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Hendry County

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COMMUNITIES TO START WITH

Clewiston, LaBelle, Port LaBelle

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Agriculture, Lake Okeechobee access, river country and lower-density towns define an inland alternative between the Atlantic and Gulf metros.

Lifestyle: Agriculture · Space · Lake access

Hendry County by the numbers

Population Census estimate	42,382	At the last full count 2020 Census	39,619
Median age	35.8	Aged 65 and over	13.8%
Under 18	24.9%	Median household income	\$56,393
Median home value what owners estimate	\$219,200	Homeownership	73.6%
People per household	2.83	Average commute	31.4 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

Clewiston

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

Port LaBelle

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

LaBelle

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

Places that reveal the county

Clewiston Museum

A town museum at 109 Central Avenue covering sugar, cattle, commercial fishing, hurricanes and the British pilots who trained here.

Okaloacoochee Slough State Forest

Thirty-two thousand acres between LaBelle and Immokalee, and one of the last strongholds of the Florida panther.

Dinner Island Ranch Wildlife Management Area

A working cattle ranch of 21,707 acres that is also public land, 29 miles southwest of Clewiston.

Sugar Express

A 1920 steam locomotive that hauled cane to the Clewiston mill, rebuilt to run again and now pulling excursion trains around the lake.

Barron Park

LaBelle's riverfront park on the Caloosahatchee, and the ground the Swamp Cabbage Festival fills every February.

Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail

A loop of a hundred and nine miles running right around Lake Okeechobee, mostly along the crest of the Herbert Hoover Dike.

Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum

The Seminole Tribe's own museum on the Big Cypress Reservation, with a mile of boardwalk through a 60-acre cypress dome.

Gatorama

A working alligator farm at Palmdale, open to the public since 1957, where the eggs hatch in front of visitors every August.

LaBelle Heritage Museum

The museum of a cattle town named for two daughters of the man they called the Cattle King of South Florida.

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
