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Wakulla County

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REGION

Panhandle & Emerald Coast

COMMUNITIES TO START WITH

Crawfordville, St. Marks, Panacea

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Springs, forests, Gulf access and a growing Tallahassee commuter population shape this nature-rich county.

Lifestyle: Nature · Tallahassee commute · Fishing

Wakulla County by the numbers

Population Census estimate	35,387	At the last full count 2020 Census	33,764
Median age	42.3	Aged 65 and over	16.5%
Under 18	20.7%	Median household income	\$81,895
Median home value what owners estimate	\$258,300	Homeownership	81.9%
People per household	2.55	Average commute	32.3 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

Crawfordville

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

Panacea

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

St. Marks

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

Places that reveal the county

Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park

6,781 acres around one of the largest and deepest freshwater springs in the world, at 550 Wakulla Park Drive.

San Marcos de Apalache Historic State Park

Fifteen acres at 148 Old Fort Road, on the point where the Wakulla River runs into the St. Marks.

Wakulla River

Eleven miles of clear spring water, from Wakulla Springs down to the St. Marks River near the coast.

Shell Point Beach

The county's other public beach, on the north edge of Apalachee Bay about thirty miles south of Tallahassee.

St. Marks Lighthouse

The lighthouse at the end of Lighthouse Road, standing where the St. Marks River meets Apalachee Bay.

St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge

One of the oldest refuges in the country, covering more than 86,000 acres across Wakulla, Jefferson and Taylor counties.

Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory

A working marine laboratory in Panacea that opened its tanks to the public in 1990.

Mashes Sands Beach

A county beach and boat ramp on Ochlockonee Bay, at 901 Mashes Sands Road near Panacea.

Sopchoppy Depot Park and Museum

The restored railroad depot in Sopchoppy, with a museum inside and a park around it.

Wakulla Springs Lodge

The 1937 lodge Edward Ball built above the spring, still taking guests and still looking like 1937.

Beaches in Wakulla County

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

Mashes Sands Beach

Shell Point Beach

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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