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# Summary of Employment, Demographics, and Commuting Patterns for St. Lucie County, Florida



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#### Labor Shed Analysis

A labor shed analysis is defined as where workers work and where workers live relative to a user-defined selection area. This analysis helps to determine where a labor market draws its commuting workers. Labor shed studies can draw comparisons between various geographies including state, Congressional District, Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), county, Workforce Investment Area (WIA), Zip Code, and Census tract. By indicating how many of the selection area workers work outside the area, labor sheds can help identify potential pools of workers who would be available for work in the user-defined area.

Labor shed studies provide economic developers and existing or prospective employers a tool to understand the local labor market and make informed expansion and site selection decisions. In addition, labor shed studies can help indicate potential impacts from environmental, social, or economic incidents.

#### OnTheMap, Census Bureau

OnTheMap is a mapping and reporting tool developed by the U.S. Census Bureau showing employment and home locations of workers with companion reports for user-defined areas. It is the first synthetic data product released by the Census Bureau. OnTheMap is an important tool for Florida to perform labor inflow/outflow analyses and provide commuting data to planning and economic development agencies as well as Regional Workforce Boards. OnTheMap data is also used by the Department of Economic Opportunity to help quantify natural disaster impacts for emergency management agencies based on where workers live and where they work.

OnTheMap integrates existing data from state-supplied administrative records on workers and employers with existing federal censuses, surveys, and other administrative records. The state Labor Market Information (LMI) agencies supply key data from unemployment wage records and from businesses each quarter. The Census Bureau merges the state-supplied data with current demographic information to produce the data found in OnTheMap. By combining data from different administrative sources, censuses, and surveys, the Census Bureau produces local employment information that was not previously available.

# Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research (WSER)

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research (WSER), produces, analyzes, and distributes labor statistics to improve economic decision making. These data are produced as part of the federal/state cooperative statistical program with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the Employment and Training Administration.

#### **Executive Summary**

The analysis of workforce and demographic characteristics, including commuting patterns of St. Lucie County was conducted to provide economic data on the population and labor force living or working in the county. The report is useful for detailing where workers work and live in order to align resources. This report includes population, labor force, and demographics for St. Lucie County.

Workers employed in St. Lucie County are clustered in the Health Care and Social Assistance (14.9%) and Retail Trade (13.3%) industries. Workers living in St. Lucie County are concentrated in the Health Care and Social Assistance (16.5%) and Retail Trade (13.6%) industries.

A detailed examination of commuting patterns for St. Lucie County shows that the county has a net outflow of -38,946 workers. Using the latest annual Census data available, there were 71,829 workers employed in St. Lucie County and 110,775 workers living in St. Lucie County. Of the workers who lived in the county, 69,011 workers (62.3%) were employed outside the county.

With 62.3% of workers who reside in St. Lucie County employed outside the county, St. Lucie County was ranked 32<sup>nd</sup> of 67 for the highest outflow rankings among Florida counties. Leon County (20.9%) had the lowest outflow rate, followed by Miami-Dade County (22.0%) and Duval County (25.5%). Glades County (85.1%), Jefferson County (82.2%), and Union County (79.6%) had the highest worker outflow rates.

Of the 69,011 St. Lucie County workers employed outside the county, the top destination counties are Martin County (19,219 workers), Palm Beach County (14,627 workers), and Indian River County (5,902 workers). Of the 30,065 St. Lucie County workers living outside the county, the top origin counties are Martin County (5,019 workers), Indian River County (4,725 workers), and Palm Beach County (3,903 workers).

#### **People QuickFacts**

	St. Lucie County	Florida	United States
Population			
Population estimates, July 1, 2019, (V2019)	328,297	21,477,737	328,239,523
Population estimates base, April 1, 2010, (V2019)	277,255	18,804,564	308,758,105
Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 (estimates base) to July 1, 2019, (V2019)	18.4%	14.2%	6.3%
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	277,789	18,801,310	308,745,538
Age and Sex			
Persons under 5 years, percent	5.0%	5.3%	6.0%
Persons under 18 years, percent	19.5%	19.7%	22.3%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	24.7%	20.9%	16.5%
Female persons, percent	51.2%	51.1%	50.8%
Race and Hispanic Origin			
White alone, percent	73.6%	77.3%	76.3%
Black or African American alone, percent(a)	21.4%	16.9%	13.4%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent(a)	0.6%	0.5%	1.3%
Asian alone, percent(a)	2.0%	3.0%	5.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent(a)	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
Two or More Races, percent	2.3%	2.2%	2.8%
Hispanic or Latino, percent(b)	19.9%	26.4%	18.5%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	55.9%	53.2%	60.1%
Population Characteristics			
Veterans, 2015-2019	24,495	1,440,338	18,230,322
Foreign born persons, percent, 2015-2019	16.8%	20.7%	13.6%
Housing			
Housing units, July 1, 2019, (V2019)	146,068	9,673,682	139,684,244
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2015-2019	73.2%	65.4%	64.0%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2015-2019	\$186,900	\$215,300	\$217,500
Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage, 2015-2019	\$1,392	\$1,503	\$1,595
Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2015-2019	\$509	\$505	\$500
Median gross rent, 2015-2019	\$1,185	\$1,175	\$1,062
Building permits, 2019	3,554	154,302	1,386,048

Legend The vintage year (e.g., V2019) refers to the final year of the series (2010 thru 2019). Different vintage years of estimates are not comparable.

(a) Includes persons reporting only one race(b) Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, State & County QuickFacts.

# People QuickFacts (continued)

	St. Lucie County	Florida	United States
Families & Living Arrangements			
Households, 2015-2019	114,761	7,736,311	120,756,048
Persons per household, 2015-2019	2.70	2.65	2.62
Living in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 2015-2019	86.4%	84.5%	85.8%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2015-2019	23.4%	29.4%	21.6%
Computer and Internet Use			
Households with a computer, percent, 2015-2019	91.9%	91.5%	90.3%
Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2015-2019	84.7%	83.0%	82.7%
Education			
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2015-2019	86.3%	88.2%	88.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2015-2019	21.6%	29.9%	32.1%
Health			
With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2015-2019	9.1%	8.6%	8.6%
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent	17.9%	16.3%	9.5%
Economy			
In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2015-2019	54.4%	58.5%	63.0%
In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2015-2019	50.6%	54.3%	58.3%
Total accommodation and food services sales, 2012 (\$1,000)(c)	329,276	49,817,925	708,138,59
Total health care and social assistance receipts/revenue, 2012 (\$1,000)(c)	1,342,092	124,061,425	2,040,441,203
Total manufacturers shipments, 2012 (\$1,000)(c)	605,702	96,924,106	5,696,729,632
Total merchant wholesaler sales, 2012 (\$1,000)(c)	685,994	252,626,608	5,208,023,478
Total retail sales, 2012 (\$1,000)(c)	3,709,492	273,867,145	4,219,821,87
Total retail sales per capita, 2012(c)	\$13,068	\$14,177	\$13,443
Transportation			
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+, 2015-2019	27.9	27.8	26.9
Income & Poverty			
Median household income (in 2019 dollars), 2015-2019	\$52,322	\$55,660	\$62,843
Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2019 dollars), 2015-2019	\$27,121	\$31,619	\$34,103
Persons in poverty, percent	10.5%	12.7%	10.5%

Legend The vintage year (e.g., V2019) refers to the final year of the series (2010 thru 2019). Different vintage years of estimates are not comparable. *Fact Notes* (c) Economic Census - Puerto Rico data are not comparable to U.S. Economic Census data

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, State & County QuickFacts.

#### **Business and Geography QuickFacts**

	St. Lucie County	Florida	United States
Businesses			
Total employer establishments, 2018	5,950	566,89	7,912,405
Total employment, 2018	63,141	8,669,61	130,881,471
Total annual payroll, 2018 (\$1,000)	2,321,250	404,483,24	7,097,310,272
Total employment, percent change, 2017-2018	4.2%	3.4%	1.8%
Total nonemployer establishments, 2018	28,819	2,388,050	26,485,532
All firms, 2012	25,489	2,100,187	27,626,360
Men-owned firms, 2012	13,468	1,084,885	14,844,597
Women-owned firms, 2012	9,105	807,817	9,878,397
Minority-owned firms, 2012	9,005	926,112	7,952,386
Nonminority-owned firms, 2012	15,770	1,121,749	18,987,918
Veteran-owned firms, 2012	2,426	185,756	2,521,682
Nonveteran-owned firms, 2012	21,869	1,846,686	24,070,685
Geography			
Population per square mile, 2010	485.7	350.6	87.4
Land area in square miles, 2010	571.93	53,624.76	3,531,905.43
FIPS Code	12111	12	1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, State & County QuickFacts.

#### Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment

	January 2021 January 2020							
	LABOR	EMPLOY-	UNEMPLO	OYMENT	LABOR	EMPLOY-	UNEMPL	OYMENT
	FORCE	MENT	LEVEL	RATE (%)	FORCE	MENT	LEVEL	RATE (%)
Workforce Region 20	283,516	269,710	13,806	4.9%	290,793	278,849	11,944	4.1%
Indian River County	64,843	61,595	3,248	5.0%	67,227	64,419	2,808	4.2%
Martin County	73,002	70,050	2,952	4.0%	74,652	72,016	2,636	3.5%
St. Lucie County	145,671	138,065	7,606	5.2%	148,914	142,414	6,500	4.4%
Florida	10,106,000	9,568,000	538,000	5.3%	10,455,000	10,100,000	355,000	3.4%
United States	159,234,000	148,383,000	10,851,000	6.8%	163,497,000	156,994,000	6,504,000	4.0%

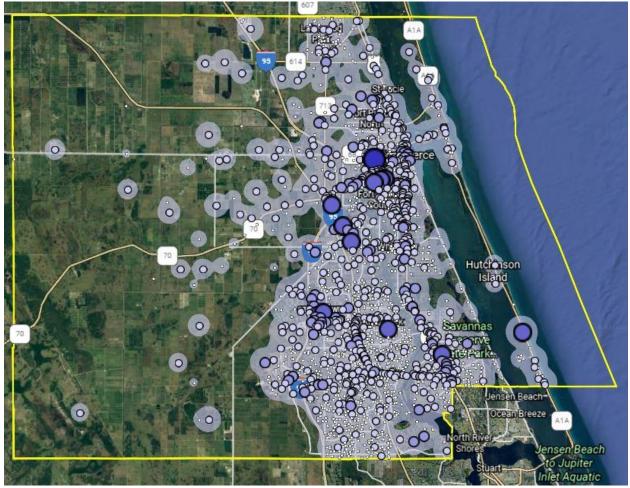
Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

#### Population

	Population Estimate (as of July 1)							
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Workforce Region 20	572,385	578,320	587,609	600,275	615,050	627,105	638,354	649,220
Indian River County	140,473	141,895	144,445	147,434	151,159	154,241	157,187	159,923
Martin County	148,981	151,126	153,119	155,559	158,325	159,701	160,742	161,000
St. Lucie County	282,931	285,299	290,045	297,282	305,566	313,163	320,425	328,297
Florida	19,297,822	19,545,621	19,845,911	20,209,042	20,613,477	20,963,613	21,244,317	21,477,737
United States	313,830,990	315,993,715	318,301,008	320,635,163	322,941,311	324,985,539	326,687,501	328,239,523

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division.

#### Where Workers Work in St. Lucie County



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics program.

#### Map Legend

#### Job Density [Jobs/Sq. Mile]

- 5 654
- **655 2,601**
- 2,602 5,847
- **5**,848 10,392
- **1**0,393 16,235

#### Job Count [Jobs/Census Block]

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- 160 802
- 803 2,534
- 2,535 6,186

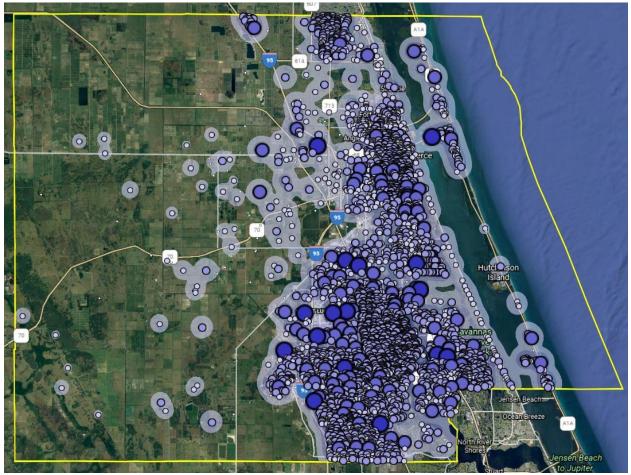
# Work Area Profile Summary

	Count	Share
Total Primary Jobs	71,829	100.0%
Jobs by Worker Age		
Age 29 or younger	15,127	21.1%
Age 30 to 54	37,607	52.4%
Age 55 or older	19,095	26.6%
Jobs by Earnings		
\$1,250 per month or less	14,619	20.4%
\$1,251 to \$3,333 per month	30,222	42.1%
More than \$3,333 per month	26,988	37.6%
Jobs by NAICS Industry Sector		
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	682	0.9%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	32	0.0%
Utilities	1,279	1.8%
Construction	4,981	6.9%
Manufacturing	3,696	5.1%
Wholesale Trade	2,389	3.3%
Retail Trade	9,562	13.3%
Transportation and Warehousing	1,512	2.1%
Information	435	0.6%
Finance and Insurance	1,201	1.7%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,120	1.6%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	3,378	4.7%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	225	0.3%
Administration & Support, Waste Management and Remediation	5,091	7.1%
Educational Services	8,641	12.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	10,714	14.9%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,204	1.7%
Accommodation and Food Services	7,602	10.6%
Other Services (excluding Public Administration)	2,819	3.9%
Public Administration	5,266	7.3%

# Work Area Profile Summary - Demographics

	Count	Share
Jobs by Worker Race		
White Alone	54,421	75.8%
Black or African American Alone	14,323	19.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native Alone	324	0.5%
Asian Alone	1,625	2.3%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Alone	79	0.1%
Two or More Race Groups	1,057	1.5%
Jobs by Worker Ethnicity		
Not Hispanic or Latino	58,816	81.9%
Hispanic or Latino	13,013	18.1%
Jobs by Worker Educational Attainment		
Less than high school	9,274	12.9%
High school or equivalent, no college	15,376	21.4%
Some college or Associate degree	18,269	25.4%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	13,783	19.2%
Educational attainment not available (workers aged 29 or younger)	15,127	21.1%
Jobs by Worker Sex		
Male	35,402	49.3%
Female	36,427	50.7%

#### Where Workers Live in St. Lucie County



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics program.

#### Map Legend

#### Job Density [Jobs/Sq. Mile]

- 5 102
- 103 393
- **394 880**
- **881 1,560**
- **1**,561 2,436

#### Job Count [Jobs/Census Block]

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- 20 96
- 97 303
- 304 740

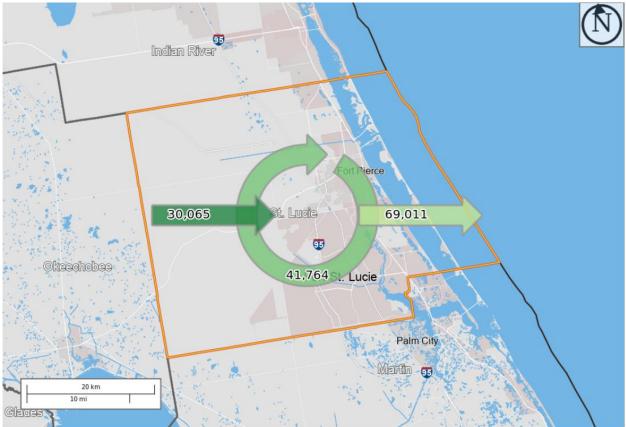
# Home Area Profile Summary

	Count	Share
Total Primary Jobs	110,775	100.0%
Jobs by Worker Age		
Age 29 or younger	23,843	21.5%
Age 30 to 54	57,942	52.3%
Age 55 or older	28,990	26.2%
Jobs by Earnings		
\$1,250 per month or less	21,894	19.8%
\$1,251 to \$3,333 per month	45,499	41.1%
More than \$3,333 per month	43,382	39.2%
Jobs by NAICS Industry Sector		
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,090	1.0%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	69	0.1%
Utilities	939	0.8%
Construction	8,381	7.6%
Manufacturing	5,747	5.2%
Wholesale Trade	3,929	3.5%
Retail Trade	15,015	13.6%
Transportation and Warehousing	3,017	2.7%
Information	1,244	1.1%
Finance and Insurance	2,884	2.6%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,808	1.6%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	5,739	5.2%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	849	0.8%
Administration & Support, Waste Management and Remediation	7,880	7.1%
Educational Services	9,125	8.2%
Health Care and Social Assistance	18,328	16.5%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2,314	2.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	11,488	10.4%
Other Services (excluding Public Administration)	3,933	3.6%
Public Administration	6,996	6.3%

# Home Area Profile Summary - Demographics

	Count	Share
Jobs by Worker Race		
White Alone	82,656	74.6%
Black or African American Alone	23,582	21.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native Alone	470	0.4%
Asian Alone	2,267	2.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Alone	116	0.1%
Two or More Race Groups	1,684	1.5%
Jobs by Worker Ethnicity		
Not Hispanic or Latino	91,198	82.3%
Hispanic or Latino	19,577	17.7%
Jobs by Worker Educational Attainment		
Less than high school	13,872	12.5%
High school or equivalent, no college	23,540	21.3%
Some college or Associate degree	28,006	25.3%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	21,514	19.4%
Educational attainment not available (workers aged 29 or younger)	23,843	21.5%
Jobs by Worker Sex		
Male	54,847	49.5%
Female	55,928	50.5%

#### Labor Inflow/Outflow Map



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics program.

Of the 71,829 people who are employed in St. Lucie County, 41,764 (58.1%) live and work in the county. There are 30,065 (41.9%) workers who live outside St. Lucie County and work within the county. Of the 110,775 workers who live within St. Lucie County, 69,011 (62.3%) residents work outside the county. There is a net outflow of -38,946 workers from St. Lucie County.

#### Labor Inflow/Outflow Summary

	Count	Share
St. Lucie County Labor Market Size (Primary Jobs)		
Employed in the Selection Area	71,829	100.0%
Living in the Selection Area	110,775	154.2%
Net Job Inflow (+) or Outflow (-)	-38,946	-
St. Lucie County Labor Force Efficiency (Primary Jobs)		
Living in the Selection Area	110,775	100.0%
Living and Employed in the Selection Area	41,764	37.7%
Living in the Selection Area but Employed Outside	69,011	62.3%
St. Lucie County Employment Efficiency (Primary Jobs)		
Employed in the Selection Area	71,829	100.0%
Employed and Living in the Selection Area	41,764	58.1%
Employed in the Selection Area but Living Outside	30,065	41.9%
Outflow Job Characteristics		
External Jobs Filled by Residents	69,011	100.0%
Workers Aged 29 or younger	15,500	22.5%
Workers Aged 30 to 54	35,903	52.0%
Workers Aged 55 or older	17,608	25.5%
Workers Earning \$1,250 per month or less	13,542	19.6%
Workers Earning \$1,251 to \$3,333 per month	27,625	40.0%
Workers Earning More than \$3,333 per month	27,844	40.3%
Workers in the "Goods Producing" Industry Class	9,971	14.4%
Workers in the "Trade, Transportation, and Utilities" Industry Class	16,632	24.1%
Workers in the "All Other Services" Industry Class	42,408	61.5%

# Labor Inflow/Outflow Summary (continued)

	Count	Share
Inflow Job Characteristics (Primary Jobs)		
Internal Jobs Filled by Outside Workers	30,065	100.0%
Workers Aged 29 or younger	6,784	22.6%
Workers Aged 30 to 54	15,568	51.8%
Workers Aged 55 or older	7,713	25.7%
Workers Earning \$1,250 per month or less	6,267	20.8%
Workers Earning \$1,251 to \$3,333 per month	12,348	41.1%
Workers Earning More than \$3,333 per month	11,450	38.1%
Workers in the "Goods Producing" Industry Class	4,075	13.6%
Workers in the "Trade, Transportation, and Utilities" Industry	8,474	28.2%
Class		
Workers in the "All Other Services" Industry Class	17,516	58.3%
Interior Flow Job Characteristics (Primary Jobs)		
Internal Jobs Filled by Residents	41,764	100.0%
Workers Aged 29 or younger	8,343	20.0%
Workers Aged 30 to 54	22,039	52.8%
Workers Aged 55 or older	11,382	27.3%
Workers Earning \$1,250 per month or less	8,352	20.0%
Workers Earning \$1,251 to \$3,333 per month	17,874	42.8%
Workers Earning More than \$3,333 per month	15,538	37.2%
Workers in the "Goods Producing" Industry Class	5,316	12.7%
Workers in the "Trade, Transportation, and Utilities" Industry Class	6,268	15.0%
Workers in the "All Other Services" Industry Class	30,180	72.3%

#### **Work Destination Summary**

#### Where Workers are Employed Who Live in St. Lucie County

	Count	Share
Total Primary Jobs	110,775	100.0%
Job Counts by Counties Where Workers are Employed -		
Primary Jobs		
St. Lucie County, FL	41,764	37.7%
Martin County, FL	19,219	17.3%
Palm Beach County, FL	14,627	13.2%
Indian River County, FL	5,902	5.3%
Broward County, FL	5,428	4.9%
Miami-Dade County, FL	3,663	3.3%
Orange County, FL	3,318	3.0%
Brevard County, FL	1,914	1.7%
Hillsborough County, FL	1,885	1.7%
Lee County, FL	1,111	1.0%
Polk County, FL	1,082	1.0%
Okeechobee County, FL	958	0.9%
Pinellas County, FL	956	0.9%
Seminole County, FL	894	0.8%
Duval County, FL	885	0.8%
Volusia County, FL	571	0.5%
Sarasota County, FL	570	0.5%
Collier County, FL	469	0.4%
Osceola County, FL	447	0.4%
Manatee County, FL	440	0.4%
Lake County, FL	387	0.3%
Pasco County, FL	344	0.3%
Leon County, FL	316	0.3%
Alachua County, FL	302	0.3%
Charlotte County, FL	259	0.2%
All Other Locations	3,064	2.8%

#### **Home Destination Summary**

#### Where Workers Live Who are Employed Who Live in St. Lucie County

	Count	Share
Total Primary Jobs	71,829	100.0%
Job Counts by Counties Where Workers are Employed -		
Primary Jobs		
St. Lucie County, FL	41,764	58.1%
Martin County, FL	5,019	7.0%
Indian River County, FL	4,725	6.6%
Palm Beach County, FL	3,903	5.4%
Broward County, FL	2,208	3.1%
Miami-Dade County, FL	1,579	2.2%
Brevard County, FL	1,478	2.1%
Orange County, FL	1,223	1.7%
Polk County, FL	1,157	1.6%
Okeechobee County, FL	914	1.3%
Hillsborough County, FL	799	1.1%
Lee County, FL	697	1.0%
Highlands County, FL	657	0.9%
Volusia County, FL	477	0.7%
Pinellas County, FL	442	0.6%
Seminole County, FL	359	0.5%
Collier County, FL	344	0.5%
Pasco County, FL	327	0.5%
Osceola County, FL	314	0.4%
Duval County, FL	294	0.4%
Sarasota County, FL	293	0.4%
Lake County, FL	250	0.3%
Manatee County, FL	236	0.3%
Marion County, FL	221	0.3%
DeSoto County, FL	187	0.3%
All Other Locations	1,962	2.7%

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