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Baker County

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COMMUNITIES TO START WITH

Macclenny, Glen St. Mary

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Forests, rural homes and Interstate 10 access provide a quieter alternative west of Jacksonville.

Lifestyle: Jacksonville reach · Land · Forests

Baker County by the numbers

Population Census estimate	28,430	At the last full count 2020 Census	28,259
Median age	38.1	Aged 65 and over	15.2%
Under 18	24.3%	Median household income	\$79,836
Median home value what owners estimate	\$256,700	Homeownership	85.1%
People per household	2.82	Average commute	29.9 minutes

U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, published January 2026, read September 19, 2026. Survey figures are estimates; median home value is what owners estimate their home is worth, not a sale price.

Communities to compare

Macclenny

Start with Macclenny to understand the established center, nearby services and everyday rhythm within Baker County.

Glen St. Mary

Use Glen St. Mary to compare housing patterns, main-road access and the shopping or medical stops used during a normal week.

Places that reveal the county

Olawe Battlefield Historic State Park

The ground where Florida's largest Civil War battle was fought on February 20, 1864, and the first historic site the state ever set aside.

Osceola National Forest

Florida's smallest national forest, and the one that holds Ocean Pond, Big Gum Swamp and the Olawee battlefield.

St. Marys River

A 126-mile blackwater river rising in the Okefenokee Swamp that forms much of the Florida and Georgia line, including Baker County's northern edge.

Heritage Park Village

A village of rebuilt Baker County storefronts, from a Rexall drugstore to a turpentine distillery, unlocked by a docent if you telephone ahead.

Ocean Pond Campground

Sixty-seven sites on a two-mile-wide lake in the Osceola National Forest, with a shallow sandy beach kept for campers.

John M. Bethea State Forest

Nearly 40,000 acres on the Georgia line, with three miles of the St. Marys River and a wildlife corridor running north to the Okefenokee.

St. Mary Shoals Park

A 2,568-acre county park on the St. Marys River, split between 25 miles of off-highway vehicle trail and 20 miles for horses and walkers.

Where to check

Florida disaster preparedness maps · Official evacuation-zone, route and storm-surge planning maps.

floridadisaster.org

Florida school accountability reports · Current state school and district accountability information.

fldoe.org

Florida community health data · County-level public health indicators and community reports.

flhealthcharts.gov

Florida housing resources · State resources for homebuyers, renters and local assistance programs.

floridahousing.org