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Holmes County

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REGION

Panhandle & Emerald Coast

COMMUNITIES TO START WITH

Bonifay, Ponce de Leon, Esto

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A rural inland county with farms, forests, springs and Interstate 10 access.

Lifestyle: Rural · Springs · Space

Holmes County by the numbers

Population Census estimate	19,513	At the last full count 2020 Census	19,653
Median age	43.7	Aged 65 and over	21.2%
Under 18	20.5%	Median household income	\$49,343
Median home value what owners estimate	\$110,200	Homeownership	76.4%
People per household	2.53	Average commute	34.7 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

Bonifay

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

Esto

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

Ponce de Leon

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

Places that reveal the county

Ponce de Leon Springs State Park

A spring park off County Road 181A, north of Interstate 10 at Ponce de Leon.

Historic Downtown Bonifay

The county seat of Holmes County, built by a railroad and named after a railroad man.

Holmes County Historical Society Museum

The county museum at Bonifay, open one Saturday a month.

Holmes Creek

The creek the county shares its name with, entering Florida from south Alabama a few miles north of Graceville.

Vortex Spring

A 420-acre dive complex near Ponce de Leon, and the largest diving facility in 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