



Lee County

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Demographics

	<u>2010</u> ¹	<u>2018</u> ²	<u>2025</u> ³ (Projection)	<u>Families with Own Children</u> ⁴	<u>2013-2017</u>
Population					
Total population	7,887	7,033	6,102	... Married couple	237 (+/-67)
... Under 20 years old	1,712	1,475	1,377	... Female householder	206 (+/-70)
... Ages 65 and over	1,043	1,236	1,328	... Male householder	30 (+/-26)

Youth

	<u>2013-2017</u>
# of grandparents who live with and are responsible for grandchildren ⁴	40 (+/-32)
% of own children under 6 years old with all parents in the labor force ⁴	64.7% (+/-20.9%)
STARS certified and licensed child care: ⁵	<u>2018</u>
... Number of Providers	3
... Capacity	183

Education

	<u>2013-2017</u>
% of population 25 and over with high school or higher ⁴	70.3% (+/-3.6%)
% of population 25 and over with bachelor's degree or higher ⁴	8.9% (+/-2.4%)
% of 3rd grade students scoring proficient or distinguished on math in the 2017-18 school year ⁵	32.3%
# of children enrolled in Head Start during the 2017-18 school year ⁵	89
High school graduates in 2017: ⁷	
... average high school GPA	2.78
... % earning an industry certificate	59.4%
... % college/career ready	68.8%

Income/Earnings

Median household income (2017) ⁶	\$28,084 (\$24,974-\$31,194)
Median earnings in past 12 months ⁴	<u>2013-2017</u>
... Women	\$22,931 (+/--\$1,947)
... Men	\$31,842 (+/--\$9,541)
... High school graduate	\$25,539 (+/--\$7,939)
... Bachelor's degree	\$32,206 (+/--\$12,598)

Agriculture

	<u>2017</u> ⁸	<u>2017</u> ⁸
# of farms	144	Farms with food sold directly to consumers
% of land in farms	18.8%	Value of food sold directly to consumers
% of farms operated by a family or an individual	88.9%	Processed or value-added agricultural products sold
% of principal producers under age 35	2.1%	... Farms
% of principal producers who are female	25.3%	... Value
# of new and beginning principal producers	44	Food sold directly to retail markets, institutions, and food hubs for local or regionally branded products
# of farms with income from agri-tourism and recreational services	0	... Farms
		... Value

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Employment

	2017
Total employment (# of jobs) ⁹	2,193
	2016
# of establishments w/ 1-9 employees ¹⁰	70
% of establishments w/ 1-9 employees ¹⁰	77.8%
Nonemployer establishments (w/o employees) ¹¹	426
	2013-2017
% of workers ages 16 and over who: ⁴	
... work inside the county	50.8% (+/-7.4%)
... work outside the county	47.8% (+/-7.3%)
... work outside the state	1.4% (+/-1.8%)

Coal Employment

	2011 ¹²	2016 ¹³
(-- = no data)		
Direct employment at coal mines	--	--
% of total employment	--	--

Health

	2015-2017
% of adults with obesity ¹⁴	46% (31.97-60.03%)
% of adults with diabetes ¹⁴	16% (8-28.83%)
% of adults reporting a time in past year they needed to see a doctor but could not because of the cost ¹⁴	13% (6.53-22.83%)

Substance Abuse

Drug-related inpatient hospitalizations and emergency department visits for overdose among county residents¹⁵

	2016	2017	2018		2016	2017	2018
Heroin	1-4	1-4	1-4	Benzodiazepines (i.e. Valium, etc.)	1-4	1-4	6
Cocaine	0	1-4	0	Antidepressants	1-4	1-4	0
Opioids other than Heroin	6	1-4	7	Any Substance	35	28	34

Drug overdose deaths among county residents¹⁶

	2016	2017	2018		2016	2017	2018
All Drug Overdose Deaths	1-4	1-4	1-4	Involving Benzodiazepines	0	0	1-4
Involving Heroin	0	0	0	Involving Fentanyl	0	1-4	0

Poverty/Insecurity

% of workers ages 16 and over who worked full-time year-round and were below poverty (2013-2017) ⁴	2.0% (+/-1.7%)
Estimated food insecurity rate (2017) ¹⁷	19.7%
Youth under age 18 who lived in households that received Supplemental Security Income (SSI), cash public assistance, or food stamps/SNAP in the past 12 months (2013-2017) ⁴	680 (+/-154)
Children determined by the Dept. of Community Based Services to have been victims of child abuse or neglect (2018) ¹⁸	27

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