

Okaloosa County Profile

GEOGRAPHY

County Seat: Crestview

Nearest MSA: Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin Metropolitan Statistical Area

Largest Cities: 1) Fort Walton Beach
2) Crestview
3) Niceville

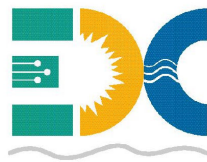
Miles* To:

Tallahassee	140
Orlando	350
Tampa	313
Jacksonville	298
Miami	521
Atlanta	242
Chicago	767
Dallas	617
New York	984

*Miles are calculated from county seat.



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Time Zone: Central Area Code: 850

CLIMATE

Average Temperature	High	Low
January:	60	37
July:	91	71
Florida Mean Annual Precipitation	53
Average Annual Rain Days	110

POPULATION

	Okaloosa	Florida
1980:	109,920	9,746,961
1990:	143,777	12,938,071
2000:	170,498	15,982,378
2005:	182,172	17,789,864
2006:	180,291	18,089,888
2008:	197,597	18,807,219
2009:	196,234	18,537,969
2015(p):	224,722	21,767,500
2030 (p)	266,529	26,419,200

(p) Denotes Projected Population

MIGRATION

(2007)	
Natural Increase	6,783
Net Migration	15,391
Total	22,174

LABOR FORCE

(2010)

Labor Force	98,349
Number in County Unemployed	8,358
Unemployment Rate	8.5%

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Okaloosa	Establishments
(2009) Employment	71,926	5,458
Agriculture & Mining	75	24
Construction & Real Estate	5,907	1,228
Education & Health Services	12,152	563
Finance & Insurance	2,813	315
Information	1,656	84
Leisure & Hospitality	12,756	642
Manufacturing	4,114	142
Other Services	2,366	480
Professional & Business Services	5,640	689
Public Administration	9,679	77
Trade / Transportation / Utilities	14,738	1,214

Industries Average Annual Wage

(2009)	
Agriculture, & Mining	\$33,618
Construction & Real Estate	\$30,576
Education & Healthcare Services	\$36,582
Finance & Insurance	\$45,240
Information	\$58,760
Leisure & Hospitality	\$17,082
Manufacturing	\$50,336
Other Services	\$29,172
Professional & Business Services	\$66,196
Public Administration	\$52,260
Trade / Transportation / Utilities	\$35,897

PER CAPITA INCOME

	Okaloosa	Florida
2000	\$26,969	\$28,511
2001	\$28,336	\$29,247
2002	\$29,481	\$29,709
2003	\$30,969	\$30,128
2004	\$33,068	\$31,469
2005	\$35,275	\$34,001
2006	\$35,023	\$36,344
2007	\$37,497	\$28,444
2008	\$27,446	\$39,267
2009	\$27,231	\$37,780

TOP-TEN PRIVATE SECTOR

1. Fort Walton Beach Medical Center

Business:	Full service hospital
Number of Employees:	1,305

2. L-3/Crestview Aerospace Corporation

Business:	Aircraft manufacturing, modification
Number of Employees:	930

3. DRS Training and Control Systems

Business:	Defense Electronics
Number of Employees:	875

4. InDyne, Inc.

Business:	Range/Test Facilities; Security Systems; Multimedia.
Number of Employees:	786

5. ResortQuest

Business:	Property Management and Real Estate
Number of Employees:	750

6. Jacobs TEAS

Business:	Engineering services
Number of Employees:	700

7. BAE Systems Technical Services

Business:	Aerospace and defense contractor
Number of Employees:	700

8. Lockheed Martin

Business:	Aerospace and defense contractor
Number of Employees:	680

9. Tybrin Corporation

Business:	Engineering analysis & software development
Number of Employees:	535

10. Boeing

Business:	Aerospace and Defense Contractor
Number of Employees:	530

TRANSPORTATION

Federal Interstates:	I-10	Nearest Airport with Scheduled Commercial Airline Service:	Northwest Florida Regional Airport
Federal Highways:	US-90, US-98	# Runways:	2
State Highways:	Route 20, Route 85	Longest Paved Runway (ft.):	12,010
Railroads:	CSX	General Aviation Airports:	1) Crestview Bob Sikes Airport 2) Destin Airport
Deep Water Ports:	1) Port of Pensacola & Foreign Trade Zone; 2) Port of Panama City & Foreign Trade Zone	Miles to Closest Port:	44

STATE AND LOCAL TAXATION

COUNTY	STATE
Ad Valorem Millage Rates:	Corporate Income Tax 5.5%
Government 3.2899	Personal Income Tax 0.0%
Schools 7.6240	Retail Sales Tax 6.0%
	Intangible Tax (per \$1,000) \$.50
Ad Valorem Tax Exemption: Yes	
Retail Sales Tax (Local Option) 0.0	
Local Communications Service Tax 3.4	
Federal Enterprise Zone No	
State Enterprise Zone EZ-4601	

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

Electric Companies:

Gulf Power Company
Choctawhatchee (CHELCO)

Natural Gas Companies:

Okaloosa Gas District

Telephone Companies:

CenturyLink
Cox Communications
CHELCO

Water & Sewer Companies:

Okaloosa Water & Sewage
Individual Cities Water Management Districts

Existing Industrial Zoned Land	Yes
Number of Acres	1,065
Largest Available Contiguous Parcel	0
Industrial Parks	Yes
Number of Acres	900
Largest Available Contiguous Parcel	0
Foreign Trade Zones	No
Zone Number(s)	N/A

EDUCATION

	Public Schools	Teachers	Enrollments
Elementary:	19	769	13,183
Secondary:	31	761	15,943
Totals:	50	1,530	29,126
Private Schools Available: Yes			

Post Secondary Education Serving the County:

Colleges/Universities:

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Troy University
University of Arkansas
University of West Florida
UF - Research Engineering & Education Facility
Northwest Florida State College

Vocational/Technical Schools:

Bay Area Vocational Technology School
Crestview Vocational Technology Center
Okaloosa Applied Technology Center

Other Schools:

NWFSC Collegiate High School
CHOICE – Community High Institute of Career Education

MEDIA

Locally Printed Newspapers:

The Bay Beacon
The Crestview News Bulletin
The Destin Log
The Northwest Florida Daily News
Hurlburt Warrior/ Eglin Flyer

Local Radio Stations:

WFTV - AM 1260	WSNX - FM 96.5
WKSM - FM 99.5	WWAV - FM 102.1
WMXA - FM 103.1	WYZB - FM 105.5
WNCV - FM 100.3	WTKE - FM 98.1

Local Television Stations:

Beach TV	WEAR (ABC)
Gulf Coast TV	Cox Cable (IND)
WJHG (NBC)	WSRE (PBS)

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Number of Banks: 27

Number of Credit Unions: 6

QUALITY OF LIFE

Cost of Living

Price Level Index (2008)

(Population Weighted Category Indices)

Florida State Average = 100

	Sample
Total	94.5
Food	98.5
Health Care	86.2
Housing	86.8
Other Goods and Services	98
Transportation	97.6

Medical Services:

Fort Walton Beach Medical Center
North Okaloosa Medical Center
Sacred Heart Hospital Emerald Coast
Twin Cities Hospital
White-Wilson Medical Center

Recreational Opportunities:

Beaches/Waterparks/Boardwalks
Camping
Canoeing/Kayaking/Rafting
Golf
Hunting & Fishing (private & charter)
Scuba Diving/Snorkeling
Shopping/Dinning
Watersports/Boating

Historical Points Of Interest:

Air Force Armament Museum
Camp Walton School House
Carver-Hill Museum
Destin Fishing & History Museum
Heritage Museum of NW Florida
Indian Temple Mound Museum & Park

Cultural Events/Festivals:

Amphitheater
Arts Center of Okaloosa-Walton College
Arts & Crafts Festivals
Emerald Coast Science Center
Northwest Florida Ballet Academy
Seafood Festivals
World Cobia Fishing Tournament