

Tavares

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

Population

Population	Change since the prior year	Change since 2020
21,869 2025	+1.6% 2024 to 2025	+15.1% 2020 to 2025
Census 2020	Basis of the latest figure	
19,003 2020	estimate 2025	

Population, April 1: 21,869



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

Labor force

Labor force (Lake County)	Employment (Lake County)	Unemployed (Lake County)
198,233 Aug 2026	188,443 Aug 2026	9,790 Aug 2026
Unemployment rate (Lake County)	Rate a year earlier	Labor force, change on a year earlier
4.9% Aug 2026	4.5% Aug 2025	+0.5% Aug 2026

Latest month is preliminary

yes Aug 2026

Unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted: 4.9%



Aug 2016

Aug 2026

County figures, no city estimate published by FloridaCommerce

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

Sales and visitor spending

BusinessFlare® estimate, last 12 months	Estimate runs to	Statewide median error, 2017 to 2022 back-test
\$308.0M 12 months to 2026-03	Mar 2026 Mar 2026	15.7% 2017 to 2022
Wide error flag	Retail trade (NAICS 44-45): Census sales 2017	Retail trade (NAICS 44-45): Census sales 2022
no Mar 2026	\$166M 2017	\$238M 2022
Retail trade (NAICS 44-45): 2022 landing error	Accommodation and food services (NAICS 72): Census sales 2017	Accommodation and food services (NAICS 72): Census sales 2022
7.0% 2022	\$23.6M 2017	\$43.1M 2022

Accommodation and food services (NAICS 72): 2022 landing error

21.1% 2022

Economic Census anchors and the back-test

Sector	Census sales 2017	Census sales 2022	2017 carried to 2022	Landing error
Retail trade (NAICS 44-45)	\$166M	\$238M	\$255M	7.0%
Accommodation and food services (NAICS 72)	\$23.6M	\$43.1M	\$34M	21.1%

BusinessFlare® estimate from public sources.

The estimate anchors on the sales the US Census Bureau published for this place in the 2017 and 2022 Economic Census, for retail trade and for accommodation and food services, and moves them month by month with the county's sales tax returns by kind of business (Florida Department of Revenue Form 10). After the 2022 anchor the place's share of the county moves with the growth of its commercial property on the Department's 2026 tax roll, as submitted by the county property appraiser, by use code: stores, shopping centers, supermarkets and auto dealers for retail; restaurants, bars and hotels for accommodation and food. The three spending groups follow the county's kind code mix within each sector. Every place with both anchors was carried from 2017 to 2022 the same way and the landing on the 2022 Census figure is the published error.

Monthly estimate, twelve month and annual views, the visitor, resident and big ticket groups, chart and workbook: Street Economics Pass data, served by the account service, never in this file.

Source: BusinessFlare® city-level sales and visitor spending estimate (method and error; the figures are Street Economics Pass data), retrieved 2026-10-04

Tourist tax: not shown. the county does not publish tourist tax collections by city

Business base

Licensed food service, lodging and alcohol businesses

140 Aug 2026

Food service licenses

52 Aug 2026

Lodging licenses

32 Aug 2026

Alcoholic beverage licenses

56 Aug 2026

New licenses, last 12 months

4 Aug 2026

New business filings, last 12 months (postal city)

468 Sep 2026

Change on the 12 months before

+2.0% Sep 2026

New filings, latest month

20 Sep 2026

Establishments (ZIP basis)

618 2023

Employees, mid March (ZIP basis)

8,006 2023

Annual payroll (ZIP basis)

\$432M 2023

New licenses by month: 0



Sep 2016

Aug 2026

Licenses are placed inside the city limits by their geocoded address.

Business formations are by postal city: Tavares, which is not the city limits.

Establishments, employment and payroll are a ZIP code basis: ZIP codes 32778.

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

217 Aug 2026

Change on the 12 months before

-22.8% Aug 2026

Permit valuation, last 12 months

\$65.8M Aug 2026

Units, latest month

20 Aug 2026

Single family units, last 12 months

217 Aug 2026

Units in buildings of 5 or more, last 12 months

0 Aug 2026

Units, latest annual table

236 2025

Housing units permitted by month: 20



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

\$2.56B 2026 preliminary

Total taxable value (non school)

\$1.54B 2026 preliminary

Total taxable value (school)

\$1.71B 2026 preliminary

Just value, change on the prior roll

+8.1% 2025 final roll to 2026 preliminary

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

+11.8% 2025 final roll to 2026 preliminary

Total just value, prior roll

\$2.37B 2025 final roll

New construction value

\$38.2M 2026 preliminary

Parcels

8,851 2026 preliminary

Median single family just value

\$267K 2026 preliminary

Qualified sales, last 12 months

281 2025-06 to 2026-05

Median qualified sale price

\$255K 2025-06 to 2026-05

Just value, residential

\$1.79B 2026 preliminary

Just value, commercial

\$242M 2026 preliminary

Just value, industrial

\$86.2M 2026 preliminary

Just value, agricultural

\$29.6M 2026 preliminary

Just value, vacant

\$60.3M 2026 preliminary

Just value, institutional

\$32.6M 2026 preliminary

Just value, government

\$306M 2026 preliminary

Just value, other

\$8.66M 2026 preliminary

Just value by use group

Use group	Parcels	Just value	Taxable (non school)	New construction	Residential units	Just value change
Residential	7,163	\$1.79B	\$1.15B	\$34.6M	7,703	+9.3%
Commercial	296	\$242M	\$239M	\$2.92M	n/a	-0.4%
Industrial	395	\$86.2M	\$81M	\$322K	n/a	+48.0%
Agricultural	60	\$29.6M	\$3.86M	\$19.3K	n/a	-8.4%
Vacant	696	\$60.3M	\$48.3M	\$36.7K	n/a	+11.4%
Institutional	37	\$32.6M	\$13.2M	\$44.1K	n/a	-1.9%
Government	160	\$306M	\$4.52M	\$271K	n/a	+2.7%
Other	42	\$8.66M	\$6.78M	\$0	n/a	+5.7%

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; 57% 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, 2026 preliminary and final as posted, retrieved 2026-10-03

Housing

Housing units
10,233 2020 to 2024 ACS

Owner occupied households
7,030 2020-2024 5-Year

Cost burdened households, all tenures (over 30% of income)
30.0% 2025

Assisted housing developments
6 Assisted Housing Inventory

Median single family sale price
\$331K 2024

Homeownership rate: 77.0%

Occupied units
9,154 2020 to 2024 ACS

Renter occupied households
2,124 2020-2024 5-Year

Cost burdened renter households
51.3% 2025

Assisted units
334 Assisted Housing Inventory

Vacant units
1,079 2020 to 2024 ACS

Homeownership rate
76.8% 2020 to 2024 ACS

Severely cost burdened renters (over 50%)
20.4% 2025

Median gross rent
\$1.5K 2020 to 2024 ACS

1990 2024
Source: Shimberg Center for Housing Studies, Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse, retrieved 2026-10-01

Fiscal

Half-cent sales tax, latest month
\$120K Sep 2026

Half-cent sales tax, change on the 12 months before
-6.0% Sep 2026

State revenue sharing, last 12 months
\$930K Sep 2026

Revenues, change on the year before
+3.6% FY2024

Revenues per resident
\$3.52K FY2024

Half-cent sales tax, fiscal year to date
\$1.41M FY2026 to 2026-09

State revenue sharing, latest month
\$76.4K Sep 2026

State revenue sharing, change on the 12 months before
+1.9% Sep 2026

Total expenditures
\$70.1M FY2024

Long-term debt outstanding at year end
\$50.1M FY2025

Half-cent sales tax, last 12 months
\$1.41M Sep 2026

State revenue sharing, fiscal year to date
\$930K FY2026 to 2026-09

Total revenues
\$75.8M FY2024

Expenditures, change on the year before
+7.2% FY2024

Long-term debt, change on the year before
-8.0% FY2025

Half-cent sales tax distributions by month: \$120K

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

Bank deposits

Deposits (offices reporting this city)
\$396M June 30, 2026

Change on a year earlier
+2.9% June 30, 2026

Change, real
-0.3% June 30, 2026

Branches
4 June 30, 2026

Institutions
4 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: \$396M



Offices whose reported city is Tavares.

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

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