

# Brevard County Profile

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## GEOGRAPHY

### Primary Economic Development Contact

**Nearest MSA:** Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusv  
**Time Zone:** Eastern  
**Local Area Code(s):** 321  
**Largest Cities:** 1 Palm Bay  
 2 Melbourne  
 3 Titusville



**Miles\* To:**

Tallahassee	.....	245
Orlando	.....	36
Tampa	.....	108
Jacksonville	.....	135
Miami	.....	197
Atlanta	.....	418
Chicago	.....	995
Dallas	.....	995
New York	.....	920

\*Miles are calculated from county seat.

## POPULATION

	Brevard	Florida
1980:	272,959	9,746,961
1990:	398,978	12,938,071
2010:	543,376	18,801,310
2015(p):	585,000	19,881,200
2030(p):	695,700	23,821,300

(p) Denotes Projected Population

## PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

	Brevard	Florida
2007	\$36,953	\$39,449
2008	\$37,620	\$40,133
2009	\$37,454	\$38,965

## CLIMATE

Average Temperature	High	Low
January:	71	50
July:	90	73
Florida Mean Annual Precipitation	.....	53
Average Annual Rain Days	.....	116

## MIGRATION

(2008)

In-Migration	24,000
Out-Migration	21,971
Net-Migration	2,029

\*Estimates based on IRS Statistics of Income data

## LABOR FORCE

(2010)

Labor Force	268,149
Labor Force % of County Population	49.3
Number in County Unemployed	30,930
Unemployment Rate	11.5%

Monthly labor force data are available from the [Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation](http://FloridaAgencyforWorkforceInnovation.com).

## EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

N/D = No Data

	Brevard	Florida
(2009)		

## EXISTING EMPLOYMENT

### Major Private Sector Employers

**Harris Corporation**  
**Business Line:** Communications Equipment Manufacturing  
**Number of Employees**..... 6,700

**Health First, Inc.**  
**Business Line:** Integrated Healthcare Delivery System  
**Number of Employees**..... 6,420

**United Space Alliance**

Average Annual Employment	189,957	7,182,815
Natural Resources & Mining	0.1%	1.3%
Construction	5.1%	5.5%
Manufacturing	11.4%	4.5%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	17.6%	21.2%
Information	1.6%	2.0%
Financial Activities	4.1%	6.7%
Professional & Business Services	16.1%	14.6%
Education & Health Services	16.0%	21.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	10.9%	12.9%
Other Services	2.9%	3.2%
Public administration	7.9%	6.5%
Unclassified	0.0%	0.0%

**Average Annual Wage**

(2009)	
All Industries	\$43,111
Construction	\$38,240
Education & Health Services	\$42,631
Financial Activities	\$44,463
Information	\$50,374
Leisure & Hospitality	\$16,233
Manufacturing	\$69,195
Natural Resources & Mining	\$29,396
Other Services	\$26,153
Professional & Business Services	\$56,201
Public administration	\$53,751
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$30,243
Unclassified	\$136,330

**Business Line:** NASA Space Flight Operations Contractor  
**Number of Employees**..... 5,890

**Wuesthoff Health System**  
**Business Line:** Integrated Healthcare Delivery System  
**Number of Employees**..... 2,430

**Northrop Grumman Corporation**  
**Business Line:** Aviation Manufacturing  
**Number of Employees**..... 1,640

**Rockwell Collins, Inc.**  
**Business Line:** Avionics Manufacturing  
**Number of Employees**..... 1,430

**Parrish Medical Center**  
**Business Line:** Integrated Healthcare Delivery System  
**Number of Employees**..... 1,040

**The Boeing Company**  
**Business Line:** Payload Processing for Space Flight  
**Number of Employees**..... 1,010

**DRS Optronics, Inc.**  
**Business Line:** Optical Battleground Instrument Manufacturing  
**Number of Employees**..... 910

**MC Assembly**  
**Business Line:** PC Board Assembly  
**Number of Employees**..... 890

**TRANSPORTATION**

<b>Federal Interstates</b>	I-95	<b>Nearest Airport with Scheduled Commercial Airline Service:</b>	Melbourne International Airport
<b>Federal Highways</b>	US-1; US-192	<b># Runways</b>	3
<b>State Highways</b>	SR-A1A; 5; 46; 50; 405; 407; 501; 519; 520; 524; 528	<b>Longest Paved Runway(ft.)</b>	10200
<b>Railroads</b>	Florida East Coast Railway	<b>General Aviation Airports</b>	Space Coast Regional; Merritt Island; Grant Valkaria; Arthur Dunn; Rockledge Green Light Industrial
		<b>Local Deep Water Port</b>	Port Canaveral
		<b>Miles to Closest Port</b>	0

**STATE AND LOCAL TAXATION**

COUNTY		STATE	
<b>Countywide Ad Valorem Millage Rates:</b>			
Government	4.2717	Corporate Income Tax	5.5%
Schools	7.6530	Personal Income Tax	0.0%
Special	1.4035	Retail Sales Tax	6.0%
Total	13.3282		
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Ad Valorem Tax Exemption:	Yes		
Retail Sales Tax (Local Option)	0.00		
Federal Enterprise Zone	No		
State Enterprise Zone	EZ-0501		

**COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SERVICES**

- Electric Companies:**
- Florida Power & Light

**EDUCATION**

Public Schools	Teachers	Enrollments
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**Natural Gas Companies:**

- Florida City Gas

**Telephone Companies:**

- AT&T
- Bright House Networks

**Water & Sewer Companies:**

- Individual Municipalities

<b>Existing Industrial Zoned Land</b>	Yes
<b>Number of Acres</b>	419
<b>Largest Available Contiguous Parcel</b>	415

<b>Industrial Parks</b>	Yes
<b>Number of Acres</b>	0
<b>Largest Available Contiguous Parcel</b>	0

<b>Foreign Trade Zones</b>	Yes
<b>Zone Number(s)</b>	136

**Totals:** 110 5,615 71,866

**Private Schools Available: Yes**

**POST SECONDARY EDUCATION SERVING THE COUNTY:**

**Colleges/Universities:**

- Florida Institute of Technology
- University of Central Florida

**Junior/Community Colleges:**

- Brevard Community College

**Technical Schools:**

- none listed

**Other Schools:**

- Keiser College
- Webster University
- Barry University
- Columbia College
- Everest University
- Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

**MEDIA**

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

**Local Radio Stations:**

- WA1A - 107.1 FM
- WHKR - 102.7 FM
- WCIF - 106.3 FM
- WMMB - 1240 AM
- WLRQ - 99.3 FM
- WEJF - 90.3
- WBVD - 95.1 FM
- WMEL - 920 AM

**Local Television Stations:**

- Space Coast Government
- Brevard Public Schools
- NASA Select

**Locally Printed Newspapers:**

- Florida Today

<b>Number of Banks:</b>	111
<b>Number of Savings and Loans:</b>	10
<b>Number of Credit Unions:</b>	25

**QUALITY OF LIFE**

**Cost of Living**

Price Level Index, (2007)

Florida State Average = 100

	Sample
<b>Total</b>	94.24
<b>Food</b>	100.31
<b>Housing</b>	89.80
<b>Medical Care</b>	94.03
<b>Personal Goods and Services</b>	97.31
<b>Transportation</b>	97.12

**Medical Services:**

- Health First - Holmes Regional Medical
- Health First - Palm Bay Community Hospital
- Health First -Cape Canaveral Hospital
- HealthSouth Sea Pines Rehabilitation Hospital
- Parrish Medical Center
- Wuesthoff Medical Center - Rockledge
- Wuesthoff Medical Center- Melbourne

**Recreational Opportunities:**

- Brevard Zoo
- Canaveral National Seashore
- Henegar Center for the Arts
- Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex
- Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts
- Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge

- Space Coast Stadium

**Historical Points Of Interest:**

- Air Force Space and Missile Museum
- American Police Hall of Fame
- Astronaut Hall of Fame
- Brevard Art Museum
- Brevard Museum of History & Natural Science
- East Coast Surfing Hall of Fame Museum
- Liberty Bell Memorial Museum

**Cultural Events/Festivals:**

- Cocoa Beach Jazz Fest
- Grant Sea Food Festival
- Melbourne Independent Filmmakers Festival
- Space Coast Art Festival
- Space Coast Birding & Wildlife Festival
- Space Coast LightFest
- TICO Warbird Air Show