



COUNTY HEALTH PROFILE 2021

Okeechobee County

DEMOGRAPHICS

| Age Range | Okeechobee | Florida |
|------------------|------------|------------|
| | Percent | |
| Total Population | 41,144 | 20,901,636 |
| Under 5 | 6.0% | 5.4% |
| 5-19 | 17.9% | 16.9% |
| 20-44 | 30.2% | 31.2% |
| 45-64 | 26.1% | 26.3% |
| 65-84 | 17.2% | 17.5% |
| 85+ | 2.5% | 2.6% |
| Median Age | 41.1 | 42.0 |

Source: US Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

| Category | Okeechobee | | Florida | |
|---|------------|---------|------------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total Population | 41,144 | 100.0% | 20,901,636 | 100.0% |
| Asian | 395 | 1.0% | 571,276 | 2.7% |
| Black or African American | 3,414 | 8.3% | 3,359,031 | 16.1% |
| White | 35,138 | 85.4% | 15,702,256 | 75.1% |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 188 | 0.5% | 59,320 | 0.3% |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 120 | 0.3% | 12,653 | 0.1% |
| Other Race | 1,062 | 2.6% | 625,079 | 3.0% |
| Two or More Races | 827 | 2.0% | 572,021 | 2.7% |
| Hispanic | 10,497 | 25.5% | 5,346,684 | 25.6% |
| Female | 18,939 | 46.0% | 10,680,823 | 51.1% |
| Male | 22,205 | 54.0% | 10,220,813 | 48.9% |

Source: US Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

SOCIOECONOMICS

| Indicator | Okeechobee | Florida |
|---|------------|----------|
| Per Capita Income ¹ | \$21,367 | \$31,619 |
| Median Household Income ¹ | \$41,760 | \$55,660 |
| Families w/ income below poverty level in past 12 months ¹ | 14.5% | 10.0% |
| Unemployment Rate ¹ | 6.7% | 5.6% |
| H.S. graduate or higher (25 and over) ¹ | 77.2% | 88.2% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher ¹ | 11.3% | 29.9% |
| PK-12 Students Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch ² | 83.9% | 62.6% |

Sources: ¹ US Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates,

² Florida Department of Education, Student Demographic Information SY 20/21

MATERNAL & INFANT HEALTH

| Indicator | Okeechobee | Florida |
|---|------------|---------|
| Total Birth Rate (Resident Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Pop.) | 12.0 | 10.3 |
| % Teen Birth (Births to Mothers Ages 15-19) of Total Births | 8.1% | 4.3% |
| % Repeat Birth to Teens 15-19 | 22.5% | 14.1% |
| % Low Birth Weight (% <2500 g) of Total Births | 7.1% | 8.8% |
| % Births with Adequate Prenatal Care (Kotelchuck Index)* | 64.3% | 70.4% |
| % Kindergartners Immunized 2016 | 94.5% | 93.5% |
| Infant Mortality (per 1,000) | 8.1 | 6.0 |

Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, 2019

*Calculated using sum of Adequate and Adequate Plus Prenatal care over number of births with known prenatal care

HEALTHCARE ACCESS

| Non-Elderly (Age 0-64) Uninsured | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Non-Elderly Uninsured | Okeechobee | | Florida | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 2019 | 6,699 | 22.0% | 2,716,165 | 16.4% |

Source: U.S. Census Small Area Health Insurance Estimates, SAHIE/State and County by Demographic and Income Characteristics, 2019

| Health Professional Shortage or Medically Underserved Area/Population | Designation Type |
|---|--|
| 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 Area/Population | Low-income population/Migrant Farm Workers of Okeechobee County |

Source: Health Resources and Services Administration, June 2021

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH

| Cause | Okeechobee | | Florida |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Number | Age-Adjusted Rate | Age-Adjusted Rate |
| | | (per 100,000) | |
| All Causes | 481 | 857.0 | 665.6 |
| Heart Disease | 134 | 220.5 | 143.5 |
| Cancer | 123 | 215.4 | 142.8 |
| Unintentional Injury | 32 | 79.8 | 55.5 |
| Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease | 20 | 32.9 | 36.1 |
| Stroke | 16 | 25.0 | 41.4 |

Source: FloridaCHARTS, Florida Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics and Assessment, 2019

UTILIZATION

| Utilization - Occupancy Rate or # of Visits | |
|---|------------|
| | Okeechobee |
| Nursing Homes | 81.7% |
| Hospitals (acute care) | 41.7% |
| ER visits | 23,383 |

Source: Health Council of Southeast Florida, Nursing Home Reports Feb 2020-Dec 2020 & Hosp. Reports Jan 2020-Dec 2020