

Columbia

County, Florida. LocalFlare, Data for Economic Development. Last updated 2026-10-04.

Population

Population	Change since the prior year	Change since 2020
72,388 2025	+0.3% 2024 to 2025	+3.9% 2020 to 2025
Census 2020	Basis of the latest figure	
69,698 2020	estimate 2025	

Population, April 1: 72,388



Source: University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research, Florida Estimates of Population, retrieved 2026-10-01

Labor force

Labor force	Employment	Unemployed
27,721 Aug 2026	26,191 Aug 2026	1,530 Aug 2026
Unemployment rate	Rate a year earlier	Labor force, change on a year earlier
5.5% Aug 2026	5.0% Aug 2025	+0.1% Aug 2026

Latest month is preliminary

yes Aug 2026

Unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted: 5.5%



Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, retrieved 2026-10-01

Sales and visitor spending: not shown. the BusinessFlare® estimate is by place; the county's sales are on its Sales and visitor spending page

Tourist tax

Collections, latest month	Change on the same month a year earlier	Last 12 months
\$151K Jan 2026	-39.3% Jan 2026	\$2.15M Jan 2026
Fiscal year to date	Series	
\$680K FY2026 to 2026-01	Columbia County Jan 2026	

Tourist tax collections by month: \$151K



Source: Florida Department of Revenue, Local Government Tax Distributions by County (Form 4), Tourist Development Tax, retrieved 2026-09-28

Business base

Licensed food service, lodging and alcohol businesses	Food service licenses	Lodging licenses
481 Aug 2026	192 Aug 2026	106 Aug 2026
Alcoholic beverage licenses	New licenses, last 12 months	New business filings, last 12 months
183 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026	1,137 Sep 2026
Change on the 12 months before	New filings, latest month	Establishments
+6.7% Sep 2026	59 Sep 2026	1,492 2023
Employees, mid March	Annual payroll	Establishments, change on the year before
20,689 2023	\$1.06B 2023	+2.2% 2023

New licenses by month: 1



Sep 2016

Aug 2026

Source: Florida DBPR active licensure base files: public food service, public lodging and retail alcoholic beverage licenses, retrieved 2026-10-01

Source: Florida Division of Corporations (Sunbiz) bulk corporate data files, new entity filings by month, retrieved 2026-10-01

Source: County Business Patterns and ZIP Code Business Patterns, complete data files, retrieved 2026-10-01

Building permits

Housing units permitted, last 12 months

199 Aug 2026

Change on the 12 months before

+2.1% Aug 2026

Permit valuation, last 12 months

\$56.5M Aug 2026

Units, latest month

15 Aug 2026

Single family units, last 12 months

196 Aug 2026

Units in buildings of 5 or more, last 12 months

0 Aug 2026

Units, latest annual table

182 2025

Housing units permitted by month: 15



Sep 2016

Aug 2026

Source: US Census Bureau, Building Permits Survey, place and county residential permits, retrieved 2026-10-01

Property roll

Total just value

\$8.01B 2026 preliminary

Total taxable value (non school)

\$4.11B 2026 preliminary

Total taxable value (school)

\$4.61B 2026 preliminary

Just value, change on the prior roll

+5.1% 2025 final roll to 2026 preliminary

Taxable value (non school), change on the prior roll

+7.8% 2025 final roll to 2026 preliminary

Total just value, prior roll

\$7.61B 2025 final roll

New construction value

\$141M 2026 preliminary

Parcels

37,646 2026 preliminary

Median single family just value

\$213K 2026 preliminary

Qualified sales, last 12 months

744 2025-06 to 2026-05

Median qualified sale price

\$250K 2025-06 to 2026-05

Just value, residential

\$4.52B 2026 preliminary

Just value, commercial

\$643M 2026 preliminary

Just value, industrial

\$216M 2026 preliminary

Just value, agricultural

\$1.54B 2026 preliminary

Just value, vacant

\$206M 2026 preliminary

Just value, institutional

\$221M 2026 preliminary

Just value, government

\$550M 2026 preliminary

Just value, other

\$109M 2026 preliminary

Just value by use group

Use group	Parcels	Just value	Taxable (non school)	New construction	Residential units	Just value change
Residential	23,967	\$4.52B	\$2.56B	\$90.1M	0	+4.5%
Commercial	1,032	\$643M	\$626M	\$2.82M	n/a	+3.4%
Industrial	189	\$216M	\$201M	\$12.6M	n/a	+13.6%
Agricultural	5,284	\$1.54B	\$346M	\$13.9M	n/a	+7.8%
Vacant	4,692	\$206M	\$171M	\$181K	n/a	-0.4%
Institutional	328	\$221M	\$105M	\$20.4M	n/a	+10.4%
Government	1,089	\$550M	\$13.2M	\$250K	n/a	+1.1%
Other	1,065	\$109M	\$89M	\$751K	n/a	+11.4%

Department of Revenue land use codes grouped: residential 001 to 009, commercial 011 to 039, industrial 041 to 049, agricultural 050 to 069, vacant 000, 010, 040 and 070, institutional 071 to 079, government 080 to 089, other 090 to 099. Taxable is the non school taxable value. Just value change compares with the 2025 final roll, summed the same way.

Parcels are placed by Census block group through the Census Bureau's block assignment file; a parcel in a block group that straddles the limits is apportioned. Census 2020 block groups; 25% of the county's just value lies in a place. Medians are over the parcels whose block group lies mostly in the place. Qualified sales: the roll's own sale fields, qualification codes 01 and 02, improved, single parcel.

Source: Florida Department of Revenue, NAL tax roll (name, address, legal), 2026 preliminary and final as posted, retrieved 2026-10-03

Housing

Housing units

n/a 2020 to 2024 ACS

Occupied units

27,430 2020 to 2024 ACS

Vacant units

2,870 2020 to 2024 ACS

Owner occupied households

21,801 2024 1-Year

Renter occupied households

7,370 2024 1-Year

Homeownership rate

74.7% 2020 to 2024 ACS

Cost burdened households, all tenures (over 30% of income)

21.6% 2025

Cost burdened renter households

40.4% 2025

Severely cost burdened renters (over 50%)

19.1% 2025

Assisted housing developments

16 Assisted Housing Inventory

Assisted units

878 Assisted Housing Inventory

Median gross rent

\$1.13K 2020 to 2024 ACS

Median single family sale price

\$285K 2024

Homeownership rate: 72.0%



1990

2024

Source: Shimberg Center for Housing Studies, Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse, retrieved 2026-10-01

Fiscal

Half-cent sales tax, latest month

\$543K Sep 2026

Half-cent sales tax, fiscal year to date

\$6.87M FY2026 to 2026-09

Half-cent sales tax, last 12 months

\$6.87M Sep 2026

Half-cent sales tax, change on the 12 months before

-6.6% Sep 2026

State revenue sharing, latest month

\$210K Sep 2026

State revenue sharing, fiscal year to date

\$2.51M FY2026 to 2026-09

State revenue sharing, last 12 months

\$2.51M Sep 2026

State revenue sharing, change on the 12 months before

+3.9% Sep 2026

Total revenues

\$259M FY2024

Revenues, change on the year before

+4.9% FY2024

Total expenditures

\$247M FY2024

Expenditures, change on the year before

+10.3% FY2024

Revenues per resident

\$3.59K FY2024

Long-term debt outstanding at year end

\$17M FY2025

Long-term debt, change on the year before

+50.0% FY2025

Half-cent sales tax distributions by month: \$543K



Oct 2016

Sep 2026

Source: Florida Department of Revenue, Revenue Confirmation Online, distributions to local governments, retrieved 2026-10-01

Source: Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research, Expenditures and Revenues Reported by Florida's County and Municipal Governments, retrieved 2026-10-01

Source: Florida Department of Financial Services, LOGERx local government Annual Financial Report data, long-term debt outstanding, retrieved 2026-10-04

Bank deposits

Deposits

\$2.22B June 30, 2026

Change on a year earlier

+9.1% June 30, 2026

Change, real

+5.8% June 30, 2026

Branches

9 June 30, 2026

Institutions

6 June 30, 2026

Branches opened since the survey a year earlier

0 June 30, 2026

Branches closed since the survey a year earlier

0 June 30, 2026

Deposits, June 30 each year: \$2.22B



1994

2026

Source: FDIC Summary of Deposits, Florida offices, every June 30 since 1994, retrieved 2026-10-01

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