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Indian River County

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REGION

Atlantic Coast

COMMUNITIES TO START WITH

**Vero Beach, Sebastian,
Fellsmere**

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A refined but relaxed Treasure Coast county with arts, barrier-island neighborhoods, citrus-country roots and strong access to the Indian River Lagoon.

Lifestyle: Coastal refinement · Boating · Arts

Indian River County by the numbers

Population Census estimate	166,936	At the last full count 2020 Census	159,788
Median age	55.3	Aged 65 and over	34.8%
Under 18	15.0%	Median household income	\$73,491
Median home value what owners estimate	\$351,500	Homeownership	80.1%
People per household	2.33	Average commute	23.8 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

Vero Beach

Start with Vero Beach to understand the established center, nearby services and everyday rhythm within Indian River County.

Fellsmere

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

Sebastian

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

Places that reveal the county

McKee Botanical Garden

Eighteen acres of tropical hammock at 350 US Highway 1 in Vero Beach, and what is left of a much larger garden.

Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge

The first national wildlife refuge in the United States, set aside by Theodore Roosevelt on March 14, 1903.

Sebastian Inlet State Park

Seven hundred and sixty acres either side of the inlet at the southern end of Brevard, with surfing, jetty fishing, kayaking and two museums.

Vero Beach Museum of Art

The county art museum at 3001 Riverside Park Drive, founded in 1986.

Round Island Beach Park

A county beach park at 2201 South Highway A1A, about eight miles southeast of downtown Vero Beach.

Riverside Theatre

A professional nonprofit theater at 3250 Riverside Park Drive, beside the art museum in Riverside Park.

Environmental Learning Center

A 64-acre nature center at 255 Live Oak Drive, on an island in the Indian River Lagoon.

McLarty Treasure Museum

A museum standing on the actual salvage camp of the 1715 Spanish treasure fleet, inside Sebastian Inlet State Park.

Jackie Robinson Training Complex

The old Dodgertown at Vero Beach, renamed by Major League Baseball on April 2, 2019.

Indian River Citrus Museum

A small museum at 2140 14th Avenue in downtown Vero Beach, devoted to the fruit the county is known for.

Beaches in Indian River County

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

Sebastian Inlet State Park Beach

Wabasso Beach Park

Turtle Trail Beach

Jaycee Park Beach

Humiston Beach Park

Round Island Beach Park

Ambersand Beach

Golden Sands Park Beach

Tracking Station Beach Park

Sexton Plaza Beach

South Beach Park

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