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Washington County

A FLORIDA COUNTY GUIDE · PANHANDLE & EMERALD COAST

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REGION

Panhandle & Emerald Coast

COMMUNITIES TO START WITH

Chipley, Vernon, Caryville

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Forests, springs, small towns and a central Panhandle location create a quiet inland setting.

Lifestyle: Nature · Low density · Interstate access

Washington County by the numbers

Population Census estimate	25,529	At the last full count 2020 Census	25,318
Median age	41.7	Aged 65 and over	18.8%
Under 18	20.0%	Median household income	\$58,210
Median home value what owners estimate	\$171,000	Homeownership	80.0%
People per household	2.46	Average commute	36.1 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

Chipley

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

Caryville

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

Vernon

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

Places that reveal the county

Falling Waters State Park

171 acres three miles south of Chipley, holding the highest waterfall in Florida.

Econfina Creek Water Management Area

41,000 acres held by the Northwest Florida Water Management District across Washington and Bay counties.

Washington County Historical Society Museum

The county museum in downtown Chipley, at the Bill Lee Train Depot beside the Farmers Market.

Orange Hill Gator Farm

A small hands-on animal farm at 3172 Orange Hill Road, Chipley, open for tours from April through October.

Cypress Springs

A second-magnitude spring on Holmes Creek near Vernon, reachable only from the water.

Holmes Creek

The creek the county shares its name with, entering Florida from south Alabama a few miles north of Graceville.

Seacrest Wolf Preserve

A wolf preserve at 3449 Bonnett Pond Road near Chipley, where visitors walk inside the habitats.

Pine Log State Forest

6,911 acres near Ebro, established in 1936 and the oldest state forest in Florida.

Spanish Trail Playhouse

Chipley's community theater, staging plays and musicals in the historic Chipley High School Auditorium.

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