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Glades County

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REGION

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COMMUNITIES TO START WITH

**Moore Haven,
Buckhead Ridge,
Palmdale**

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A small rural county on Lake Okeechobee with fishing, ranching, open landscapes and access to the Caloosahatchee waterway.

Lifestyle: Rural · Fishing · Open land

Glades County by the numbers

Population Census estimate	12,563	At the last full count 2020 Census	12,126
Median age	46.0	Aged 65 and over	26.0%
Under 18	13.2%	Median household income	\$45,870
Median home value what owners estimate	\$137,000	Homeownership	85.1%
People per household	2.48	Average commute	32.2 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

Moore Haven

Start with Moore Haven to understand the established center, nearby services and everyday rhythm within Glades County.

Buckhead Ridge

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

Palmdale

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

Places that reveal the county

Lake Okeechobee

Seven hundred and thirty square miles of fresh water, the largest lake wholly inside the lower forty-eight states outside the Great Lakes.

Ortona Indian Mound Park

Earthworks more than 3,000 years old with a canal system cut for canoes, on the highest natural ground in Glades County.

Moore Haven Riverwalk

A walk along the 1918 seawall at Moore Haven, with finger piers to fish from and barges passing on the Okeechobee Waterway.

Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area

The last free-flowing creek left running into Lake Okeechobee, winding through old cypress across 18,272 acres.

Lakeport

An unincorporated community on the northwestern shore of Lake Okeechobee, on State Road 78, founded in 1913 as the Lakeport Colony.

Where to check

Florida disaster preparedness maps · Official evacuation-zone, route and storm-surge planning maps.	floridadisaster.org
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Florida school accountability reports · Current state school and district accountability information.	fldoe.org
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Florida community health data · County-level public health indicators and community reports.	flhealthcharts.gov
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Florida housing resources · State resources for homebuyers, renters and local assistance programs.	floridahousing.org
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