County Demographic Profile

Highlands

Area: [2] 1,106.468 square miles

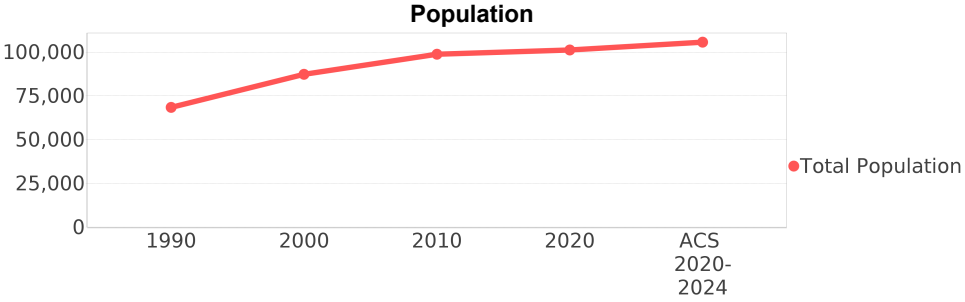
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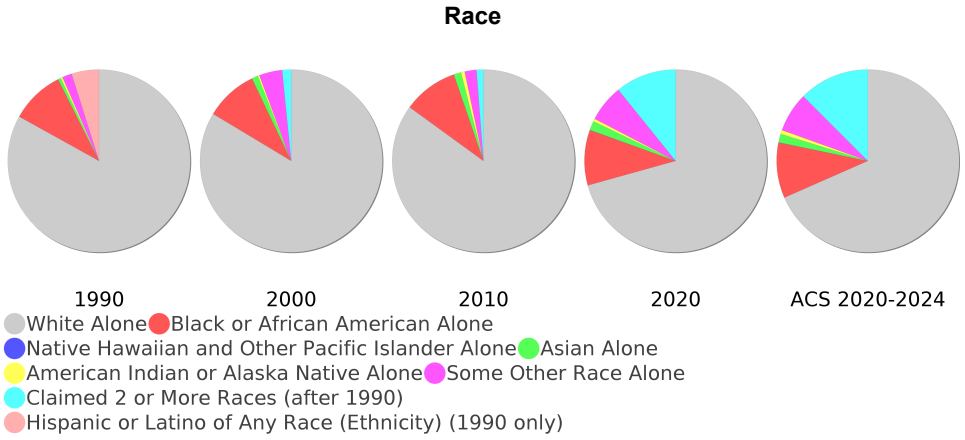
General Population Trends

Description	1990	2000	2010[1]	2020[1]	ACS 2020-2024
Total Population	68,432	87,366	98,807	101,235	105,702
Total Households	29,544	37,471	40,374	44,376	46,879
Average Persons per Acre	0.097	0.123	0.14	0.14	0.16
Average Persons per Household	2.316	2.294	2.00	2.25	2.22
Average Persons per Family	2.709	2.773	3.021	3.10	2.86
Males	32,462	42,497	48,261	48,881	51,698
Females	35,970	44,869	50,546	52,354	54,004

Race and Ethnicity Trends [5, 8, 9]

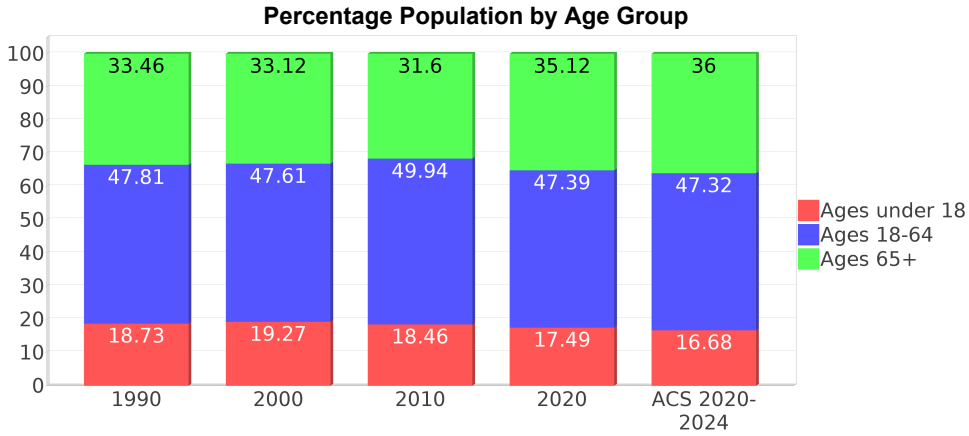
Description	1990	2000	2010[1]	2020[1]	ACS 2020-2024
White Alone	59,735 (87.29%)	73,040 (83.60%)	83,967 (84.98%)	71,549 (70.68%)	72,316 (68.41%)
Black or African American Alone	6,848 (10.01%)	8,138 (9.31%)	9,629 (9.75%)	9,891 (9.77%)	10,359 (9.80%)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	21 (0.03%)	0 (0.00%)	15 (0.02%)	58 (0.06%)	46 (0.04%)
Asian Alone	369 (0.54%)	964 (1.10%)	1,270 (1.29%)	1,644 (1.62%)	1,598 (1.51%)
American Indian or Alaska Native Alone	227 (0.33%)	247 (0.28%)	654 (0.66%)	503 (0.50%)	751 (0.71%)
Some Other Race Alone	1,232 (1.80%)	3,580 (4.10%)	2,061 (2.09%)	6,639 (6.56%)	7,401 (7.00%)
Claimed 2 or More Races	(NA)	1,397 (1.60%)	1,211 (1.23%)	10,951 (10.82%)	13,231 (12.52%)
Hispanic or Latino of Any Race (Ethnicity)	3,500 (5.11%)	10,462 (11.97%)	16,185 (16.38%)	20,943 (20.69%)	23,465 (22.20%)
Not Hispanic or Latino (Ethnicity)	64,932 (94.89%)	76,904 (88.03%)	82,622 (83.62%)	80,292 (79.31%)	82,237 (77.80%)
Minority (Race and Ethnicity)	10,840 (15.84%)	20,517 (23.48%)	28,982 (29.33%)	35,724 (35.29%)	38,999 (36.90%)





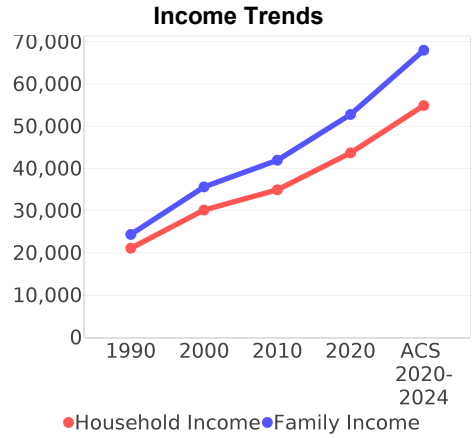
Age Trends [5]

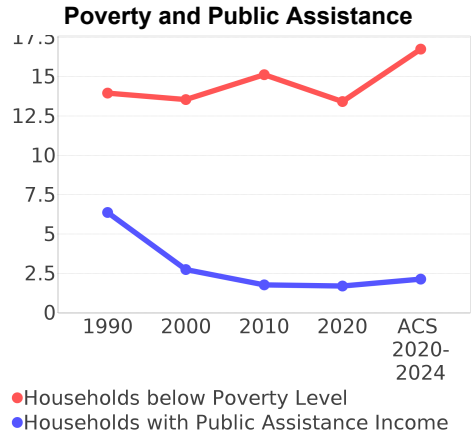
Description	1990	2000	2010[1]	2020[1]	ACS 2020-2024
Under Age 5	5.10%	5.24%	5.15%	4.14%	4.07%
Ages 5-17	13.63%	14.02%	13.31%	13.35%	12.61%
Ages 18-21	3.42%	3.67%	4.40%	3.42%	2.92%
Ages 22-29	7.41%	6.64%	6.50%	6.71%	7.34%
Ages 30-39	10.63%	10.11%	8.39%	8.87%	8.82%
Ages 40-49	8.59%	10.34%	11.14%	8.68%	9.89%
Ages 50-64	17.76%	16.85%	19.50%	19.71%	18.36%
Age 65 and Over	33.46%	33.12%	31.60%	35.12%	36.00%
-Ages 65-74	20.58%	17.25%	16.15%	17.85%	17.18%
-Ages 75-84	10.58%	12.74%	11.55%	13.06%	14.32%
-Age 85 and Over	2.31%	3.13%	3.91%	4.20%	4.50%
Median Age	NA	50	51	54.7	54.4



Income Trends [12, 13, 5]

Description	1990	2000	2010[1]	2020[1]	ACS 2020-2024
Median Household Income	$21,146	$30,160	$34,946	$43,708	$54,897
Median Family Income	$24,365	$35,647	$41,955	$52,793	$67,993
Population below Poverty Level	15.23%	15.22%	16.89%	16.05%	15.26%
Households below Poverty Level	13.96%	13.54%	15.12%	13.42%	16.75%
Households with Public Assistance Income	6.37%	2.75%	1.78%	1.70%	2.14%





Disability Trends [10]

See the Data Sources section below for an explanation about the differences in disability data among the various years.

Description	1990	2000	2010[1]	2020[1]	ACS 2020-2024
Population 16 To 64 Years with a disability	3,886 (6.92%)	10,954 (13.42%)	NA (NA)	NA (NA)	NA (NA)
Population 20 To 64 Years with a disability	NA (NA)	NA (NA)	NA (NA)	7,983 (16.94%)	8,533 (17.81%)

Educational Attainment Trends [11, 5]

Age 25 and Over

Description	1990	2000	2010[1]	2020[1]	ACS 2020-2024
Less than 9th Grade	5,630 (10.88%)	5,567 (8.55%)	5,932 (8.05%)	4,366 (5.43%)	4,463 (5.43%)
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	10,816 (20.90%)	11,020 (16.93%)	9,687 (13.14%)	7,408 (9.22%)	6,514 (7.93%)
High School Graduate or Higher	35,301 (68.22%)	48,500 (74.52%)	58,089 (78.81%)	68,583 (85.35%)	71,204 (86.64%)
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	5,648 (10.91%)	8,837 (13.58%)	10,782 (14.63%)	14,090 (17.53%)	16,814 (20.46%)

Language Trends [5]

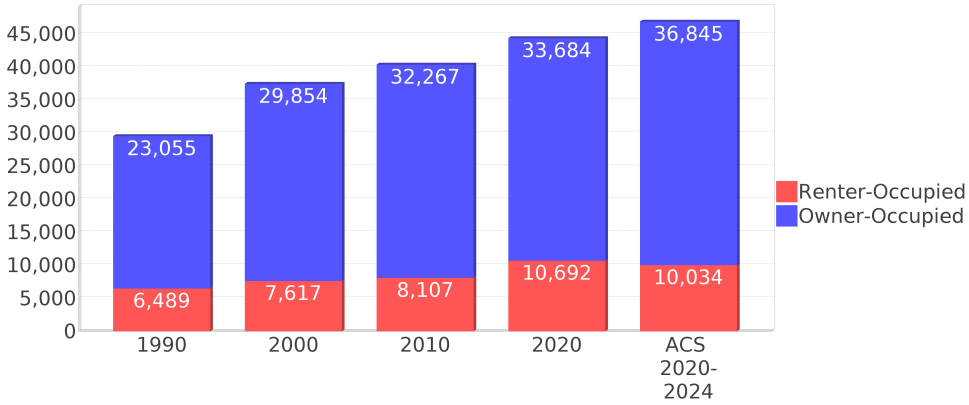
Age 5 and Over

Description	1990	2000	2010[1]	2020[1]	ACS 2020-2024
Speaks English Well	1,410 (2.18%)	2,571 (3.11%)	2,826 (3.02%)	3,165 (3.17%)	4,194 (4.14%)
Speaks English Not Well	NA (NA)	1,648 (1.99%)	2,689 (2.87%)	2,391 (2.39%)	2,644 (2.61%)
Speaks English Not at All	NA (NA)	1,426 (1.72%)	1,812 (1.93%)	1,337 (1.34%)	1,356 (1.34%)
Speaks English Not Well or Not at All	925 (1.43%)	3,074 (3.71%)	4,501 (4.80%)	3,728 (3.73%)	4,000 (3.94%)
Speaks English Less than Very Well	NA (NA)	5,645 (6.82%)	7,327 (7.82%)	6,893 (6.90%)	8,194 (8.08%)

Housing Trends [5]

Description	1990	2000	2010[1]	2020[1]	ACS 2020-2024
Total	40,114	48,846	54,837	57,486	58,635
Units per Acre	0.057	0.069	0.077	0.08	0.09
Single-Family Units	19,183	29,253	33,339	36,349	37,966
Multi-Family Units	3,500	5,456	6,123	5,913	5,985
Mobile Home Units	6,678	13,491	15,070	13,200	14,173
Owner-Occupied Units	23,055	29,854	32,267	33,684	36,845
Renter-Occupied Units	6,489	7,617	8,107	10,692	10,034
Vacant Units	10,570	11,375	14,463	13,110	11,756
Median Housing Value	$58,500	$62,000	$122,000	$120,500	$187,900
Occupied Housing Units w/No Vehicle	2,158 (7.30%)	2,753 (7.35%)	2,135 (5.29%)	2,166 (4.88%)	2,609 (5.57%)

Housing Tenure



Geographic Mobility

Description	2020[1]	ACS 2020-2024
Median year householder moved into unit - Total	2011	2014
Median year householder moved into unit - Owner Occupied	2009	2013
Median year householder moved into unit - Renter Occupied	2016	2018
Abroad 1 year ago	885	867
Different house in United States 1 year ago	13,230	12,239
Same house 1 year ago	89,825	92,017
Geographical Mobility in the Past Year - Total	103,940	105,123

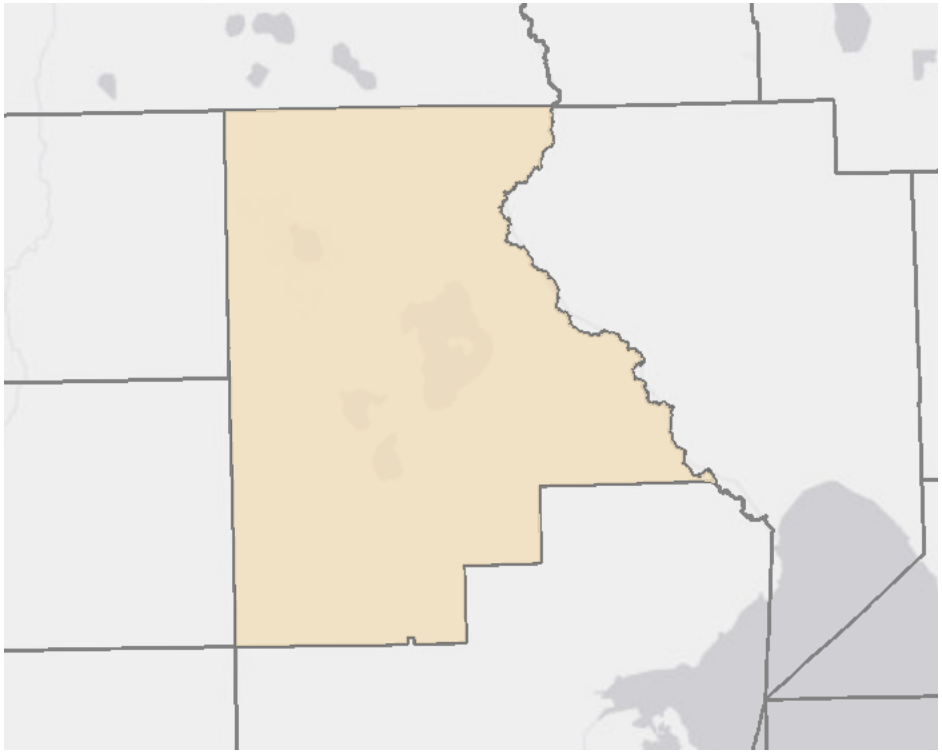
Computers and Internet

Description	2020[1]	ACS 2020-2024
Total Households Types of Computers in HH	NA	46,879
Households with 1 or more device	NA	44,364
Households with no computer	NA	2,515
Total Households Presence and Types of Internet Subscriptions	NA	46,879
Households with an internet subscription	NA	40,753
Households with internet access without a subscription	NA	1,276
Households with no internet access	NA	4,850

Household Languages

Description	2020[1]	ACS 2020-2024
Total Households by Household Language	NA	46,879
Household Not Limited English Speaking Status	NA	44,998
Spanish: Limited English speaking household	NA	1,595
Indo-European languages: Limited English speaking household	NA	176
Asian and Pacific Island languages: Limited English speaking household	NA	110
Other languages: Limited English speaking household	NA	0

Location Maps





Data Sources

ACS vs Census Data

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Area

(2) The geographic area of the community based on a user-defined community boundary or area of interest (AOI) boundary.

Jurisdiction

(3) Jurisdiction(s) includes local government boundaries that intersect the user-defined community or AOI boundary.

Goals, Values and History

(4) Information under the headings Goals and Values and History is entered manually by the user before the Sociocultural Data Report (SDR) is generated. This information is usually not available for communities with boundaries that are based on Census-defined places (i.e., not user-specified).

Demographic Data

(5) Demographic data reported under the headings General Population Trends, Race and Ethnicity Trends, Age Trends, Income Trends, Educational Attainment Trends, Language Trends, and Housing Trends is from the U.S. Decennial Census for 1990 and 2000 and the American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates for 2006-2010 and ACS 2020-2024. The data was gathered at the block group level for user-defined communities, Census places, and AOIs, and at the county level for counties. Depending on the dataset, the data represents 100% counts (Census Summary File 1) or sample-based information (Census Summary File 3 or ACS). For more information about using demographic data, please see the training videos located here: https://www.fdot.gov/environment/pubs/sce/sce1.shtm.

About the Census Data

(6) The block group analysis for ETDM project analysis areas, user-defined communities, Census places, and AOI boundaries do not always correspond precisely to block group boundaries. To estimate the actual population more accurately, the SDR analysis adjusts the geographic area and data of affected block groups using the following methodology:

Delete overlapping census blocks with extremely low populations (2 or fewer people)
Remove the portion of the block group that lies outside of the analysis area
Recalculate the demographics assuming an equal area distribution of the population

Note that there may be areas where there is no population.

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(14) Age trends. The median age for 1990 is not available.

Land Use Data

(15) The Land Use information Indicates acreages and percentages for the generalized land use types used to group parcel-specific, existing land use assigned by the county property appraiser office according to the Florida Department of Revenue land use codes.

Community Facilities Data

- (16) Assisted Rental Housing Units - Identifies multifamily rental developments that receive funding assistance under federal, state, and local government programs to offer affordable housing as reported by the Shimberg Center for Housing Studies, University of Florida.
- (17) Mobile Home Parks - Identifies approved or acknowledged mobile home parks reported by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and Florida Department of Health.
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- (21) Law Enforcement Correctional Facilities - Identifies facilities reported by multiple sources.
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- (25) Health Care Facilities - Identifies health care facilities including abortion clinics, dialysis clinics, medical doctors, nursing homes, osteopaths, state laboratories/clinics, and surgicenters/walk-in clinics reported by the Florida Department of Health.
- (26) Hospital Facilities - Identifies hospital facilities reported by multiple sources.
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