

# St. Lucie County

Florida's 21st most populous county

with 1.5% of Florida's population



## Population

Population (Census, Estimates, & Projections)	St. Lucie County	Florida
1980 Census	87,182	9,746,961
1990 Census	150,171	12,938,071
2000 Census	192,695	15,982,824
% change 1990-00	28.3%	23.5%
2009 Estimate	272,864	18,750,483
% change 2000-09	41.6%	17.3%
% of change 2000-09 due to net migration	95.3%	83.1%
2010 Projection	274,363	18,773,356
% change 2009-10	0.5%	0.1%
2015 Projection	309,280	19,881,179
% change 2010-15	12.7%	5.9%
% of 2008 population		
Under 18 years of age	22.0%	22.3%
Over 64 years of age	21.7%	17.3%
Median age (2008)	43.6	40.1
Persons per square mile (2009)	477	348

## Households and Family Households

Households	St. Lucie County	Florida
Total households, 2000 Census	76,933	6,338,075
Total households, 2009	110,566	7,477,339
% change 2000-09	43.7%	18.0%
Family households, 2000 Census	54,258	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	37.3%	42.3%

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.

## Existing Single-Family Home Sales

Percent Change in Homes Sold	St. Lucie County	Florida
2001-02	7.3%	9.9%
2002-03	13.4%	13.1%
2003-04	8.8%	10.7%
2004-05	4.5%	2.5%
2005-06	-28.3%	-27.6%
2006-07	-32.0%	-29.2%
2007-08	28.3%	-4.3%
2008-09	42.2%	31.4%

## Percent Change in Median Sales Price

2001-02	18.6%	8.8%
2002-03	20.0%	11.8%
2003-04	26.0%	17.1%
2004-05	31.0%	29.2%
2005-06	-0.3%	5.6%
2006-07	-10.7%	-5.5%
2007-08	-32.1%	-19.8%
2008-09	-26.7%	-24.0%

Note: Home sales data are calculated for Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). Data shown here reflect the value for the MSA in which the county is located.

## Housing

Housing Counts	St. Lucie County	Florida
Housing units, 2000 Census	91,262	7,302,947
Occupied	76,933	6,337,929
Owner-occupied	60,030	4,441,799
% owner-occupied	78.0%	70.1%
Renter-occupied	16,903	1,896,130
% renter-occupied	22.0%	29.9%
Vacant	14,329	965,018
% vacant	15.7%	13.2%

Units Permitted	St. Lucie County	Florida
2000	2,218	161,076
2001	2,960	169,171
% change 2000-01	33.5%	5.0%
2002	4,320	186,503
% change 2001-02	45.9%	10.2%
2003	6,234	215,488
% change 2002-03	44.3%	15.5%
2004	8,418	254,026
% change 2003-04	35.0%	17.9%
2005	8,724	284,120
% change 2004-05	3.6%	11.8%
2006	5,464	219,087
% change 2005-06	-37.4%	-22.9%
2007	2,552	122,300
% change 2006-07	-53.3%	-44.2%
2008	1,283	61,088
% change 2007-08	-49.7%	-50.1%
2009	306	32,615
% change 2008-09	-76.1%	-46.6%
Total Units Permitted 2000-2009	42,479	1,705,474

## State Infrastructure

Transportation	St. Lucie County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	169.0	12,093.1
Lane Miles	621.1	42,541.8
State Bridges		
Number	85	6,549
State Facilities		
Buildings/Facilities		
Number	28	3,953
Square Footage	437,638	56,956,904

State Lands	St. Lucie County	Florida
Conservation Lands		
Parcels	392	37,323
Acreage	8,416.9	3,360,212.8
Non-Conservation Lands		
Parcels	34	6,062
Acreage	1,702.0	254,398.2

**Employment by Industry**

Average Annual Employment, % by Category, 2008	St. Lucie County	Florida	Average Annual Wage, 2008	St. Lucie County	Florida
Natural Resource & Mining	5.0%	1.2%	All industries	\$34,837	\$40,579
Construction	8.2%	6.7%	Natural Resource & Mining	\$23,408	\$23,981
Manufacturing	3.7%	4.8%	Construction	\$35,014	\$42,040
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	22.9%	20.5%	Manufacturing	\$38,060	\$48,652
Information	0.9%	2.0%	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$35,248	\$36,220
Financial Activities	4.8%	6.8%	Information	\$50,119	\$58,194
Professional & Business Services	9.3%	14.9%	Financial Activities	\$38,400	\$55,748
Education & Health Services	13.5%	13.2%	Professional & Business Services	\$32,503	\$46,997
Leisure and Hospitality	9.7%	12.3%	Education & Health Services	\$38,501	\$42,245
Other services	2.9%	3.3%	Leisure and Hospitality	\$18,413	\$21,200
Government	19.2%	14.1%	Other services	\$25,365	\$28,565
			Government	\$43,288	\$46,424

**Labor Force**

Labor Force as Percent of Population Aged 18 and Older	St. Lucie County	Florida	Unemployment Rate	St. Lucie County	Florida
1990	62.9%	64.4%	1990	13.2%	6.3%
2000	58.2%	63.4%	2000	5.7%	3.8%
2009	57.8%	62.7%	2009	13.5%	10.5%

**Financial Health**

Poverty	St. Lucie County	Florida
% living below poverty, 2008	12.9%	13.3%
% ages 0-17 living below poverty, 2008	18.9%	18.4%

Personal Income (\$000s)	St. Lucie County	Florida
2000	\$4,383,953	\$466,644,105
2001	\$4,644,894	\$487,503,637
% change 2000-01	6.0%	4.5%
2002	\$4,869,908	\$508,401,577
% change 2001-02	4.8%	4.3%
2003	\$5,158,047	\$531,215,779
% change 2002-03	5.9%	4.5%
2004	\$6,012,878	\$582,767,302
% change 2003-04	16.6%	9.7%
2005	\$6,593,361	\$633,198,348
% change 2004-05	9.7%	8.7%
2006	\$7,121,547	\$690,273,244
% change 2005-06	8.0%	9.0%
2007	\$7,575,556	\$713,489,866
% change 2006-07	6.4%	3.4%
2008	\$7,734,345	\$719,707,709
% change 2007-08	2.1%	0.9%

Per Capita Personal Income	St. Lucie County	Florida
2000	\$22,664	\$29,080
2001	\$23,491	\$29,810
% change 2000-01	3.6%	2.5%
2002	\$23,831	\$30,479
% change 2001-02	1.4%	2.2%
2003	\$24,267	\$31,283
% change 2002-03	1.8%	2.6%
2004	\$26,695	\$33,540
% change 2003-04	10.0%	7.2%
2005	\$27,753	\$35,605
% change 2004-05	4.0%	6.2%
2006	\$28,516	\$38,161
% change 2005-06	2.7%	7.2%
2007	\$29,085	\$39,036
% change 2006-07	2.0%	2.3%
2008	\$29,115	\$39,064
% change 2007-08	0.1%	0.1%

Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)	St. Lucie County	Florida
2000	4.98	4.45
2009	5.85	4.97
State Rank	12	NA

Note: Florida numbers exclude Miami-Dade County.

**Earnings by Place of Work**

Earnings (\$000s)	St. Lucie County	Florida
2000	\$1,945,754	\$312,145,185
2001	\$2,082,774	\$325,018,624
% change 2000-01	7.0%	4.1%
2002	\$2,293,351	\$340,360,544
% change 2001-02	10.1%	4.7%
2003	\$2,500,225	\$361,091,583
% change 2002-03	9.0%	6.1%
2004	\$2,993,459	\$389,502,660
% change 2003-04	19.7%	7.9%
2005	\$3,365,960	\$423,331,870
% change 2004-05	12.4%	8.7%
2006	\$3,655,694	\$452,353,587
% change 2005-06	8.6%	6.9%
2007	\$3,779,599	\$460,365,819
% change 2006-07	3.4%	1.8%
2008	\$3,646,993	\$455,176,422
% change 2007-08	-3.5%	-1.1%

**Quality of Life**

Educational attainment Persons aged 25 and older	St. Lucie County	Florida
% HS graduate or higher	77.7%	79.9%
% bachelor's degree or higher	15.1%	22.3%

Crime	St. Lucie County	Florida
Crime rate, 2009 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	3,324.0	4,397.5
Admissions to prison FY 2008-09	956	39,354
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2008-09	350.4	209.9

**State and Local Taxation**

2008 Ad Valorem Millage Rates	St. Lucie County
County	6.2576
School	7.6850
Other	7.0992
Total	21.0418

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