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Clay County

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COMMUNITIES TO START WITH

Orange Park, Fleming Island, Green Cove Springs

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Established and growing suburban communities along the St. Johns River sit south and west of Jacksonville.

Lifestyle: Suburban · River access · Jacksonville commute

Clay County by the numbers

Population Census estimate	227,584	At the last full count 2020 Census	218,245
Median age	40.4	Aged 65 and over	17.1%
Under 18	22.8%	Median household income	\$87,820
Median home value what owners estimate	\$312,500	Homeownership	75.9%
People per household	2.69	Average commute	31.3 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

Orange Park

Start with Orange Park to understand the established center, nearby services and everyday rhythm within Clay County.

Fleming Island

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

Green Cove Springs

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

Places that reveal the county

Black Creek Ravines Conservation Area

Nearly a thousand acres of ravines, sandhills and bluffs above the North Fork of Black Creek, west of Middleburg.

Military Museum of North Florida

A volunteer-run military museum in Green Cove Springs where the vehicles have no ropes around them and a fighter cockpit is open to climb into.

Moccasin Slough Park

A 255-acre county park on Fleming Island, with woodland trails, a fitness circuit and a playground.

Clay County Historical Museum

The county museum fills the 1890 courthouse annex in Green Cove Springs, with a caboose and a moved railroad depot on the grounds.

Jennings State Forest

Some 24,000 acres of longleaf pine, seepage bogs and creek ravines protecting the headwaters of Black Creek.

Camp Chowenwaw Park

A 150-acre county park on Black Creek that opened in 1932 as the first Girl Scout camp in Florida.

Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park

Steephead ravines, two connected lakes and cabins built by the Civilian Conservation Corps, six miles north of Keystone Heights.

Clarke House Park

A town park in Orange Park built around the William Clarke house, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Doctors Lake Park

A one-acre county park on Fleming Island with a 320-foot fishing pier reaching out over Doctors Lake.

Spring Park

The spring that named Green Cove Springs still runs here, filling a public pool and then spilling down a rock ledge toward the St. Johns River.

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
