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Okeechobee County

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REGION

Central Florida

COMMUNITIES TO START WITH

**Okeechobee, Taylor
Creek, Buckhead
Ridge**

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Lake Okeechobee, agriculture, fishing and a working small-city center create an outdoors-oriented gateway between Central and South Florida.

Lifestyle: Fishing · Agriculture · Low-density life

Okeechobee County by the numbers

Population Census estimate	40,816	At the last full count 2020 Census	39,644
Median age	40.8	Aged 65 and over	20.0%
Under 18	21.4%	Median household income	\$57,984
Median home value what owners estimate	\$193,000	Homeownership	73.9%
People per household	2.52	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

Okeechobee

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

Buckhead Ridge

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

Taylor Creek

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

Places that reveal the county

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.

Okeechobee Battlefield Historic State Park

The ground where the largest battle of the Second Seminole War was fought on Christmas Day 1837, at 3500 Southeast 38th Avenue.

Taylor Creek Stormwater Treatment Area

A hundred and ninety acres of constructed marsh on the west side of US 441, four and a fifth miles north of the State Road 70 junction.

Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park

Fifty-four thousand acres of dry prairie about twenty-five miles north of Okeechobee off US 441, and the darkest sky in Florida.

Lake Okeechobee

Seven hundred and thirty square miles of fresh water, the largest lake wholly inside the lower forty-eight states outside the Great Lakes.

Okeechobee Historical Society Museum

The county museum at 1850 US Highway 98 North, with a 1907 schoolhouse standing beside it.

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