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Lafayette County

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REGION

North Florida & First Coast

COMMUNITIES TO START WITH

Mayo, Day

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One of Florida's smallest counties, centered on rural community life, the Suwannee River and extensive natural landscapes.

Lifestyle: Low density · River life · Rural

Lafayette County by the numbers

Population Census estimate	8,161	At the last full count 2020 Census	8,226
Median age	42.3	Aged 65 and over	21.4%
Under 18	17.3%	Median household income	\$62,757
Median home value what owners estimate	\$157,200	Homeownership	77.2%
People per household	2.55	Average commute	30.1 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

Mayo

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

Day

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

Places that reveal the county

Troy Spring State Park

A first-magnitude spring about six miles north of Branford, off US 27, with a Civil War wreck lying in it.

Suwannee River

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

Steinhatchee Springs Wildlife Management Area

Over twenty thousand acres spread across Lafayette, Dixie and Taylor counties, managed with the water district.

Lafayette Blue Springs State Park

A spring park at 799 Northwest Blue Spring Road, Mayo, built around a natural bridge of rock.

R.O. Ranch Equestrian Park

An equestrian park eleven miles south of Mayo on State Road 51, built for people who arrive with horses.

Adams Tract River Camp

A river camp on the Suwannee at mile 85.5, reachable only from the water or on foot.

Mallory Swamp Wildlife Management Area

More than thirty-one thousand acres in southeastern Lafayette County, southwest of Branford.

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