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Union County

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REGION

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COMMUNITIES TO START WITH

Lake Butler, Raiford, Worthington Springs

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A compact rural county with close-knit towns, lakes and access to larger North Florida employment centers.

Lifestyle: Small towns · Lakes · Rural

Union County by the numbers

Population Census estimate	15,701	At the last full count 2020 Census	16,147
Median age	39.6	Aged 65 and over	16.6%
Under 18	21.7%	Median household income	\$64,146
Median home value what owners estimate	\$169,500	Homeownership	74.7%
People per household	2.60	Average commute	37.2 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

Lake Butler

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

Worthington Springs

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

Raiford

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

Places that reveal the county

Lake Butler

The county seat of Union County, a town of about two thousand people built around the lake it is named for.

Lake Butler Heritage Trail

The paved four-and-a-half-mile stretch of rail trail that runs through Lake Butler itself.

Union County Historical Museum

The county museum, in the Townsend-Green Building at 410 West Main Street.

Lakeside Park

Six acres of waterfront at 155 Northwest 3rd Street, and the reason most visitors stop in Lake Butler.

Palatka-to-Lake Butler State Trail

A rail corridor of close to forty-seven miles running west from Palatka to Lake Butler.

Where to check

Florida disaster preparedness maps · Official evacuation-zone, route and storm-surge planning maps.	floridadisaster.org
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Florida school accountability reports · Current state school and district accountability information.	fldoe.org
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Florida community health data · County-level public health indicators and community reports.	flhealthcharts.gov
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Florida housing resources · State resources for homebuyers, renters and local assistance programs.	floridahousing.org
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