County Health Profile 2023

Okeechobee County

Demographics

In 2021, there were 39,716 residents in Okeechobee County and 21,339,762 residents in Florida. The figure on the left shows the demographic breakdown of both the county and the state by age, race, ethnicity and gender.

Leading Causes of Death (Rate per 100,000)

1. Heart Disease
   - Okeechobee County: 244.1
   - Florida: 144.1

2. Cancer
   - Okeechobee County: 191.9
   - Florida: 137.7

3. COVID-19
   - Okeechobee County: 174.5
   - Florida: 108.8

4. Unintentional Injury
   - Okeechobee County: 109.1
   - Florida: 72.8

5. Stroke
   - Okeechobee County: 47.6
   - Florida: 30.7

Uninsured

In 2021, 20.9% of residents under 65 years old were uninsured in Okeechobee County, compared to 15.6% in Florida.

Maternal, Infant, & Child Health

In 2021, the birth rate in Okeechobee County was 13.1 per 1,000 population, compared to 9.8 per 1,000 population in Florida.

In 2021, the infant mortality rate in Okeechobee County was 7.2 per 1,000 population, compared to 5.9 per 1,000 population in Florida.

SocioEconomics

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<th>Okeechobee</th>
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<td>Per Capita Income</td>
<td>$24,617</td>
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<td>Median Household Income</td>
<td>$47,020</td>
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<td>Families Below Poverty Level</td>
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<td>Unemployment Rate</td>
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<td>H.S. Graduate or Higher</td>
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<td>Bachelor’s Degree or Higher</td>
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<td>PK-12 Students Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch</td>
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Healthcare Utilization

Nursing Home Occupancy (Rate): 79.5%

Hospitalizations (Count): 7,514

Emergency Department Visits (Count): 23,092

Health Professional Shortage Areas and Medically Underserved Areas/Populations

Primary Care
- Low-income population of Okeechobee County; Okeechobee Correctional Institution; Florida Community Health Centers, Inc.

Dental Health
- Low-income population of Okeechobee County; Okeechobee Correctional Institution; Florida Community Health Centers, Inc.

Mental Health
- High needs geographic area of Okeechobee County; Okeechobee Correctional Institution; Florida Community Health Centers, Inc.

Medically Underserved
- Low-income/migrant farmworker population of Okeechobee County

Sources:
US Census Bureau; American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates; Florida Department of Health; Student Demographic Information; Florida Department of Health; Bureau of Immunization; Florida Department of Health; Bureau of Vital Statistics; Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Council of Southeast Florida; Florida Agency for Health Care Administration; Florida Department of Education.