



# Taylor County Profile

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## GEOGRAPHY

### Primary Economic Development Contact

<b>Nearest MSA:</b>	Tallahassee
<b>Time Zone:</b>	Eastern
<b>Local Area Code(s):</b>	850
<b>Largest Cities:</b>	1 Perry
<b>Miles* To:</b>	
Tallahassee	51
Orlando	176
Tampa	166
Jacksonville	119
Miami	368
Atlanta	257
Chicago	841
Dallas	800
New York	912

\*Miles are calculated from county seat.



## POPULATION

	Taylor	Florida
<b>1980:</b>	16,532	9,746,961
<b>1990:</b>	17,111	12,938,071
<b>2010:</b>	22,570	18,801,310
<b>2020(p):</b>	23,800	21,326,800
<b>2040(p):</b>	25,900	26,081,800

(p) Denotes Projected Population

## PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

	Taylor	Florida
<b>2007</b>	\$25,300	\$39,449
<b>2008</b>	\$25,863	\$40,133
<b>2009</b>	\$25,898	\$38,965

## CLIMATE

Average Temperature	High	Low
January:	65	39
July:	93	71
<b>Florida Mean Annual Precipitation</b>	.....	53
<b>Average Annual Rain Days</b>	.....	115

## MIGRATION

<b>(2009)</b>	
<b>In-Migration</b>	709
<b>Out-Migration</b>	764
<b>Net-Migration</b>	-55

\*Estimates based on IRS Statistics of Income data

## LABOR FORCE

(2010)

## EXISTING EMPLOYMENT

Major Private Sector Employers

<b>Labor Force</b>	9,194
<b>Labor Force % of County Population</b>	40.7
<b>Number in County Unemployed</b>	1,056
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	11.5%

Monthly labor force data are available from the [Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation](#).

### EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

<i>N/D = No Data</i> (2009)	Taylor	Florida
<b>Average Annual Employment</b>	6,751	7,182,815
<b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>	4.4%	1.3%
<b>Construction</b>	6.2%	5.5%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	22.9%	4.5%
<b>Trade, Transportation and Utilities</b>	16.6%	21.2%
<b>Information</b>	0.7%	2.0%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	2.3%	6.7%
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	1.8%	14.6%
<b>Education &amp; Health Services</b>	N/D	
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	6.8%	12.9%
<b>Other Services</b>	1.7%	3.2%
<b>Public administration</b>	15.6%	6.5%
<b>Unclassified</b>	N/D	

#### Average Annual Wage

(2009)	
<b>All Industries</b>	\$33,708
<b>Construction</b>	\$41,998
<b>Education &amp; Health Services</b>	N/D
<b>Financial Activities</b>	\$30,867
<b>Information</b>	\$34,788
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	\$12,833
<b>Manufacturing</b>	\$47,013
<b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>	\$43,923
<b>Other Services</b>	\$21,542
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	\$40,048
<b>Public administration</b>	\$33,965
<b>Trade, Transportation and Utilities</b>	\$22,398
<b>Unclassified</b>	N/D

**Buckeye Technologies, Inc.**  
**Business Line:** Pulp Mill  
**Number of Employees**..... 643

**Doctors Memorial Hospital**  
**Business Line:** Healthcare  
**Number of Employees**..... 250

**Martin Electronics, Inc.**  
**Business Line:** Pyrotechnics  
**Number of Employees**..... 243

**United Welding Services, Inc.**  
**Business Line:** Aluminum Truck Accessories  
**Number of Employees**..... 140

**Gilman Building Products**  
**Business Line:** Wood Products  
**Number of Employees**..... 127

**Lance Manufacturing**  
**Business Line:** Snack Foods  
**Number of Employees**..... 115

**RDS Manufacturing, Inc.**  
**Business Line:** Aluminum Fuel Tanks  
**Number of Employees**..... 100

**American Aluminum Accessories, Inc.**  
**Business Line:** Aluminum Specialty Items  
**Number of Employees**..... 50

**Big Top Manufacturing**  
**Business Line:** Industrial Shelters  
**Number of Employees**..... 40

**Nature Coast Surgery/Medical Center**  
**Business Line:** Healthcare  
**Number of Employees**..... 34

### TRANSPORTATION

<b>Federal Interstates</b>		<b>Nearest Airport with Scheduled Commerical Airline Service:</b>	Tallahassee Regional Airport
<b>Federal Highways</b>	US-19, US-221	<b># Runways</b>	2
<b>State Highways</b>	SR-27, US-98	<b>Longest Paved Runway(ft.)</b>	8000
<b>Railroads</b>	Florida-Georgia Railnet	<b>General Aviation Airports</b>	Perry-Foley Airport
		<b>Local Deep Water Port</b>	Port of Port of St. Joe/St. Marks
		<b>Miles to Closest Port</b>	106

### STATE AND LOCAL TAXATION

COUNTY	STATE
<b>Countywide Ad Valorem Millage Rates:</b>	
<b>Government</b> 7.0113	<b>Corporate Income Tax</b> 5.5%

<b>Schools</b>	7.6640
<b>Special</b>	0.4399
<b>Total</b>	15.1152

<b>Personal Income Tax</b>	0.0%
<b>Retail Sales Tax</b>	6.0%

<b>Ad Valorem Tax Exemption:</b>	Yes
<b>Retail Sales Tax (Local Option)</b>	1.00
<b>Federal Enterprise Zone</b>	No
<b>State Enterprise Zone</b>	EZ-6201

### COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

**Electric Companies:**

- Tri-County Electrical Cooperative
- Progress Energy

**Natural Gas Companies:**

- City of Perry

**Telephone Companies:**

- FairPoint Communications

**Water & Sewer Companies:**

- City of Perry
- Taylor Coastal Utilities

<b>Existing Industrial Zoned Land</b>	Yes
<b>Number of Acres</b>	20
<b>Largest Available Contiguous Parcel</b>	20
<b>Industrial Parks</b>	Yes
<b>Number of Acres</b>	27
<b>Largest Available Contiguous Parcel</b>	27
<b>Foreign Trade Zones</b>	No
<b>Zone Number(s)</b>	

### MEDIA

**Local Radio Stations:**

- WFNK FM 92.1
- WPRY AM 1400

**Local Television Stations:**

- TV-69

**Locally Printed Newspapers:**

- Perry Newspapers, Inc.

### EDUCATION

	Public Schools	Teachers	Enrollments
<b>Totals:</b>	9	230	3,153

**Private Schools Available: Yes**

**POST SECONDARY EDUCATION SERVING THE COUNTY:**

**Colleges/Universities:**

- Florida State University
- University of Florida
- Florida A&M University
- Valdosta State University (GA)

**Junior/Community Colleges:**

- Tallahassee Community College
- North Florida Community College

**Technical Schools:**

- Lively Technical Center
- Suwannee-Hamilton Vo-Tech
- Taylor Technical Institute

**Other Schools:**

- none

### FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

<b>Number of Banks:</b>	3
<b>Number of Savings and Loans:</b>	3
<b>Number of Credit Unions:</b>	2

### QUALITY OF LIFE

<b>Cost of Living</b>	
<b>Price Level Index, (2007)</b>	
<b>Florida State Average = 100</b>	
	<b>Sample</b>
<b>Total</b>	84.92
<b>Food</b>	104.34
<b>Housing</b>	67.64
<b>Medical Care</b>	98.39
<b>Personal Goods and Services</b>	91.56
<b>Transportation</b>	99.30

**Medical Services:**

- Doctors Memorial Hospital
- Nature Coast Family Health Care
- Shands Hospital
- Tallahassee Community Hospital
- Tallahassee Memorial Regional Hospital

**Recreational Opportunities:**

- Canoeing, Birdwatching
- Salt & Freshwater Fishing
- Scalloping
- Taylor County Horse Arena
- Western Portion, Great Florida Birding Trail
- Wildlife Management Areas

**Historical Points Of Interest:**

- Cracker Homestead
- Forest Capital Museum
- Hampton Springs Spa Site
- Steinhatchee Area
- Steinhatchee Falls

**Cultural Events/Festivals:**

- Fiesta in the Park - Steinhatchee
- Florida Forest Festival
- Florida State Blue Grass Festival
- Optimist Club Fishing Tournament
- Steinhatchee July 4th Celebration

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