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About the Southwest Florida Economic Almanac Series

In Fall 2016, representatives from the Regional Economic Research Institute (RERI) engaged in discussions with business and community leaders in Southwest Florida about the pressing need for accessible socioeconomic and demographic data for the region. Although RERI had developed extensive databases containing this information, it had yet to present it to the public in a format as clear and practical as its widely-read monthly publication, *Regional Economic Indicators*.

These conversations ultimately led to the creation of the Southwest Florida Economic Almanac Series. This series encompasses a broad range of topics, including demographics, health, real estate, and transportation, consolidating regional data into a single resource. It serves as a valuable tool for business owners, local leaders, and other stakeholders, enabling them to make informed, data-driven decisions in their daily operations.

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About the Regional Economic Research Institute

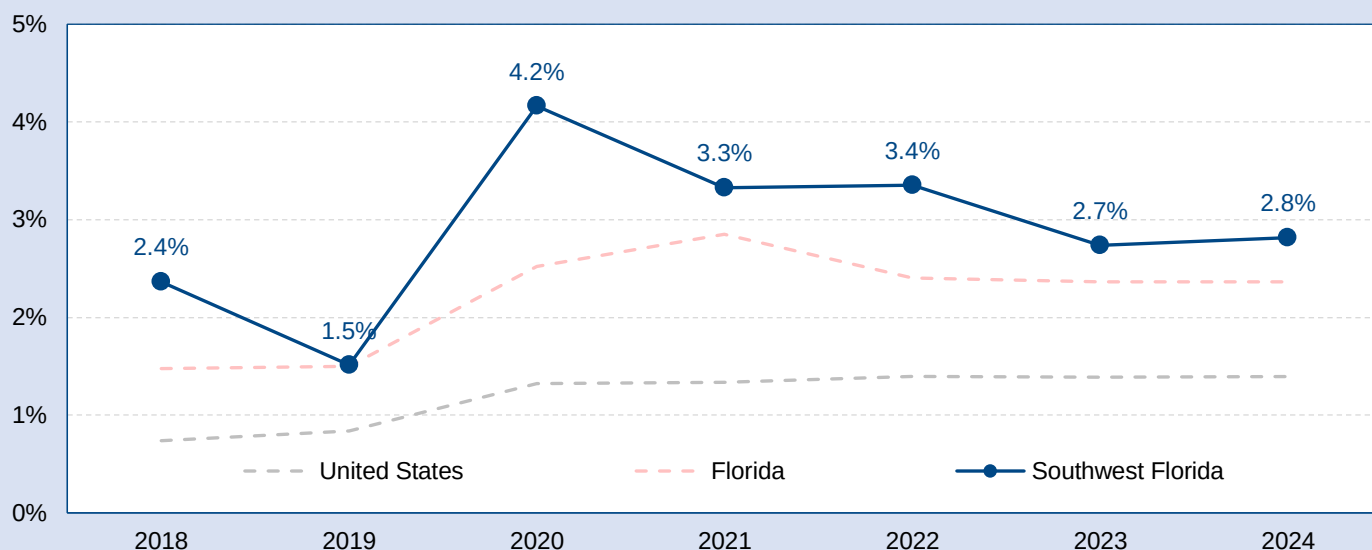
The Regional Economic Research Institute (RERI) studies, analyzes and reports on Southwest Florida's socioeconomic and demographic environment. Established in 2005, the RERI is the only economic and business research center in Southwest Florida. Its experts continuously monitor the ever-changing conditions in the region, providing timely and pertinent data and information so local businesses and decision-makers can stay current and respond appropriately.

Resources provided by the RERI include the Regional Economic Indicators (Dashboard), the Industry Diversification Report, the Real Estate Quarterly Report, and the comprehensive Southwest Florida Economic Almanac. The RERI partners with local economic development organizations and chambers of commerce in our region to produce other resources such as county Business Climate Surveys and different Issue Briefs. The RERI works closely with the Lucas Institute for Real Estate Development and Finance, the Small Business Development Center, and the Southwest Florida Leadership Institute, all of which are housed in the Lutgert College of Business. The institute also partners with other centers and colleges across the University, including the Water School and the Institute for Entrepreneurship.

The RERI is proud to have many student researchers working with the RERI team to compile all these reports. In the process, our students learn valuable research skills, improve communication and computer skills, and develop leadership and critical-thinking skills. The RERI finances its day-to-day operations, including paying its students, through contracting for research projects and studies, and sponsorship for its reports.

Total Households

Percent change from the previous year



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table S1101: Households and Families
Prepared by the Regional Economic Research Institute

Number of Households

Southwest Florida had 602,850 households in 2024. The region saw a 2.8 percent increase in the number of households from the previous year. This percent change is the fourth largest change seen in the region over the past 8 years, and larger than the percent change for Florida and the United States. Furthermore, between 2017 and 2024, there has been a 22.1 percent increase in the number of households in Southwest Florida. Lee County had the greatest number of households within the region, with 327,803 households, resulting in a growth rate of 2.6 percent from the previous year. Collier County followed with 165,875 households and a 3.1 percent increase from 2023 to 2024.

Charlotte County had 90,542 households in 2024, a 3.6 percent increase from 2023 to 2024. Hendry County reported 14,130 households in 2024, a 1.3 percent increase from the previous year. Glades County had the least households at 4,500, a small decrease of 1.3 percent from 2023 to 2024.

Number of Households

Area	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Charlotte County								
Count	74,884	76,150	76,891	79,789	82,755	84,671	87,376	90,542
Annual percent change	--	1.7%	1.0%	3.8%	3.7%	2.3%	3.2%	3.6%
Collier County								
Count	138,131	140,942	142,979	147,977	153,711	156,768	160,867	165,875
Annual percent change	--	2.0%	1.4%	3.5%	3.9%	2.0%	2.6%	3.1%
Glades County								
Count	4,297	4,433	4,700	4,859	4,572	4,637	4,560	4,500
Annual percent change	--	3.2%	6.0%	3.4%	-5.9%	1.4%	-1.7%	-1.3%
Hendry County								
Count	12,098	12,027	12,527	12,878	12,821	13,289	13,944	14,130
Annual percent change	--	-0.6%	4.2%	2.8%	-0.4%	3.7%	4.9%	1.3%
Lee County								
Count	264,325	271,861	275,965	288,916	298,343	311,348	319,588	327,803
Annual percent change	--	2.9%	1.5%	4.7%	3.3%	4.4%	2.6%	2.6%
Southwest Florida								
Count	493,735	505,413	513,062	534,419	552,202	570,713	586,335	602,850
Annual percent change	--	2.4%	1.5%	4.2%	3.3%	3.4%	2.7%	2.8%
Florida								
Count	7,510,882	7,621,760	7,736,311	7,931,313	8,157,420	8,353,441	8,550,911	8,752,810
Annual percent change	--	1.5%	1.5%	2.5%	2.9%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%
United States								
Count (000's)	120,048.5	120,935.2	121,948.7	123,560.0	125,207.8	126,956.0	128,722.1	130,518.4
Annual percent change	--	0.7%	0.8%	1.3%	1.3%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B25009: Tenure by Household Size

Household Size

The American Community Survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, collects data on household size. The American Community Survey counts all people within a housing unit, including “the householder, occupants related to the householder, and lodgers, roomers, boarders, and so forth”.

Southwest Florida

In Southwest Florida, 73.0 percent of households had two people or less in 2024 (440,417 households) and 27.0 percent of households had three or more people (162,433 households). The number of households with no more than two people has gradually increased each year from 2017 to 2024. The year-to-year sustainability of this household size resulted in a 21.6 increase in the number of one-to-two person households over the eight-year period. The average household size was 2.40 in 2024, a slight increase from 2023 when the average household size was 2.39.

Household Size								
Southwest Florida								
Household Size	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1-person household								
Count	137,951	141,703	142,428	153,977	155,880	160,581	163,605	167,674
Percent of total	27.9%	28.0%	27.8%	28.8%	28.2%	28.1%	27.9%	27.8%
2-person household								
Count	224,170	228,741	233,153	240,576	247,094	255,911	265,634	272,743
Percent of total	45.4%	45.3%	45.4%	45.0%	44.7%	44.8%	45.3%	45.2%
3-person household								
Count	55,162	57,201	58,398	59,704	64,983	67,563	69,444	71,421
Percent of total	11.2%	11.3%	11.4%	11.2%	11.8%	11.8%	11.8%	11.8%
4-person household								
Count	42,663	43,236	45,211	45,454	47,797	50,834	50,917	51,801
Percent of total	8.6%	8.6%	8.8%	8.5%	8.7%	8.9%	8.7%	8.6%
5-person household								
Count	21,220	21,779	20,747	21,794	23,331	22,557	23,038	25,250
Percent of total	4.3%	4.3%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.0%	3.9%	4.2%
6 person household								
Count	8,209	8,125	8,453	8,501	8,450	8,558	8,826	9,176
Percent of total	1.7%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%
7-or-more person household								
Count	4,360	4,628	4,672	4,413	4,667	4,709	4,871	4,785
Percent of total	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%
Total	493,735	505,413	513,062	534,419	552,202	570,713	586,335	602,850
Average household size	2.55	2.56	2.58	2.54	2.43	2.40	2.39	2.40

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B25009: Tenure by Household Size, Table S1101: Households and Families

Charlotte County

Charlotte County had 78.1 percent of all households with no more than two people in 2024 (70,758 households) and 21.9 percent with three or more people (19,784 households). The number of households with no more than two people increased each year from 2017 to 2024. The year-to-year sustainability of this household size resulted in a 17.6 percent increase in the number of one-to-two person households over the eight-year period. The number of households with three or more people also increased from 2017 by 34.5 percent. Seven or more person households have increased by 29.0 percent since 2017. The average household size in Charlotte County measured at 2.17 in 2024.

Household Size								
Charlotte County								
Household Size	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1-person household								
Count	22,368	23,137	22,854	24,027	23,857	24,153	24,243	25,551
Percent of total	29.9%	30.4%	29.7%	30.1%	28.8%	28.5%	27.7%	28.2%
2-person household								
Count	37,804	38,189	38,861	39,906	41,152	41,899	43,635	45,207
Percent of total	50.5%	50.1%	50.5%	50.0%	49.7%	49.5%	49.9%	49.9%
3-person household								
Count	7,214	7,518	7,926	8,265	9,430	9,553	9,986	10,005
Percent of total	9.6%	9.9%	10.3%	10.4%	11.4%	11.3%	11.4%	11.1%
4-person household								
Count	4,695	4,400	4,572	4,855	5,293	6,104	6,423	6,227
Percent of total	6.3%	5.8%	5.9%	6.1%	6.4%	7.2%	7.4%	6.9%
5-person household								
Count	1,977	2,022	1,728	1,560	1,727	1,657	1,879	2,112
Percent of total	2.6%	2.7%	2.2%	2.0%	2.1%	2.0%	2.2%	2.3%
6 person household								
Count	485	562	569	678	730	868	767	1,000
Percent of total	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%	0.9%	1.1%
7-or-more person household								
Count	341	322	381	498	566	437	443	440
Percent of total	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%	0.6%	0.7%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Total	74,884	76,150	76,891	79,789	82,755	84,671	87,376	90,542
Average household size	2.26	2.28	2.31	2.29	2.19	2.20	2.18	2.17

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B25009: Tenure by Household Size, Table S1101: Households and Families

Collier County

Collier County had 73.1 percent of all households with no more than two people in 2024 (121,196 households) and 26.9 percent with three or more people (44,679 households). The number of households with no more than two people increased each year from 2017 to 2024. The year-to-year sustainability of this household size resulted in a 19.9 percent increase in the number of one-to-two person households over the eight-year period. Collier County saw a modest 3.4 percent increase in 4-person households from 2023 to 2024, resulting in a significant 11.1 percent increase over the eight-year period. The number of households with three people saw the greatest increase since 2017 (39.5 percent). The average household size was 2.37 in Collier County in 2024.

Household Size								
Collier County								
Household Size	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1-person household								
Count	37,221	37,773	37,913	42,437	42,669	43,843	44,720	45,886
Percent of total	26.9%	26.8%	26.5%	28.7%	27.8%	28.0%	27.8%	27.7%
2-person household								
Count	63,852	64,458	65,273	65,773	67,951	69,886	72,839	75,310
Percent of total	46.2%	45.7%	45.7%	44.4%	44.2%	44.6%	45.3%	45.4%
3-person household								
Count	14,016	14,892	15,981	16,713	18,571	18,817	19,378	19,549
Percent of total	10.1%	10.6%	11.2%	11.3%	12.1%	12.0%	12.0%	11.8%
4-person household								
Count	12,547	12,962	13,288	13,368	13,684	13,624	13,481	13,940
Percent of total	9.1%	9.2%	9.3%	9.0%	8.9%	8.7%	8.4%	8.4%
5-person household								
Count	6,405	6,748	6,415	5,875	6,584	6,102	6,025	6,907
Percent of total	4.6%	4.8%	4.5%	4.0%	4.3%	3.9%	3.7%	4.2%
6 person household								
Count	2,713	2,627	2,712	2,669	2,989	3,030	2,948	2,954
Percent of total	2.0%	1.9%	1.9%	1.8%	1.9%	1.9%	1.8%	1.8%
7-or-more person household								
Count	1,377	1,482	1,397	1,142	1,263	1,466	1,476	1,329
Percent of total	1.0%	1.1%	1.0%	0.8%	0.8%	0.9%	0.9%	0.8%
Total	138,131	140,942	142,979	147,977	153,711	156,768	160,867	165,875
Average household size	2.55	2.55	2.57	2.54	2.40	2.40	2.38	2.37

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B25009: Tenure by Household Size, Table S1101: Households and Families

Glades County

Glades County had 67.7 percent of all households with no more than two people in 2024 (3,048 households) and 32.3 percent with three or more people (1,452 households). The number of households with no more than two people increased 1.9 percent from the previous year, but decreased from 2017 by 0.7 percent. The number of households with 6 people decreased by 39.3 percent from the previous year but increased 102.4 percent from 2017. On the other hand, the number of 4 person households decreased by 2.1 percent over the eight-year period. From 2017 to 2024 there was a 1,380.0 percent increase in 7 or more person households, the largest growth in the eight-year period. The average household size measured at 2.48 in 2024.

Household Size								
Glades County								
Household Size	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1-person household								
Count	1,279	1,241	1,336	1,350	1,150	1,187	1,205	1,149
Percent of total	29.8%	28.0%	28.4%	27.8%	25.2%	25.6%	26.4%	25.5%
2-person household								
Count	1,789	1,891	1,952	1,966	1,999	1,909	1,787	1,899
Percent of total	41.6%	42.7%	41.5%	40.5%	43.7%	41.2%	39.2%	42.2%
3-person household								
Count	487	512	638	590	665	760	690	576
Percent of total	11.3%	11.5%	13.6%	12.1%	14.5%	16.4%	15.1%	12.8%
4-person household								
Count	527	547	469	499	376	291	376	516
Percent of total	12.3%	12.3%	10.0%	10.3%	8.2%	6.3%	8.2%	11.5%
5-person household								
Count	163	197	253	237	129	234	198	127
Percent of total	3.8%	4.4%	5.4%	4.9%	2.8%	5.0%	4.3%	2.8%
6 person household								
Count	42	34	32	40	82	79	140	85
Percent of total	1.0%	0.8%	0.7%	0.8%	1.8%	1.7%	3.1%	1.9%
7-or-more person household								
Count	10	11	20	177	171	177	164	148
Percent of total	0.2%	0.2%	0.4%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	3.6%	3.3%
Total	4,297	4,433	4,700	4,859	4,572	4,637	4,560	4,500
Average household size	2.74	2.71	2.57	2.53	2.34	2.32	2.39	2.48

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B25009: Tenure by Household Size, Table S1101: Households and Families

Hendry County

Hendry County had 53.0 percent of all households with no more than two people in 2024 (7,489 households) and 47.0 percent with three or more people (6,641 households). The number of households with no more than two people increased by 17.9 percent from 2017 to 2024. The number of households with three or more people increased by 4.5 percent from 2023 to 2024 and 15.6 percent from 2017. The average household size in Hendry County was 2.83 in 2024, the highest of the Southwest Florida region.

Household Size								
Hendry County								
Household Size	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1-person household								
Count	2,980	2,642	2,923	2,955	2,862	2,783	3,108	2,861
Percent of total	24.6%	22.0%	23.3%	22.9%	22.3%	20.9%	22.3%	20.2%
2-person household								
Count	3,371	3,476	3,693	4,012	4,011	4,192	4,478	4,628
Percent of total	27.9%	28.9%	29.5%	31.2%	31.3%	31.5%	32.1%	32.8%
3-person household								
Count	1,761	2,025	1,933	1,912	1,920	2,481	2,174	2,417
Percent of total	14.6%	16.8%	15.4%	14.8%	15.0%	18.7%	15.6%	17.1%
4-person household								
Count	1,692	1,705	1,935	1,769	1,992	2,237	2,495	2,304
Percent of total	14.0%	14.2%	15.4%	13.7%	15.5%	16.8%	17.9%	16.3%
5-person household								
Count	1,407	1,223	944	1,215	1,083	823	1,023	1,176
Percent of total	11.6%	10.2%	7.5%	9.4%	8.4%	6.2%	7.3%	8.3%
6 person household								
Count	594	633	694	695	576	337	266	284
Percent of total	4.9%	5.3%	5.5%	5.4%	4.5%	2.5%	1.9%	2.0%
7-or-more person household								
Count	293	323	405	320	377	436	400	460
Percent of total	2.4%	2.7%	3.2%	2.5%	2.9%	3.3%	2.9%	3.3%
Total	12,098	12,027	12,527	12,878	12,821	13,289	13,944	14,130
Average household size	3.07	3.17	3.09	3.07	2.92	2.83	2.76	2.83

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B25009: Tenure by Household Size, Table S1101: Households and Families

Lee County

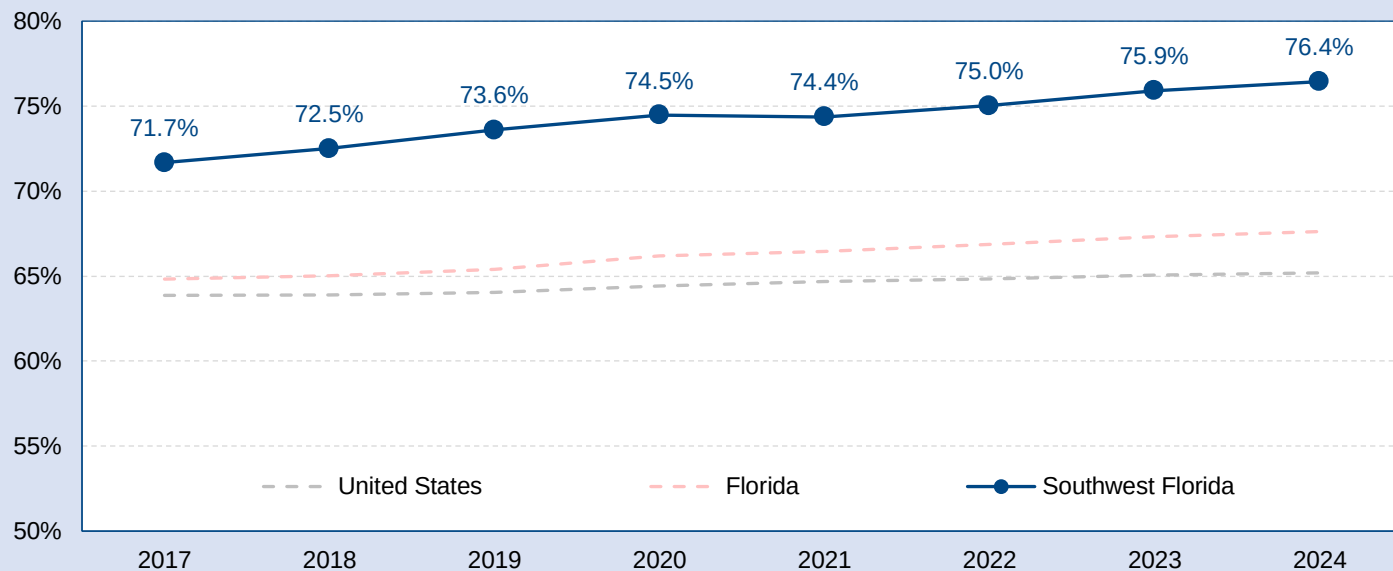
Lee County had 238,126 households with no more than two people in 2024, making up 72.6 percent of the households in the county. The number of households with three or more people made up the other 27.4 percent (89,677 households). The number of one-to-two person households increased by 24.4 percent since 2017. The county also had a 23.1 percent increase in households with three or more people over the same time span. Furthermore, the number of households with four people increased from 2023 to 2024 by 2.4 percent. Building on this recent increase, the category increased 24.2 percent over the eight-year period. The average household size in Lee County was 2.45 in 2024.

Household Size								
Lee County								
Household Size	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1-person household								
Count	74,103	76,910	77,402	83,208	85,342	88,615	90,329	92,227
Percent of total	28.0%	28.3%	28.0%	28.8%	28.6%	28.5%	28.3%	28.1%
2-person household								
Count	117,354	120,727	123,374	128,919	131,981	138,025	142,895	145,699
Percent of total	44.4%	44.4%	44.7%	44.6%	44.2%	44.3%	44.7%	44.4%
3-person household								
Count	31,684	32,254	31,920	32,224	34,397	35,952	37,216	38,874
Percent of total	12.0%	11.9%	11.6%	11.2%	11.5%	11.5%	11.6%	11.9%
4-person household								
Count	23,202	23,622	24,947	24,963	26,452	28,578	28,142	28,814
Percent of total	8.8%	8.7%	9.0%	8.6%	8.9%	9.2%	8.8%	8.8%
5-person household								
Count	11,268	11,589	11,407	12,907	13,808	13,741	13,913	14,928
Percent of total	4.3%	4.3%	4.1%	4.5%	4.6%	4.4%	4.4%	4.6%
6 person household								
Count	4,375	4,269	4,446	4,419	4,073	4,244	4,705	4,853
Percent of total	1.7%	1.6%	1.6%	1.5%	1.4%	1.4%	1.5%	1.5%
7-or-more person household								
Count	2,339	2,490	2,469	2,276	2,290	2,193	2,388	2,408
Percent of total	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%
Total	264,325	271,861	275,965	288,916	298,343	311,348	319,588	327,803
Average household size	2.61	2.61	2.64	2.58	2.49	2.44	2.44	2.45

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B25009: Tenure by Household Size, Table S1101: Households and Families

Tenant Status

Percent of households that are owner occupied



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B25009: Tenure by Household Size
Prepared by the Regional Economic Research Institute

Tenant Status

The American Community Survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, collects data on tenant status for all five counties.^[1] Seventy-six percent, or 460,813 housing units were owner-occupied in Southwest Florida in 2024. This percentage is below both the state (67.6 percent) and the nation (65.2 percent). The number of owner-occupied housing units in Southwest Florida has improved since 2017, up 30.2 percent over the eight-year period. Lee County had 243,654 owner-occupied housing units in 2024, the most in the Southwest Florida region. The total number of owner-occupied housing units and renter-occupied housing units in Lee County both increased from 2017 to 2024 (32.0 percent and 5.5 percent, respectively). Collier County had 127,058 owner-occupied housing units in 2024. Collier County experienced an upward trend in owner-occupied households from 2017 to 2024 by 27.5 percent. Renter-occupied housing units in the county also continued to increase with a 0.8 percent increase over the eight-year period.

Charlotte County had 75,877 housing units that were owner-occupied in 2024, representing 83.8 percent of all housing units in the county. Owner-occupied housing units increased since 2017 by 29.5 percent, while renter-occupied housing units decreased by 10.1 percent over the same period. In Hendry County, 10,395 housing units (73.6 percent) were owner-occupied in 2024. The number of owner-occupied housing units in the county has increased by 31.3 percent since 2017, compared to the 10.7 percent decrease in renter-occupied housing units. Finally, Glades County had 3,829 housing units that were owner-occupied in 2024, representing 85.1 percent of all housing units. Building on this recent increase, Glades County has seen an 18.8 percent increase in owner-occupied housing units over the eight-year period.

Household Tenant Status

Area	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Charlotte County								
Owner occupied	58,572	60,547	61,262	65,110	67,936	69,787	72,670	75,877
Renter occupied	16,312	15,603	15,629	14,679	14,819	14,884	14,706	14,665
Percent owner occupied	78.2%	79.5%	79.7%	81.6%	82.1%	82.4%	83.2%	83.8%
Collier County								
Owner occupied	99,624	102,429	104,852	110,083	113,346	117,362	122,225	127,058
Renter occupied	38,507	38,513	38,127	37,894	40,365	39,406	38,642	38,817
Percent owner occupied	72.1%	72.7%	73.3%	74.4%	73.7%	74.9%	76.0%	76.6%
Glades County								
Owner occupied	3,223	3,522	3,743	3,894	3,735	3,637	3,634	3,829
Renter occupied	1,074	911	957	965	837	1,000	926	671
Percent owner occupied	75.0%	79.4%	79.6%	80.1%	81.7%	78.4%	79.7%	85.1%
Hendry County								
Owner occupied	7,915	7,963	8,185	9,058	8,888	9,269	10,091	10,395
Renter occupied	4,183	4,064	4,342	3,820	3,933	4,020	3,853	3,735
Percent owner occupied	65.4%	66.2%	65.3%	70.3%	69.3%	69.7%	72.4%	73.6%
Lee County								
Owner occupied	184,567	191,954	199,589	209,905	216,757	228,142	236,433	243,654
Renter occupied	79,758	79,907	76,376	79,011	81,586	83,206	83,155	84,149
Percent owner occupied	69.8%	70.6%	72.3%	72.7%	72.7%	73.3%	74.0%	74.3%
Southwest Florida								
Owner occupied	353,901	366,415	377,631	398,050	410,662	428,197	445,053	460,813
Renter occupied	139,834	138,998	135,431	136,369	141,540	142,516	141,282	142,037
Percent owner occupied	71.7%	72.5%	73.6%	74.5%	74.4%	75.0%	75.9%	76.4%
Florida								
Owner occupied	4,868,827	4,954,601	5,058,841	5,250,878	5,420,631	5,585,924	5,756,809	5,918,647
Renter occupied	2,642,055	2,667,159	2,677,470	2,680,435	2,736,789	2,767,517	2,794,102	2,834,163
Percent owner occupied	64.8%	65.0%	65.4%	66.2%	66.5%	66.9%	67.3%	67.6%
United States								
Owner occupied (000's)	76,670.7	77,265.2	78,087.0	79,618.8	80,966.3	82,327.7	83,736.3	85,086.7
Renter occupied (000's)	43,377.9	43,670.0	43,861.7	43,941.2	44,241.5	44,628.3	44,985.8	45,431.6
Percent owner occupied	63.9%	63.9%	64.0%	64.4%	64.7%	64.8%	65.1%	65.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B25009: Tenure by Household Size

Household Type

The American Community Survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, collects data on household type for the five counties.¹

Southwest Florida

Southwest Florida had 317,345 households that consisted of a married couple in 2024, constituting 52.6 percent of all households. Married-couple households increased since 2017, resulting in a 22.8 percent increase. Southwest Florida also had 25,333 households with a male householder and no spouse present (4.2 percent of households, 22.7 percent increase from 2017), 55,379 households with a female householder and no spouse present (9.2 percent of households, 16.5 percent increase from 2017), and 204,793 nonfamily households (34.0 percent of households, 22.5 percent increase from 2017).

Household Type								
Southwest Florida								
Household Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Married couple								
Count	258,392	265,516	272,422	279,430	289,604	300,090	307,574	317,345
Percent of total	52.3%	52.5%	53.1%	52.3%	52.4%	52.6%	52.5%	52.6%
Male householder, no spouse present								
Count	20,644	20,955	21,793	21,479	23,301	24,119	24,804	25,333
Percent of total	4.2%	4.1%	4.2%	4.0%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%
Female householder, no spouse present								
Count	47,537	47,718	46,210	48,730	51,591	52,409	54,423	55,379
Percent of total	9.6%	9.4%	9.0%	9.1%	9.3%	9.2%	9.3%	9.2%
Nonfamily household								
Count	167,162	171,224	172,637	184,780	187,706	194,095	199,534	204,793
Percent of total	33.9%	33.9%	33.6%	34.6%	34.0%	34.0%	34.0%	34.0%
Total households	493,735	505,413	513,062	534,419	552,202	570,713	586,335	602,850

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table S1101: Households and Families

¹ See Appendix B for more information on definitions relating to household type.

Charlotte County

Charlotte County had 49,759 households that consisted of married couples in 2024, constituting 55.0 percent of all households. The number of married-couple households in the county has consistently increased since 2017, resulting in a 24.4 percent increase over the eight-year period. Charlotte County also had 3,180 households with a male householder and no spouse present (3.5 percent of households, 33.2 percent increase from 2017), 6,805 households with a female householder and no spouse present (7.5 percent of households, 26.2 percent increase from 2017), and 29,658 nonfamily households (34.0 percent of households, 13.6 percent increase from 2017). Households with a male householder and no spouse present increased the most between 2023 and 2024 (8.6 percent).

Household Type								
Charlotte County								
Household Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Married couple								
<i>Count</i>	39,995	40,865	41,475	42,938	44,400	45,588	47,717	49,759
<i>Percent of total</i>	53.4%	53.7%	53.9%	53.8%	53.7%	53.8%	54.6%	55.0%
Male householder, no spouse present								
<i>Count</i>	2,387	2,324	2,159	2,054	2,681	2,779	2,928	3,180
<i>Percent of total</i>	3.2%	3.1%	2.8%	2.6%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%
Female householder, no spouse present								
<i>Count</i>	5,394	5,241	5,396	6,024	6,683	6,851	7,073	6,805
<i>Percent of total</i>	7.2%	6.9%	7.0%	7.5%	8.1%	8.1%	8.1%	7.5%
Nonfamily household								
<i>Count</i>	27,108	27,720	27,861	28,773	28,991	29,453	29,658	30,798
<i>Percent of total</i>	36.2%	36.4%	36.2%	36.1%	35.0%	34.8%	33.9%	34.0%
Total households	74,884	76,150	76,891	79,789	82,755	84,671	87,376	90,542

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table S1101: Households and Families

Collier County

Collier County had 90,718 households that consisted of married couples in 2024, constituting 54.7 percent of households in the county. The number of married couples in the county has increased by 20.9 percent from 2017 to 2024. Collier County also had 7,091 households with a male householder and no spouse present (4.3 percent of households, 20.8 percent increase from 2017 to 2024). There were 13,553 households with a female householder and no spouse present (8.2 percent of households, 8.6 percent increase from 2017), and 54,513 nonfamily households (32.9 percent of households, 21.8 percent increase from 2017). Households with a male householder and no spouse present increased the most between 2023 and 2024 (5.0 percent).

Household Type								
Collier County								
Household Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Married couple								
<i>Count</i>	75,014	77,838	79,683	79,543	83,958	86,134	88,287	90,718
<i>Percent of total</i>	54.3%	55.2%	55.7%	53.8%	54.6%	54.9%	54.9%	54.7%
Male householder, no spouse present								
<i>Count</i>	5,869	5,508	5,801	5,833	6,414	6,317	6,756	7,091
<i>Percent of total</i>	4.2%	3.9%	4.1%	3.9%	4.2%	4.0%	4.2%	4.3%
Female householder, no spouse present								
<i>Count</i>	12,481	12,313	12,071	12,745	13,082	12,965	13,068	13,553
<i>Percent of total</i>	9.0%	8.7%	8.4%	8.6%	8.5%	8.3%	8.1%	8.2%
Nonfamily household								
<i>Count</i>	44,767	45,283	45,424	49,856	50,257	51,352	52,756	54,513
<i>Percent of total</i>	32.4%	32.1%	31.8%	33.7%	32.7%	32.8%	32.8%	32.9%
Total households	138,131	140,942	142,979	147,977	153,711	156,768	160,867	165,875

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table S1101: Households and Families

Glades County

Glades County had 2,205 households that consisted of married couples in 2024. This constituted 49.0 percent of all households in the county. The number of married-couple households has fluctuated each year from 2017 to 2024, resulting in a 0.8 percent increase. Glades County also had 415 households with a male householder and no spouse present (9.2 percent of households, 111.7 percent increase from 2017), 487 households with a female householder and no spouse present (10.8 percent of households, 14.6 percent increase from 2017), and 1,393 nonfamily households (31.0 percent of households, 6.4 percent decrease from 2017). The household type with the most significant decrease from 2023 to 2024 was female householder, no spouse present, which decreased by 7.4 percent.

Household Type								
Glades County								
Household Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Married couple								
<i>Count</i>	2,187	2,354	2,277	2,229	2,291	2,456	2,259	2,205
<i>Percent of total</i>	50.9%	53.1%	48.4%	45.9%	50.1%	53.0%	49.5%	49.0%
Male householder, no spouse present								
<i>Count</i>	196	214	341	455	366	367	344	415
<i>Percent of total</i>	4.6%	4.8%	7.3%	9.4%	8.0%	7.9%	7.5%	9.2%
Female householder, no spouse present								
<i>Count</i>	425	427	495	563	494	394	526	487
<i>Percent of total</i>	9.9%	9.6%	10.5%	11.6%	10.8%	8.5%	11.5%	10.8%
Nonfamily household								
<i>Count</i>	1,489	1,438	1,587	1,612	1,421	1,420	1,431	1,393
<i>Percent of total</i>	34.7%	32.4%	33.8%	33.2%	31.1%	30.6%	31.4%	31.0%
Total households	4,297	4,433	4,700	4,859	4,572	4,637	4,560	4,500

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table S1101: Households and Families

Hendry County

Hendry County had 6,777 households that consisted of married couples in 2024, constituting 48.0 percent of all households. Married-couple households in the county fluctuated up and down from 2017 to 2024, resulting in a 32.0 percent increase over the eight-year period. Hendry County also had 1,250 households with a male householder and no spouse present (8.8 percent of households, 43.3 percent increase from 2017), 2,489 households with a female householder and no spouse present (17.6 percent of households, 5.4 percent increase from 2017), and 3,614 nonfamily households (25.6 percent of households, 3.1 percent decrease from 2017). The number of households with a male householder increased by 0.3 percent from 2023 to 2024.

Household Type								
Hendry County								
Household Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Married couple								
<i>Count</i>	5,136	5,369	5,604	5,850	6,076	6,225	6,237	6,777
<i>Percent of total</i>	42.5%	44.6%	44.7%	45.4%	47.4%	46.8%	44.7%	48.0%
Male householder, no spouse present								
<i>Count</i>	872	1,116	1,108	1,048	933	1,288	1,246	1,250
<i>Percent of total</i>	7.2%	9.3%	8.8%	8.1%	7.3%	9.7%	8.9%	8.8%
Female householder, no spouse present								
<i>Count</i>	2,361	2,286	2,257	2,480	2,487	2,424	2,513	2,489
<i>Percent of total</i>	19.5%	19.0%	18.0%	19.3%	19.4%	18.2%	18.0%	17.6%
Nonfamily household								
<i>Count</i>	3,729	3,256	3,558	3,500	3,325	3,352	3,948	3,614
<i>Percent of total</i>	30.8%	27.1%	28.4%	27.2%	25.9%	25.2%	28.3%	25.6%
Total households	12,098	12,027	12,527	12,878	12,821	13,289	13,944	14,130

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table S1101: Households and Families

Lee County

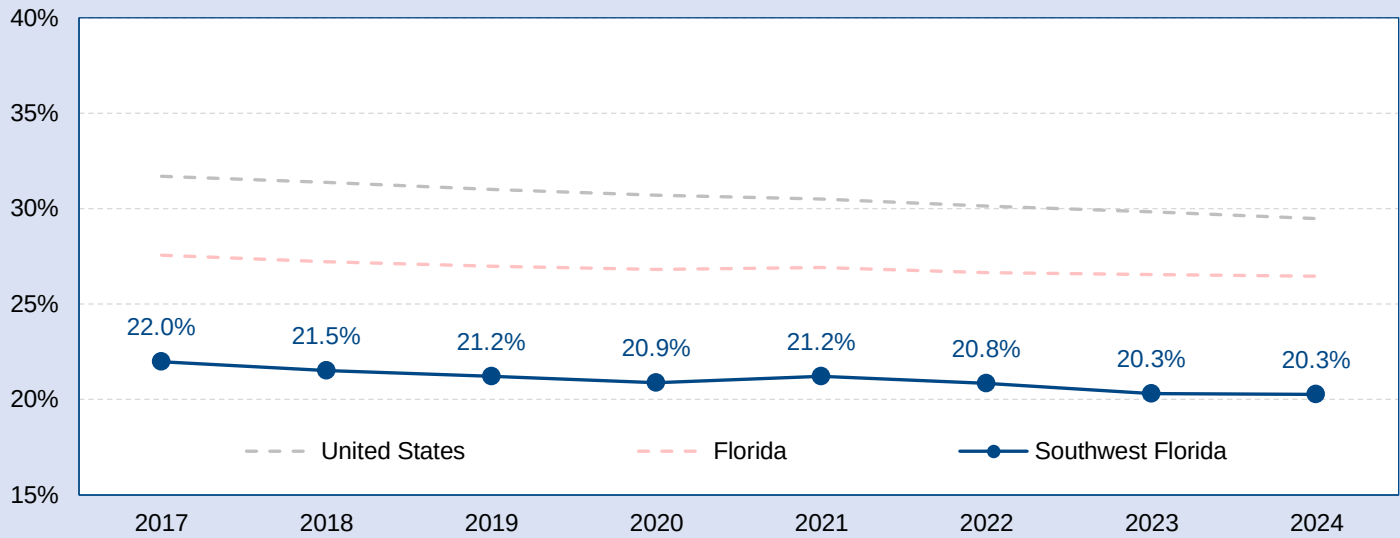
Lee County had 167,886 households that consisted of married couples in 2024, constituting 51.2 percent of all households. Married-couple households have increased by 23.4 percent from 2017 to 2024. Lee County also had 13,397 households with a male householder and no spouse present (4.1 percent of households, 18.3 percent increase from 2017), 32,045 households with a female householder and no spouse present (9.8 percent of households, 19.2 percent increase from 2017), and 114,475 nonfamily households (34.9 percent of households, 27.1 percent increase from 2017).

Household Type								
Lee County								
Household Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Married couple								
<i>Count</i>	136,060	139,090	143,383	148,870	152,879	159,687	163,074	167,886
<i>Percent of total</i>	51.5%	51.2%	52.0%	51.5%	51.2%	51.3%	51.0%	51.2%
Male householder, no spouse present								
<i>Count</i>	11,320	11,793	12,384	12,089	12,907	13,368	13,530	13,397
<i>Percent of total</i>	4.3%	4.3%	4.5%	4.2%	4.3%	4.3%	4.2%	4.1%
Female householder, no spouse present								
<i>Count</i>	26,876	27,451	25,991	26,918	28,845	29,775	31,243	32,045
<i>Percent of total</i>	10.2%	10.1%	9.4%	9.3%	9.7%	9.6%	9.8%	9.8%
Nonfamily household								
<i>Count</i>	90,069	93,527	94,207	101,039	103,712	108,518	111,741	114,475
<i>Percent of total</i>	34.1%	34.4%	34.1%	35.0%	34.8%	34.9%	35.0%	34.9%
Total households	264,325	271,861	275,965	288,916	298,343	311,348	319,588	327,803

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table S1101: Households and Families

Children in Households

Percent of total households with at least one person under 18 years of age



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B11005: Households by Presence of People Under 18 Years by Household Type

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Children in Households

The American Community Survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, collects data on the number of households with children in each county. A household with a child is defined as a household with at least one person under the age of 18. Information can be found below.

Only one county in Southwest Florida had a higher percentage of households with children than the state, where 26.5 percent of total households had children in 2024. Hendry County had the highest percentage in the region in 2024, with 39.6 percent of total households having children. Approximately 25.6 percent of total households in Glades County had children in 2024. Lee County had 20.9 percent of total households with children, while Collier County households with children equaled 19.7 percent. Finally, Charlotte County had the lowest percentage in the region, with 15.7 percent of households having at least one child in 2024.

Households with Children

County	Percent	State Ranking
Charlotte	15.7%	66
Collier	19.7%	58
Glades	25.6%	41
Hendry	39.6%	2
Lee	20.9%	56
Florida	26.5%	--

Southwest Florida had 122,199 households with at least one child younger than 18 in 2024, accounting for approximately 20.3 percent of total households in the area. The number of households with children in the five-county region has steadily increased each year since 2017, increasing 12.6 percent over the time span. Lee County had the most households with children in 2024, with 68,502. While the number of households with children in Lee County has grown since 2017, it has been outpaced by the number of households without children, resulting in a lower percentage in 2024 compared to 2017 (20.9 and 22.9 percent, respectively). Collier County had 32,718 households with children in 2024. The percentage of households with children in Collier County has decreased from 22.2 percent in 2017 to 19.7 percent in 2024.

Charlotte County had 14,236 households with children under 18 in 2024. The percentage of households with children in Charlotte County has increased from 15.2 percent in 2017 to 15.7 percent in 2024. Hendry County had 5,590 households with children under 18 in 2024. Hendry County had an upward trend in the number of households with children from 2017 to 2024, while the percentage of households with children increased slightly from 39.5 percent to 39.6 percent. Finally, Glades County had 1,153 households with at least one child under 18 in 2024. Despite decreasing from 2023, the county has seen an increase in the number of households with children from 2017 to 2024, increasing 16.1 percent over the period. As a result, the county also had an increase in the percentage of households with children over the same period, rising from 23.1 percent to 25.6 percent.

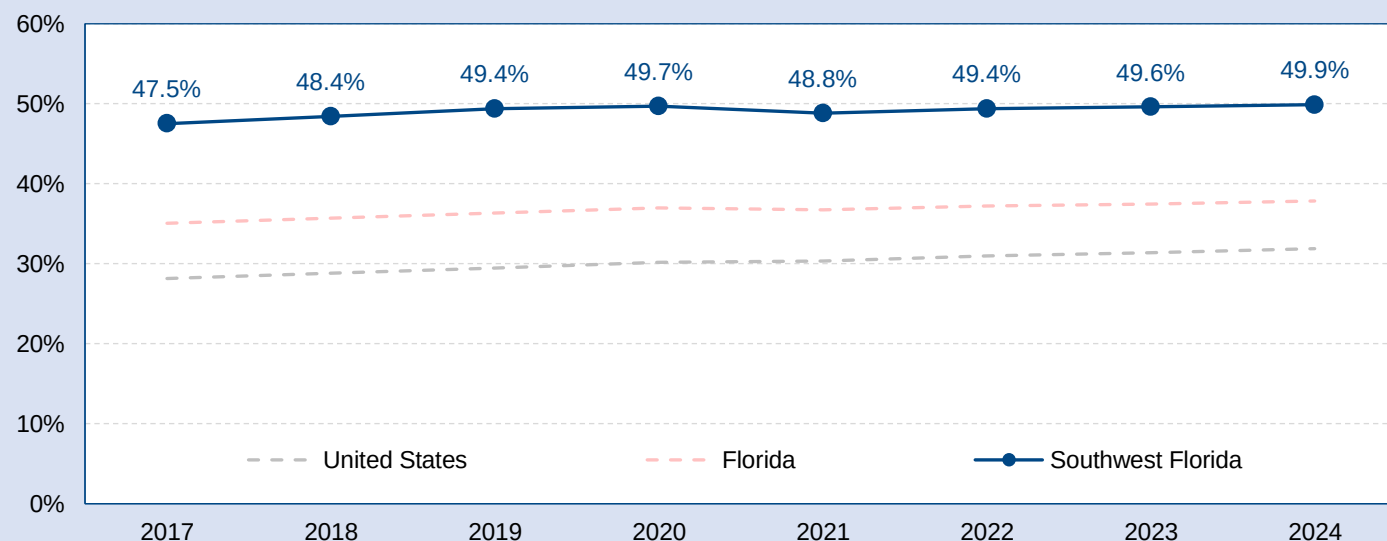
Children in Households

Area	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Charlotte County								
<i>With one or more people under 18</i>	11,388	10,963	10,922	11,888	12,913	13,477	13,841	14,236
<i>With no people under 18</i>	63,496	65,187	65,969	67,901	69,842	71,194	73,535	76,306
<i>Percent with people under 18</i>	15.2%	14.4%	14.2%	14.9%	15.6%	15.9%	15.8%	15.7%
Collier County								
<i>With one or more people under 18</i>	30,695	31,125	31,200	30,973	32,964	32,629	31,634	32,718
<i>With no people under 18</i>	107,436	109,817	111,779	117,004	120,747	124,139	129,233	133,157
<i>Percent with people under 18</i>	22.2%	22.1%	21.8%	20.9%	21.4%	20.8%	19.7%	19.7%
Glades County								
<i>With one or more people under 18</i>	993	1,052	1,100	1,336	1,196	1,287	1,346	1,153
<i>With no people under 18</i>	3,304	3,381	3,600	3,523	3,376	3,350	3,214	3,347
<i>Percent with people under 18</i>	23.1%	23.7%	23.4%	27.5%	26.2%	27.8%	29.5%	25.6%
Hendry County								
<i>With one or more people under 18</i>	4,903	4,959	4,988	5,065	5,090	5,025	5,303	5,590
<i>With no people under 18</i>	7,195	7,068	7,539	7,813	7,731	8,264	8,641	8,540
<i>Percent with people under 18</i>	40.5%	41.2%	39.8%	39.3%	39.7%	37.8%	38.0%	39.6%
Lee County								
<i>With one or more people under 18</i>	60,549	60,710	60,623	62,302	64,930	66,542	67,000	68,502
<i>With no people under 18</i>	203,776	211,151	215,342	226,614	233,413	244,806	252,588	259,301
<i>Percent with people under 18</i>	22.9%	22.3%	22.0%	21.6%	21.8%	21.4%	21.0%	20.9%
Southwest Florida								
<i>With one or more people under 18</i>	108,528	108,809	108,833	111,564	117,093	118,960	119,124	122,199
<i>With no people under 18</i>	385,207	396,604	404,229	422,855	435,109	451,753	467,211	480,651
<i>Percent with people under 18</i>	22.0%	21.5%	21.2%	20.9%	21.2%	20.8%	20.3%	20.3%
Florida								
<i>With one or more people under 18 (000's)</i>	2,070.3	2,074.7	2,087.7	2,126.3	2,196.7	2,227.4	2,269.2	2,316.2
<i>With no people under 18 (000's)</i>	5,440.6	5,547.1	5,648.6	5,805.0	5,960.7	6,126.0	6,281.7	6,436.6
<i>Percent with people under 18</i>	27.6%	27.2%	27.0%	26.8%	26.9%	26.7%	26.5%	26.5%
United States								
<i>With one or more people under 18 (000's)</i>	38,051.6	37,928.2	37,832.8	37,929.5	38,203.1	38,264.8	38,410.8	38,479.1
<i>With no people under 18 (000's)</i>	81,996.9	83,007.0	84,115.9	85,630.5	87,004.7	88,691.2	90,311.3	92,039.3
<i>Percent with people under 18</i>	31.7%	31.4%	31.0%	30.7%	30.5%	30.1%	29.8%	29.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B11005: Households by Presence of People Under 18 Years by Household Type

Elderly in Households

Percent of total households with one or more people at least 65 years old



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B11007: Households by Presence of People 65 Years and Over, Household Size and Household Type
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Elderly in Households

The American Community Survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, collects data on the number of households with elderly residents in each county. A household with an elderly resident is defined as a household with at least one person 65 years of age or older. Information can be found below.

Four counties in Southwest Florida had a higher percentage of households with elderly residents than the state, where 37.5 percent of total households had elderly residents in 2023. Charlotte County ranked 2nd in the state in 2023, with 58.6 percent of total households having at least one resident that was 65 years old or older. Approximately 52.5 percent of total households in Collier County had an elderly resident in

2023, 7th highest in Florida. Lee County had the 12th highest percentage in Florida, with 46.6 percent of total households having at least one resident 65 years of age or over. Glades County households with elderly residents equaled 45.5 percent, the 16th highest in the state. Finally, Hendry County ranked 58th in the state, with 29.7 percent of households having at least one elderly resident in 2023.

Southwest Florida had 290,773 households with at least one elderly resident in 2023, accounting for approximately 49.6 percent of total households in the area. The number of households with elderly residents in the five-county region has increased each year since 2016, growing 29.3 percent over the time span. Lee County had the most households with elderly in 2023, with 148,812. The number of households with elderly in Lee County has grown since 2016, outpacing the number without elderly residents. This resulted in a higher percentage in 2023 compared to 2016 (46.6 and 43.9 percent, respectively). Collier County had 84,523 households with an elderly resident in 2023. Similar to Lee County, Collier County experienced year-to-year increases in the number and percent of households with elderly from 2016 to 2023.

Charlotte County had 51,223 households with an elderly resident in 2023. The county experienced year-to-year increases in the number of households with an elderly resident from 2016 to 2023, increasing 24.8 percent over the period. Hendry County had 4,139 households with elderly residents in 2023. The percentage of households with elderly residents in Hendry County increased from 28.8 percent in 2016 to 29.7 percent in 2023. Finally, Glades County had 2,076 households with at least one elderly resident in 2023. After increasing consistently, the county has decreased in the number of households with elderly residents in 2021, 2022 and 2023. The percentage of households with elderly residents in Glades County decreased from 48.2 percent in 2016 to 45.5 percent in 2023.

Households with Elderly

County	Percent	State Ranking
Charlotte	58.3%	2
Collier	53.1%	7
Glades	46.7%	14
Hendry	29.8%	59
Lee	46.8%	13
Florida	37.8%	--

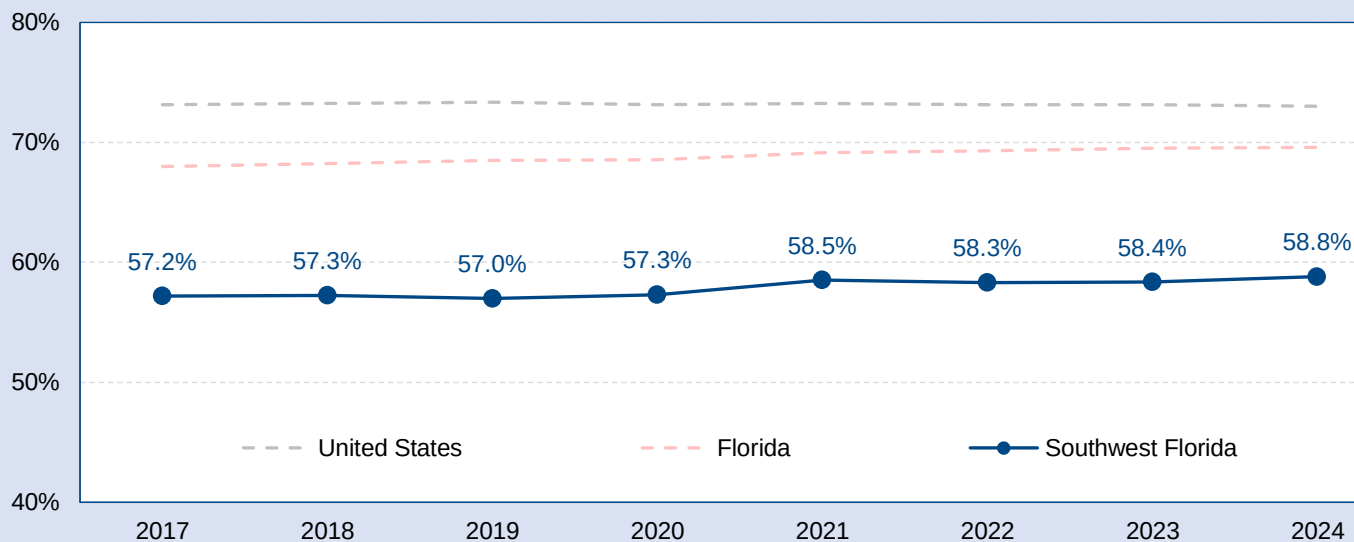
Elderly in Households

Area	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Charlotte County								
<i>With one or more people at least 65</i>	42,606	44,241	45,507	47,112	47,924	49,718	51,223	52,819
<i>With no people at least 65</i>	32,278	31,909	31,384	32,677	34,831	34,953	36,153	37,723
<i>Percent with one or more people at least 65</i>	56.9%	58.1%	59.2%	59.0%	57.9%	58.7%	58.6%	58.3%
Collier County								
<i>With one or more people at least 65</i>	67,705	70,595	72,784	76,919	78,492	81,612	84,523	88,074
<i>With no people at least 65</i>	70,426	70,347	70,195	71,058	75,219	75,156	76,344	77,801
<i>Percent with one or more people at least 65</i>	49.0%	50.1%	50.9%	52.0%	51.1%	52.1%	52.5%	53.1%
Glades County								
<i>With one or more people at least 65</i>	2,044	2,118	2,402	2,505	2,265	2,099	2,076	2,101
<i>With no people at least 65</i>	2,253	2,315	2,298	2,354	2,307	2,538	2,484	2,399
<i>Percent with one or more people at least 65</i>	47.6%	47.8%	51.1%	51.6%	49.5%	45.3%	45.5%	46.7%
Hendry County								
<i>With one or more people at least 65</i>	3,414	3,366	3,621	3,923	3,832	4,014	4,139	4,212
<i>With no people at least 65</i>	8,684	8,661	8,906	8,955	8,989	9,275	9,805	9,918
<i>Percent with one or more people at least 65</i>	28.2%	28.0%	28.9%	30.5%	29.9%	30.2%	29.7%	29.8%
Lee County								
<i>With one or more people at least 65</i>	118,797	124,462	128,973	135,196	137,084	144,505	148,812	153,553
<i>With no people at least 65</i>	145,528	147,399	146,992	153,720	161,259	166,843	170,776	174,250
<i>Percent with one or more people at least 65</i>	44.9%	45.8%	46.7%	46.8%	45.9%	46.4%	46.6%	46.8%
Southwest Florida								
<i>With one or more people at least 65</i>	234,566	244,782	253,287	265,655	269,597	281,948	290,773	300,759
<i>With no people at least 65</i>	259,169	260,631	259,775	268,764	282,605	288,765	295,562	302,091
<i>Percent with one or more people at least 65</i>	47.5%	48.4%	49.4%	49.7%	48.8%	49.4%	49.6%	49.9%
Florida								
<i>With one or more people at least 65 (000's)</i>	2,633.3	2,720.7	2,810.9	2,931.9	2,994.5	3,107.8	3,203.8	3,312.5
<i>With no people at least 65 (000's)</i>	4,877.5	4,901.0	4,925.4	4,999.4	5,162.9	5,245.7	5,347.1	5,440.3
<i>Percent with one or more people at least 65</i>	35.1%	35.7%	36.3%	37.0%	36.7%	37.2%	37.5%	37.8%
United States								
<i>With one or more people at least 65 (000's)</i>	33,792.9	34,846.3	35,947.9	37,335.8	37,977.6	39,277.8	40,362.2	41,615.2
<i>With no people at least 65 (000's)</i>	86,255.6	86,088.9	86,000.8	86,224.2	87,230.1	87,678.2	88,360.0	88,903.2
<i>Percent with one or more people at least 65</i>	28.1%	28.8%	29.5%	30.2%	30.3%	30.9%	31.4%	31.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B11007: Households by Presence of People 65 Years and Over, Household Size and Household Type

Workers in Households

Percent of total households with at least one worker



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B08202: Household Size by Number of Workers in Household

Prepared by the Regional Economic Research Institute

Workers in Households

The American Community Survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, collects data on the number of workers per household for each county. Information can be found below.

Only one county in Southwest Florida had a higher percentage of households with at least one worker than the state, where 69.6 percent of total households had a worker in 2024. Hendry County ranked 11th in the state, with 74.7 percent of total households having at least one worker in 2024. Approximately 61.1 percent of total households in Lee County had at least one worker in 2024, ranked 44th in Florida. Collier County ranked 51st, with 58.3 percent of all households having a worker. Glades County, with 52.0 percent of total households having one or more workers in 2024 ranked 63rd. Finally, Charlotte County came 64th in the state and had 49.5 percent of total households with at least one worker in 2024.

Households with Workers

County	Percent	State Ranking
Charlotte	49.5%	64
Collier	58.3%	51
Glades	52.0%	63
Hendry	74.7%	11
Lee	61.1%	44
Florida	69.6%	--

Southwest Florida

Southwest Florida had 248,285 households with no one working in 2024. This group represented 41.2 percent of all households in the region. The five-county region had year-to-year increases in households with no workers from 2017 to 2024, resulting in a 17.4 percent increase. Southwest Florida also had 187,908 households with one worker (18.1 percent increase from 2017), 134,610 households with two workers (33.5 percent increase from 2017), and 32,047 households with three or more workers (43.8 percent increase from 2017). Overall, 58.8 percent of households in Southwest Florida had at least one worker in 2024.

Workers in Households

Southwest Florida

Number of Workers	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
No workers								
Count	211,448	215,983	220,652	228,149	229,128	237,818	244,198	248,285
Percent of total	42.8%	42.7%	43.0%	42.7%	41.5%	41.7%	41.6%	41.2%
1 worker								
Count	159,148	161,082	159,000	167,001	175,353	178,932	181,534	187,908
Percent of total	32.2%	31.9%	31.0%	31.2%	31.8%	31.4%	31.0%	31.2%
2 workers								
Count	100,846	104,387	108,729	114,315	120,731	125,801	130,929	134,610
Percent of total	20.4%	20.7%	21.2%	21.4%	21.9%	22.0%	22.3%	22.3%
3 or more workers								
Count	22,293	23,961	24,681	24,954	26,990	28,162	29,674	32,047
Percent of total	4.5%	4.7%	4.8%	4.7%	4.9%	4.9%	5.1%	5.3%
Total households	493,735	505,413	513,062	534,419	552,202	570,713	586,335	602,850
Percent with at least one worker	57.2%	57.3%	57.0%	57.3%	58.5%	58.3%	58.4%	58.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B08202: Household Size by Number of Workers in Household

Charlotte County

Charlotte County had 45,741 households with no one working in 2024, constituting 50.5 percent of all households. The county experienced year-to-year increases in households with no workers from 2017 to 2024, resulting in a 15.6 percent increase. Charlotte County also had 25,099 households with one worker, an overall 12.5 percent increase from 2017 to 2024. There were 16,251 households with two workers (47.3 percent increase from 2017), and 3,451 households with three or more workers (74.4 percent increase from 2017).

Workers in Households								
Charlotte County								
Number of Workers	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
No workers								
Count	39,566	40,361	41,246	42,412	42,495	43,671	44,708	45,741
Percent of total	52.8%	53.0%	53.6%	53.2%	51.4%	51.6%	51.2%	50.5%
1 worker								
Count	22,307	21,975	21,313	22,418	22,974	23,170	23,735	25,099
Percent of total	29.8%	28.9%	27.7%	28.1%	27.8%	27.4%	27.2%	27.7%
2 workers								
Count	11,032	11,827	12,106	12,377	14,443	14,831	15,669	16,251
Percent of total	14.7%	15.5%	15.7%	15.5%	17.5%	17.5%	17.9%	17.9%
3 or more workers								
Count	1,979	1,987	2,226	2,582	2,843	2,999	3,264	3,451
Percent of total	2.6%	2.6%	2.9%	3.2%	3.4%	3.5%	3.7%	3.8%
Total households	74,884	76,150	76,891	79,789	82,755	84,671	87,376	90,542
Percent with at least one worker	47.2%	47.0%	46.4%	46.8%	48.6%	48.4%	48.8%	49.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B08202: Household Size by Number of Workers in Household

Collier County

Collier County had 69,149 households with no one working in 2024. Households with no one working constituted 41.7 percent of all households. The county had year-to-year increases in households with no workers from 2017 to 2024, resulting in a 19.7 percent increase over the seven-year period. Collier County also had 50,881 households with one worker (16.8 percent increase from 2017), 36,155 households with two workers (25.3 percent increase from 2017), and 9,690 households with three or more workers (21.9 percent increase from 2017).

Workers in Households								
Collier County								
Number of Workers	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
No workers								
Count	57,768	58,813	60,267	62,658	63,378	64,875	67,843	69,149
Percent of total	41.8%	41.7%	42.2%	42.3%	41.2%	41.4%	42.2%	41.7%
1 worker								
Count	43,569	44,055	43,277	45,847	47,542	48,492	48,148	50,881
Percent of total	31.5%	31.3%	30.3%	31.0%	30.9%	30.9%	29.9%	30.7%
2 workers								
Count	28,847	29,423	30,539	31,307	33,278	34,345	35,871	36,155
Percent of total	20.9%	20.9%	21.4%	21.2%	21.6%	21.9%	22.3%	21.8%
3 or more workers								
Count	7,947	8,651	8,896	8,165	9,513	9,056	9,005	9,690
Percent of total	5.8%	6.1%	6.2%	5.5%	6.2%	5.8%	5.6%	5.8%
Total households	138,131	140,942	142,979	147,977	153,711	156,768	160,867	165,875
Percent with at least one worker	58.2%	58.3%	57.8%	57.7%	58.8%	58.6%	57.8%	58.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B08202: Household Size by Number of Workers in Household

Glades County

Glades County had 2,159 households with no one working in 2024, constituting 48.0 percent of all households. The county had a 1.6 percent increase in households with no workers from 2017 to 2024. Glades County also had 1,573 households with one worker (11.3 percent increase from 2017), 608 households with two workers (6.7 percent decrease from 2017), and 160 households with three or more workers (49.5 percent increase from 2017).

Workers in Households								
Glades County								
Number of Workers	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
No workers								
Count	2,125	2,234	2,561	2,687	2,488	2,394	2,264	2,159
Percent of total	49.5%	50.4%	54.5%	55.3%	54.4%	51.6%	49.6%	48.0%
1 worker								
Count	1,413	1,358	1,242	1,356	1,303	1,403	1,452	1,573
Percent of total	32.9%	30.6%	26.4%	27.9%	28.5%	30.3%	31.8%	35.0%
2 workers								
Count	652	771	797	593	599	668	604	608
Percent of total	15.2%	17.4%	17.0%	12.2%	13.1%	14.4%	13.2%	13.5%
3 or more workers								
Count	107	70	100	223	182	172	240	160
Percent of total	2.5%	1.6%	2.1%	4.6%	4.0%	3.7%	5.3%	3.6%
Total households	4,297	4,433	4,700	4,859	4,572	4,637	4,560	4,500
Percent with at least one worker	50.5%	49.6%	45.5%	44.7%	45.6%	48.4%	50.4%	52.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B08202: Household Size by Number of Workers in Household

Hendry County

Hendry County had 3,578 households with no one working in 2024, constituting 25.3 percent of all households. Overall, the county had a 4.0 percent increase in households with no workers over the seven-year period. Hendry County also had 5,423 households with one worker (10.4 percent increase from 2017), 3,988 households with two workers (42.7 percent increase from 2017), and 1,141 households with three or more workers (20.2 percent increase from 2017).

Workers in Households								
Hendry County								
Number of Workers	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
No workers								
Count	3,442	3,318	3,491	3,411	3,129	3,106	3,303	3,578
Percent of total	28.5%	27.6%	27.9%	26.5%	24.4%	23.4%	23.7%	25.3%
1 worker								
Count	4,912	4,835	4,834	5,310	5,524	5,284	5,531	5,423
Percent of total	40.6%	40.2%	38.6%	41.2%	43.1%	39.8%	39.7%	38.4%
2 workers								
Count	2,795	3,132	3,366	3,397	3,304	3,852	3,975	3,988
Percent of total	23.1%	26.0%	26.9%	26.4%	25.8%	29.0%	28.5%	28.2%
3 or more workers								
Count	949	742	836	760	864	1,047	1,135	1,141
Percent of total	7.8%	6.2%	6.7%	5.9%	6.7%	7.9%	8.1%	8.1%
Total households	12,098	12,027	12,527	12,878	12,821	13,289	13,944	14,130
Percent with at least one worker	71.5%	72.4%	72.1%	73.5%	75.6%	76.6%	76.3%	74.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B08202: Household Size by Number of Workers in Household

Lee County

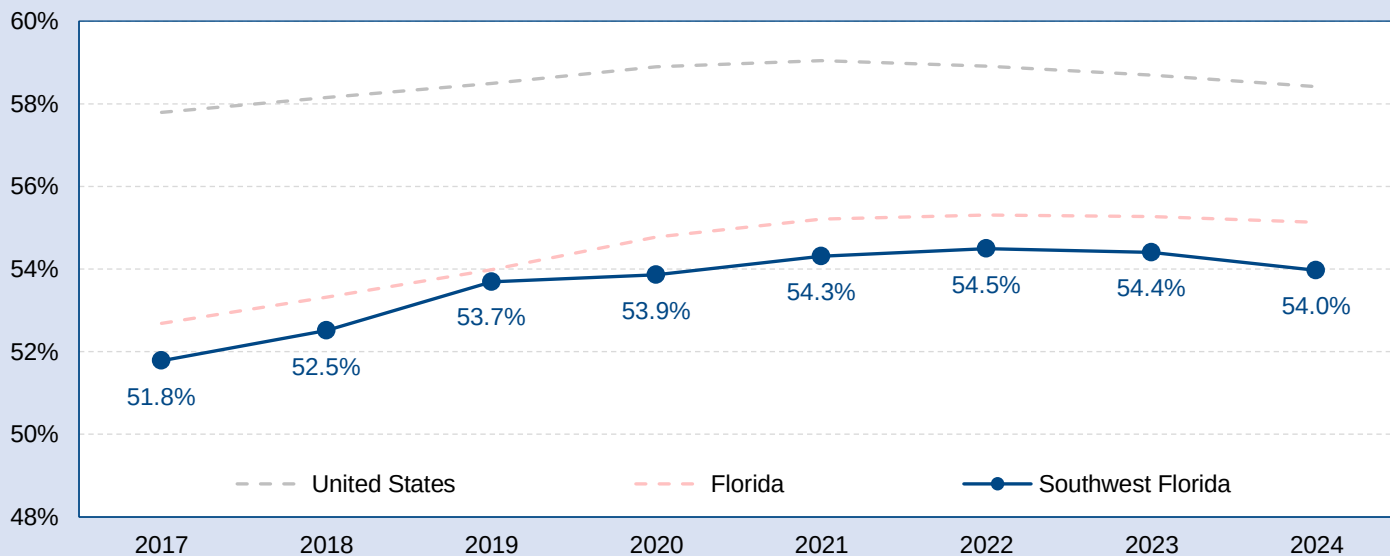
Lee County had 127,658 households with no one working in 2024, representing 38.9 percent of all households. The county had year-to-year increases in households with no workers from 2017 to 2024, resulting in a 17.6 percent increase. Lee County also had 104,932 households with one worker (20.7 percent increase from 2017), 77,608 households with two workers (34.9 percent increase from 2017), and 17,605 households with three or more workers (55.6 percent increase from 2017).

Workers in Households								
Lee County								
Number of Workers	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
No workers								
Count	108,547	111,257	113,087	116,981	117,638	123,772	126,080	127,658
Percent of total	41.1%	40.9%	41.0%	40.5%	39.4%	39.8%	39.5%	38.9%
1 worker								
Count	86,947	88,859	88,334	92,070	98,010	100,583	102,668	104,932
Percent of total	32.9%	32.7%	32.0%	31.9%	32.9%	32.3%	32.1%	32.0%
2 workers								
Count	57,520	59,234	61,921	66,641	69,107	72,105	74,810	77,608
Percent of total	21.8%	21.8%	22.4%	23.1%	23.2%	23.2%	23.4%	23.7%
3 or more workers								
Count	11,311	12,511	12,623	13,224	13,588	14,888	16,030	17,605
Percent of total	4.3%	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%	4.8%	5.0%	5.4%
Total households	264,325	271,861	275,965	288,916	298,343	311,348	319,588	327,803
Percent with at least one worker	58.9%	59.1%	59.0%	59.5%	60.6%	60.2%	60.5%	61.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B08202: Household Size by Number of Workers in Household

Vehicles in Households

Percent of total households with two or more vehicles



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B08201: Household Size by Vehicles Available
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Vehicles Available in Households

The American Community Survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, collects data on the number of vehicles per household for each county.

Southwest Florida

Southwest Florida had 248,273 households with one vehicle in 2024. This constituted 41.2 percent of all the households in the region. The five-county region had overall increases in households with one vehicle from 2017 to 2024, resulting in a 16.5 percent increase. Southwest Florida had 235,761 households with two vehicles (21.4 percent increase from 2017), 64,871 households with three vehicles (37.4 percent increase from 2017), and 24,690 households with four or more vehicles (73.4 percent increase from 2017). There were 29,255 households with no vehicles, a 16.9 percent increase from 2017.

Vehicles Available in Households

Southwest Florida

Number of Vehicles	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
No vehicle								
Count	25,025	25,406	25,255	26,735	27,507	28,055	27,904	29,255
Percent of total	5.1%	5.0%	4.9%	5.0%	5.0%	4.9%	4.8%	4.9%
1 vehicle								
Count	213,048	214,615	212,305	219,814	224,767	231,655	239,459	248,273
Percent of total	43.2%	42.5%	41.4%	41.1%	40.7%	40.6%	40.8%	41.2%
2 vehicles								
Count	194,208	198,254	203,171	211,089	218,400	226,707	232,155	235,761
Percent of total	39.3%	39.2%	39.6%	39.5%	39.6%	39.7%	39.6%	39.1%
3 vehicles								
Count	47,217	50,935	54,232	56,784	60,117	62,620	63,696	64,871
Percent of total	9.6%	10.1%	10.6%	10.6%	10.9%	11.0%	10.9%	10.8%
4 or more vehicles								
Count	14,237	16,203	18,099	19,997	21,411	21,676	23,121	24,690
Percent of total	2.9%	3.2%	3.5%	3.7%	3.9%	3.8%	3.9%	4.1%
Total households	493,735	505,413	513,062	534,419	552,202	570,713	586,335	602,850
Percent with two or more vehicles	51.8%	52.5%	53.7%	53.9%	54.3%	54.5%	54.4%	54.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B08201: Household Size by Vehicles Available

Charlotte County

Charlotte County had 36,648 households with one vehicle in 2024, constituting 40.5 percent of all households. The county experienced an increase of 8.6 percent in the number of households with one vehicle from 2017 to 2024. Charlotte County had 35,540 households with two vehicles (22.2 percent increase from 2017), 11,101 households with three vehicles (64.0 percent increase from 2017), and 3,187 households with four or more vehicles (72.8 percent increase from 2017). There were 4,066 households with no vehicles, an 18.0 percent increase from 2017.

Vehicles Available in Households								
Charlotte County								
Number of Vehicles	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
No vehicle								
Count	3,446	3,420	3,864	3,932	3,766	3,812	3,738	4,066
Percent of total	4.6%	4.5%	5.0%	4.9%	4.6%	4.5%	4.3%	4.5%
1 vehicle								
Count	33,737	33,413	32,511	32,881	33,371	34,038	34,759	36,648
Percent of total	45.1%	43.9%	42.3%	41.2%	40.3%	40.2%	39.8%	40.5%
2 vehicles								
Count	29,088	29,716	30,469	31,299	33,046	33,695	35,159	35,540
Percent of total	38.8%	39.0%	39.6%	39.2%	39.9%	39.8%	40.2%	39.3%
3 vehicles								
Count	6,769	7,550	7,753	9,059	9,697	10,309	10,447	11,101
Percent of total	9.0%	9.9%	10.1%	11.4%	11.7%	12.2%	12.0%	12.3%
4 or more vehicles								
Count	1,844	2,051	2,294	2,618	2,875	2,817	3,273	3,187
Percent of total	2.5%	2.7%	3.0%	3.3%	3.5%	3.3%	3.7%	3.5%
Total households	74,884	76,150	76,891	79,789	82,755	84,671	87,376	90,542
Percent with two or more vehicles	50.3%	51.6%	52.7%	53.9%	55.1%	55.3%	55.9%	55.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B08201: Household Size by Vehicles Available

Collier County

Collier County had 68,989 households with one vehicle in 2024, constituting 41.6 percent of households. The county trended upward in households with one vehicle from 2017 to 2024, resulting in a 19.5 percent increase. Collier County had 66,096 households with two vehicles (16.9 percent increase from 2017), 16,324 households with three vehicles (26.8 percent increase from 2017), and 6,884 households with four or more vehicles (86.5 percent increase from 2017). There were 7,582 households with no vehicles, a 4.3 percent increase from 2017.

Vehicles Available in Households								
Collier County								
Number of Vehicles	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
No vehicle								
Count	7,269	7,225	6,919	7,179	7,135	7,270	7,187	7,582
Percent of total	5.3%	5.1%	4.8%	4.9%	4.6%	4.6%	4.5%	4.6%
1 vehicle								
Count	57,752	58,151	57,679	60,723	62,590	63,998	66,590	68,989
Percent of total	41.8%	41.3%	40.3%	41.0%	40.7%	40.8%	41.4%	41.6%
2 vehicles								
Count	56,549	57,323	58,003	60,107	61,918	63,226	64,570	66,096
Percent of total	40.9%	40.7%	40.6%	40.6%	40.3%	40.3%	40.1%	39.8%
3 vehicles								
Count	12,869	13,883	15,544	14,748	15,790	16,243	16,295	16,324
Percent of total	9.3%	9.9%	10.9%	10.0%	10.3%	10.4%	10.1%	9.8%
4 or more vehicles								
Count	3,692	4,360	4,834	5,220	6,278	6,031	6,225	6,884
Percent of total	2.7%	3.1%	3.4%	3.5%	4.1%	3.8%	3.9%	4.2%
Total households	138,131	140,942	142,979	147,977	153,711	156,768	160,867	165,875
Percent with two or more vehicles	52.9%	53.6%	54.8%	54.1%	54.6%	54.5%	54.1%	53.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B08201: Household Size by Vehicles Available

Glades County

Glades County had 1,926 households with one vehicle in 2024, constituting 42.8 percent of households. The number of households with one vehicle in Glades County has been up and down each year from 2017 to 2024, resulting in a 10.1 percent increase. Glades County had 1,852 households with two vehicles (8.6 percent increase from 2017), 398 households with three vehicles (22.4 percent decrease from 2017), and 236 households with four or more vehicles (145.8 percent increase from 2017). There were 88 households with no vehicles, a 62.2 percent decrease from 2017.

Vehicles Available in Households								
Glades County								
Number of Vehicles	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
No vehicle								
Count	233	201	228	168	97	91	93	88
Percent of total	5.4%	4.5%	4.9%	3.5%	2.1%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
1 vehicle								
Count	1,750	1,910	2,106	2,290	2,067	2,137	2,002	1,926
Percent of total	40.7%	43.1%	44.8%	47.1%	45.2%	46.1%	43.9%	42.8%
2 vehicles								
Count	1,705	1,652	1,694	1,746	1,731	1,742	1,726	1,852
Percent of total	39.7%	37.3%	36.0%	35.9%	37.9%	37.6%	37.9%	41.2%
3 vehicles								
Count	513	569	530	529	460	446	467	398
Percent of total	11.9%	12.8%	11.3%	10.9%	10.1%	9.6%	10.2%	8.8%
4 or more vehicles								
Count	96	101	142	126	217	221	272	236
Percent of total	2.2%	2.3%	3.0%	2.6%	4.7%	4.8%	6.0%	5.2%
Total households	4,297	4,433	4,700	4,859	4,572	4,637	4,560	4,500
Percent with two or more vehicles	53.9%	52.4%	50.3%	49.4%	52.7%	52.0%	54.1%	55.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B08201: Household Size by Vehicles Available

Hendry County

Hendry County had 4,605 households with one vehicle in 2024, constituting 32.6 percent of households. Households with one vehicle in the county have varied up and down from 2017 to 2024, resulting in a 0.7 percent increase. Hendry County had 4,882 households with two vehicles (32.8 percent increase from 2017), 2,231 households with three vehicles (31.1 percent increase from 2017), and 1,270 households with four or more vehicles (27.3 percent increase from 2017). There were 1,142 households with no vehicles, a 0.4 percent decrease from 2017.

Vehicles Available in Households								
Hendry County								
Number of Vehicles	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
No vehicle								
Count	1,147	1,046	1,033	903	969	976	1,067	1,142
Percent of total	9.5%	8.7%	8.2%	7.0%	7.6%	7.3%	7.7%	8.1%
1 vehicle								
Count	4,575	4,247	4,432	4,527	4,524	4,558	4,873	4,605
Percent of total	37.8%	35.3%	35.4%	35.2%	35.3%	34.3%	34.9%	32.6%
2 vehicles								
Count	3,676	3,811	4,015	4,069	4,058	4,409	4,419	4,882
Percent of total	30.4%	31.7%	32.1%	31.6%	31.7%	33.2%	31.7%	34.6%
3 vehicles								
Count	1,702	1,980	2,072	2,306	2,354	2,435	2,356	2,231
Percent of total	14.1%	16.5%	16.5%	17.9%	18.4%	18.3%	16.9%	15.8%
4 or more vehicles								
Count	998	943	975	1,073	916	911	1,229	1,270
Percent of total	8.2%	7.8%	7.8%	8.3%	7.1%	6.9%	8.8%	9.0%
Total households	12,098	12,027	12,527	12,878	12,821	13,289	13,944	14,130
Percent with two or more vehicles	52.7%	56.0%	56.4%	57.8%	57.2%	58.4%	57.4%	59.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B08201: Household Size by Vehicles Available

Lee County

Lee County had 131,235 households with one vehicle in 2023, constituting 41.1 percent of households. Households with one vehicle had trended upward for most of the time from 2016 to 2023, resulting in a 14.9 percent increase. Lee County also had 126,281 households with two vehicles (25.5 percent increase from 2016), 34,131 households with three vehicles (46.4 percent increase from 2016), and 12,122 households with four or more vehicles (77.4 percent increase from 2016). There were 15,819 households with no vehicles, a 20.6 percent increase from 2016.

Vehicles Available in Households								
Lee County								
Number of Vehicles	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
No vehicle								
Count	12,930	13,514	13,211	14,553	15,540	15,906	15,819	16,377
Percent of total	4.9%	5.0%	4.8%	5.0%	5.2%	5.1%	4.9%	5.0%
1 vehicle								
Count	115,234	116,894	115,577	119,393	122,215	126,924	131,235	136,105
Percent of total	43.6%	43.0%	41.9%	41.3%	41.0%	40.8%	41.1%	41.5%
2 vehicles								
Count	103,190	105,752	108,990	113,868	117,647	123,635	126,281	127,391
Percent of total	39.0%	38.9%	39.5%	39.4%	39.4%	39.7%	39.5%	38.9%
3 vehicles								
Count	25,364	26,953	28,333	30,142	31,816	33,187	34,131	34,817
Percent of total	9.6%	9.9%	10.3%	10.4%	10.7%	10.7%	10.7%	10.6%
4 or more vehicles								
Count	7,607	8,748	9,854	10,960	11,125	11,696	12,122	13,113
Percent of total	2.9%	3.2%	3.6%	3.8%	3.7%	3.8%	3.8%	4.0%
Total households	264,325	271,861	275,965	288,916	298,343	311,348	319,588	327,803
Percent with two or more vehicles	51.5%	52.0%	53.3%	53.6%	53.8%	54.1%	54.0%	53.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B08201: Household Size by Vehicles Available

Appendix A: Data Sources

The *Southwest Florida Economic Almanac* series gathers data from various sources online. A list of the sources for each section can be found below.

Data Sources		
Households and Families		
Category	Source	Latest Data Year
Number of Households	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates	2024
Household Size	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates	2024
Tenant Status	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates	2024
Household Type	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates	2024
Children in Households	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates	2024
Elderly in Households	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates	2024
Workers in Households	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates	2024
Vehicles Available in Households	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates	2024

Appendix B: Glossary

Female Householder, No Spouse Present: A family with a female householder and no spouse of the householder present.

Household: A household includes all the people who occupy a housing unit. The occupants may be a single family, one person living alone, two or more families living together, or any other group of related or unrelated people who share living arrangements.

Housing Unit: A housing unit may be a house, an apartment, a mobile home, a group of rooms or a single room that is occupied (or, if vacant, intended for occupancy) as separate living quarters.

Male Householder, No Spouse Present: A family with a male householder and no spouse of householder present.

Married-Couple Family: A family in which the householder and his or her spouse are listed as members of the same household.

Nonfamily Household: A householder living alone or with nonrelatives only. Unmarried couples households, whether opposite-sex or same-sex, with no relatives of the householder present are tabulated in nonfamily households.

Owner-Occupied Household: A housing unit is owner-occupied if the owner or co-owner lives in the unit, even if it is mortgaged or not fully paid for.

Renter-Occupied Household: All occupied housing units which are not owner-occupied, whether they are rented or occupied without payment of rent, are classified as renter-occupied.

Vehicles Available in Household: The number of passenger cars, vans, and pickup or panel trucks of one-ton (2,000 pounds) capacity or less kept at home and available for the use of household members. Vehicles rented or leased for one month or more, company vehicles, and police and government vehicles are included if kept at home and used for non-business purposes. Motorcycles or other recreational vehicles are excluded. Dismantled or immobile vehicles are excluded. Vehicles kept at home but used only for business purposes also are excluded.



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