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Bradford County

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REGION

North Florida & First Coast

COMMUNITIES TO START WITH

Starke, Lawtey, Hampton

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A small inland county between Gainesville and Jacksonville with lakes, rural communities and highway connections.

Lifestyle: Central location · Rural · Small-town life

Bradford County by the numbers

Population Census estimate	27,885	At the last full count 2020 Census	28,303
Median age	40.2	Aged 65 and over	18.2%
Under 18	20.5%	Median household income	\$63,050
Median home value what owners estimate	\$212,500	Homeownership	73.3%
People per household	2.60	Average commute	32.4 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

Starke

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

Hampton

Walk or drive through Hampton at different times of day to judge traffic, neighborhood character and access to outdoor space.

Lawtey

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

Places that reveal the county

Kingsley Lake

A near-circle of water two miles across, six miles east of Starke, that pilots named the Silver Dollar Lake.

Historic Downtown Starke

Twenty-three historic buildings along Call Street, including an art deco cinema run by the same family since 1941.

The FIRM

More than 400 acres of rally school and road course outside Starke, where an Open Track Day lets you drive your own car on it.

Santa Fe Swamp Conservation Area

A 5,356-acre conservation area at the headwaters of the Santa Fe River, given to the water district in 1984.

Lake Sampson

A fishing lake outside Starke, joined to Lake Rowell by a railroad trestle that only low boats can pass under.

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