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St. Lucie County

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REGION

Atlantic Coast

COMMUNITIES TO START WITH

**Port St. Lucie, Fort
Pierce, St. Lucie Village**

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One of the Treasure Coast's major growth areas, balancing newer residential communities with Fort Pierce's working waterfront, cultural life and port history.

Lifestyle: Growth · Newer homes · Waterfront

St. Lucie County by the numbers

Population Census estimate	360,500	At the last full count 2020 Census	329,226
Median age	45.1	Aged 65 and over	24.6%
Under 18	19.7%	Median household income	\$71,457
Median home value what owners estimate	\$347,300	Homeownership	78.6%
People per household	2.60	Average commute	29.3 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

Port St. Lucie

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

St. Lucie Village

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

Fort Pierce

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

Places that reveal the county

Fort Pierce Inlet State Park

Three hundred and forty acres on North Hutchinson Island at the Fort Pierce inlet, with a half-mile beach and a reef a hundred yards out.

Heathcote Botanical Gardens

Five acres in Fort Pierce holding the largest public bonsai display in the country, more than a hundred trees across 26 species.

National Navy SEAL Museum

The national museum of the Navy SEALs, on the beach at Fort Pierce where the first frogmen trained in 1943.

Oxbow Eco-Center

A 225-acre county preserve on the North Fork of the St. Lucie River in Port St. Lucie, with a building designed to teach by example.

Savannas Preserve State Park

Over 7,000 acres holding the largest freshwater marsh left in southeast Florida, running behind the coast from Fort Pierce to Jensen Beach.

Clover Park

The New York Mets' spring training ballpark in Port St. Lucie, open since 1988 and rebuilt for the 2020 season.

Sunrise Theatre

A 1923 vaudeville house in downtown Fort Pierce that closed in 1983, was rescued, and reopened in 2006.

Beaches in St. Lucie County

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

Pepper Park Beach

South Beach Park

Frederick Douglass Memorial Park Beach

Walton Rocks Beach

Normandy Beach

Dollman 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

Manatee Observation and Education Center

A small center on Moore's Creek in downtown Fort Pierce where manatees turn up year round and admission costs three dollars.

St. Lucie County Aquarium

A small county aquarium in Fort Pierce built around a living coral reef model the Smithsonian moved down from Washington.

Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

Twenty-one acres of subtropical garden opened in 2010 and run by volunteers, with a two-acre lake at the middle of it.

A.E. Backus Museum & Gallery

The Fort Pierce museum of A.E. Bean Backus, the painter who taught the artists who became the Florida Highwaymen.

Tradition Square

The town square of Tradition in western Port St. Lucie, a green with a town hall, a fountain and a Sunday market on it.