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Martin County

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REGION

Atlantic Coast

COMMUNITIES TO START WITH

**Stuart, Jensen Beach,
Palm City, Hobe Sound**

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Known for waterways, boating, smaller-scale coastal communities and Stuart's active downtown, with convenient reach into northern Palm Beach County.

Lifestyle: Boating · Small-city life · Beaches

Martin County by the numbers

Population Census estimate	162,176	At the last full count 2020 Census	158,431
Median age	53.3	Aged 65 and over	32.2%
Under 18	16.1%	Median household income	\$82,943
Median home value what owners estimate	\$432,200	Homeownership	79.6%
People per household	2.33	Average commute	28.4 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

Stuart

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

Palm City

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

Jensen Beach

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

Hobe Sound

Compare Hobe Sound with the county's other major places for commute direction, home choices and the pace you want in Martin County.

Places that reveal the county

Jonathan Dickinson State Park

Around eleven thousand acres between Hobe Sound and Tequesta, on the Loxahatchee River.

House of Refuge Museum

The oldest building in Martin County, built in 1876 at 301 Southeast MacArthur Boulevard on Hutchinson Island.

Blowing Rocks Preserve

Seventy-three acres on Jupiter Island holding the largest limestone outcrop on the Atlantic coast of Florida.

Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center

A marine science center and visitor attraction at 890 Northeast Ocean Boulevard on Hutchinson Island, Stuart.

Halpatiokee Regional Park

Sixty-five acres of playing fields at 8303 Southwest Lost River Road, Stuart, with five hundred acres of conservation land behind them.

Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast

A hands-on children's museum at 1707 Northeast Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach, beside Indian Riverside Park.

Sailfish Splash Waterpark

The county water park at 931 Southeast Ruhnke Street, Stuart, open since 2011 and run by Martin County Parks and Recreation.

Beaches in Martin County

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

Jensen Sea Turtle Beach

Virginia Forrest Beach

Ross Witham Beach

House of Refuge Beach

Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge Beach

Elliott Museum

Forty-eight thousand square feet at 825 Northeast Ocean Boulevard on Hutchinson Island, opened in March 2013.

Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge

One thousand and thirty-five acres in two pieces, established on September 30, 1969, to protect sea turtles.

Stuart Heritage Museum

A 1901 two-story frame building at 161 Southwest Flagler Avenue in downtown Stuart, holding over ten thousand objects.

Bathtub Reef Beach

The beach at 1585 Southeast MacArthur Boulevard on Hutchinson Island, sheltered by a reef built by worms.

The Lyric Theatre

A 1926 theater at 59 Southwest Flagler Avenue in downtown Stuart, now a working music and stage venue.

Stuart Beach

Bathtub Reef Beach

Santa Lucea Beach

Hobe Sound Beach

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