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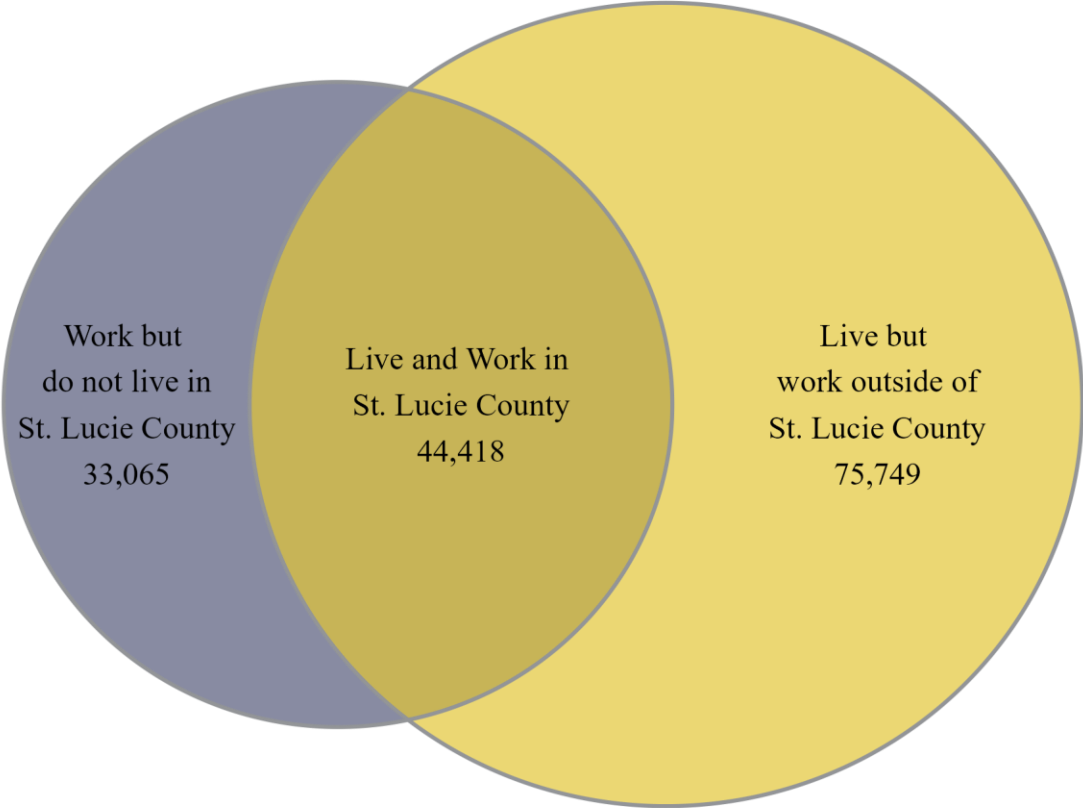
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Executive Summary

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.

A detailed examination of commuting patterns for St. Lucie County shows that the county has a net outflow of -42,684 workers. Of the 77,483 people who are employed in St. Lucie County, 44,418 (57.3%) live and work in the county. There are 33,065 (42.7%) workers who live outside St. Lucie County and work within the county. Of the 120,167 workers who live within St. Lucie County, 75,749 (63.0%) residents work outside the county.



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

With 63.0% of workers who reside in St. Lucie County employed outside the county, St. Lucie County was ranked 33 of 67 for the highest outflow rankings among Florida counties. Miami-Dade County (22.0%) had the lowest outflow rate, followed by Leon County (23.3%) and Duval County (26.4%). Glades County (84.5%), Jefferson County (83.0%), and Union County (81.8%) had the highest worker outflow rates.

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.

Based on 2021 LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (LODES) data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

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

The Florida Department of Commerce, 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.

Labor Inflow/Outflow Summary

	Count	Share
St. Lucie County Labor Market Size (Primary Jobs)		
Employed in the Selection Area	77,483	100.0%
Living in the Selection Area	120,167	155.1%
Net Job Inflow (+) or Outflow (-)	-42,684	-
St. Lucie County Labor Force Efficiency (Primary Jobs)		
Living in the Selection Area	120,167	100.0%
Living and Employed in the Selection Area	44,418	37.0%
Living in the Selection Area but Employed Outside	75,749	63.0%
St. Lucie County Employment Efficiency (Primary Jobs)		
Employed in the Selection Area	77,483	100.0%
Employed and Living in the Selection Area	44,418	57.3%
Employed in the Selection Area but Living Outside	33,065	42.7%
Outflow Job Characteristics		
External Jobs Filled by Residents	75,749	100.0%
Workers Aged 29 or younger	16,196	21.4%
Workers Aged 30 to 54	39,200	51.7%
Workers Aged 55 or older	20,353	26.9%
Workers Earning \$1,250 per month or less	11,745	15.5%
Workers Earning \$1,251 to \$3,333 per month	26,471	34.9%
Workers Earning More than \$3,333 per month	37,533	49.5%
Workers in the "Goods Producing" Industry Class	11,114	14.7%
Workers in the "Trade, Transportation, and Utilities" Industry Class	17,551	23.2%
Workers in the "All Other Services" Industry Class	47,084	62.2%

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

Labor Inflow/Outflow Summary (continued)

	Count	Share
Inflow Job Characteristics (Primary Jobs)		
Internal Jobs Filled by Outside Workers	33,065	100.0%
Workers Aged 29 or younger	7,674	23.2%
Workers Aged 30 to 54	16,639	50.3%
Workers Aged 55 or older	8,752	26.5%
Workers Earning \$1,250 per month or less	6,065	18.3%
Workers Earning \$1,251 to \$3,333 per month	12,306	37.2%
Workers Earning More than \$3,333 per month	14,694	44.4%
Workers in the "Goods Producing" Industry Class	4,450	13.5%
Workers in the "Trade, Transportation, and Utilities" Industry Class	9,085	27.5%
Workers in the "All Other Services" Industry Class	19,530	59.1%
Interior Flow Job Characteristics (Primary Jobs)		
Internal Jobs Filled by Residents	44,418	100.0%
Workers Aged 29 or younger	9,235	20.8%
Workers Aged 30 to 54	22,914	51.6%
Workers Aged 55 or older	12,269	27.6%
Workers Earning \$1,250 per month or less	7,400	16.7%
Workers Earning \$1,251 to \$3,333 per month	17,731	39.9%
Workers Earning More than \$3,333 per month	19,287	43.4%
Workers in the "Goods Producing" Industry Class	6,442	14.5%
Workers in the "Trade, Transportation, and Utilities" Industry Class	6,916	15.6%
Workers in the "All Other Services" Industry Class	31,060	69.9%

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

The above Labor Inflow/Outflow Summary presents characteristics of jobs, categorized by inflow (internal jobs filled by outside workers), outflow (external jobs filled by residents), and interior flow (internal jobs filled by residents).

Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment

	February 2024				February 2023			
	LABOR	EMPLOY-	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR	EMPLOY-	UNEMPLOYMENT	
	FORCE	MENT	LEVEL	RATE (%)	FORCE	MENT	LEVEL	RATE (%)
Workforce Region 20	309,010	297,559	11,451	3.7	304,370	294,999	9,371	3.1
Indian River County	70,043	67,355	2,688	3.8	69,650	67,442	2,208	3.2
Martin County	78,531	76,000	2,531	3.2	77,158	75,098	2,060	2.7
St. Lucie County	160,436	154,204	6,232	3.9	157,562	152,459	5,103	3.2
Florida	11,079,000	10,731,000	348,000	3.1	10,857,000	10,563,000	294,000	2.7
United States	167,285,000	160,315,000	6,970,000	4.2	166,178,000	159,713,000	6,465,000	3.9

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

St. Lucie County employment was at 154,204 in February of 2024. This represents an over the year change of 1,745. In February of 2024, St. Lucie County’s unemployment rate was 3.9%, which reflects an over the year change of 0.7 percentage point.

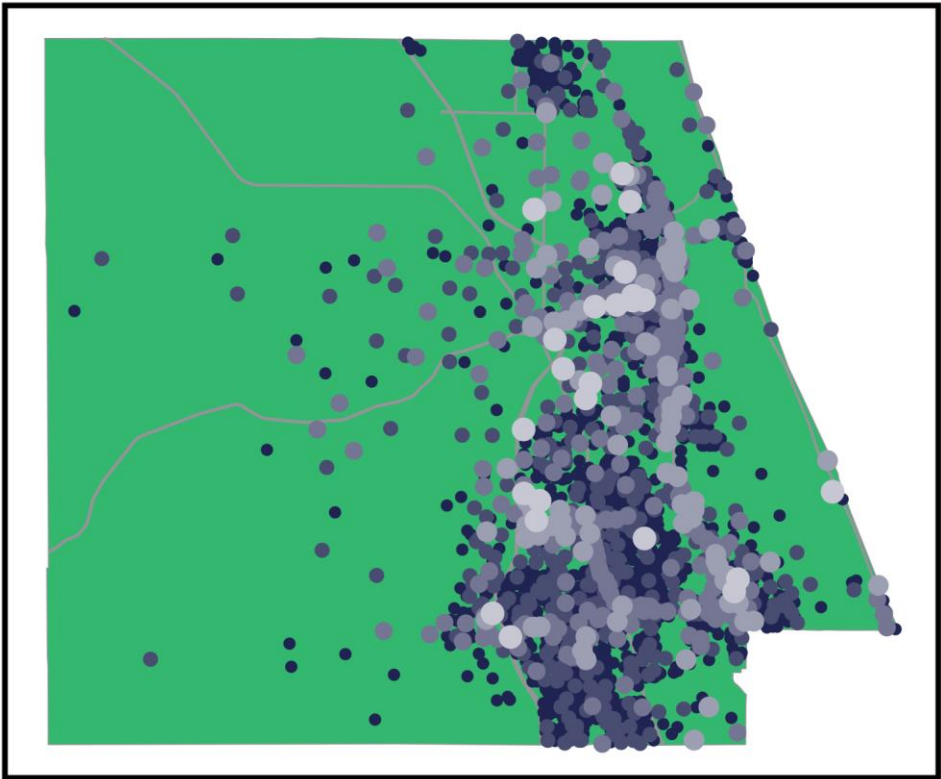
Population

	Population Estimate (as of July 1)							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Workforce Region 20	615,050	627,105	638,354	649,220	650,558	668,312	688,140	706,696
Indian River County	151,159	154,241	157,187	159,923	160,446	163,869	167,267	169,795
Martin County	158,325	159,701	160,742	161,000	158,671	160,197	161,987	163,315
St. Lucie County	305,566	313,163	320,425	328,297	331,441	344,246	358,886	373,586
Florida	20,613,477	20,963,613	21,244,317	21,477,737	21,591,299	21,830,708	22,245,521	22,610,726
United States	322,941,311	324,985,539	326,687,501	328,239,523	331,526,933	332,048,977	333,271,411	334,914,895

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

St. Lucie County's population was estimated at 373,586 in 2023. This represents an over the year change of 14,700. By population, St. Lucie County represents 53% of Workforce Region 20.

Where Workers Work in St. Lucie County - Job Counts



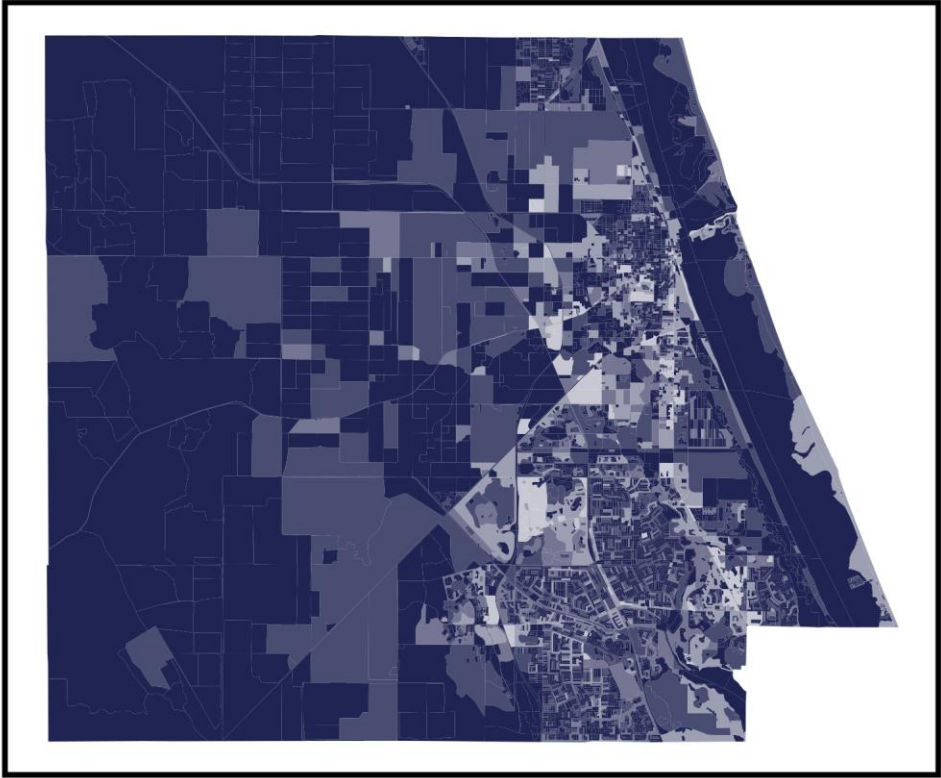
Job Count [Jobs per Census Block]

- 1 - 5
- 6 - 23
- 24 - 135
- 136 - 474
- 475 - 6,007

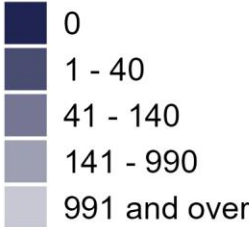
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics program.

The count of Jobs per Census Block above shows the number of jobs in each census block within St. Lucie County.

Where Workers Work in St. Lucie County - Job Density



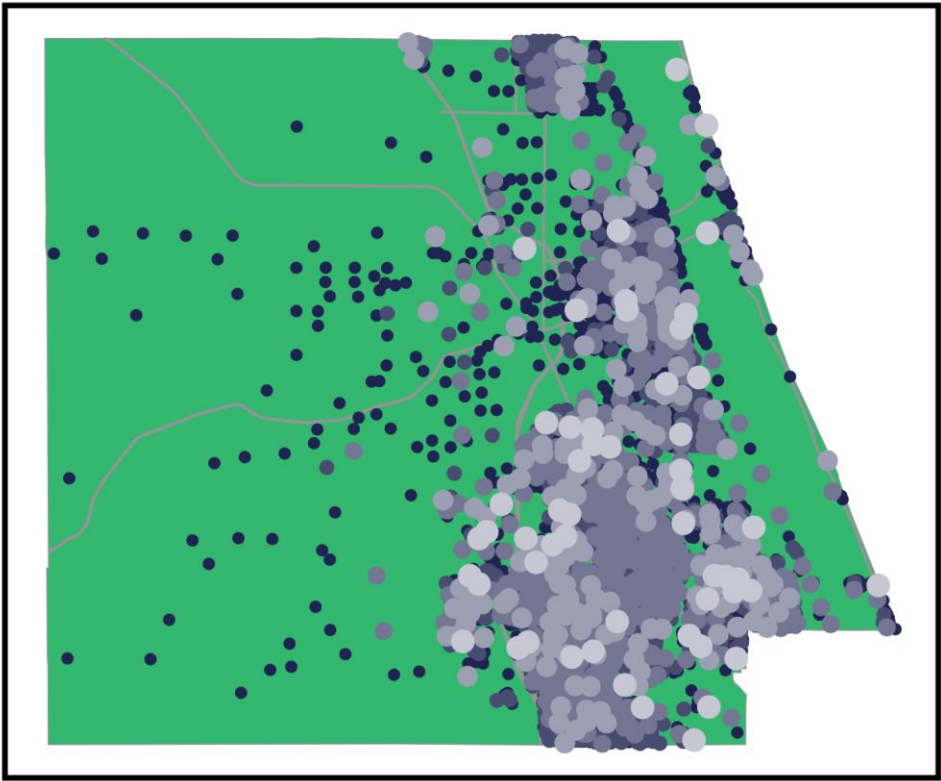
Job Density [Jobs per Sq. Mile]



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

The above Job Density map displays the number of jobs in each census block, normalized as a density of jobs per square mile.

Where Workers Live in St. Lucie County - Job Holder Counts



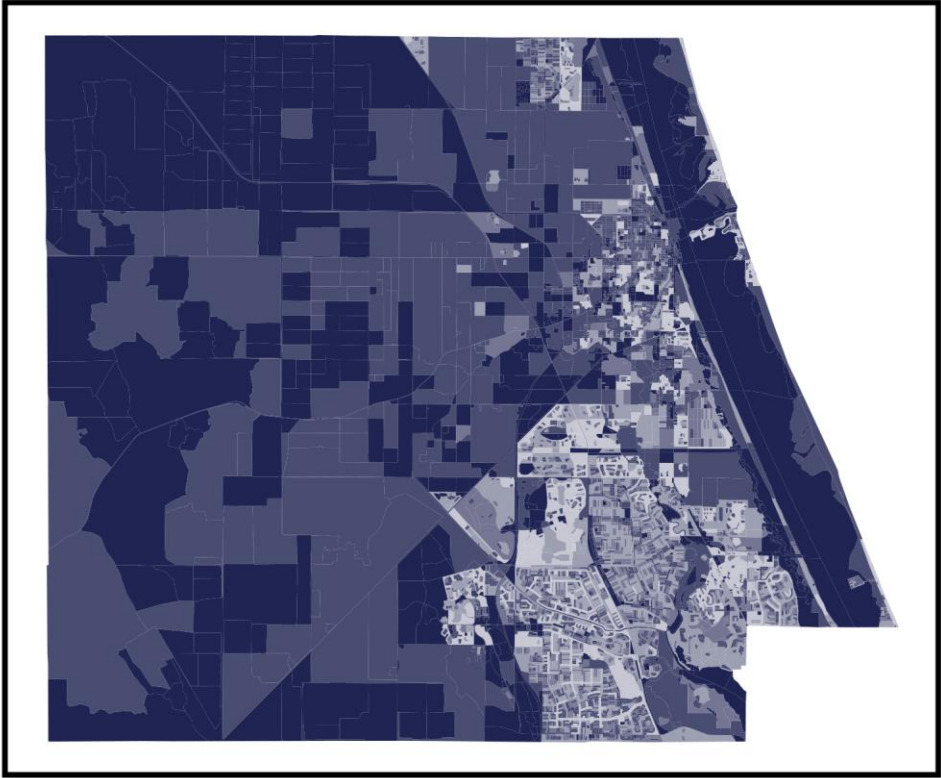
Job Holder Count [Job Holders per Census Block]

- 1 - 16
- 17 - 29
- 30 - 61
- 62 - 163
- 164 - 466

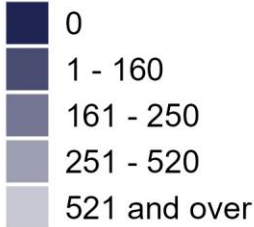
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics program.

The count of Job Holders per Census Block above shows the number of workers living in each census block within St. Lucie County.

Where Workers Live in St. Lucie County - Job Holder Density



Job Holder Density [Job Holders per Sq. Mile]



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

The above Job Holder Density map displays the number of workers living in each census block, normalized as a density of home locations per square mile.

Work and Home Area Profile Demographics Table

The below Work and Home Area Profile Demographics Table displays the demographic composition of the worker population that work in St. Lucie County on the left and the composition of the worker population that lives in St. Lucie County on the right. Workers employed in St. Lucie County are clustered in the Health Care and Social Assistance (14.8%), and Retail Trade (13.2%) industries. Workers living in St. Lucie County are concentrated in the Health Care and Social Assistance (16.3%), and Retail Trade (12.8%) industries.

	Workers Employed in St. Lucie County		Workers Living in St. Lucie County	
	Count	Share	Count	Share
Total Primary Jobs	77,483	100.0%	120,167	100.0%
Jobs by NAICS Industry Sector				
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	452	0.6%	907	0.8%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	5	0.0%	56	0.0%
Utilities	975	1.3%	783	0.7%
Construction	6,019	7.8%	10,064	8.4%
Manufacturing	4,416	5.7%	6,529	5.4%
Wholesale Trade	2,263	2.9%	4,226	3.5%
Retail Trade	10,242	13.2%	15,344	12.8%
Transportation and Warehousing	2,521	3.3%	4,114	3.4%
Information	395	0.5%	1,194	1.0%
Finance and Insurance	1,303	1.7%	3,757	3.1%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,392	1.8%	2,045	1.7%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	4,076	5.3%	7,012	5.8%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	294	0.4%	1,080	0.9%
Administration & Support, Waste Management and Remediation	6,714	8.7%	9,688	8.1%
Educational Services	8,072	10.4%	9,203	7.7%
Health Care and Social Assistance	11,486	14.8%	19,632	16.3%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,274	1.6%	2,366	2.0%
Accommodation and Food Services	7,389	9.5%	10,754	8.9%
Other Services (excluding Public Administration)	2,997	3.9%	4,087	3.4%
Public Administration	5,198	6.7%	7,326	6.1%

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

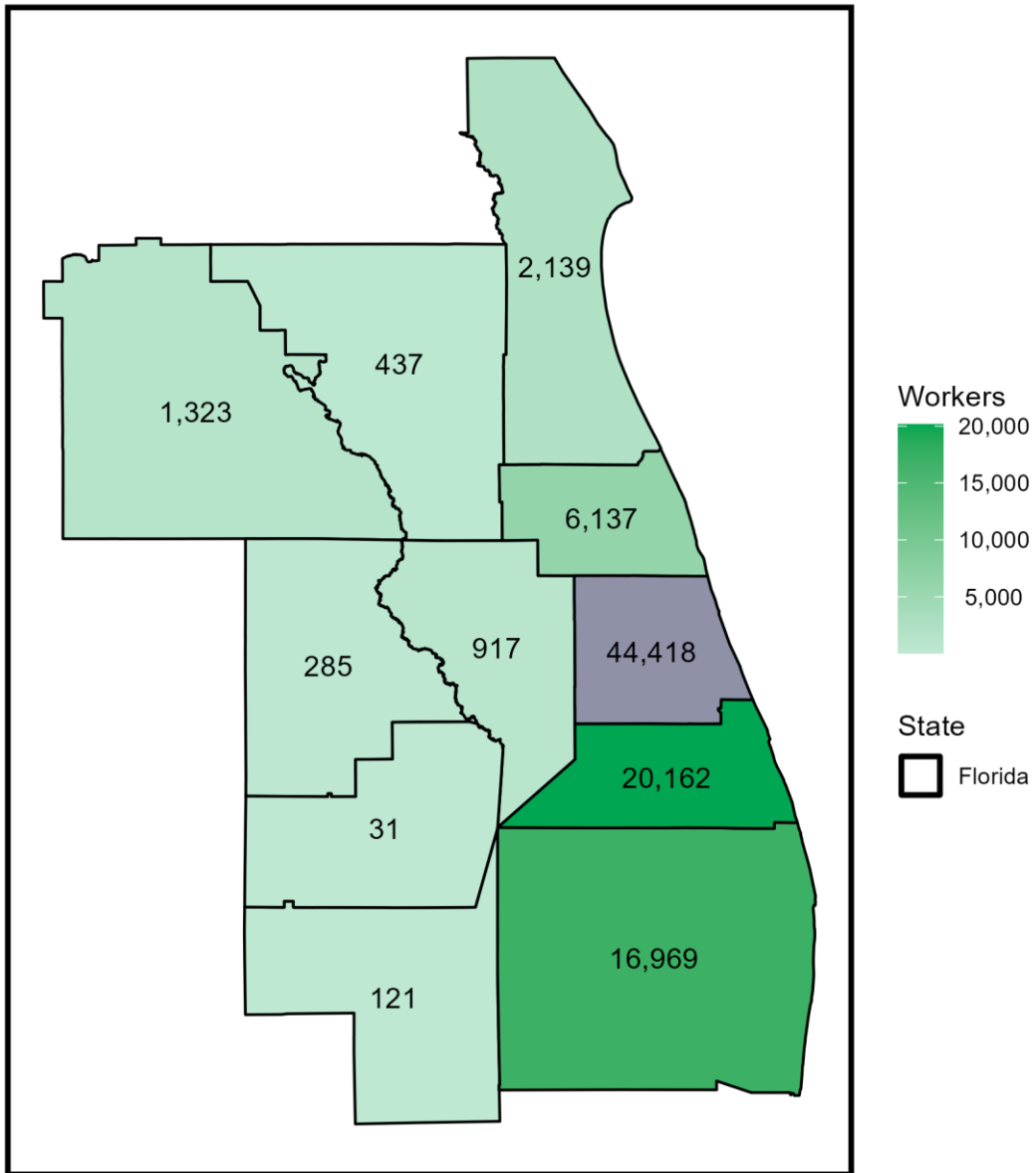
Work and Home Area Profile Demographics Table (continued)

	Workers Employed in St. Lucie County		Workers Living in St. Lucie County	
	Count	Share	Count	Share
Jobs by Worker Age				
Age 29 or younger	16,909	21.8%	25,431	21.2%
Age 30 to 54	39,553	51.0%	62,114	51.7%
Age 55 or older	21,021	27.1%	32,622	27.1%
Jobs by Worker Sex				
Male	38,604	49.8%	59,615	49.6%
Female	38,879	50.2%	60,552	50.4%
Jobs by Worker Race				
White Alone	58,104	75.0%	88,461	73.6%
Black or African American Alone	15,762	20.3%	26,305	21.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native Alone	355	0.5%	575	0.5%
Asian Alone	1,862	2.4%	2,647	2.2%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Alone	102	0.1%	138	0.1%
Two or More Race Groups	1,298	1.7%	2,041	1.7%
Jobs by Worker Ethnicity				
Not Hispanic or Latino	62,009	80.0%	97,015	80.7%
Hispanic or Latino	15,474	20.0%	23,152	19.3%
Jobs by Worker Educational Attainment				
Less than high school	10,526	13.6%	15,798	13.1%
High school or equivalent, no college	16,494	21.3%	25,422	21.2%
Some college or Associate degree	19,110	24.7%	30,134	25.1%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	14,444	18.6%	23,382	19.5%
Educational attainment not available (workers aged 29 or younger)	16,909	21.8%	25,431	21.2%
Jobs by Earnings				
\$1,250 per month or less	13,465	17.4%	19,145	15.9%
\$1,251 to \$3,333 per month	30,037	38.8%	44,202	36.8%
More than \$3,333 per month	33,981	43.9%	56,820	47.3%

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

Work Destination Summary - Neighboring County Map

The map below shows the neighboring counties where workers, who live in St. Lucie County, are employed.

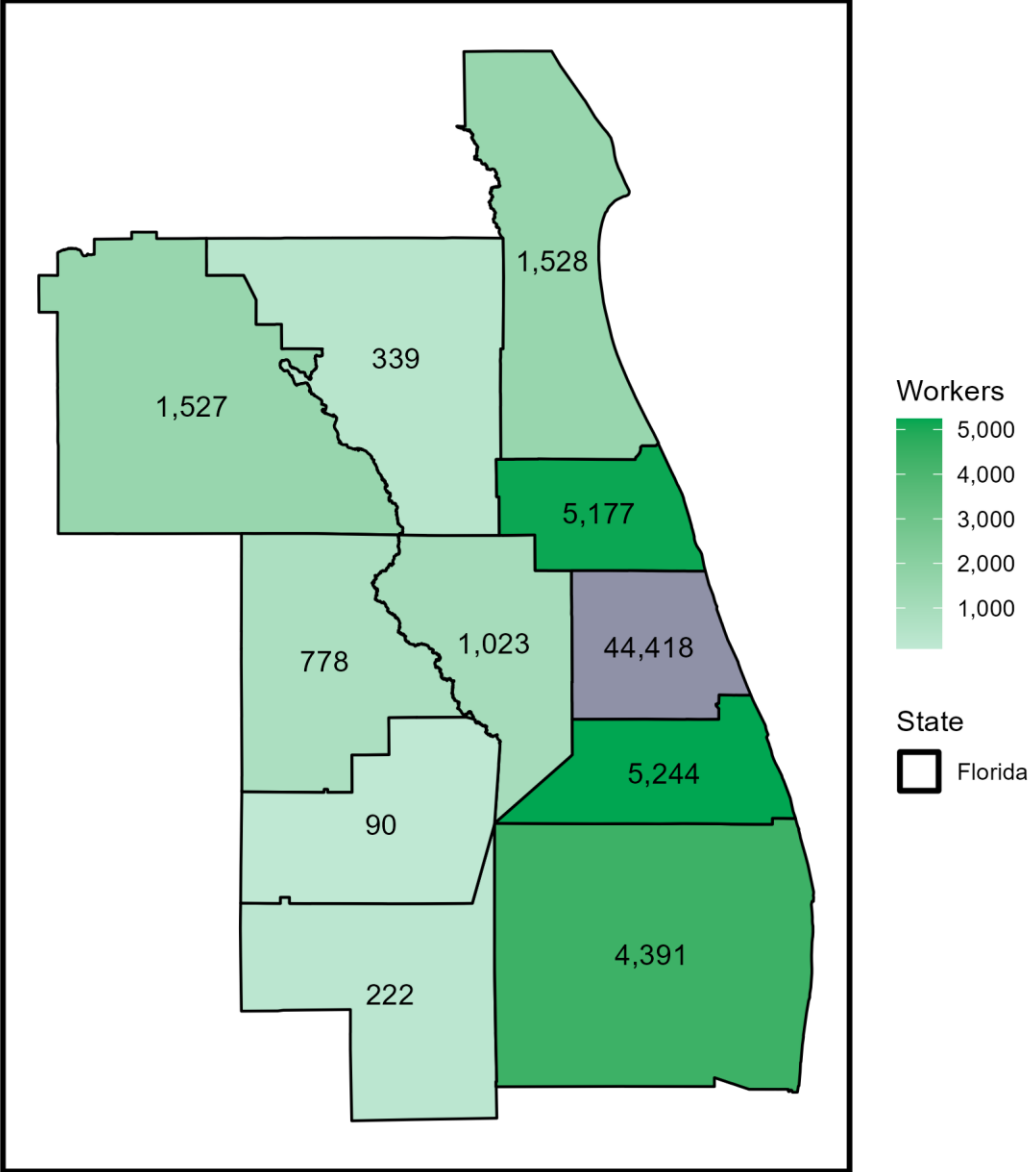


Note: The target county (in grey blue) shows people that live in and work in St. Lucie County.

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

Home Destination Summary - Neighboring County Map

The map below shows the neighboring counties where workers, who are employed in St. Lucie County, live.



Note: The target county (in grey blue) shows people that live in and work in St. Lucie County.

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

Work and Home Destination Summary Table

Of the 75,749 St. Lucie County workers employed outside of the county, the top destination counties are Martin County, FL (20,162 workers); Palm Beach County, FL (16,969 workers); Broward County, FL (6,258 workers). Of the 33,065 St. Lucie County workers living outside of the county, the top origin counties are Martin County, FL (5,244 workers); Indian River County, FL (5,177 workers); Palm Beach County, FL (4,391 workers).

	Workers Employed in St. Lucie County		Workers Living in St. Lucie County	
	Count	Share	Count	Share
Total Primary Jobs	77,483	100.0%	120,167	100.0%
Primary Job Counts by Counties				
St. Lucie County, FL	44,418	57.3%	44,418	37.0%
Martin County, FL	5,244	6.8%	20,162	16.8%
Indian River County, FL	5,177	6.7%	6,137	5.1%
Palm Beach County, FL	4,391	5.7%	16,969	14.1%
Broward County, FL	2,392	3.1%	6,258	5.2%
Miami-Dade County, FL	1,806	2.3%	3,994	3.3%
Brevard County, FL	1,528	2.0%	2,139	1.8%
Polk County, FL	1,527	2.0%	1,323	1.1%
Orange County, FL	1,191	1.5%	3,436	2.9%
Okeechobee County, FL	1,023	1.3%	917	0.8%
Hillsborough County, FL	917	1.2%	2,248	1.9%
Lee County, FL	823	1.1%	1,234	1.0%
Highlands County, FL	778	1.0%	285	0.2%
Volusia County, FL	539	0.7%	601	0.5%
Pasco County, FL	433	0.6%	363	0.3%
Pinellas County, FL	418	0.5%	1,161	1.0%
Seminole County, FL	391	0.5%	953	0.8%
Collier County, FL	374	0.5%	544	0.5%
Osceola County, FL	339	0.4%	437	0.4%
Duval County, FL	332	0.4%	1,036	0.9%
Sarasota County, FL	314	0.4%	655	0.5%
Lake County, FL	313	0.4%	576	0.5%
Manatee County, FL	290	0.4%	496	0.4%
Hendry County, FL	222	0.3%	121	0.1%
Marion County, FL	220	0.3%	235	0.2%
All Other Locations	2,083	2.7%	3,469	2.9%

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

Appendix A: People QuickFacts

	St. Lucie County	Florida	United States
Population			
Population estimates, July 1, 2023, (V2023)	373,586	22,610,726	334,914,895
Population estimates base, April 1, 2020, (V2023)	329,226	21,538,216	331,464,948
Population, percent change - April 1, 2020 (estimates base) to July 1, 2023, (V2023)	13.5%	5.0%	1.0%
Population, Census, April 1, 2020	329,226	21,538,187	331,449,281
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	277,789	18,801,310	308,745,538
Age and Sex			
Persons under 5 years, percent	4.8%	5.0%	5.6%
Persons under 18 years, percent	19.5%	19.3%	21.7%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	24.7%	21.6%	17.3%
Female persons, percent	50.8%	50.8%	50.4%
Race and Hispanic Origin			
White alone, percent	71.9%	76.8%	75.5%
Black or African American alone, percent(a)	22.8%	17.0%	13.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent(a)	0.6%	0.5%	1.3%
Asian alone, percent(a)	2.1%	3.1%	6.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent(a)	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%
Two or More Races, percent	2.5%	2.4%	3.0%
Hispanic or Latino, percent(b)	21.9%	27.1%	19.1%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	52.6%	52.3%	58.9%
Population Characteristics			
Veterans, 2018-2022	25,714	1,369,719	17,038,807
Foreign born persons, percent, 2018-2022	17.2%	21.1%	13.7%
Housing			
Housing units, July 1, 2022, (V2022)	160,601	10,257,426	143,786,655
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2018-2022	77.1%	66.9%	64.8%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2018-2022	\$275,900	\$292,200	\$281,900
Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage, 2018-2022	\$1,700	\$1,752	\$1,828
Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2018-2022	\$595	\$590	\$584
Median gross rent, 2018-2022	\$1,363	\$1,444	\$1,268
Building permits, 2022	6,470	211,962	1,665,088

Legend

The vintage year (e.g., V2016) refers to the final year of the series (2010 thru 2016). Different vintage years of estimates are not comparable.

Fact Notes

- (a) Includes persons reporting only one race
- (b) Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories
- (c) Economic Census - Puerto Rico data are not comparable to U.S. Economic Census data

Value Flags

- "-" No or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate.
- "D" Suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information
- "F" Fewer than 25 firms
- "NA" Not available
- "S" Suppressed; does not meet publication standards
- "Z" Value greater than zero but less than half unit of measure shown

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

People QuickFacts (continued)

	St. Lucie County	Florida	United States
Families & Living Arrangements			
Households, 2018-2022	126,443	8,353,441	125,736,353
Persons per household, 2018-2022	2.62	2.53	2.57
Living in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 2018-2022	89.6%	85.6%	86.9%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2018-2022	23.4%	29.9%	21.7%
Computer and Internet Use			
Households with a computer, percent, 2018-2022	95.6%	95.2%	94.0%
Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2018-2022	90.9%	88.8%	88.3%
Education			
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2018-2022	88.6%	89.3%	89.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2018-2022	25.0%	32.3%	34.3%
Health			
With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2018-2022	9.8%	8.7%	8.9%
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent	15.5%	13.9%	9.3%
Economy			
In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2018-2022	55.8%	59.0%	63.0%
In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2018-2022	52.0%	54.6%	58.5%
Total accommodation and food services sales, 2017 (\$1,000)(c)	456,735	67,950,386	938,237,077
Total health care and social assistance receipts/revenue, 2017 (\$1,000)(c)	1,853,025	155,283,578	2,527,903,275
Total transportation and warehousing receipts/revenue, 2017 (\$1,000)(c)	142,827	68,145,959	895,225,411
Total retail sales, 2017 (\$1,000)(c)	3,794,883	333,134,553	4,949,601,481
Total retail sales per capita, 2017(c)	\$12,116	\$15,881	\$15,224
Transportation			
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+, 2018-2022	28.3	27.9	26.7
Income & Poverty			
Median household income (in 2022 dollars), 2018-2022	\$66,154	\$67,917	\$75,149
Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2022 dollars), 2018-2022	\$33,847	\$38,850	\$41,261
Persons in poverty, percent	13.4%	12.7%	11.5%

Legend

The vintage year (e.g., V2016) refers to the final year of the series (2010 thru 2016). Different vintage years of estimates are not comparable.

Fact Notes

- (a) Includes persons reporting only one race
- (b) Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories
- (c) Economic Census - Puerto Rico data are not comparable to U.S. Economic Census data

Value Flags

- "-" No or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate.
- "D" Suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information
- "F" Fewer than 25 firms
- "NA" Not available
- "S" Suppressed; does not meet publication standards
- "Z" Value greater than zero but less than half unit of measure shown

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

Appendix B: Business and Geography QuickFacts

	St. Lucie County	Florida	United States
Businesses			
Total employer establishments, 2021	6,758	616,961	8,148,606
Total employment, 2021	67,795	8,877,389	128,346,299
Total annual payroll, 2021 (\$1,000)	2,823,824	492,355,693	8,278,573,947
Total employment, percent change, 2020-2021	0.1%	-2.3%	-4.3%
Total nonemployer establishments, 2021	38,065	2,770,424	28,477,518
All employer firms, Reference year 2017	4,588	438,491	5,744,643
Men-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	2,867	261,671	3,480,438
Women-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	691	93,163	1,134,549
Minority-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	756	102,627	1,014,958
Nonminority-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	3,380	309,451	4,371,152
Veteran-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	354	28,391	351,237
Nonveteran-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	3,735	382,527	4,968,606
Geography			
Population per square mile, 2020	575.9	401.4	93.8
Land area in square miles, 2020	571.66	53,652.17	3,533,038.28
FIPS Code	12111	12	1

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