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Dixie County

A FLORIDA COUNTY GUIDE · NORTH FLORIDA & FIRST COAST

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REGION

North Florida & First Coast

COMMUNITIES TO START WITH

Cross City, Horseshoe Beach, Old Town

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A quiet Nature Coast county with forests, Suwannee River access and small Gulf waterfront communities.

Lifestyle: Nature Coast · Fishing · Affordable space

Dixie County by the numbers

Population Census estimate	17,058	At the last full count 2020 Census	16,759
Median age	46.4	Aged 65 and over	23.9%
Under 18	17.9%	Median household income	\$50,110
Median home value what owners estimate	\$132,000	Homeownership	84.7%
People per household	2.47	Average commute	22.4 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

Cross City

Start with Cross City to understand the established center, nearby services and everyday rhythm within Dixie County.

Old Town

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

Horseshoe Beach

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

Places that reveal the county

Horseshoe Beach

A fishing village of about 169 people at the end of the road, where the shoreline is oyster rock rather than sand.

Old Town Trestle Nature Trail

A short walk out of Old Town onto a red steel railroad bridge of 1902 standing over the Suwannee River.

Suwannee River

The river that wraps around three sides of Hamilton County, and the one Stephen Foster made famous without ever seeing it.

City of Hawkinsville Underwater Archaeological Preserve

A wooden steamboat of 1886 lies on a ledge in the Suwannee River near Old Town, so shallow on one side that it can be seen from the surface.

Beaches in Dixie County

Always verify current parking, fees, water quality, lifeguard coverage and posted rules before leaving.

Horseshoe Beach

Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge

Fifty-three thousand acres along the last twenty miles of the Suwannee River and the coast it empties into.

Shired Island Beach

A shallow Gulf beach and primitive campground at the end of County Road 357, reached by a short bridge over Shired Creek.

Nature Coast State Trail

A paved rail trail of about 31 miles in three legs, joining Cross City, Old Town, Fanning Springs, Trenton and Chiefland.

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