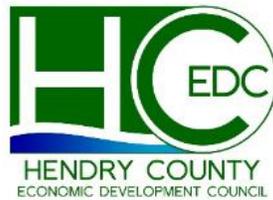




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Demographic Profile

The population in the Clewiston city, FL was 7,257 per American Community Survey data for 2019-2023.

The region has a civilian labor force of 3,704 with a participation rate of 67.5%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in the Clewiston city, FL, 17.9% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 36.5% in the nation.

The median household income in the Clewiston city, FL is \$57,110 and the median house value is \$210,000.

Summary¹

	Percent			Value		
	Clewiston city, FL	Hendry County	Florida	Clewiston city, FL	Hendry County	Florida
Demographics						
Population (ACS)	—	—	—	7,257	40,798	21,928,881
Male	49.6%	54.8%	49.1%	3,597	22,360	10,773,620
Female	50.4%	45.2%	50.9%	3,660	18,438	11,155,261
Median Age ²	—	—	—	35.1	35.7	42.6
Under 18 Years	26.0%	25.2%	19.6%	1,886	10,288	4,305,366
18 to 24 Years	11.0%	10.5%	8.1%	799	4,301	1,773,216
25 to 34 Years	12.8%	13.0%	12.7%	927	5,324	2,779,896
35 to 44 Years	11.7%	13.7%	12.5%	849	5,598	2,738,113
45 to 54 Years	14.4%	12.7%	12.4%	1,047	5,169	2,725,323
55 to 64 Years	10.3%	11.2%	13.6%	748	4,578	2,976,234
65 to 74 Years	7.3%	7.8%	11.7%	530	3,172	2,566,979
75 Years and Over	6.5%	5.8%	9.4%	471	2,368	2,063,754
Race: White	67.1%	55.2%	59.9%	4,868	22,532	13,136,701
Race: Black or African American	7.2%	10.8%	15.3%	526	4,394	3,363,769
Race: American Indian and Alaska Native	3.0%	2.6%	0.3%	216	1,047	66,779
Race: Asian	2.1%	1.1%	2.9%	152	429	628,137
Race: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0	0	13,136
Race: Some Other Race	5.9%	6.6%	5.6%	429	2,685	1,222,567
Race: Two or More Races	14.7%	23.8%	16.0%	1,066	9,711	3,497,792
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	52.6%	56.6%	26.7%	3,818	23,074	5,865,737
Economic						
Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 16 years and over)	67.5%	61.8%	59.4%	3,704	19,619	10,725,531
Prime-Age Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 25-54)	86.6%	79.5%	82.5%	2,444	12,798	6,757,770
Work from Home	1.8%	5.4%	13.9%	66	1,003	1,406,025
Armed Forces Labor Force	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0	0	78,025
Veterans, Age 18-64	0.0%	2.3%	5.0%	0	567	640,175
Veterans Labor Force Participation Rate and Size, Age 18-64	—	68.6%	74.4%	—	389	475,998
Median Household Income ²	—	—	—	\$57,110	\$53,044	\$71,711
Per Capita Income	—	—	—	\$28,911	\$26,234	\$41,055
Mean Commute Time (minutes)	—	—	—	26.0	31.7	28.0
Commute via Public Transportation	6.4%	3.0%	1.2%	231	552	125,364
Educational Attainment, Age 25-64						
No High School Diploma	27.1%	29.9%	9.7%	969	6,173	1,087,436
High School Graduate	28.3%	35.5%	26.7%	1,011	7,347	2,994,428
Some College, No Degree	20.4%	13.9%	18.6%	730	2,869	2,089,960
Associate's Degree	6.2%	10.4%	11.0%	223	2,144	1,228,555
Bachelor's Degree	14.8%	8.5%	22.0%	530	1,759	2,471,584
Postgraduate Degree	3.0%	1.8%	12.0%	108	377	1,347,603

Summary¹

	Percent			Value		
	Clewiston city,		Florida	Clewiston city,		Florida
	FL	Hendry County		FL	Hendry County	
Housing						
Total Housing Units	—	—	—	2,957	15,639	10,082,356
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) ^{2,5}	—	—	—	\$210,000	\$189,700	\$325,000
Homeowner Vacancy	0.0%	0.5%	1.5%	0	47	89,064
Rental Vacancy	9.6%	3.8%	7.6%	109	154	231,428
Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	38.2%	27.6%	32.7%	1,025	3,853	2,794,102
Owner-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	61.8%	72.4%	67.3%	1,659	10,091	5,756,809
Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	16.5%	7.7%	5.9%	442	1,067	504,857
Social						
Poverty Level (of all people)	10.7%	21.6%	12.6%	757	8,630	2,707,698
Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP	20.8%	18.0%	12.6%	559	2,510	1,078,978
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	0.1%	0.9%	1.2%	4	379	257,645
Disconnected Youth ³	0.0%	6.3%	2.5%	0	155	25,308
Children in Single Parent Families (% of all children)	36.5%	46.4%	38.0%	614	4,486	1,546,515
Uninsured	14.0%	20.6%	11.9%	996	8,248	2,569,710
With a Disability, Age 18-64	9.3%	9.7%	10.1%	404	2,379	1,286,547
With a Disability, Age 18-64, Labor Force Participation Rate and Size	47.0%	39.3%	44.8%	190	936	576,771
Foreign Born	27.2%	28.3%	21.4%	1,975	11,526	4,694,419
Speak English Less Than Very Well (population 5 yrs and over)	22.6%	21.1%	12.1%	1,497	7,966	2,517,985

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

1. American Community Survey 2019-2023, unless noted otherwise

2. Median values for certain aggregate regions (such as MSAs) may be estimated as the weighted averages of the median values from the composing counties.

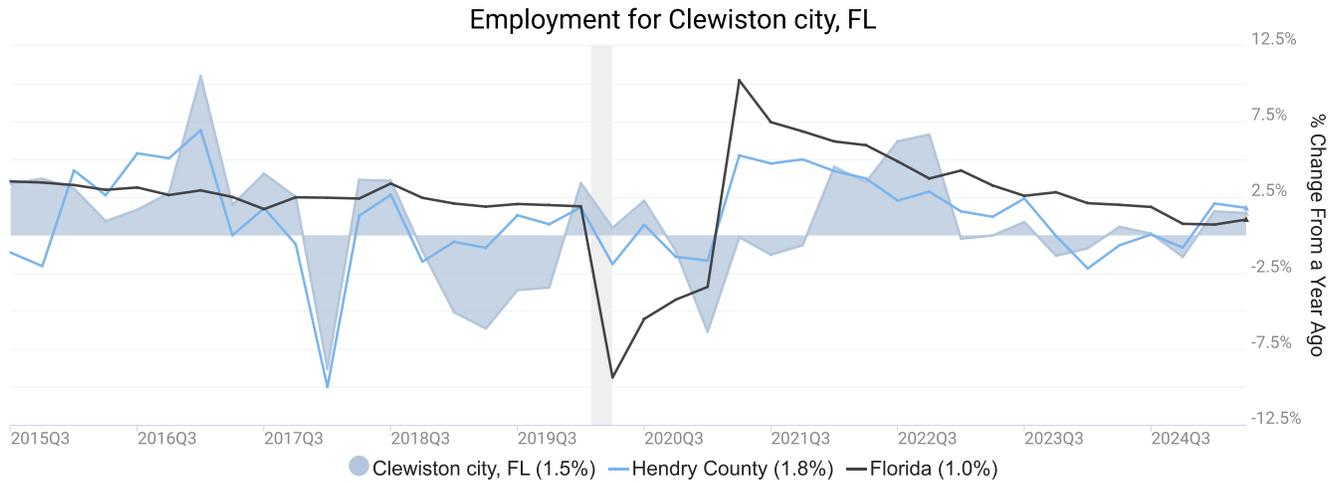
3. Disconnected Youth are 16-19 year olds who are (1) not in school, (2) not high school graduates, and (3) either unemployed or not in the labor force.

4. Census Population Estimate for 2024, annual average growth rate since 2014.

5. The Census's method for calculating median house values changed with the 2022 data set, so pre-2022 values are not directly comparable with later data.

Employment Trends

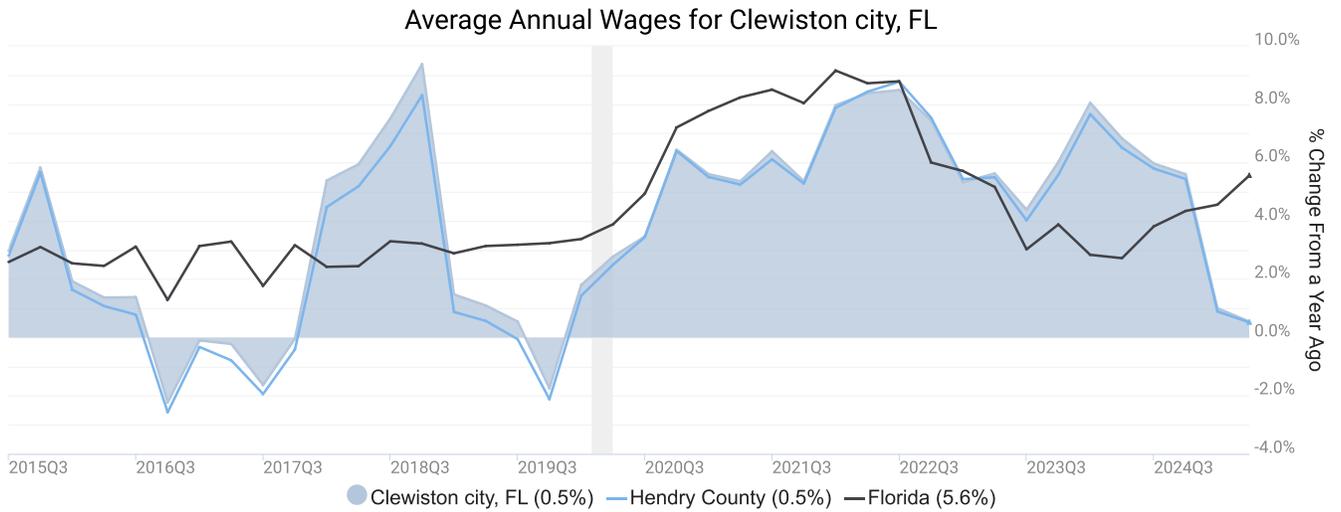
As of 2025Q2, total employment for the Clewiston city, FL was 4,908 (based on a four-quarter moving average). Over the year ending 2025Q2, employment increased 1.5% in the region.



Employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2025Q1 with preliminary estimates updated to 2025Q2.

Wage Trends

The average worker in the Clewiston city, FL earned annual wages of \$54,666 as of 2025Q2. Average annual wages per worker increased 0.5% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were \$75,686 in the nation as of 2025Q2.



Annual average wages per worker data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2025Q1 with preliminary estimates updated to 2025Q2.

Cost of Living Index

The Cost of Living Index estimates the relative price levels for consumer goods and services. When applied to wages and salaries, the result is a measure of relative purchasing power. The cost of living is 0.3% lower in Clewiston city, FL than the U.S. average.

Cost of Living Information

	Annual Average Salary	Cost of Living Index (Base US)	US Purchasing Power
Clewiston city, FL	\$54,666	99.7	\$54,847
Hendry County	\$53,686	99.7	\$53,864
Florida	\$69,188	103.1	\$67,124
USA	\$75,686	100.0	\$75,686

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

Data as of 2025Q2

Cost of Living per [COI](#), data as of 2025Q2, imputed by Chmura where necessary.

Industry Snapshot

The largest sector in the Clewiston city, FL is Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting, employing 1,087 workers. The next-largest sectors in the region are Retail Trade (843 workers) and Health Care and Social Assistance (694). High location quotients (LQs) indicate sectors in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The sectors with the largest LQs in the region are Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (LQ = 18.48), Retail Trade (1.78), and Accommodation and Food Services (1.17).

Total Workers for Clewiston city, FL by Industry



Source: JobsEQ®
Data as of 2025Q2
Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

Employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2025Q1 with preliminary estimates updated to 2025Q2.

Sectors in the Clewiston city, FL with the highest average wages per worker are Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (\$88,959), Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (\$66,864), and Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (\$63,248). Regional sectors with the best job growth (or most moderate job losses) over the last 5 years are Health Care and Social Assistance (+128 jobs), Retail Trade (+112), and Construction (+103).

Over the next 1 year, employment in the Clewiston city, FL is projected to expand by 83 jobs. The fastest growing sector in the region is expected to be Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation with a +2.1% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (+18 jobs), Health Care and Social Assistance (+13), and Retail Trade (+12).

Clewiston city, FL, 2025Q2¹

NAICS	Industry	Current			5-Year History		1-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Avg Ann Wages	LQ	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,087	\$88,959	18.48	-393	-6.0%	148	67	63	18	1.6%
44	Retail Trade	843	\$33,728	1.78	112	2.9%	126	52	62	12	1.4%
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	694	\$51,636	0.92	128	4.2%	80	32	35	13	1.9%
72	Accommodation and Food Services	497	\$26,388	1.17	-8	-0.3%	95	38	48	9	1.8%
61	Educational Services	440	\$47,095	1.11	38	1.8%	49	20	21	7	1.6%
23	Construction	262	\$56,250	0.89	103	10.6%	27	9	13	5	1.9%
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	181	\$36,744	0.61	19	2.3%	23	9	12	3	1.7%
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	159	\$63,248	0.45	18	2.4%	16	5	8	3	1.9%
92	Public Administration	142	\$58,658	0.61	20	3.1%	15	6	7	2	1.6%
52	Finance and Insurance	126	\$59,950	0.66	-11	-1.6%	12	4	6	2	1.7%
31	Manufacturing	113	\$48,221	0.29	59	16.2%	13	4	7	2	1.7%
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	102	\$32,362	0.49	15	3.1%	13	5	6	2	1.7%
42	Wholesale Trade	100	\$60,517	0.55	33	8.2%	12	4	6	2	1.7%
48	Transportation and Warehousing	50	\$49,978	0.20	19	10.3%	6	2	3	1	1.9%
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	39	\$27,059	0.38	-2	-1.1%	6	2	3	1	2.1%
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	23	\$53,134	0.27	2	1.6%	3	1	1	0	1.7%
51	Information	21	\$51,656	0.22	-10	-7.6%	2	1	1	0	1.2%
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	15	\$66,864	0.87	11	27.6%	2	1	1	0	1.9%
22	Utilities	10	\$44,681	0.41	0	0.1%	1	0	1	0	1.9%
99	Unclassified	3	\$39,038	0.44	2	28.2%	0	0	0	0	1.7%
Total - All Industries		4,908	\$54,666	1.00	158	0.7%	609	232	294	83	1.7%

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

Data as of 2025Q2

Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

1. All data based upon a four-quarter moving average

Exits and transfers are approximate estimates based upon occupation separation rates.

Employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2025Q1 with preliminary estimates updated to 2025Q2. Forecast employment growth uses national projections adapted for regional growth patterns.

Occupation Snapshot

The largest major occupation group in the Clewiston city, FL is Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations, employing 577 workers. The next-largest occupation groups in the region are Sales and Related Occupations (533 workers) and Management Occupations (504). High location quotients (LQs) indicate occupation groups in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The major groups with the largest LQs in the region are Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations (LQ = 20.47), Management Occupations (1.31), and Sales and Related Occupations (1.26).

Occupation groups in the Clewiston city, FL with the highest average wages per worker are Computer and Mathematical Occupations (\$107,000), Legal Occupations (\$103,200), and Management Occupations (\$102,200). The unemployment rate in the region varied among the major groups from 1.3% among Management Occupations to 6.7% among Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations.

Over the next 1 year, the fastest growing occupation group in the Clewiston city, FL is expected to be Transportation and Material Moving Occupations with a +2.2% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Management Occupations (+10 jobs) and Transportation and Material Moving Occupations (+9). Over the same period, the highest separation demand (occupation demand due to retirements and workers moving from one occupation to another) is expected in Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations (88 jobs) and Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (87).

Clewiston city, FL, 2025Q2¹

SOC	Occupation	Current						5-Year History		1-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Mean Ann Wages ²	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	577	\$36,200	20.47	29	6.7%	n/a	-216	-6.2%	96	40	48	7	1.3%
41-0000	Sales and Related	533	\$44,500	1.26	20	4.9%	n/a	43	1.7%	84	37	41	6	1.1%
11-0000	Management	504	\$102,200	1.31	5	1.3%	n/a	-29	-1.1%	58	25	23	10	2.1%
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related	439	\$34,600	1.09	25	5.8%	n/a	-15	-0.7%	95	39	48	8	1.8%
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support	426	\$46,500	0.76	11	3.0%	n/a	20	1.0%	54	24	26	5	1.1%
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving	400	\$45,300	0.95	27	5.5%	n/a	56	3.0%	65	25	32	9	2.2%
25-0000	Educational Instruction and Library	317	\$52,700	1.19	5	2.5%	n/a	6	0.4%	34	14	15	5	1.7%
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	314	\$87,800	1.06	2	1.4%	n/a	86	6.6%	24	10	9	6	2.0%
47-0000	Construction and Extraction	200	\$52,700	0.90	23	5.3%	n/a	69	8.9%	21	7	10	4	2.0%
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	188	\$38,000	1.16	13	4.7%	n/a	11	1.2%	30	12	14	3	1.7%
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations	180	\$80,300	0.56	4	2.5%	n/a	28	3.5%	18	6	9	4	2.0%
31-0000	Healthcare Support	175	\$40,300	0.74	5	3.4%	n/a	39	5.1%	29	12	13	4	2.1%
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	138	\$53,800	0.73	6	2.6%	n/a	13	2.0%	16	6	7	3	2.0%
51-0000	Production	121	\$44,500	0.46	9	4.2%	n/a	27	5.1%	17	6	9	2	1.7%
33-0000	Protective Service	89	\$56,100	0.82	3	3.3%	n/a	17	4.4%	12	4	6	1	1.5%
39-0000	Personal Care and Service	80	\$37,700	0.63	3	4.8%	n/a	-9	-2.1%	15	6	8	1	1.7%
21-0000	Community and Social Service	56	\$58,200	0.61	0	n/a	n/a	7	2.6%	6	2	3	1	2.0%

Clewiston city, FL, 2025Q2¹

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		Empl	Mean Ann Wages ²	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical	50	\$107,000	0.32	1	2.7%	n/a	6	2.4%	4	1	2	1	2.1%
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	42	\$59,300	0.48	0	n/a	n/a	8	4.1%	5	2	2	1	1.7%
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering	32	\$93,600	0.42	0	n/a	n/a	-11	-5.9%	3	1	1	1	2.0%
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science	30	\$79,600	0.67	0	n/a	n/a	2	1.7%	4	1	2	1	2.1%
23-0000	Legal	17	\$103,200	0.40	0	n/a	n/a	1	1.0%	1	0	1	0	1.8%
Total - All Occupations		4,908	\$55,400	1.00	n/a	n/a	n/a	158	0.7%	692	279	330	83	1.7%

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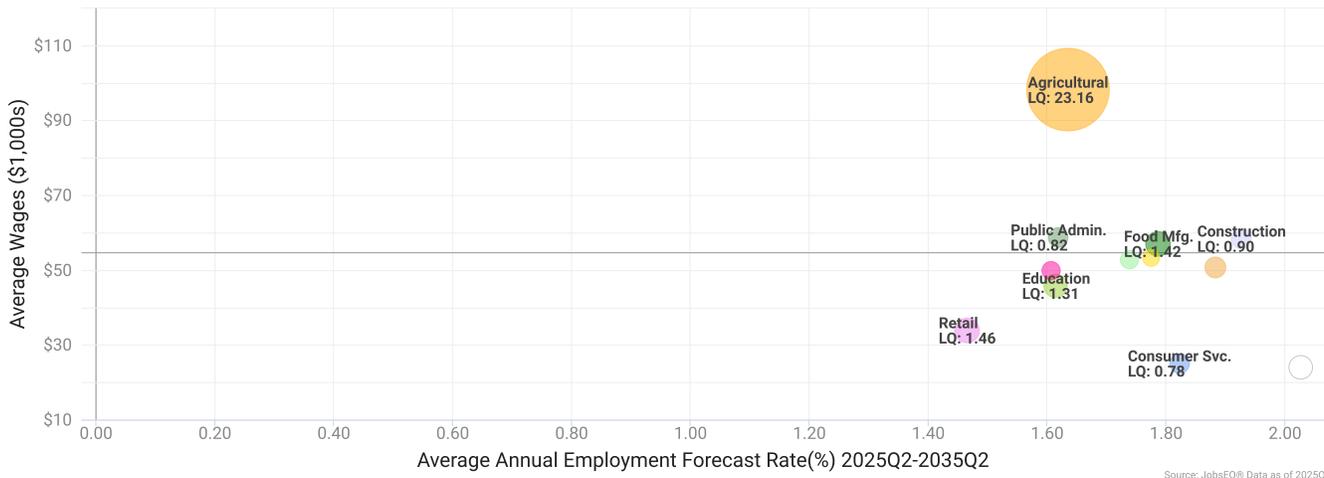
2. Wage data represent the average for all Covered Employment

Occupation employment data are estimated via industry employment data and the estimated industry/occupation mix. Industry employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and currently updated through 2025Q1, imputed where necessary with preliminary estimates updated to 2025Q2. Wages by occupation are as of 2025 provided by the BLS and imputed where necessary. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

Industry Clusters

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. The industry cluster in the Clewiston city, FL with the highest relative concentration is Agricultural with a location quotient of 23.16. This cluster employs 1,091 workers in the region with an average wage of \$98,214. Employment in the Agricultural cluster is projected to expand in the region about 1.6% per year over the next ten years.

Industry Clusters for Clewiston city, FL as of 2025Q2

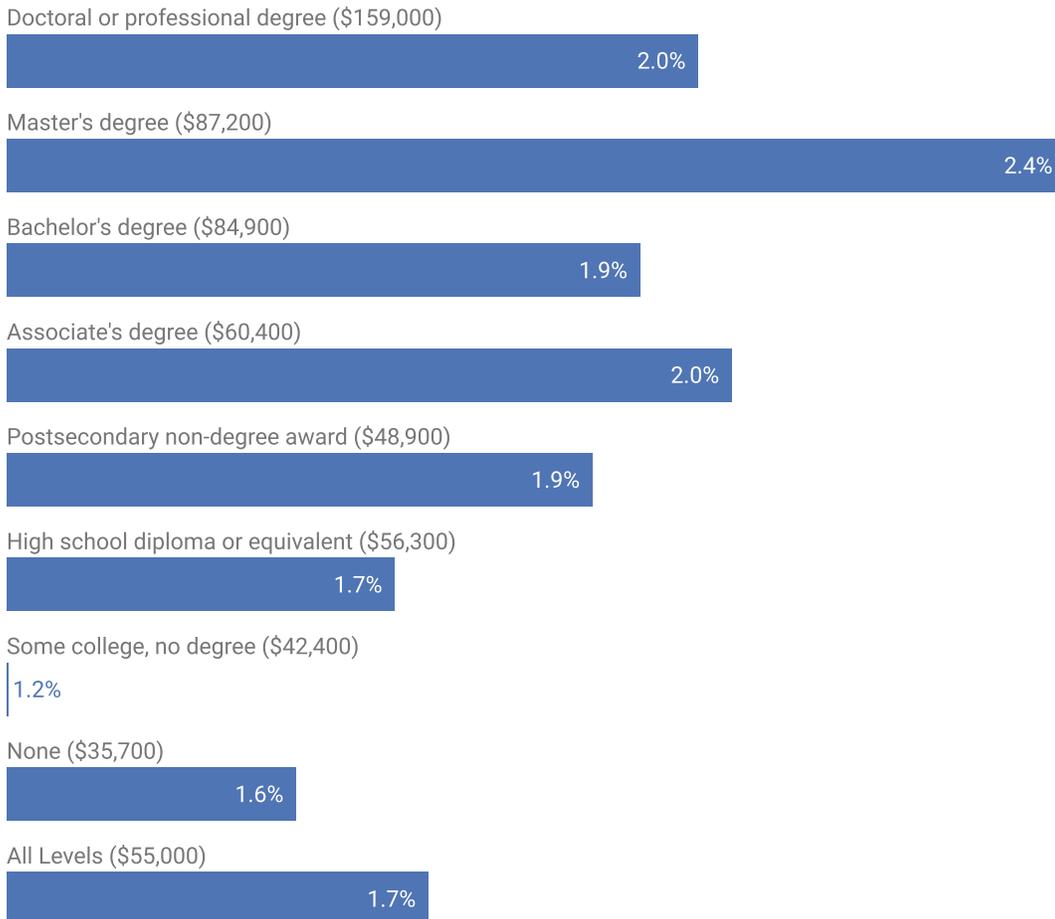


Location quotient and average wage data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, imputed where necessary, and updated through 2025Q1 with preliminary estimates updated to 2025Q2. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

Education Levels

Expected growth rates for occupations vary by the education and training required. While all employment in the Clewiston city, FL is projected to grow 1.7% over the next ten years, occupations typically requiring a postgraduate degree are expected to grow 2.0% per year, those requiring a bachelor's degree are forecast to grow 1.9% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to grow 2.0% per year.

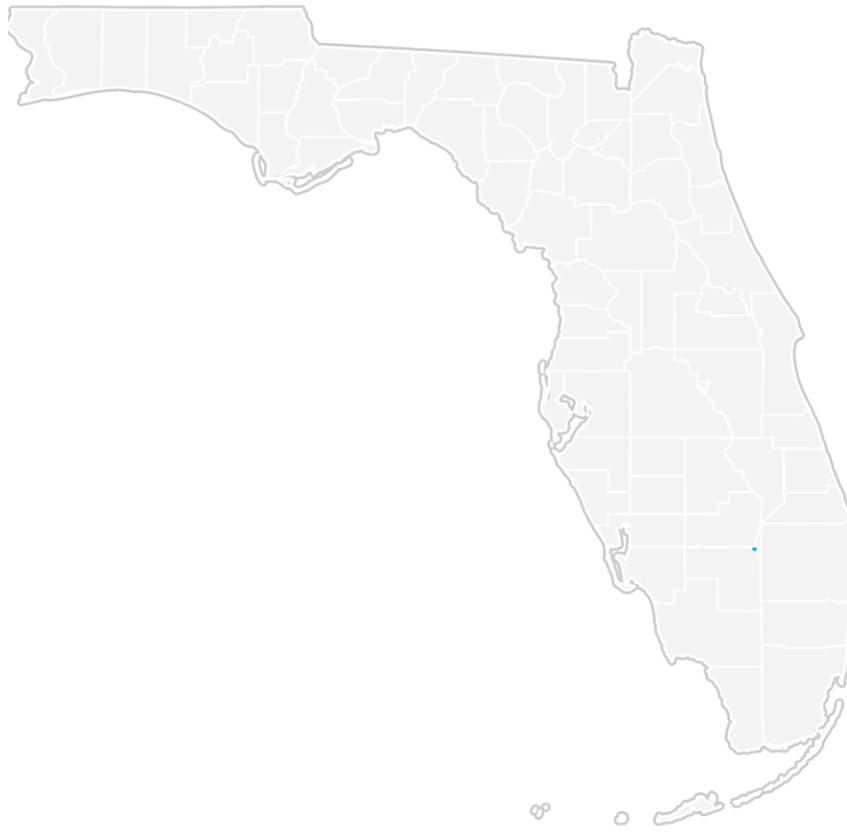
Annual Average Projected Job Growth by Education Levels



Source: JobsEQ®
Data as of 2025Q2

Employment by occupation data are estimates as of 2025Q2. Education levels of occupations are based on BLS assignments. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

Clewiston city, FL Regional Map



Region Definition

Hendry County is defined as the following counties:

Hendry County, Florida

FAQ

What is a location quotient?

A location quotient (LQ) is a measurement of concentration in comparison to the nation. An LQ of 1.00 indicates a region has the same concentration of an industry (or occupation) as the nation. An LQ of 2.00 would mean the region has twice the expected employment compared to the nation and an LQ of 0.50 would mean the region has half the expected employment in comparison to the nation.

What is separation demand?

Separation demand is the number of jobs required due to separations—labor force exits (including retirements) and turnover resulting from workers moving from one occupation into another. Note that separation demand does not include all turnover—it does not include when workers stay in the same occupation but switch employers. The total projected demand for an occupation is the sum of the separation demand and the growth demand (which is the increase or decrease of jobs in an occupation expected due to expansion or contraction of the overall number of jobs in that occupation).

What is a cluster?

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. If a regional cluster has a location quotient of 1.25 or greater, the region is considered to possess a competitive advantage in that cluster.

What is the difference between industry wages and occupation wages?

Industry wages and occupation wages are estimated via separate data sets, often the time periods being reported do not align, and wages are defined slightly differently in the two systems (for example, certain bonuses are included in the industry wages but not the occupation wages). It is therefore common that estimates of the average industry wages and average occupation wages in a region do not match exactly.

What is NAICS?

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is used to classify business establishments according to the type of economic activity. The NAICS Code comprises six levels, from the “all industry” level to the 6-digit level. The first two digits define the top level category, known as the “sector,” which is the level examined in this report.

What is SOC?

The Standard Occupational Classification system (SOC) is used to classify workers into occupational categories. All workers are classified into one of over 804 occupations according to their occupational definition. To facilitate classification, occupations are combined to form 22 major groups, 95 minor groups, and 452 occupation groups. Each occupation group includes detailed occupations requiring similar job duties, skills, education, or experience.

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Demographic Profile

The population in Hendry County, Florida was 40,798 per American Community Survey data for 2019-2023.

The region has a civilian labor force of 19,619 with a participation rate of 61.8%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in Hendry County, Florida, 10.3% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 36.5% in the nation.

The median household income in Hendry County, Florida is \$53,044 and the median house value is \$189,700.

Summary¹

Demographics	Percent			Value		
	Hendry County, Florida	Florida	USA	Hendry County, Florida	Florida	USA
Population (ACS)	—	—	—	40,798	21,928,881	332,387,540
Male	54.8%	49.1%	49.5%	22,360	10,773,620	164,545,087
Female	45.2%	50.9%	50.5%	18,438	11,155,261	167,842,453
Median Age ²	—	—	—	35.7	42.6	38.7
Under 18 Years	25.2%	19.6%	22.2%	10,288	4,305,366	73,645,238
18 to 24 Years	10.5%	8.1%	9.1%	4,301	1,773,216	30,307,641
25 to 34 Years	13.0%	12.7%	13.7%	5,324	2,779,896	45,497,632
35 to 44 Years	13.7%	12.5%	13.1%	5,598	2,738,113	43,492,887
45 to 54 Years	12.7%	12.4%	12.3%	5,169	2,725,323	40,847,713
55 to 64 Years	11.2%	13.6%	12.8%	4,578	2,976,234	42,626,382
65 to 74 Years	7.8%	11.7%	10.0%	3,172	2,566,979	33,293,127
75 Years and Over	5.8%	9.4%	6.8%	2,368	2,063,754	22,676,920
Race: White	55.2%	59.9%	63.4%	22,532	13,136,701	210,875,446
Race: Black or African American	10.8%	15.3%	12.4%	4,394	3,363,769	41,070,890
Race: American Indian and Alaska Native	2.6%	0.3%	0.9%	1,047	66,779	2,924,996
Race: Asian	1.1%	2.9%	5.8%	429	628,137	19,352,659
Race: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0	13,136	629,292
Race: Some Other Race	6.6%	5.6%	6.6%	2,685	1,222,567	21,940,536
Race: Two or More Races	23.8%	16.0%	10.7%	9,711	3,497,792	35,593,721
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	56.6%	26.7%	19.0%	23,074	5,865,737	63,131,589
Population Growth						
Population (Pop Estimates) ⁴	—	—	—	46,130	23,372,215	340,110,988
Population Annual Average Growth ⁴	1.8%	1.6%	0.7%	766	351,834	2,172,466
People per Square Mile ⁴	—	—	—	39.9	435.6	96.3
Economic						
Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 16 years and over)	61.8%	59.4%	63.3%	19,619	10,725,531	168,567,852
Prime-Age Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 25-54)	79.5%	82.5%	83.0%	12,798	6,757,770	107,055,165
Work from Home	5.4%	13.9%	13.5%	1,003	1,406,025	21,267,373
Armed Forces Labor Force	0.0%	0.4%	0.5%	0	78,025	1,287,774
Veterans, Age 18-64	2.3%	5.0%	4.2%	567	640,175	8,410,268
Veterans Labor Force Participation Rate and Size, Age 18-64	68.6%	74.4%	77.0%	389	475,998	6,478,181
Median Household Income ²	—	—	—	\$53,044	\$71,711	\$78,538
Per Capita Income	—	—	—	\$26,234	\$41,055	\$43,289
Mean Commute Time (minutes)	—	—	—	31.7	28.0	26.6
Commute via Public Transportation	3.0%	1.2%	3.5%	552	125,364	5,528,841
Educational Attainment, Age 25-64						
No High School Diploma	29.9%	9.7%	10.0%	6,173	1,087,436	17,176,172
High School Graduate	35.5%	26.7%	25.0%	7,347	2,994,428	43,057,491

Summary¹

	Percent			Value		
	Hendry County, Florida	Florida	USA	Hendry County, Florida	Florida	USA
Some College, No Degree	13.9%	18.6%	19.3%	2,869	2,089,960	33,315,654
Associate's Degree	10.4%	11.0%	9.2%	2,144	1,228,555	15,894,085
Bachelor's Degree	8.5%	22.0%	22.8%	1,759	2,471,584	39,256,774
Postgraduate Degree	1.8%	12.0%	13.8%	377	1,347,603	23,764,438
Housing						
Total Housing Units	—	—	—	15,639	10,082,356	142,332,876
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) ^{2,5}	—	—	—	\$189,700	\$325,000	\$303,400
Homeowner Vacancy	0.5%	1.5%	1.0%	47	89,064	850,724
Rental Vacancy	3.8%	7.6%	5.5%	154	231,428	2,605,688
Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	27.6%	32.7%	35.0%	3,853	2,794,102	44,590,828
Owner-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	72.4%	67.3%	65.0%	10,091	5,756,809	82,892,037
Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	7.7%	5.9%	8.3%	1,067	504,857	10,602,826
Social						
Poverty Level (of all people)	21.6%	12.6%	12.4%	8,630	2,707,698	40,390,045
Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP	18.0%	12.6%	11.8%	2,510	1,078,978	15,004,950
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	0.9%	1.2%	1.3%	379	257,645	4,405,676
Disconnected Youth ³	6.3%	2.5%	2.4%	155	25,308	420,352
Children in Single Parent Families (% of all children)	46.4%	38.0%	34.0%	4,486	1,546,515	23,701,745
Uninsured	20.6%	11.9%	8.6%	8,248	2,569,710	28,000,876
With a Disability, Age 18-64	9.7%	10.1%	10.7%	2,379	1,286,547	21,269,700
With a Disability, Age 18-64, Labor Force Participation Rate and Size	39.3%	44.8%	47.0%	936	576,771	10,001,264
Foreign Born	28.3%	21.4%	13.9%	11,526	4,694,419	46,108,901
Speak English Less Than Very Well (population 5 yrs and over)	21.1%	12.1%	8.4%	7,966	2,517,985	26,299,012

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

1. American Community Survey 2019-2023, unless noted otherwise

2. Median values for certain aggregate regions (such as MSAs) may be estimated as the weighted averages of the median values from the composing counties.

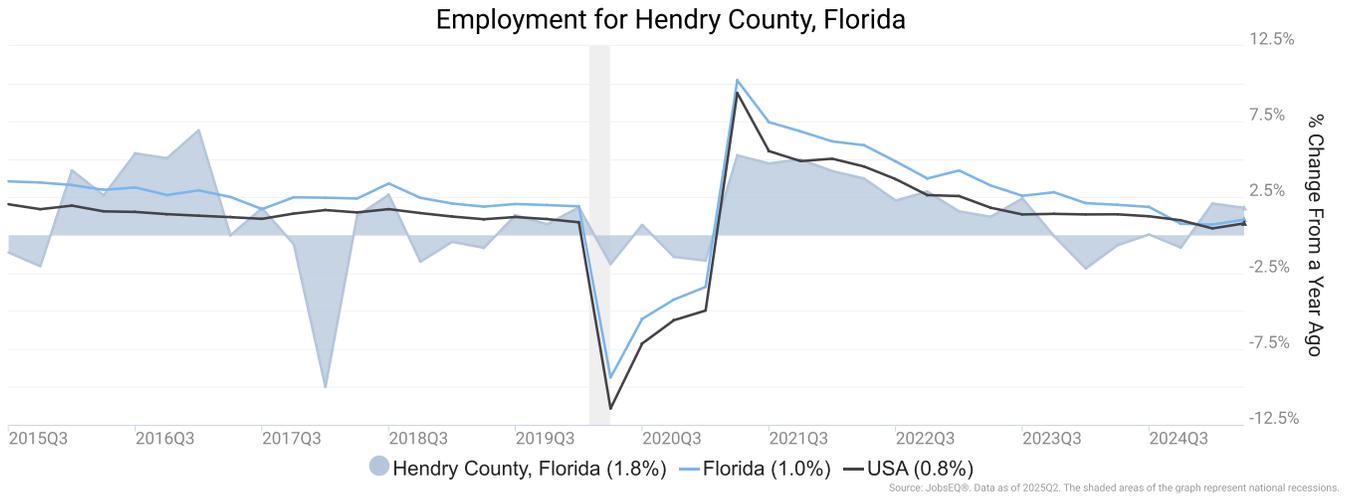
3. Disconnected Youth are 16-19 year olds who are (1) not in school, (2) not high school graduates, and (3) either unemployed or not in the labor force.

4. Census Population Estimate for 2024, annual average growth rate since 2014.

5. The Census's method for calculating median house values changed with the 2022 data set, so pre-2022 values are not directly comparable with later data.

Employment Trends

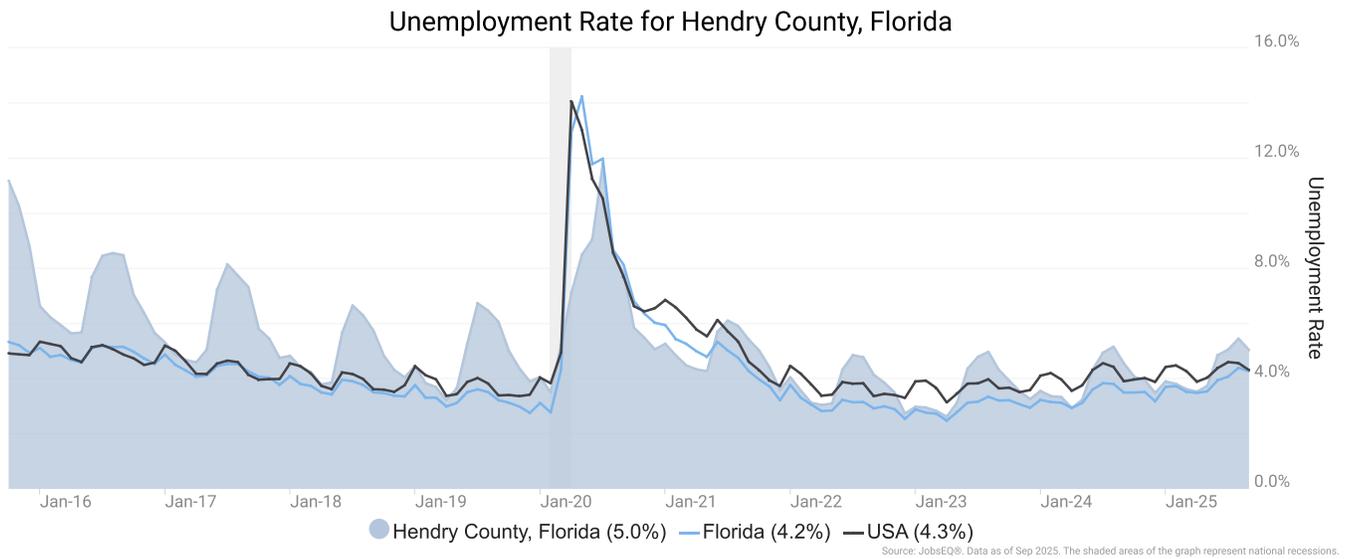
As of 2025Q2, total employment for Hendry County, Florida was 14,194 (based on a four-quarter moving average). Over the year ending 2025Q2, employment increased 1.8% in the region.



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Unemployment Rate

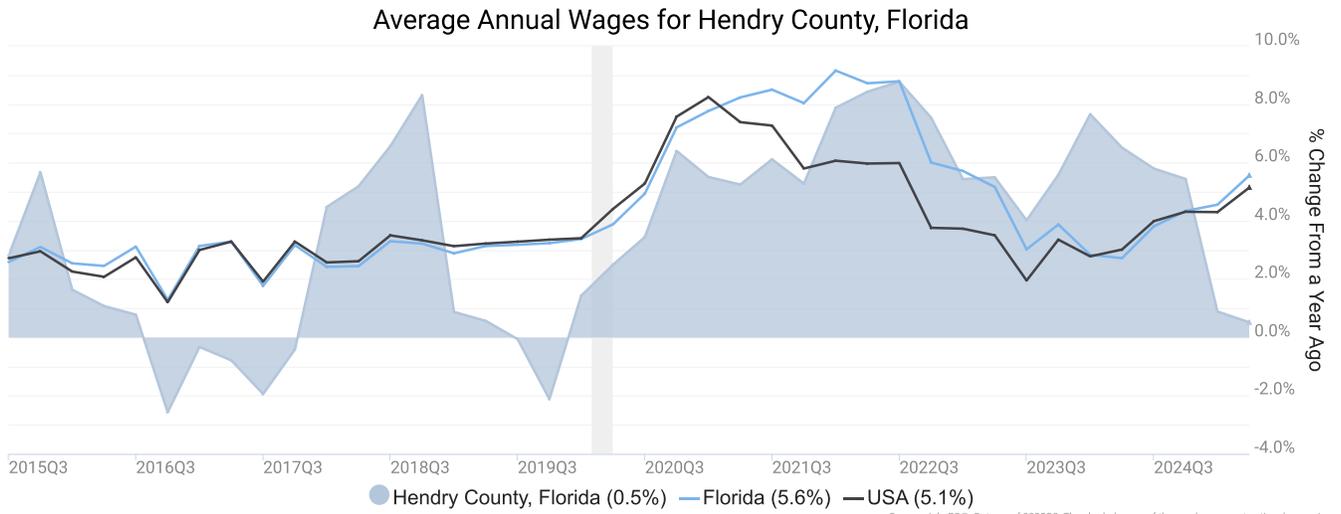
The unemployment rate for Hendry County, Florida was 5.0% as of September 2025. The regional unemployment rate was higher than the national rate of 4.3%. One year earlier, in September 2024, the unemployment rate in Hendry County, Florida was 4.5%.



Unemployment rate data are from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and updated through September 2025.

Wage Trends

The average worker in Hendry County, Florida earned annual wages of \$53,686 as of 2025Q2. Average annual wages per worker increased 0.5% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were \$75,686 in the nation as of 2025Q2.



Annual average wages per worker data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2025Q1 with preliminary estimates updated to 2025Q2.

Cost of Living Index

The Cost of Living Index estimates the relative price levels for consumer goods and services. When applied to wages and salaries, the result is a measure of relative purchasing power. The cost of living is 0.3% lower in Hendry County, Florida than the U.S. average.

Cost of Living Information

	Annual Average Salary	Cost of Living Index (Base US)	US Purchasing Power
Hendry County, Florida	\$53,686	99.7	\$53,864
Florida	\$69,188	103.1	\$67,124
USA	\$75,686	100.0	\$75,686

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

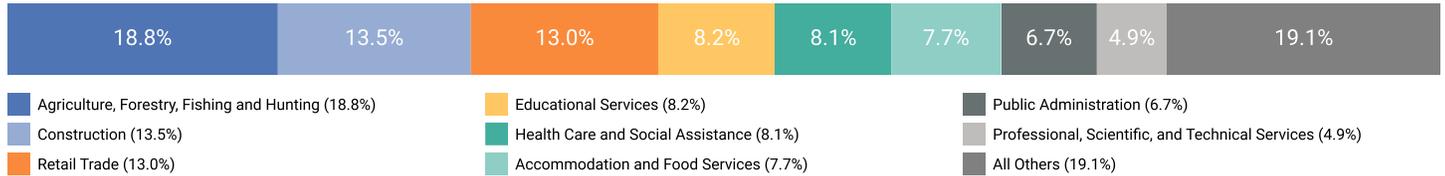
Data as of 2025Q2

Cost of Living per [COI](#), data as of 2025Q2, imputed by Chmura where necessary.

Industry Snapshot

The largest sector in Hendry County, Florida is Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting, employing 2,675 workers. The next-largest sectors in the region are Construction (1,919 workers) and Retail Trade (1,852). High location quotients (LQs) indicate sectors in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The sectors with the largest LQs in the region are Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (LQ = 15.72), Construction (2.26), and Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (1.77).

Total Workers for Hendry County, Florida by Industry



Source: JobsEQ®
Data as of 2025Q2
Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

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Sectors in Hendry County, Florida with the highest average wages per worker are Management of Companies and Enterprises (\$100,769), Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (\$88,775), and Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (\$67,646). Regional sectors with the best job growth (or most moderate job losses) over the last 5 years are Construction (+799 jobs), Retail Trade (+259), and Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (+251).

Over the next 1 year, employment in Hendry County, Florida is projected to expand by 243 jobs. The fastest growing sector in the region is expected to be Utilities with a +3.2% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (+43 jobs), Construction (+37), and Retail Trade (+26).

Hendry County, Florida, 2025Q2¹

NAICS	Industry	Current			5-Year History		1-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Avg Ann Wages	LQ	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	2,675	\$88,775	15.72	-922	-5.8%	364	165	156	43	1.6%
23	Construction	1,919	\$56,178	2.26	799	11.4%	196	64	95	37	1.9%
44	Retail Trade	1,852	\$33,836	1.35	259	3.1%	276	114	136	26	1.4%
61	Educational Services	1,165	\$45,978	1.01	44	0.8%	129	53	57	19	1.6%
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	1,143	\$48,288	0.53	119	2.2%	131	53	57	21	1.8%
72	Accommodation and Food Services	1,089	\$26,382	0.88	40	0.7%	209	84	105	20	1.8%
92	Public Administration	945	\$57,666	1.41	55	1.2%	101	37	49	15	1.6%
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	692	\$63,173	0.67	251	9.4%	69	22	33	14	2.0%
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	653	\$36,522	0.77	116	4.0%	85	32	42	11	1.7%
31	Manufacturing	469	\$47,811	0.42	78	3.7%	55	19	28	8	1.7%
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	409	\$31,775	0.68	21	1.0%	53	20	26	7	1.8%
48	Transportation and Warehousing	337	\$48,419	0.47	45	2.9%	42	16	20	6	1.9%
42	Wholesale Trade	256	\$59,892	0.49	86	8.5%	30	10	15	4	1.7%
52	Finance and Insurance	215	\$59,706	0.39	-8	-0.7%	21	7	10	4	1.8%
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	118	\$45,394	0.47	-19	-3.0%	13	5	6	2	1.7%
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	90	\$67,646	1.77	73	39.5%	10	3	5	2	1.9%
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	55	\$26,131	0.18	-6	-1.9%	9	3	4	1	2.1%
51	Information	46	\$50,233	0.17	-24	-8.1%	4	1	2	1	1.2%
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	26	\$100,769	0.11	26	n/a	3	1	1	0	1.9%
22	Utilities	22	\$47,538	0.30	-11	-7.9%	3	1	1	1	3.2%
99	Unclassified	18	\$39,012	0.82	13	29.3%	2	1	1	0	1.7%
Total - All Industries		14,194	\$53,686	1.00	1,035	1.5%	1,764	672	849	243	1.7%

Source: [JobsEQ®](https://www.chmuraecon.com/jobseq)

Data as of 2025Q2

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1. All data based upon a four-quarter moving average

Exits and transfers are approximate estimates based upon occupation separation rates.

Employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2025Q1 with preliminary estimates updated to 2025Q2. Forecast employment growth uses national projections adapted for regional growth patterns.

Occupation Snapshot

The largest major occupation group in Hendry County, Florida is Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations, employing 1,463 workers. The next-largest occupation groups in the region are Management Occupations (1,415 workers) and Construction and Extraction Occupations (1,346). High location quotients (LQs) indicate occupation groups in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The major groups with the largest LQs in the region are Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations (LQ = 17.95), Construction and Extraction Occupations (2.10), and Protective Service Occupations (1.30).

Occupation groups in Hendry County, Florida with the highest average wages per worker are Computer and Mathematical Occupations (\$107,000), Legal Occupations (\$103,200), and Management Occupations (\$102,200). The unemployment rate in the region varied among the major groups from 1.2% among Management Occupations to 6.1% among Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations.

Over the next 1 year, the fastest growing occupation group in Hendry County, Florida is expected to be Computer and Mathematical Occupations with a +2.2% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Management Occupations (+29 jobs) and Construction and Extraction Occupations (+27). Over the same period, the highest separation demand (occupation demand due to retirements and workers moving from one occupation to another) is expected in Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations (224 jobs) and Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (200).

Hendry County, Florida, 2025Q2¹

SOC	Occupation	Current					5-Year History			1-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Mean Ann Wages ²	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads ³	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	1,463	\$36,200	17.95	112	6.1%	8	-539	-6.1%	243	102	122	19	1.3%
11-0000	Management	1,415	\$102,200	1.27	18	1.2%	28	81	1.2%	159	64	66	29	2.0%
47-0000	Construction and Extraction	1,346	\$52,700	2.10	148	5.1%	9	533	10.6%	141	46	67	27	2.0%
41-0000	Sales and Related	1,258	\$44,500	1.02	80	4.6%	58	129	2.2%	194	85	95	14	1.2%
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support	1,223	\$46,500	0.76	42	2.8%	19	84	1.4%	154	68	73	13	1.1%
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving	1,213	\$45,300	1.00	113	5.1%	25	133	2.3%	188	71	91	25	2.1%
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related	1,013	\$34,600	0.87	118	5.4%	36	21	0.4%	218	89	111	18	1.8%
25-0000	Educational Instruction and Library	876	\$52,700	1.13	18	2.5%	8	18	0.4%	97	40	42	15	1.7%
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	597	\$38,000	1.28	67	4.4%	8	66	2.4%	94	38	46	10	1.7%
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations	563	\$80,300	0.61	10	2.4%	10	120	4.9%	58	18	29	11	1.9%
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	525	\$53,800	0.96	25	2.7%	25	35	1.4%	59	21	28	10	2.0%
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	479	\$87,800	0.56	7	1.3%	70	93	4.4%	38	15	14	9	2.0%
51-0000	Production	437	\$44,500	0.58	44	4.3%	6	43	2.1%	60	21	31	7	1.7%
33-0000	Protective Service	405	\$56,100	1.30	12	2.7%	7	61	3.3%	50	18	25	7	1.6%
31-0000	Healthcare Support	314	\$40,300	0.46	17	3.0%	17	26	1.7%	51	21	24	6	2.0%
39-0000	Personal Care and Service	285	\$37,700	0.78	14	4.0%	3	14	1.0%	53	20	28	5	1.7%
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical	165	\$107,000	0.37	2	2.5%	3	43	6.2%	13	4	6	4	2.2%

Hendry County, Florida, 2025Q2¹

SOC	Occupation	Current						5-Year History		1-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Mean Ann Wages ²	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads ³	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
21-0000	Community and Social Service	163	\$58,200	0.61	1	1.9%	17	13	1.7%	19	7	8	3	2.0%
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering	152	\$93,600	0.68	3	3.0%	2	-8	-1.0%	14	4	6	3	2.0%
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science	125	\$79,600	0.95	1	2.6%	8	39	7.8%	15	3	9	3	2.1%
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	114	\$59,300	0.46	1	3.2%	3	19	3.8%	13	5	6	2	1.7%
23-0000	Legal	64	\$103,200	0.54	0	n/a	1	11	3.7%	5	2	2	1	1.8%
Total - All Occupations		14,194	\$55,400	1.00	856	4.1%	370	1,035	1.5%	1,936	761	932	243	1.7%

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

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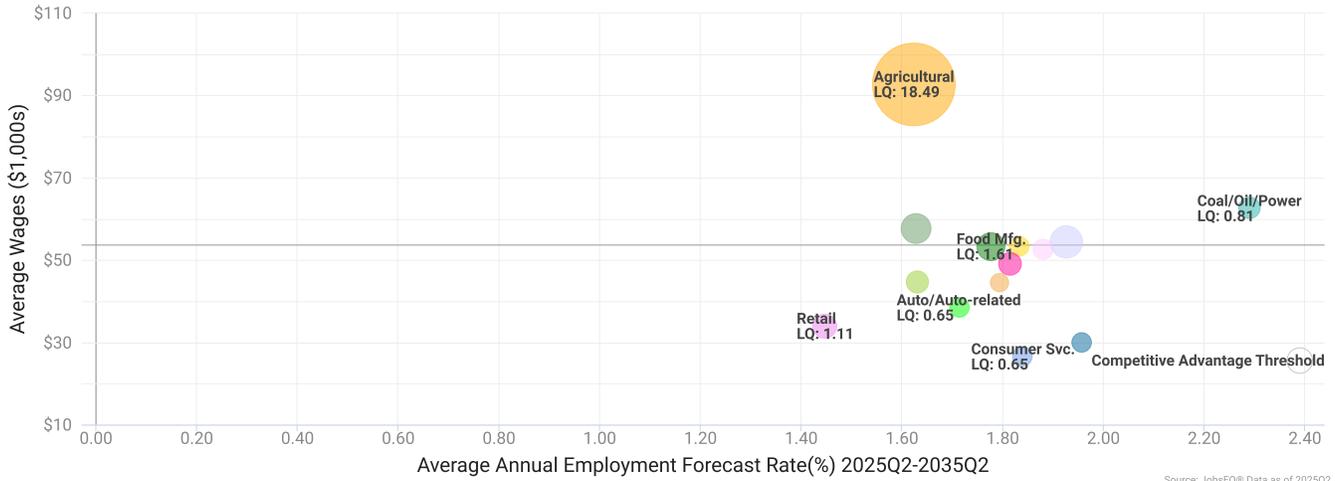
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Occupation employment data are estimated via industry employment data and the estimated industry/occupation mix. Industry employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and currently updated through 2025Q1, imputed where necessary with preliminary estimates updated to 2025Q2. Wages by occupation are as of 2025 provided by the BLS and imputed where necessary. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

Industry Clusters

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. The industry cluster in Hendry County, Florida with the highest relative concentration is Agricultural with a location quotient of 18.49. This cluster employs 2,688 workers in the region with an average wage of \$92,752. Employment in the Agricultural cluster is projected to expand in the region about 1.6% per year over the next ten years.

Industry Clusters for Hendry County, Florida as of 2025Q2



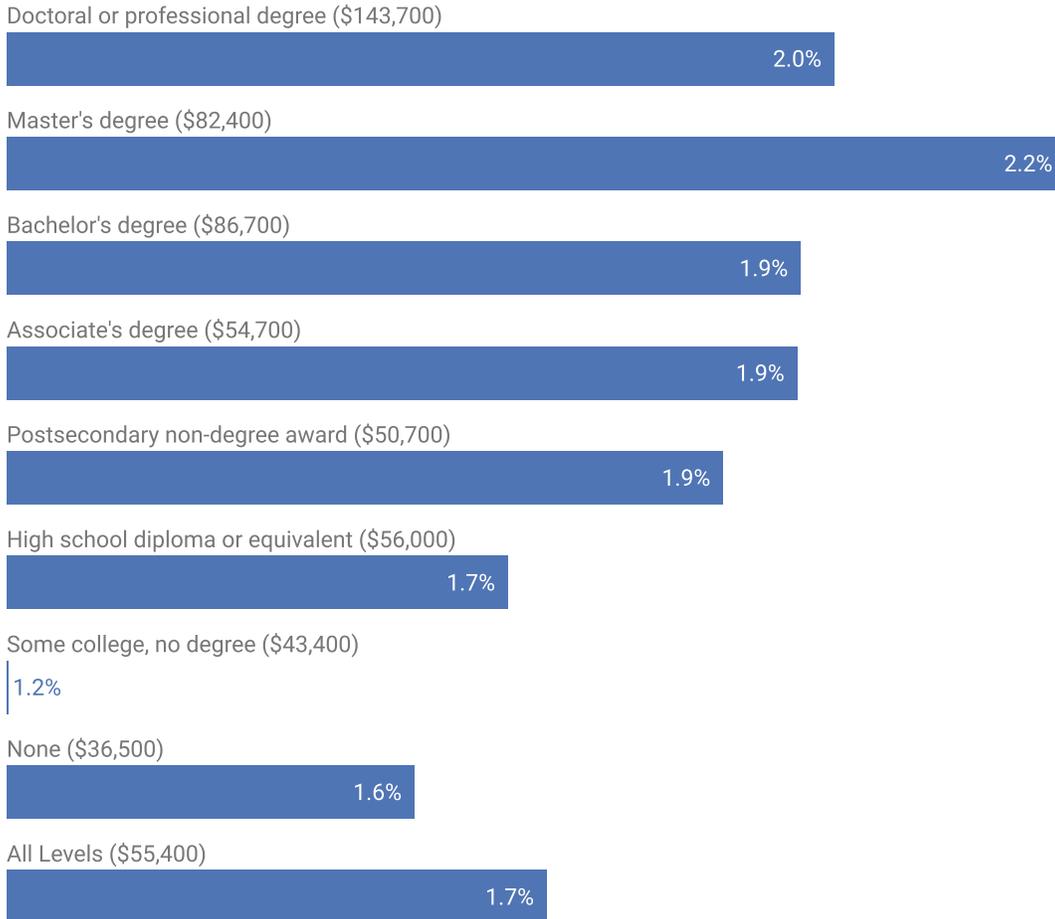
Source: JobsEQ® Data as of 2025Q2

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Education Levels

Expected growth rates for occupations vary by the education and training required. While all employment in Hendry County, Florida is projected to grow 1.7% over the next ten years, occupations typically requiring a postgraduate degree are expected to grow 2.0% per year, those requiring a bachelor's degree are forecast to grow 1.9% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to grow 1.9% per year.

Annual Average Projected Job Growth by Education Levels

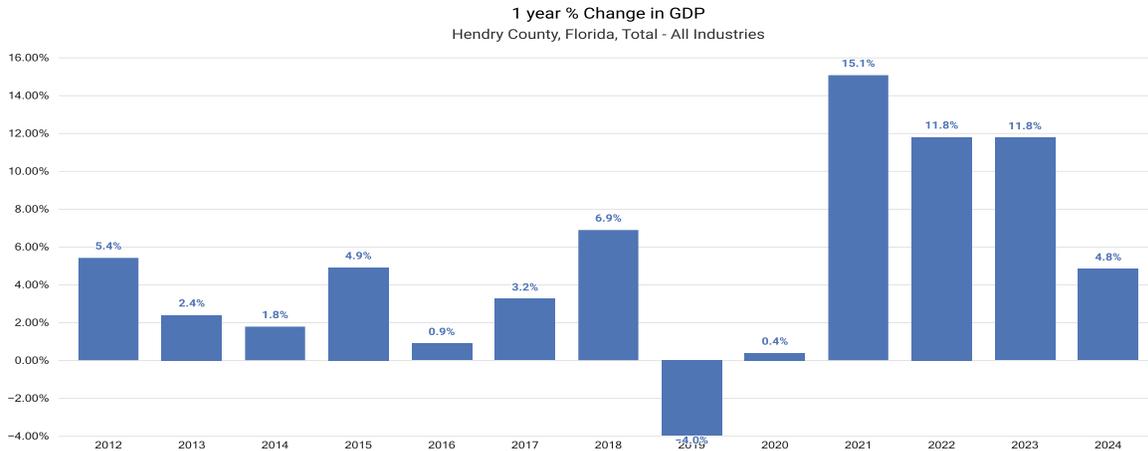


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Data as of 2025Q2

Employment by occupation data are estimates as of 2025Q2. Education levels of occupations are based on BLS assignments. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

Gross Domestic Product

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is the total value of goods and services produced by a region. In 2024, nominal GDP in Hendry County, Florida expanded 4.8%. This follows growth of 11.8% in 2023. As of 2024, total GDP in Hendry County, Florida was \$1,689,872,000.



Gross Domestic Product data are provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, imputed by Chmura where necessary, updated through 2024.

Of the sectors in Hendry County, Florida, Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting contributed the largest portion of GDP in 2024, \$585,412,000. The next-largest contributions came from Construction (\$185,443,000); Retail Trade (\$152,133,000); and Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (\$111,311,000).

GDP (in \$ millions)

Hendry County, Florida, 2024

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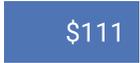
Construction (23)



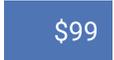
Retail Trade (44)



Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (53)



Educational Services (61)



Public Administration (92)



Health Care and Social Assistance (62)



Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (54)



Accommodation and Food Services (72)

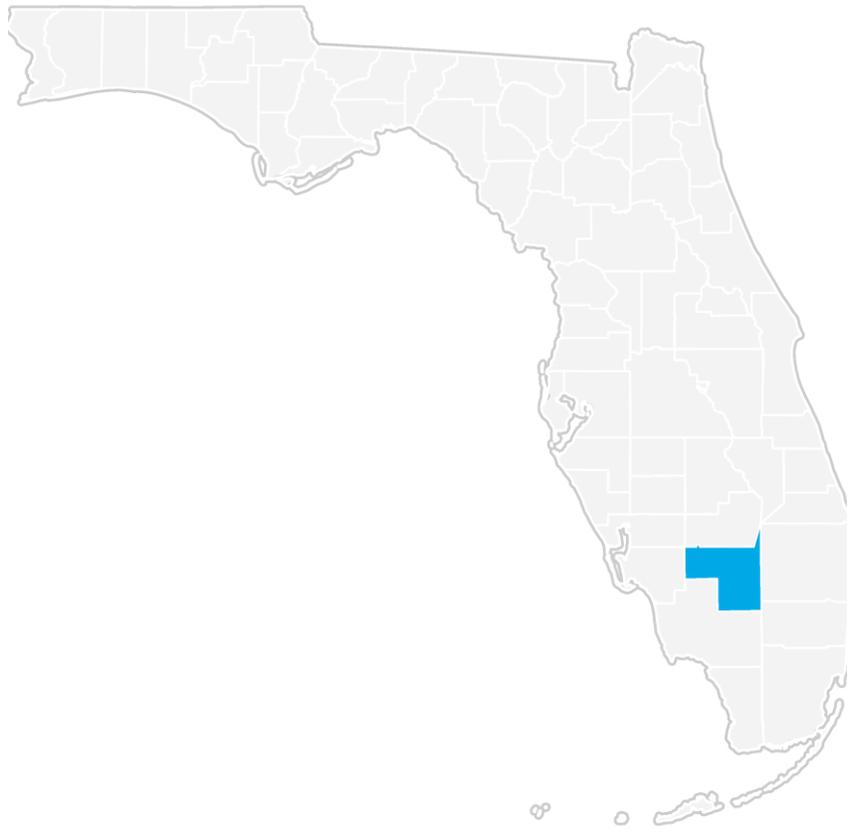


Manufacturing (31)



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Hendry County, Florida Regional Map



FAQ

What is a location quotient?

A location quotient (LQ) is a measurement of concentration in comparison to the nation. An LQ of 1.00 indicates a region has the same concentration of an industry (or occupation) as the nation. An LQ of 2.00 would mean the region has twice the expected employment compared to the nation and an LQ of 0.50 would mean the region has half the expected employment in comparison to the nation.

What is separation demand?

Separation demand is the number of jobs required due to separations—labor force exits (including retirements) and turnover resulting from workers moving from one occupation into another. Note that separation demand does not include all turnover—it does not include when workers stay in the same occupation but switch employers. The total projected demand for an occupation is the sum of the separation demand and the growth demand (which is the increase or decrease of jobs in an occupation expected due to expansion or contraction of the overall number of jobs in that occupation).

What is a cluster?

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. If a regional cluster has a location quotient of 1.25 or greater, the region is considered to possess a competitive advantage in that cluster.

What is the difference between industry wages and occupation wages?

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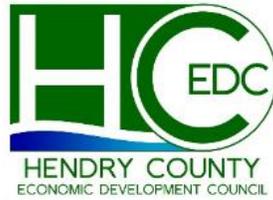
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Demographic Profile

The population in the LaBelle city, FL was 5,042 per American Community Survey data for 2019-2023.

The region has a civilian labor force of 2,544 with a participation rate of 63.3%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in the LaBelle city, FL, 12.9% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 36.5% in the nation.

The median household income in the LaBelle city, FL is \$49,385 and the median house value is \$139,300.

Summary¹

	Percent			Value		
	LaBelle city, FL	Hendry County	Florida	LaBelle city, FL	Hendry County	Florida
Demographics						
Population (ACS)	—	—	—	5,042	40,798	21,928,881
Male	59.8%	54.8%	49.1%	3,015	22,360	10,773,620
Female	40.2%	45.2%	50.9%	2,027	18,438	11,155,261
Median Age ²	—	—	—	38.0	35.7	42.6
Under 18 Years	23.9%	25.2%	19.6%	1,203	10,288	4,305,366
18 to 24 Years	8.9%	10.5%	8.1%	447	4,301	1,773,216
25 to 34 Years	12.1%	13.0%	12.7%	612	5,324	2,779,896
35 to 44 Years	12.7%	13.7%	12.5%	642	5,598	2,738,113
45 to 54 Years	10.4%	12.7%	12.4%	525	5,169	2,725,323
55 to 64 Years	14.8%	11.2%	13.6%	747	4,578	2,976,234
65 to 74 Years	6.1%	7.8%	11.7%	310	3,172	2,566,979
75 Years and Over	11.0%	5.8%	9.4%	556	2,368	2,063,754
Race: White	73.2%	55.2%	59.9%	3,692	22,532	13,136,701
Race: Black or African American	3.1%	10.8%	15.3%	157	4,394	3,363,769
Race: American Indian and Alaska Native	0.0%	2.6%	0.3%	0	1,047	66,779
Race: Asian	0.0%	1.1%	2.9%	0	429	628,137
Race: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0	0	13,136
Race: Some Other Race	3.2%	6.6%	5.6%	162	2,685	1,222,567
Race: Two or More Races	20.4%	23.8%	16.0%	1,031	9,711	3,497,792
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	61.7%	56.6%	26.7%	3,111	23,074	5,865,737
Economic						
Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 16 years and over)	63.3%	61.8%	59.4%	2,544	19,619	10,725,531
Prime-Age Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 25-54)	78.2%	79.5%	82.5%	1,391	12,798	6,757,770
Work from Home	10.4%	5.4%	13.9%	248	1,003	1,406,025
Armed Forces Labor Force	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0	0	78,025
Veterans, Age 18-64	3.5%	2.3%	5.0%	103	567	640,175
Veterans Labor Force Participation Rate and Size, Age 18-64	70.9%	68.6%	74.4%	73	389	475,998
Median Household Income ²	—	—	—	\$49,385	\$53,044	\$71,711
Per Capita Income	—	—	—	\$27,597	\$26,234	\$41,055
Mean Commute Time (minutes)	—	—	—	33.5	31.7	28.0
Commute via Public Transportation	1.0%	3.0%	1.2%	23	552	125,364
Educational Attainment, Age 25-64						
No High School Diploma	35.5%	29.9%	9.7%	896	6,173	1,087,436
High School Graduate	27.4%	35.5%	26.7%	692	7,347	2,994,428
Some College, No Degree	16.7%	13.9%	18.6%	423	2,869	2,089,960
Associate's Degree	7.5%	10.4%	11.0%	190	2,144	1,228,555
Bachelor's Degree	10.1%	8.5%	22.0%	254	1,759	2,471,584
Postgraduate Degree	2.8%	1.8%	12.0%	71	377	1,347,603
Housing						

Summary¹

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	LaBelle city, FL	Hendry County	Florida	LaBelle city, FL	Hendry County	Florida
Total Housing Units	—	—	—	2,026	15,639	10,082,356
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) ^{2,5}	—	—	—	\$139,300	\$189,700	\$325,000
Homeowner Vacancy	0.0%	0.5%	1.5%	0	47	89,064
Rental Vacancy	0.0%	3.8%	7.6%	0	154	231,428
Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	27.5%	27.6%	32.7%	455	3,853	2,794,102
Owner-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	72.5%	72.4%	67.3%	1,201	10,091	5,756,809
Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	10.3%	7.7%	5.9%	171	1,067	504,857
Social						
Poverty Level (of all people)	22.6%	21.6%	12.6%	1,067	8,630	2,707,698
Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP	12.0%	18.0%	12.6%	198	2,510	1,078,978
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	1.2%	0.9%	1.2%	59	379	257,645
Disconnected Youth ³	0.0%	6.3%	2.5%	0	155	25,308
Children in Single Parent Families (% of all children)	40.6%	46.4%	38.0%	463	4,486	1,546,515
Uninsured	14.7%	20.6%	11.9%	694	8,248	2,569,710
With a Disability, Age 18-64	10.9%	9.7%	10.1%	302	2,379	1,286,547
With a Disability, Age 18-64, Labor Force Participation Rate and Size	68.9%	39.3%	44.8%	208	936	576,771
Foreign Born	22.4%	28.3%	21.4%	1,127	11,526	4,694,419
Speak English Less Than Very Well (population 5 yrs and over)	11.2%	21.1%	12.1%	539	7,966	2,517,985

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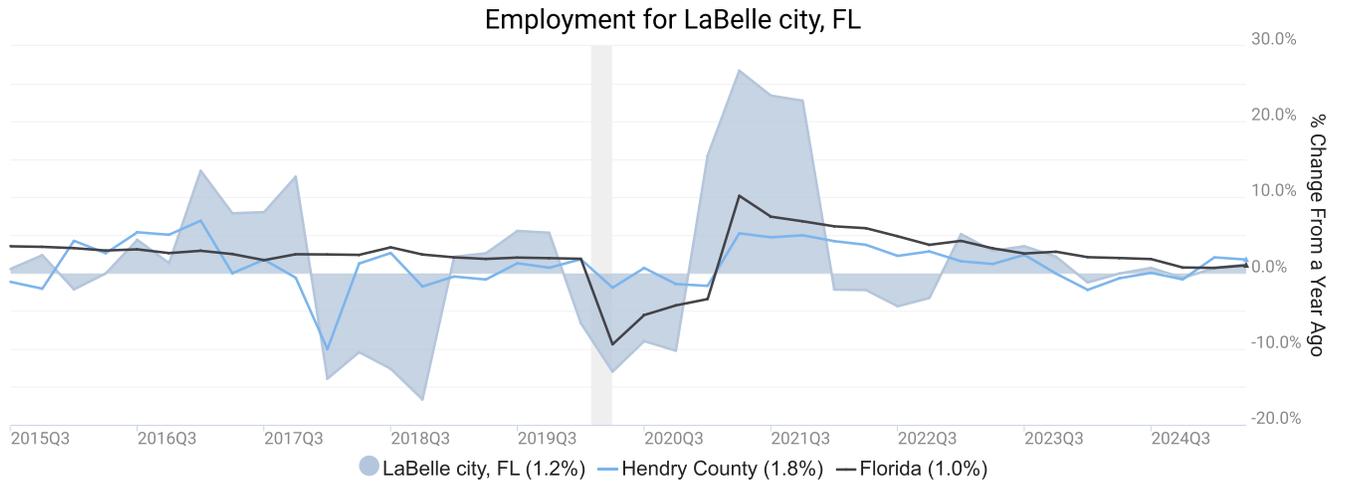
3. Disconnected Youth are 16-19 year olds who are (1) not in school, (2) not high school graduates, and (3) either unemployed or not in the labor force.

4. Census Population Estimate for 2024, annual average growth rate since 2014.

5. The Census's method for calculating median house values changed with the 2022 data set, so pre-2022 values are not directly comparable with later data.

Employment Trends

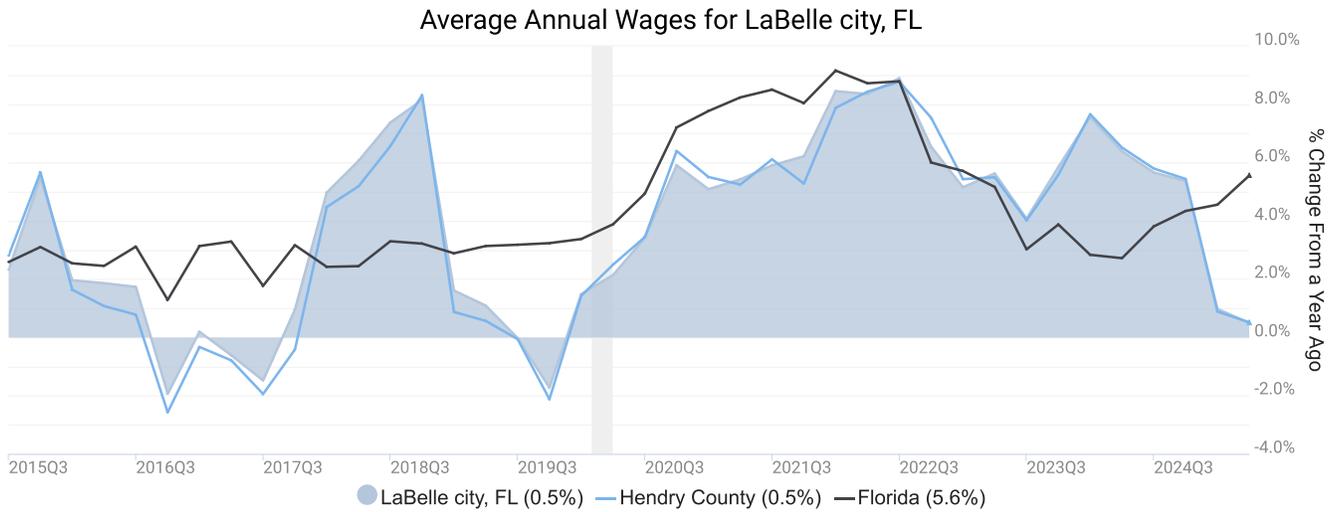
As of 2025Q2, total employment for the LaBelle city, FL was 3,599 (based on a four-quarter moving average). Over the year ending 2025Q2, employment increased 1.2% in the region.



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Wage Trends

The average worker in the LaBelle city, FL earned annual wages of \$52,482 as of 2025Q2. Average annual wages per worker increased 0.5% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were \$75,686 in the nation as of 2025Q2.



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Cost of Living Index

The Cost of Living Index estimates the relative price levels for consumer goods and services. When applied to wages and salaries, the result is a measure of relative purchasing power. The cost of living is 0.3% lower in LaBelle city, FL than the U.S. average.

Cost of Living Information

	Annual Average Salary	Cost of Living Index (Base US)	US Purchasing Power
LaBelle city, FL	\$52,482	99.7	\$52,656
Hendry County	\$53,686	99.7	\$53,864
Florida	\$69,188	103.1	\$67,124
USA	\$75,686	100.0	\$75,686

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

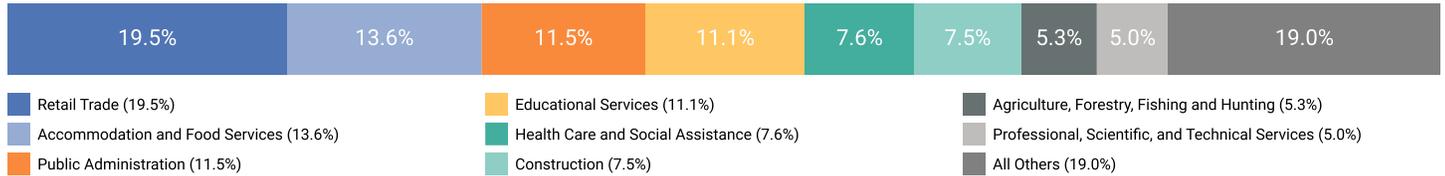
Data as of 2025Q2

Cost of Living per [COI](#), data as of 2025Q2, imputed by Chmura where necessary.

Industry Snapshot

The largest sector in the LaBelle city, FL is Retail Trade, employing 701 workers. The next-largest sectors in the region are Accommodation and Food Services (489 workers) and Public Administration (413). High location quotients (LQs) indicate sectors in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The sectors with the largest LQs in the region are Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (LQ = 4.39), Public Administration (2.42), and Retail Trade (2.02).

Total Workers for LaBelle city, FL by Industry



Source: JobsEQ®
Data as of 2025Q2
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Sectors in the LaBelle city, FL with the highest average wages per worker are Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (\$86,544), Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (\$63,202), and Finance and Insurance (\$59,920). Regional sectors with the best job growth (or most moderate job losses) over the last 5 years are Retail Trade (+250 jobs), Construction (+124), and Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (+95).

Over the next 1 year, employment in the LaBelle city, FL is projected to expand by 60 jobs. The fastest growing sector in the region is expected to be Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction with a +2.1% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Retail Trade (+10 jobs), Accommodation and Food Services (+9), and Public Administration (+7).

LaBelle city, FL, 2025Q2¹

NAICS	Industry	Current			5-Year History		1-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Avg Ann Wages	LQ	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
44	Retail Trade	701	\$34,150	2.02	250	9.2%	105	43	52	10	1.4%
72	Accommodation and Food Services	489	\$26,344	1.57	57	2.5%	94	38	47	9	1.8%
92	Public Administration	413	\$57,613	2.42	-22	-1.0%	44	16	22	7	1.6%
61	Educational Services	400	\$46,466	1.37	42	2.3%	44	18	20	6	1.6%
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	275	\$43,661	0.50	-17	-1.2%	31	13	14	5	1.6%
23	Construction	268	\$55,965	1.25	124	13.2%	27	9	13	5	1.9%
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	190	\$86,544	4.39	-72	-6.2%	26	12	11	3	1.6%
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	181	\$63,202	0.69	95	16.0%	18	6	9	4	2.0%
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	171	\$31,691	1.12	0	0.0%	22	8	11	3	1.8%
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	126	\$36,869	0.58	63	14.9%	16	6	8	2	1.7%
31	Manufacturing	94	\$47,757	0.34	45	14.0%	11	4	6	2	1.7%
52	Finance and Insurance	78	\$59,920	0.55	1	0.2%	8	3	4	1	1.8%
42	Wholesale Trade	74	\$59,492	0.56	43	19.1%	8	3	4	1	1.6%
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	68	\$53,145	1.07	-15	-3.8%	8	3	3	1	1.8%
48	Transportation and Warehousing	38	\$53,546	0.21	-70	-18.9%	5	2	2	1	1.9%
51	Information	21	\$52,906	0.30	-12	-8.9%	2	1	1	0	1.1%
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	11	\$20,884	0.14	6	16.4%	2	1	1	0	1.9%
99	Unclassified	3	\$38,979	0.47	2	31.0%	0	0	0	0	1.7%
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	n/a	0.00	-3	n/a	0	0	0	0	2.1%
22	Utilities	0	n/a	0.00	-9	n/a	0	0	0	0	1.6%
Total - All Industries		3,599	\$52,482	1.00	508	3.1%	446	170	215	60	1.7%

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Data as of 2025Q2

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Occupation Snapshot

The largest major occupation group in the LaBelle city, FL is Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations, employing 449 workers. The next-largest occupation groups in the region are Sales and Related Occupations (442 workers) and Educational Instruction and Library Occupations (317). High location quotients (LQs) indicate occupation groups in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The major groups with the largest LQs in the region are Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations (LQ = 5.74), Protective Service Occupations (1.93), and Educational Instruction and Library Occupations (1.61).

Occupation groups in the LaBelle city, FL with the highest average wages per worker are Computer and Mathematical Occupations (\$107,000), Legal Occupations (\$103,200), and Management Occupations (\$102,200). The unemployment rate in the region varied among the major groups from 1.2% among Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations to 5.8% among Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations.

Over the next 1 year, the fastest growing occupation group in the LaBelle city, FL is expected to be Transportation and Material Moving Occupations with a +2.1% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (+8 jobs) and Transportation and Material Moving Occupations (+6). Over the same period, the highest separation demand (occupation demand due to retirements and workers moving from one occupation to another) is expected in Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (89 jobs) and Sales and Related Occupations (64).

LaBelle city, FL, 2025Q2¹

SOC	Occupation	Current						5-Year History		1-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Mean Ann Wages ²	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related	449	\$34,600	1.52	20	5.1%	n/a	52	2.5%	97	40	49	8	1.8%
41-0000	Sales and Related	442	\$44,500	1.42	11	4.6%	n/a	124	6.8%	69	30	34	5	1.2%
25-0000	Educational Instruction and Library	317	\$52,700	1.61	2	2.5%	n/a	36	2.4%	35	15	15	5	1.7%
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support	316	\$46,500	0.77	5	2.7%	n/a	16	1.1%	40	18	19	3	1.0%
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving	298	\$45,300	0.97	14	5.0%	n/a	29	2.1%	48	19	23	6	2.1%
11-0000	Management	256	\$102,200	0.90	2	1.2%	n/a	63	5.8%	27	8	13	5	2.0%
47-0000	Construction and Extraction	195	\$52,700	1.20	21	5.2%	n/a	76	10.4%	20	7	10	4	2.0%
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	156	\$53,800	1.13	3	2.8%	n/a	13	1.7%	18	6	8	3	1.9%
33-0000	Protective Service	153	\$56,100	1.93	1	2.3%	n/a	9	1.2%	18	6	9	2	1.6%
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	147	\$38,000	1.24	11	4.3%	n/a	36	5.8%	23	10	11	3	1.7%
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations	143	\$80,300	0.61	1	2.0%	n/a	29	4.6%	15	5	7	3	1.9%
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	119	\$36,200	5.74	13	5.8%	n/a	-47	-6.5%	20	8	10	2	1.4%
39-0000	Personal Care and Service	110	\$37,700	1.18	2	3.5%	n/a	9	1.7%	20	8	11	2	1.7%
51-0000	Production	98	\$44,500	0.51	6	4.5%	n/a	26	6.3%	14	5	7	2	1.6%
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	95	\$87,800	0.44	1	1.2%	n/a	4	0.9%	8	3	3	2	1.9%
31-0000	Healthcare Support	81	\$40,300	0.47	2	2.7%	n/a	-13	-3.0%	13	5	6	1	1.8%
21-0000	Community and Social Service	56	\$58,200	0.83	0	n/a	n/a	4	1.5%	6	2	3	1	1.9%

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27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	33	\$59,300	0.53	0	n/a	n/a	9	6.2%	4	1	2	1	1.8%
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science	30	\$79,600	0.91	0	n/a	n/a	12	11.1%	3	1	2	1	2.1%
23-0000	Legal	21	\$103,200	0.69	0	n/a	n/a	3	3.2%	2	0	1	0	1.7%
Total - All Occupations		3,599	\$55,400	1.00	n/a	n/a	n/a	508	3.1%	507	200	247	60	1.7%

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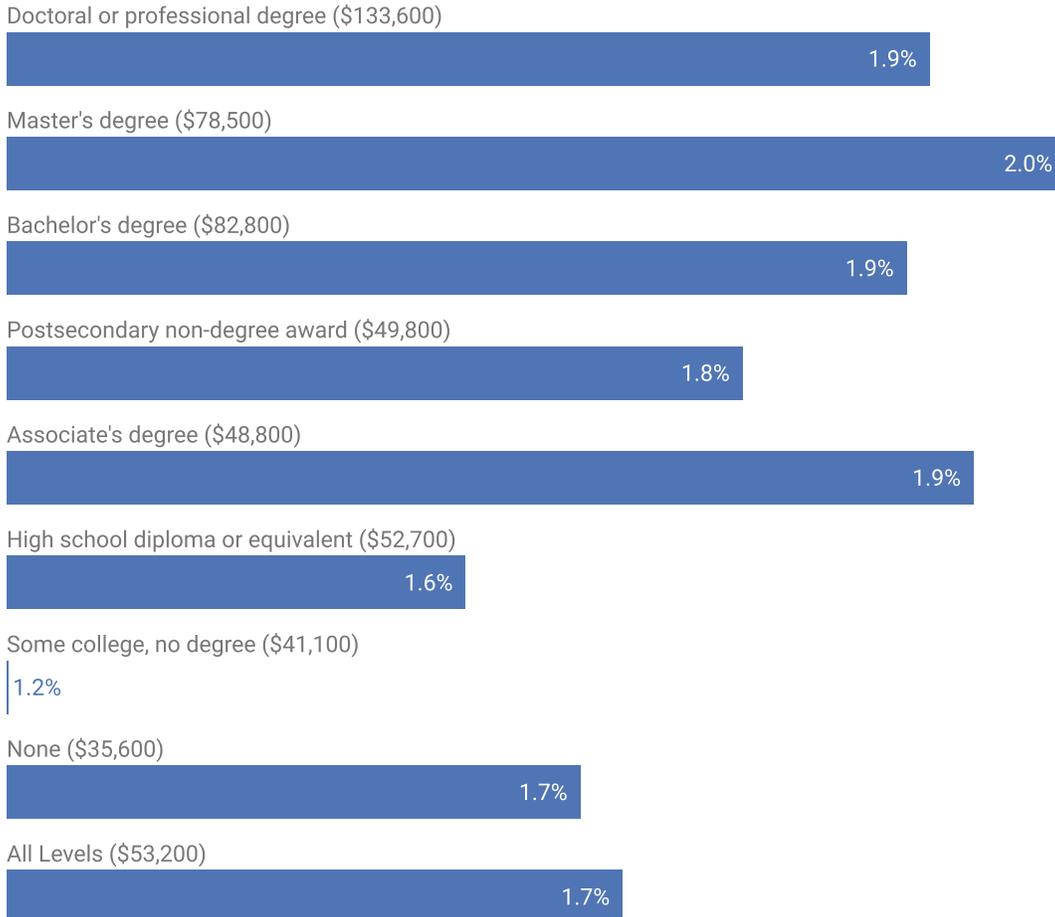
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Education Levels

Expected growth rates for occupations vary by the education and training required. While all employment in the LaBelle city, FL is projected to grow 1.7% over the next ten years, occupations typically requiring a postgraduate degree are expected to grow 1.9% per year, those requiring a bachelor's degree are forecast to grow 1.9% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to grow 1.9% per year.

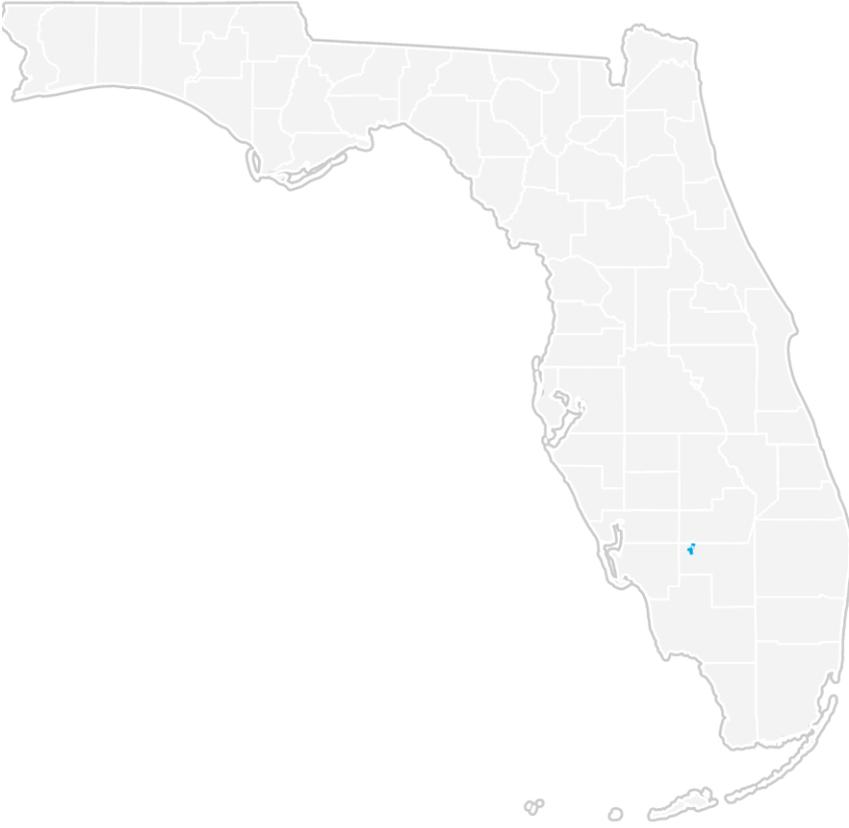
Annual Average Projected Job Growth by Education Levels



Source: JobsEQ®
Data as of 2025Q2

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LaBelle city, FL Regional Map



Region Definition

Hendry County is defined as the following counties:

Hendry County, Florida

FAQ

What is a location quotient?

A location quotient (LQ) is a measurement of concentration in comparison to the nation. An LQ of 1.00 indicates a region has the same concentration of an industry (or occupation) as the nation. An LQ of 2.00 would mean the region has twice the expected employment compared to the nation and an LQ of 0.50 would mean the region has half the expected employment in comparison to the nation.

What is separation demand?

Separation demand is the number of jobs required due to separations—labor force exits (including retirements) and turnover resulting from workers moving from one occupation into another. Note that separation demand does not include all turnover—it does not include when workers stay in the same occupation but switch employers. The total projected demand for an occupation is the sum of the separation demand and the growth demand (which is the increase or decrease of jobs in an occupation expected due to expansion or contraction of the overall number of jobs in that occupation).

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