0.0%	
2023 GDP	490,686	1,309,392,241
Percent of the State	0.0%	
2024 GDP	506,457	1,352,275,106
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

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%
2025 Estimate	16,621	23,379,261
% change 2020-2025	17.1%	8.5%
Based on 2025 Estimate		
2030	17,582	24,909,028
2035	18,276	26,074,611
2040	18,769	26,967,897
2045	19,171	27,664,885
2050	19,505	28,250,130

Housing

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

Building Permits

Units Permitted	Gulf County	Florida
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
2025	302	178,297

Population Density

Persons per square mile	Gulf County	Florida
2000	26.3	296.4
2010	28.1	350.6
2020	25.6	401.4
2025	30.0	435.8

Population Characteristics

	Gulf County	Florida
(% of total persons aged 5 and over)		
Speak only English	94.1%	69.4%
Speak a language other than English	5.9%	30.6%
Speak English "very well"	4.1%	18.1%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	3.8%	21.9%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	9.8%	7.4%

Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago	Gulf County	Florida
Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	85.3%	86.3%
Different house in the U.S.	14.0%	12.6%
Same county in Florida	4.3%	6.6%
Different county in Florida	8.4%	3.1%
Different county in another state	1.3%	2.9%
Abroad	0.7%	1.1%

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

2024

All industries	536
Natural Resource & Mining	9
Construction	95
Manufacturing	11
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	95
Information	10
Financial Activities	62
Professional & Business Services	78
Education & Health Services	43
Leisure and Hospitality	77
Other Services	20
Government	23

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881,780
5,872
84,932
26,842
151,230
20,233
95,614
225,541
104,515
68,016
60,954
5,886

Establishments

% of All Industries

All industries	522
Natural Resource & Mining	1.3%
Construction	15.9%
Manufacturing	1.3%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	22.8%
Information	1.3%
Financial Activities	6.9%
Professional & Business Services	11.7%
Education & Health Services	11.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	9.6%
Other Services	10.3%
Government	5.9%

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881,780
0.7%
9.6%
3.0%
17.2%
2.3%
10.8%
25.6%
11.9%
7.7%
6.9%
0.7%

Average Annual Employment
% of All Industries, 2024

All industries	4,562
Natural Resource & Mining	2.0%
Construction	8.3%
Manufacturing	3.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	16.5%
Information	NA
Financial Activities	6.4%
Professional & Business Services	8.6%
Education & Health Services	12.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	17.1%
Other Services	1.7%
Government	22.1%

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9,837,263
0.7%
6.6%
4.3%
20.1%
1.6%
6.9%
16.5%
15.5%
13.4%
3.0%
11.3%

Average Annual Wage
2024

All industries	\$51,113
Natural Resource & Mining	\$66,409
Construction	\$47,627
Manufacturing	\$76,709
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$45,614
Information	NA
Financial Activities	\$53,295
Professional & Business Services	\$65,921
Education & Health Services	\$66,427
Leisure and Hospitality	\$28,961
Other Services	\$28,429
Government	\$53,796

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\$69,492
\$49,698
\$70,271
\$81,956
\$61,291
\$121,266
\$108,740
\$87,036
\$66,009
\$37,261
\$51,306
\$71,045

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

Labor Force as Percent of Population

Aged 18 and Older

2000	45.4%
2010	47.0%
2020	50.5%
2021	50.4%
2022	47.9%
2023	49.4%
2024	49.4%
2025	45.7%

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64.1%
62.5%
58.0%
59.0%
59.8%
60.6%
60.1%
59.2%

Unemployment Rate

2000	6.1%
2010	10.3%
2020	5.5%
2021	3.5%
2022	2.9%
2023	2.8%
2024	3.2%
2025	4.1%

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3.7%
11.3%
8.0%
4.7%
3.0%
2.9%
3.4%
3.9%

(2025 is based on 11 months -- no data for October 2025)

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)

2000	\$247,937
2010	\$420,699
% change 2000-2010	69.7%
2020	\$650,353
% change 2010-2020	54.6%
2021	\$723,111
% change 2020-2021	11.2%
2022	\$748,353
% change 2021-2022	3.5%
2023	\$812,558
% change 2022-2023	8.6%
2024	\$855,988
% change 2023-2024	5.3%

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\$471,588,082
\$730,690,145
54.9%
\$1,222,053,372
67.2%
\$1,367,061,863
11.9%
\$1,464,251,012
7.1%
\$1,604,650,325
9.6%
\$1,706,305,733
6.3%

Per Capita Personal Income

2000	\$17,022
2010	\$26,556
% change 2000-2010	56.0%
2020	\$45,610
% change 2010-2020	71.8%
2021	\$50,001
% change 2020-2021	9.6%
2022	\$48,906
% change 2021-2022	-2.2%
2023	\$51,568
% change 2022-2023	5.4%
2024	\$53,917
% change 2023-2024	4.6%

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\$29,387
\$38,779
32.0%
\$56,597
45.9%
\$62,617
10.6%
\$65,429
4.5%
\$70,057
7.1%
\$73,006
4.2%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)

2000	\$126,375
2010	\$182,379
% change 2000-2010	44.3%
2020	\$265,399
% change 2010-2020	45.5%
2021	\$288,114
% change 2020-2021	8.6%
2022	\$310,470
% change 2021-2022	7.8%
2023	\$345,715
% change 2022-2023	11.4%
2024	\$371,646
% change 2023-2024	7.5%

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\$308,751,767
\$439,036,383
42.2%
\$684,772,318
56.0%
\$771,994,702
12.7%
\$845,179,676
9.5%
\$915,351,168
8.3%
\$972,525,321
6.2%

Median Income

Median Household Income	\$61,179
Median Family Income	\$76,544

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\$74,568
\$89,891

Percent in Poverty, 2024

All ages in poverty	16.0%
Under age 18 in poverty	21.9%
Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	19.7%

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12.1%
15.7%
14.8%

Workers Aged 16 and Over

Place of Work in Florida	
Worked outside county of residence	28.7%
Travel Time to Work	
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	24.1

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17.0%
28.0

Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate
(per 1,000 population)

12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2024	0.53
12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2025	0.90
State Rank	52

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1.46
1.71
NA

NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures (Includes all Custodial Fund reporting)

Revenue 2022-23	Gulf County	Florida*	Expenditures 2022-23	Gulf County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$118,861.5	\$117,776,640.6	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$109,773.96	\$110,894,156.90
Per Capita \$	\$7,281.84	\$5,456.77	Per Capita \$	\$6,725.11	\$5,137.89
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
General Government Taxes (\$000s)	\$25,628.6	\$48,947,738.5	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$55,535.64	\$56,597,761.19
Per Capita \$	\$1,570.09	\$2,267.82	Per Capita \$	\$3,402.29	\$2,622.26
% of Total	21.6%	41.6%	% of Total	50.6%	51.0%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$1,017.3	\$5,231,689.8	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$12,046.70	\$14,143,806.21
Per Capita \$	\$62.32	\$242.39	Per Capita \$	\$738.02	\$655.30
% of Total	0.9%	4.4%	% of Total	11.0%	12.8%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$26,371.1	\$8,250,822.1	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$12,581.64	\$6,602,230.32
Per Capita \$	\$1,615.58	\$382.27	Per Capita \$	\$770.79	\$305.89
% of Total	22.2%	7.0%	% of Total	11.5%	6.0%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$6,915.2	\$28,150,407.9	Transportation (\$000s)	\$7,177.45	\$6,383,904.27
Per Capita \$	\$423.65	\$1,304.25	Per Capita \$	\$439.71	\$295.78
% of Total	5.8%	23.9%	% of Total	6.5%	5.8%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$130.4	\$1,880,041.8	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$4,762.14	\$2,413,716.53
Per Capita \$	\$7.99	\$87.11	Per Capita \$	\$291.74	\$111.83
% of Total	0.1%	1.6%	% of Total	4.3%	2.2%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$53,716.0	\$12,799,887.1	Human Services (\$000s)	\$2,625.47	\$5,303,244.59
Per Capita \$	\$3,290.81	\$593.04	Per Capita \$	\$160.85	\$245.71
% of Total	45.2%	10.9%	% of Total	2.4%	4.8%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$5,083.0	\$12,516,053.5	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$2,554.62	\$2,195,932.65
Per Capita \$	\$311.40	\$579.89	Per Capita \$	\$156.50	\$101.74
% of Total	4.3%	10.6%	% of Total	2.3%	2.0%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$5,155.61	\$13,256,605.85
			Per Capita \$	\$315.85	\$614.20
			% of Total	4.7%	12.0%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$7,334.70	\$3,996,955.30
			Per Capita \$	\$449.35	\$185.18
			% of Total	6.7%	3.6%

* 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 2024-25	41	27,171
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2024-25	246.7	116.2

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	Gulf County	Florida
Under 65 years	86.1%	86.6%
Under 19 years	89.8%	92.7%
18 to 64 years	84.9%	84.5%

Education

Public Education Schools	Gulf County	Florida
Traditional Setting (2025-26)	School District	
Total (state total includes special districts)	4	3,796
Elementary	2	1,847
Middle	0	561
Senior High	2	736
Combination	0	652
Educational attainment		
Persons aged 25 and older	Gulf County	Florida
% HS graduate or higher	85.0%	89.9%
% bachelor's degree or higher	23.5%	34.1%

State and Local Taxation

2025	Gulf County
	County-Wide
County	5.6000
School	5.3220
Municipal	
Special Districts	0.0207
	0.3850

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

State Infrastructure

Transportation	Gulf County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	79.0	12,265.7
Lane Miles	160.1	46,013.4
Conservation Land (CL land acres only)		
State or Regionally Owned (includes partially-owned)	67,267	5,863,289
% of Total Conservation Land (including private)	98.7%	53.6%
% of Total Area Land	19.2%	17.1%
% of Florida State or Regionally Owned CL	1.1%	

Other County Profiles

Criminal Justice County Profiles
School District Profiles

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