Statistical Abstract

Hernando County, Florida

Introduction

What is the statistical abstract?

The statistical abstract is a compilation of data about Hernando County, including the built environment, quality of life, economic conditions, housing trends, and its population (specifically the retired and/or elderly population and children living in Hernando).

What information is contained?

The statistical abstract is organized into 7 parts:

- What is Hernando County?
- Who lives in Hernando County?
- Where do people living in Hernando County live?
- Business and Industry in Hernando County
- Quality of Life in Hernando County
- The retired and elderly population in Hernando County
- Children living in Hernando County

Each part contains information about Hernando as it relates to the other counties in the Tampa/St. Petersburg/Clearwater MSA as well as specific information on Hernando County itself.

It is expected that the statistical abstract will be a living document, with updates completed as new data becomes available.
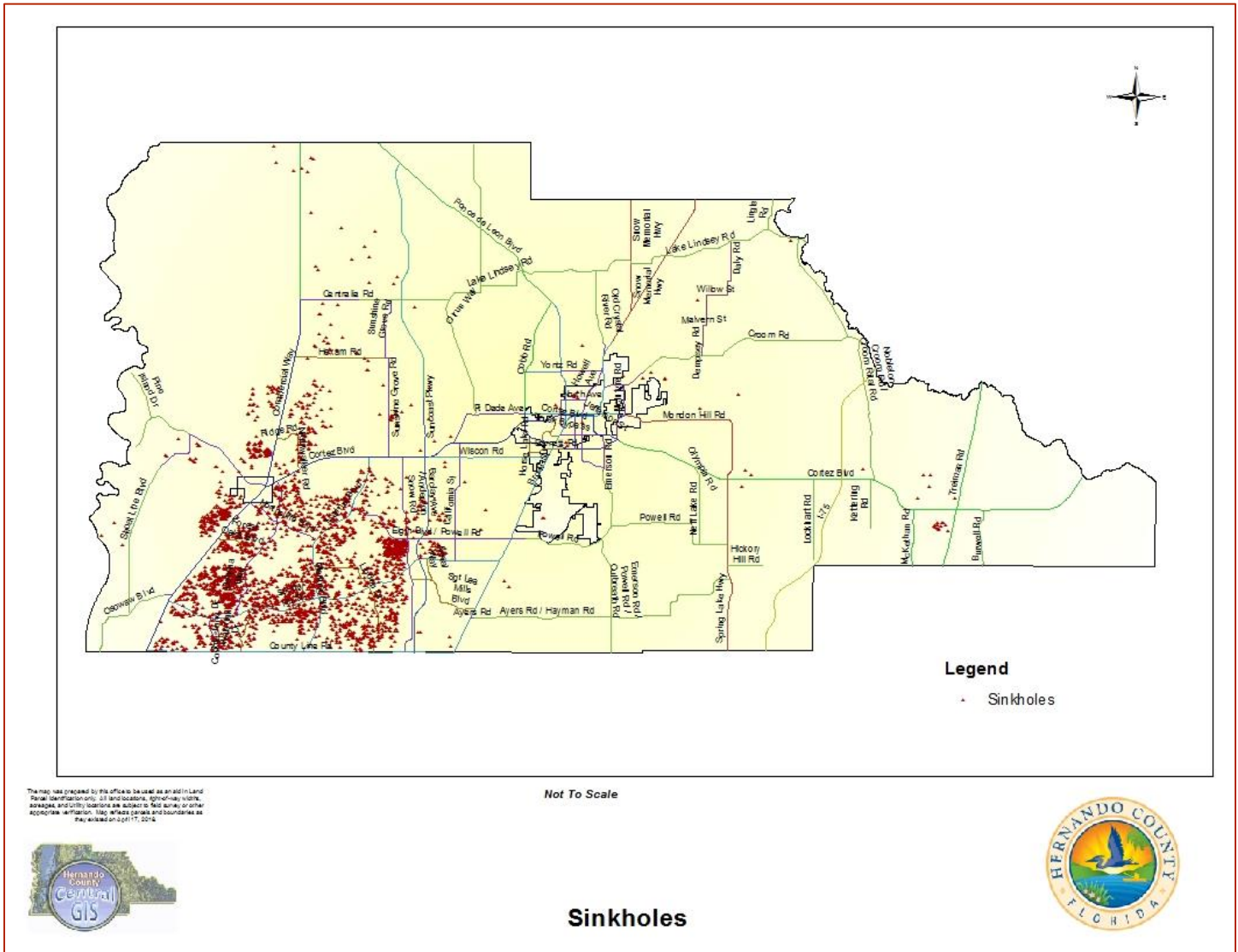
What is Hernando County?

▶**Land Area**: 472.5 Square Miles
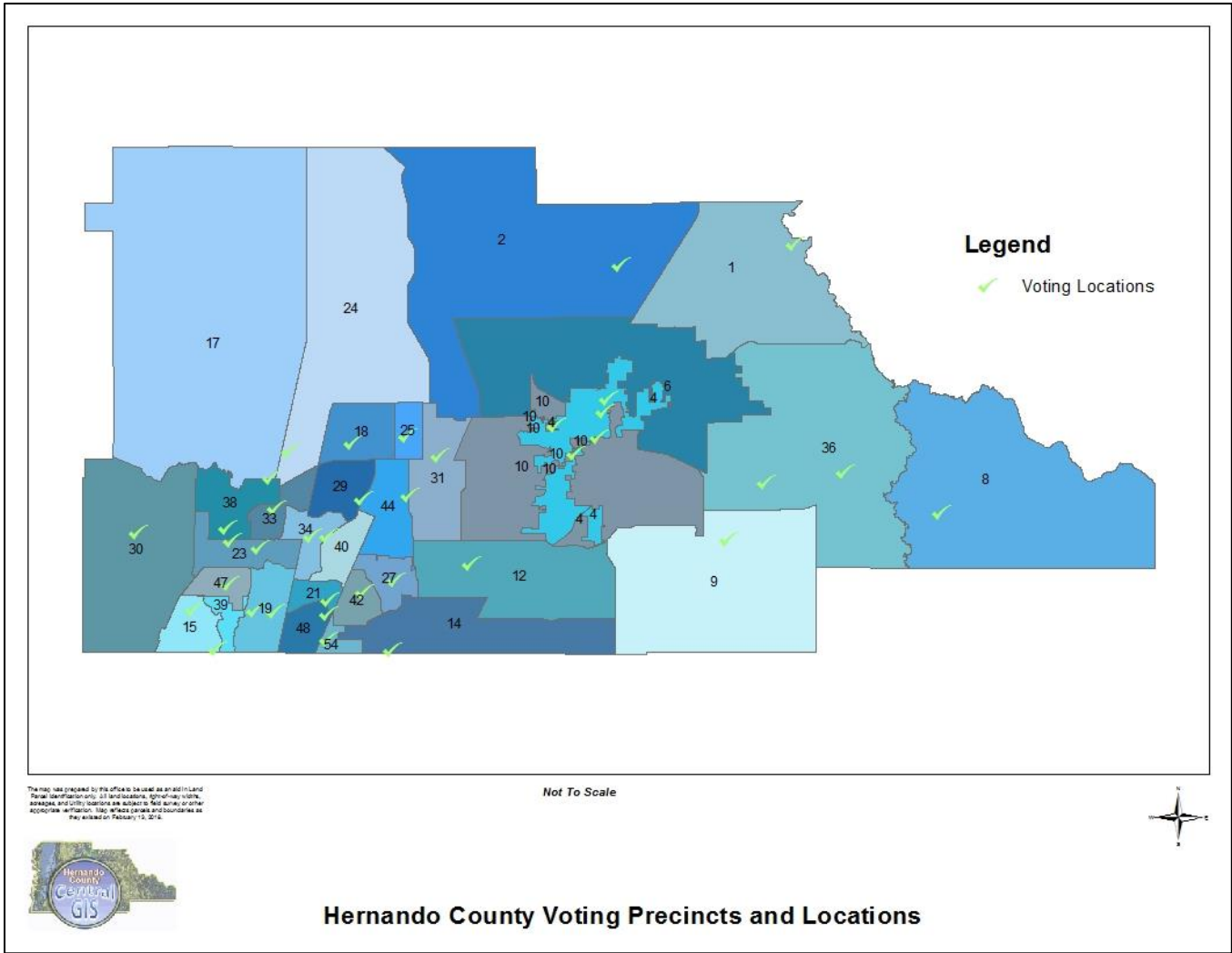
▶**Total population**: Population: 181,882[1]

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[1] Florida Estimates of Population, 2017 (BEBR): https://www.bebr.ufl.edu/sites/default/files/Research%20Reports/estimates_2017.pdf

▶Sinkholes

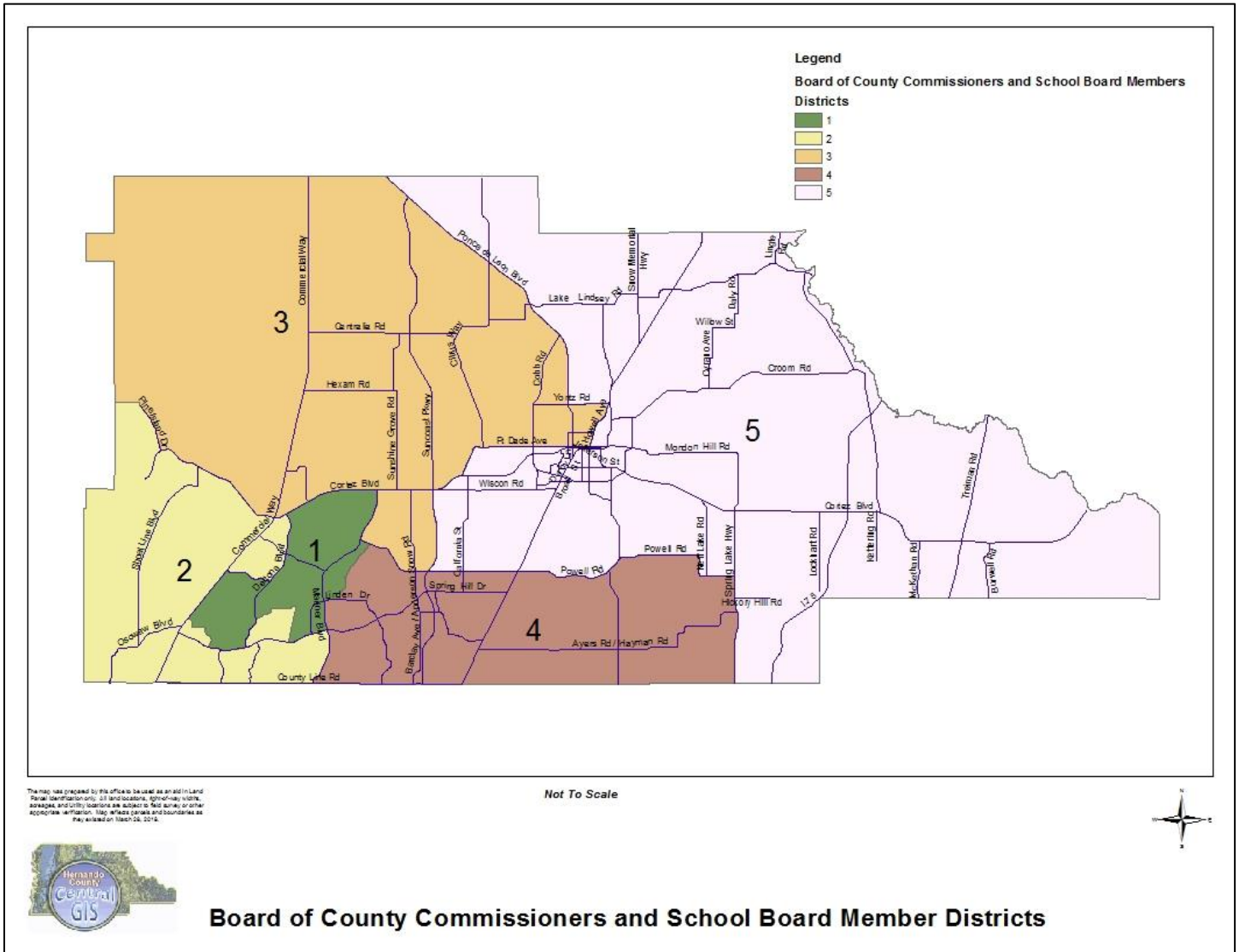***Confirmed sinkholes***

Sinkholes

►Supervisor of Elections precincts[2]

Hernando County Voting Precincts and Locations

▶Political boundaries – DSB and Commissioners Districts[3]

Board of County Commissioners and School Board Member Districts

Who lives in Hernando County?

▶**Where do people live in Hernando County?**
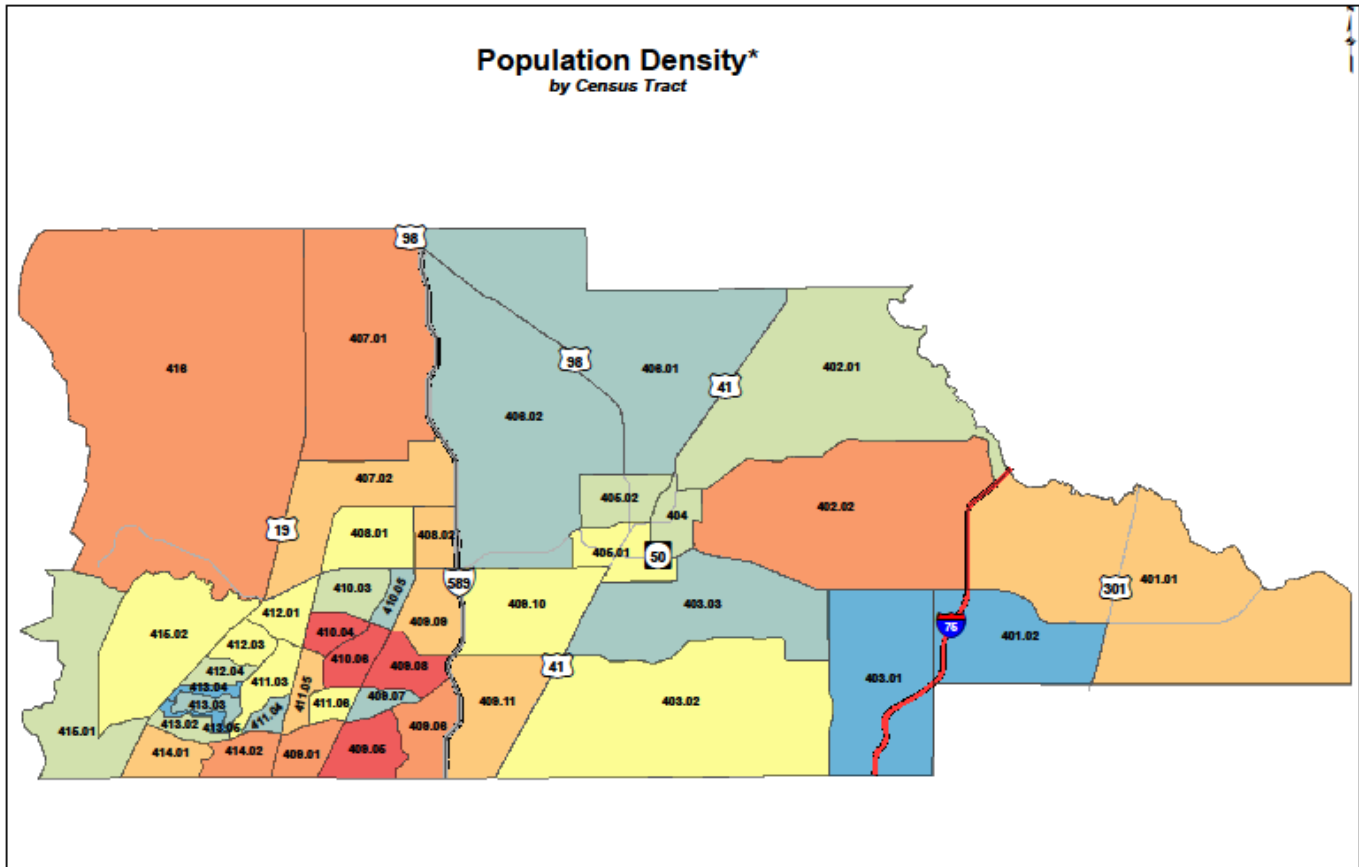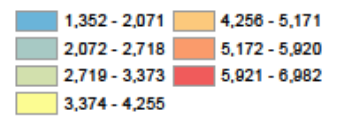
▶What language do they speak?[4]

Hernando has the second-lowest percentage of individuals that speak a language other than English at home (11%). This is significantly less than the Florida average (28%). Approximately 4% of the population speaks English less than "Fairly well"

Language Spoken at Home

Legend:
- ▬ Percent Speaking English Less than Very Well
- ▬ Percentage Speaking Language Other Than English at Home
- ●— Percent Speaking Spanish at home
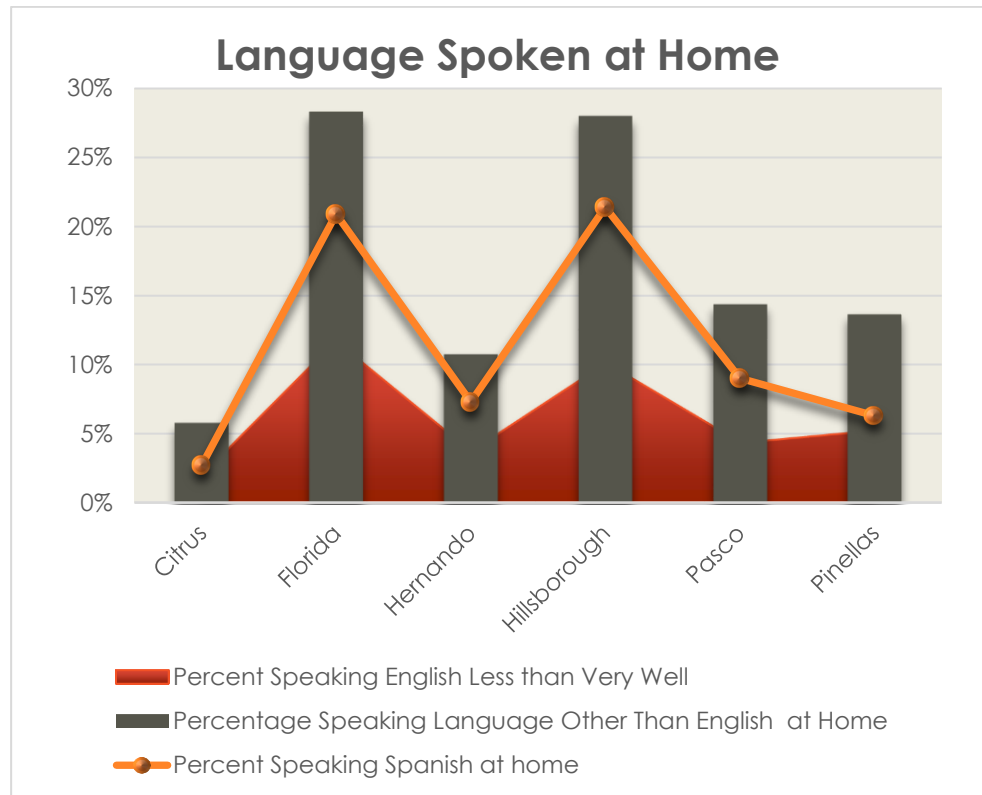
▶What is their age and gender?[5]

Age Demographics

Legend:
- ■ Age 65+ %
- ●— Age 85+ %
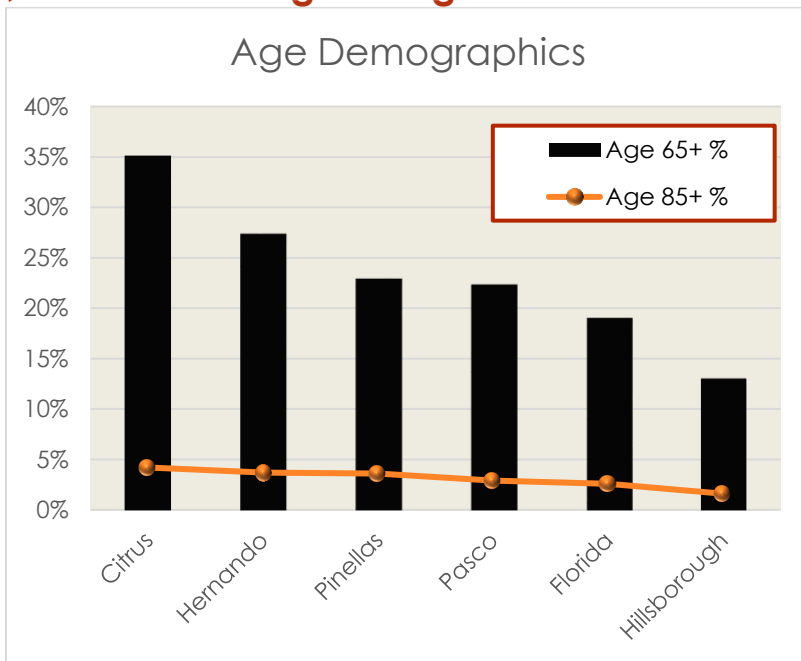
Hernando has one of the greatest proportions of individuals over the age of 65 in the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA. At 27 percent, it is only second to Citrus county, which has over one third of population over 65. Approximately 4% of Hernando's residents are over the age of 85, which is greater than the Florida average of 3%.

4 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-year estimates
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Percentage of Population Under 5 Years of Age by Census Tract

Hernando County continues to be a community in which parents want to raise children. Many census tracts have 4-6% of their population under the age of 5 years old.
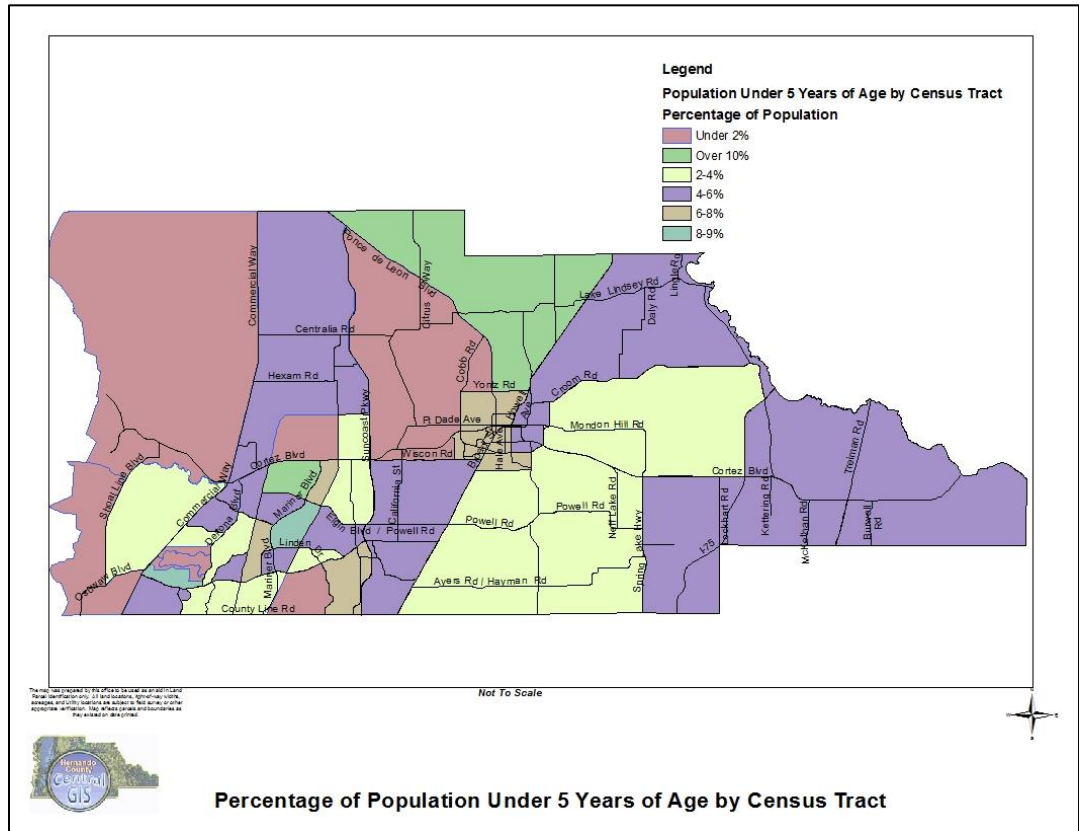
▶Are residents disabled?[6]

Disabled Population Characteristics

- ■ % of Those Under Age 18
- ■ % of Those Age 18 to 64
- ■ % of Those Age 65 and Over
- ■ % of All Ages
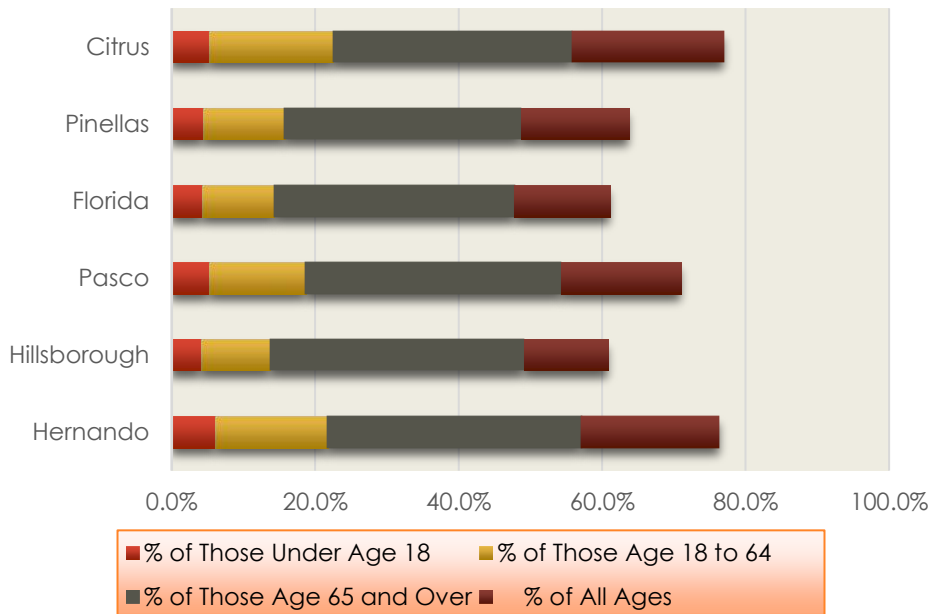
Slightly over 1/3 of the Hernando County populations over the age of 65 is disabled. This is consistent with the Florida average as well as other counties in the Tampa Bay area. However, Hernando has the second highest percentage of residents over the age of 85 with a disability in the Tampa Bay area, second only to Citrus County.

6 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-year estimates

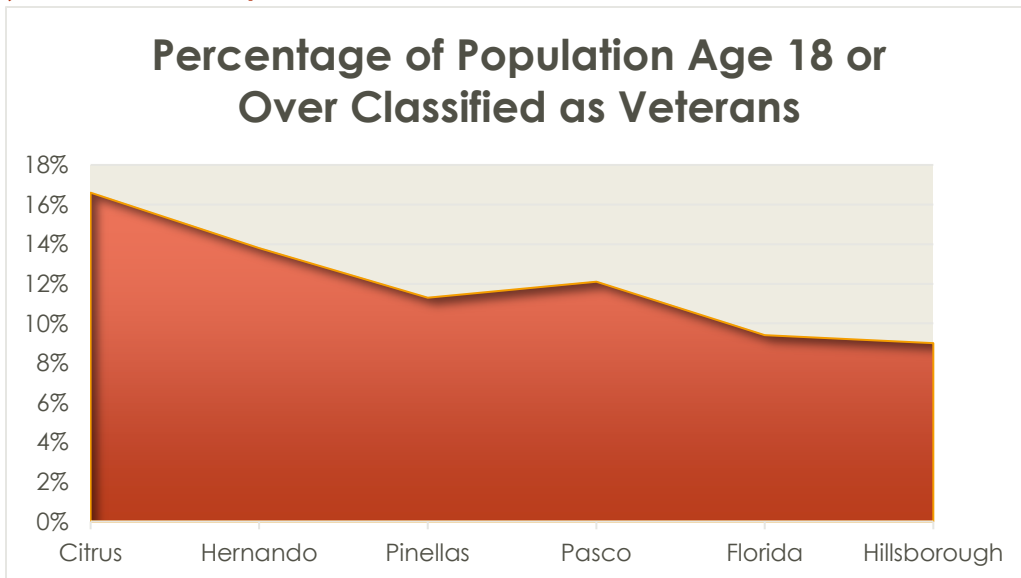Within the county, most census tracts have between 10-20% of the population as disabled. Only three census tracts in the county have over 30% of the population as disabled.

Legend
Percentage of Total Population with a Disability
Percent Categories
- Under 10%
- 10-20%
- 20-30%
- Over 30%

Not To Scale

Disability Status

▶What is the % of veterans? [7]

Percentage of Population Age 18 or Over Classified as Veterans

Citrus · Hernando · Pinellas · Pasco · Florida · Hillsborough
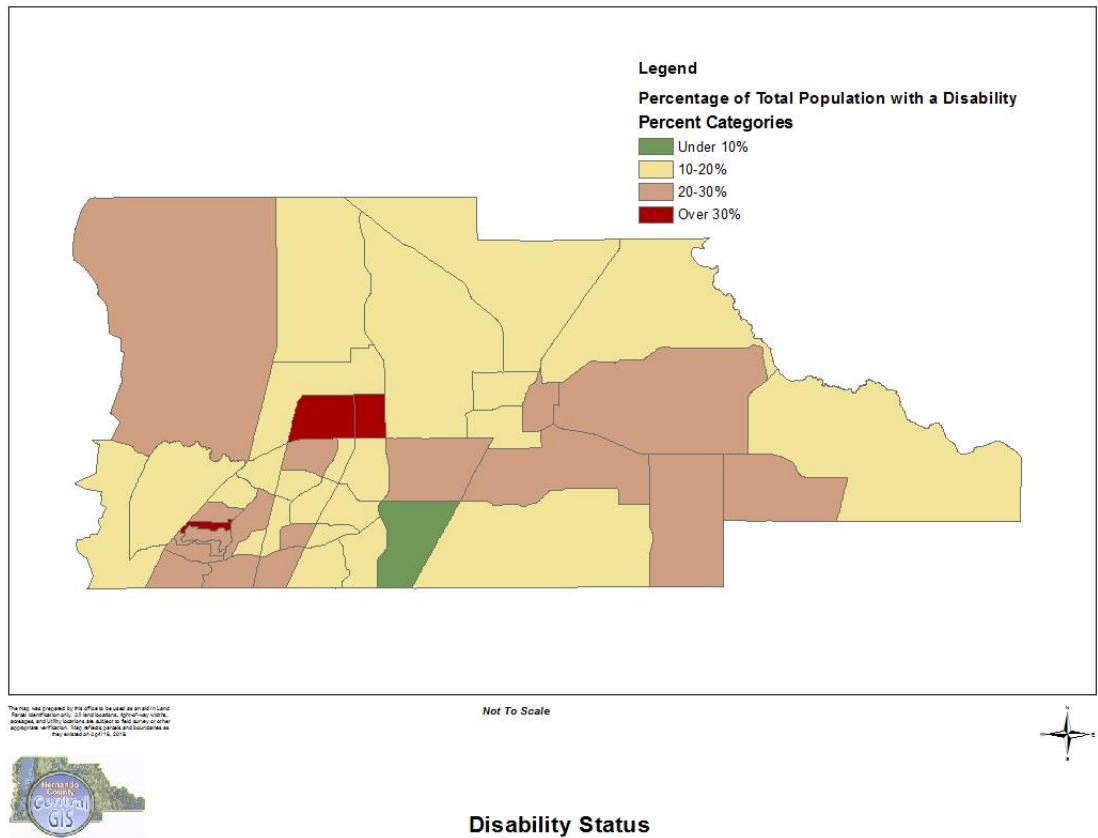
Hernando has the second highest percentage of veterans in the Tampa Bay area, with 14% of our adult population over the age 18 classified as veterans.

▶Income and Poverty Characteristics of Hernando County Residents

Income Characteristics
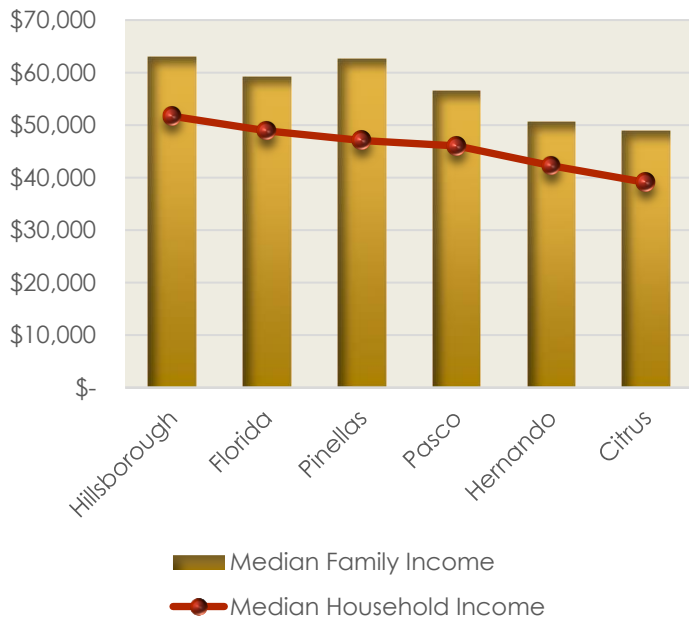
Income levels still lag the more urbanized counties in the Tampa Bay Area. Hernando County has the second-lowest median household and family income, at $42,274.00 annually per household and $50,448 per family.

Hernando has the second-highest percentage of social security income households in the Tampa Bay area, second only to Citrus County. 15% of individuals in Hernando County receive food stamps, and only 2% receive cash assistance.

Non-Wage Income

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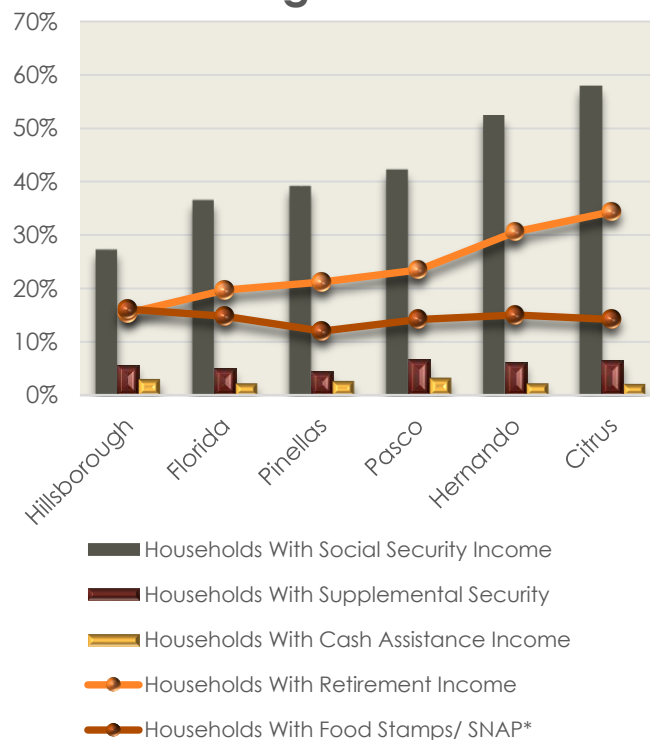
The percentage of Hernando's population living in Poverty is consistent with both the Florida average and the Tampa Bay region. Slightly less than one-quarter of the county's children live in Poverty, and less than 10% of the elderly population lives in poverty.

Poverty Characteristics

Legend:
- ■ Percentage of Population in Poverty in the Last 12 months
- ■ Percentage of Children in Poverty
- ■ Percentage in Poverty Over the Age of 65
- ■ Percentage Receiving Food Stamps

▶Population trends

Annual Population Estimates
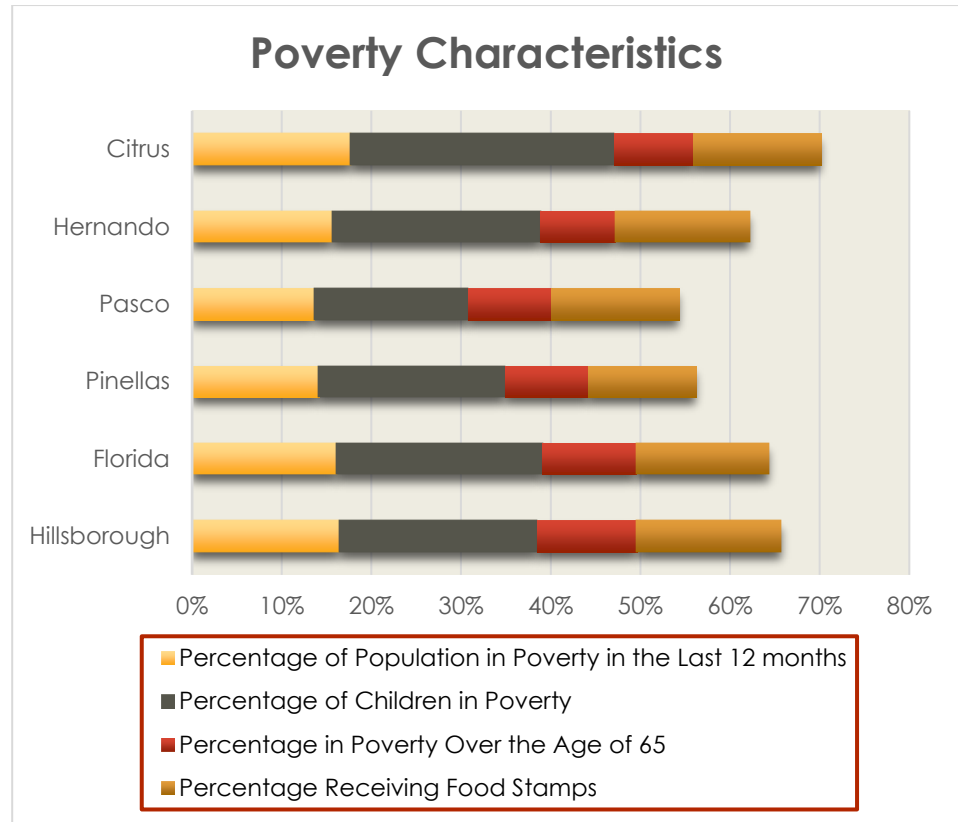
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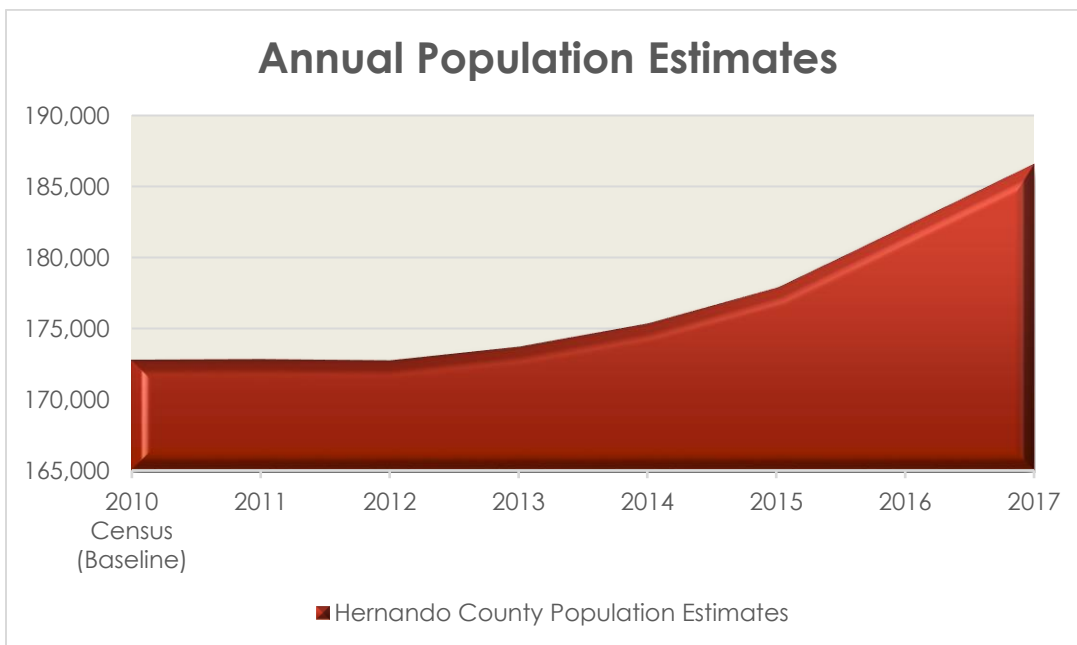
Hernando County has seen a 7.9% increase in population since the 2010 census. The most significant increases to the population occurred starting in 2015, and population is continuing to increase at approximately 2.3% annually.

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Where do people in Hernando County live?

▶Are they cost burdened?

Percent paying more than 30% of income toward housing costs

Legend:
- % of Renters with costs > 30% income
- % of Owners with costs > 30% income

County (x-axis): Citrus, Florida, Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas
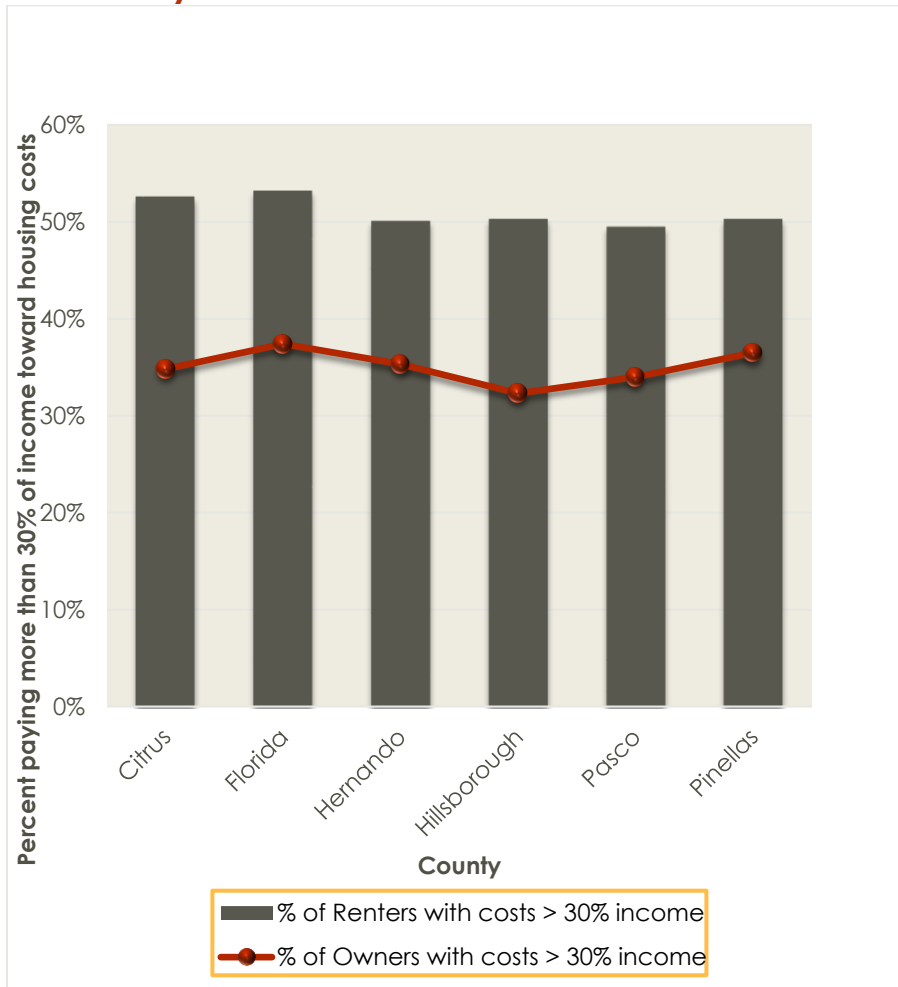
Many Hernando County residents are cost burdened (paying over 30% of their gross monthly income toward housing costs.) In 2016, half of the residents renting in Hernando County were cost burdened; this is consistent with the rest of the counties in the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA and only slightly lower than the Florida average. Over one third of residents that own their own home were cost-burdened; this is also consistent with regional and state averages.[1]

Percentage of Households With Annual Incomes
between $30,000.00-$49,000.00 paying over
30% of monthly gross income in housing costs
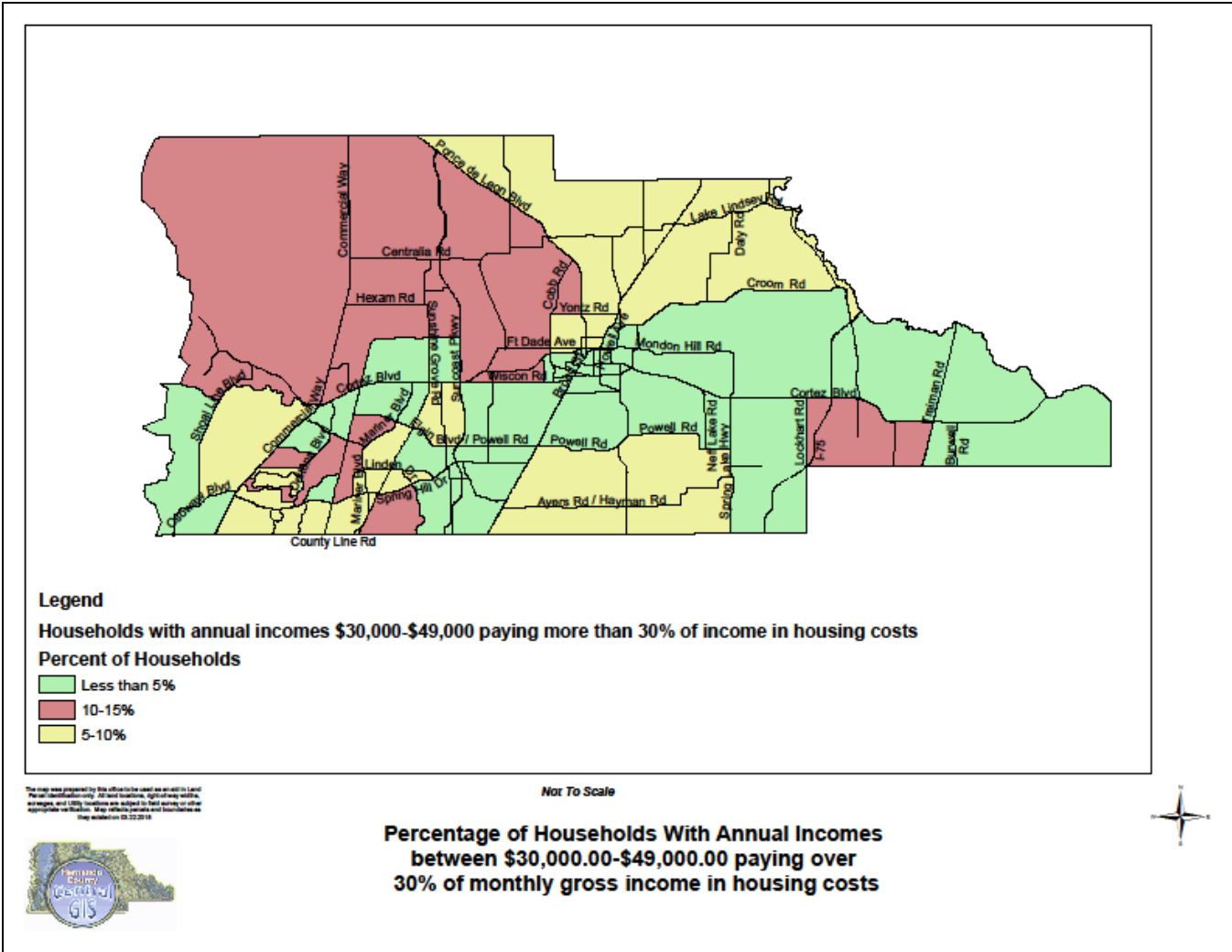
Looking more closely at Hernando County residents, cost burden status varies greatly based on residents' location within the County and income level.

▶Are they homeowners or renters?

Percentage of Occupied Housing Units by Type

- ■ 1 Unit Detatched
- ■ 1 Unit Attached
- ■ 2 Apartments
- ■ 3-4 Apartments
- ■ 5-9 Apartments
- ■ 10 or more apartments
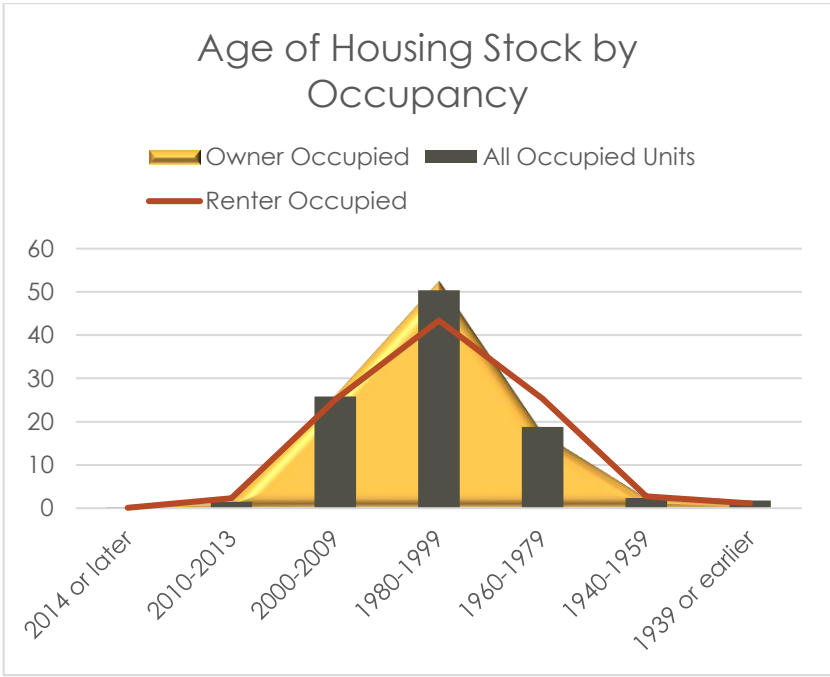- ■ Mobile Home or Other Housing Type
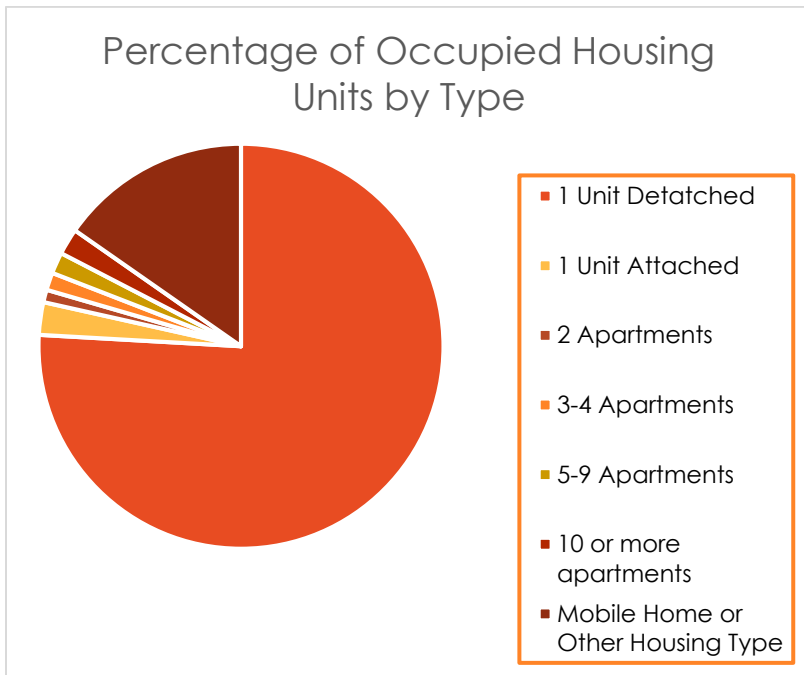
In 2016, there were a total of 70,918 housing units in Hernando County. Of those, approximately 78% were owner-occupied units, and 22% were renter-occupied units.

Most housing units in Hernando County are single family detached units. Approximately one-sixth of all occupied units in Hernando County are mobile homes.

▶Age and Size of Housing Stock
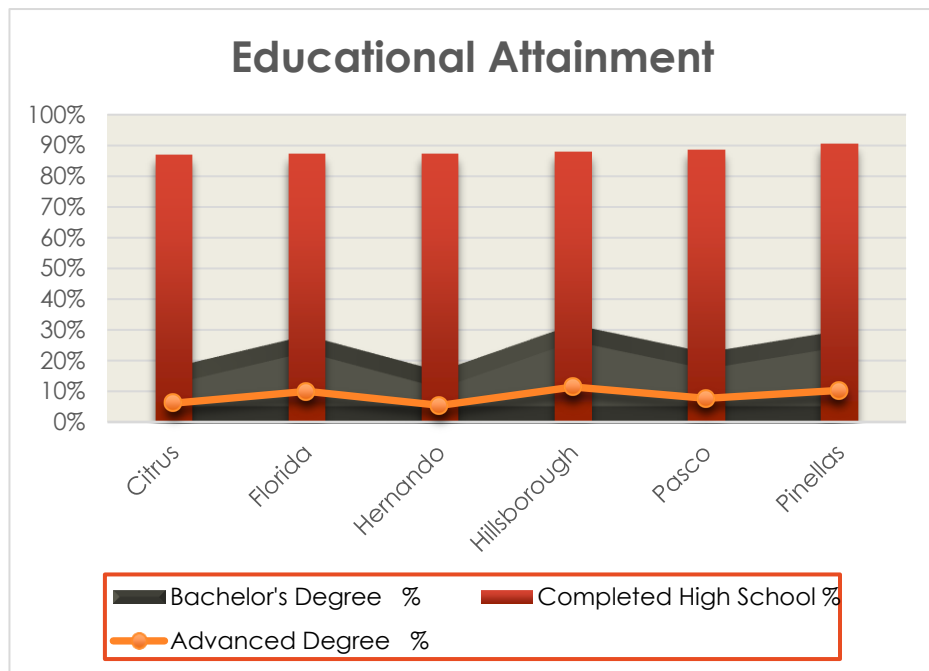
Half of the housing units in Hernando County were built between 1980 and 1999. This is greater than all previous years combined (22%). 28% of the housing units in Hernando have been built since 2000.
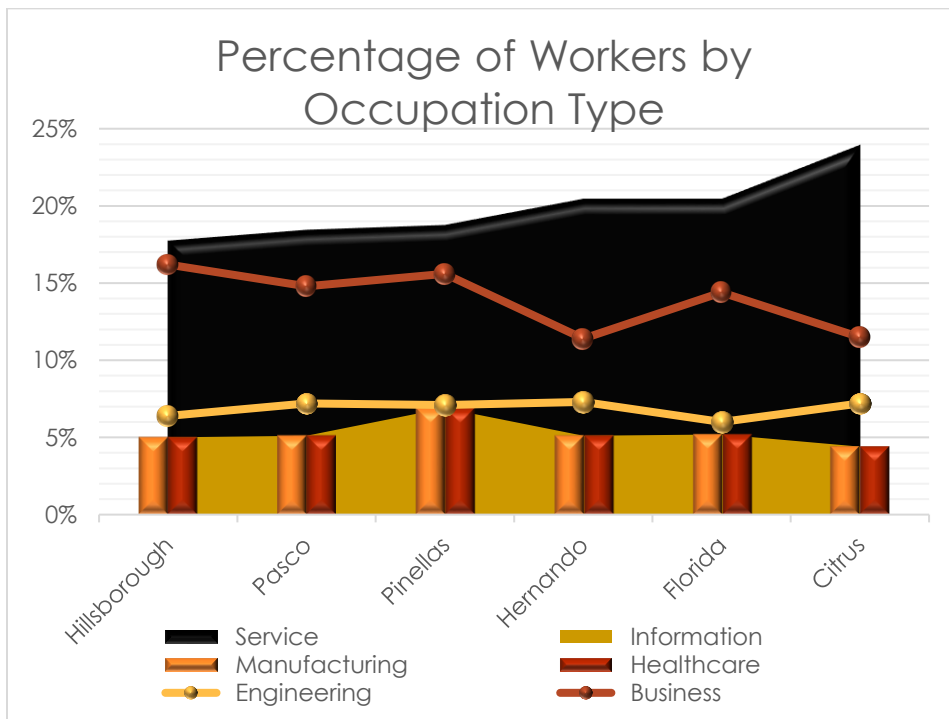
Age of Housing Stock by Occupancy

Owner Occupied | All Occupied Units | Renter Occupied

X-axis: 2014 or later, 2010-2013, 2000-2009, 1980-1999, 1960-1979, 1940-1959, 1939 or earlier

Business and Industry in Hernando County

▶**Educational Attainment[8]**

Approximately 87% of Hernando County residents have completed high school. Approximately 16% have received a Bachelor's Degree. Only 5% of residents have received an advanced degree.

Educational Attainment

Legend:
- Bachelor's Degree   %
- Completed High School %
- Advanced Degree   %

Categories: Citrus, Florida, Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas

▶**Where do people work in Hernando County?[9]**

Percentage of Workers by Occupation Type

Legend:
- Service
- Information
- Manufacturing
- Healthcare
- Engineering
- Business

Categories: Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Hernando, Florida, Citrus

One-fifth of workers in Hernando County work in service occupations. 11% work in the business field. A total of 15% work in manufacturing, healthcare or information technology.

While Hernando has a slightly smaller business base than the Florida average, other employment fields are consistent with general Florida trends.

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[8] 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
[9] 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-year estimates

▶How far is their commute? How do they get to work?[10]

Method of Travel to Work and Travel Time

Legend:
- % of Workers who drove Alone
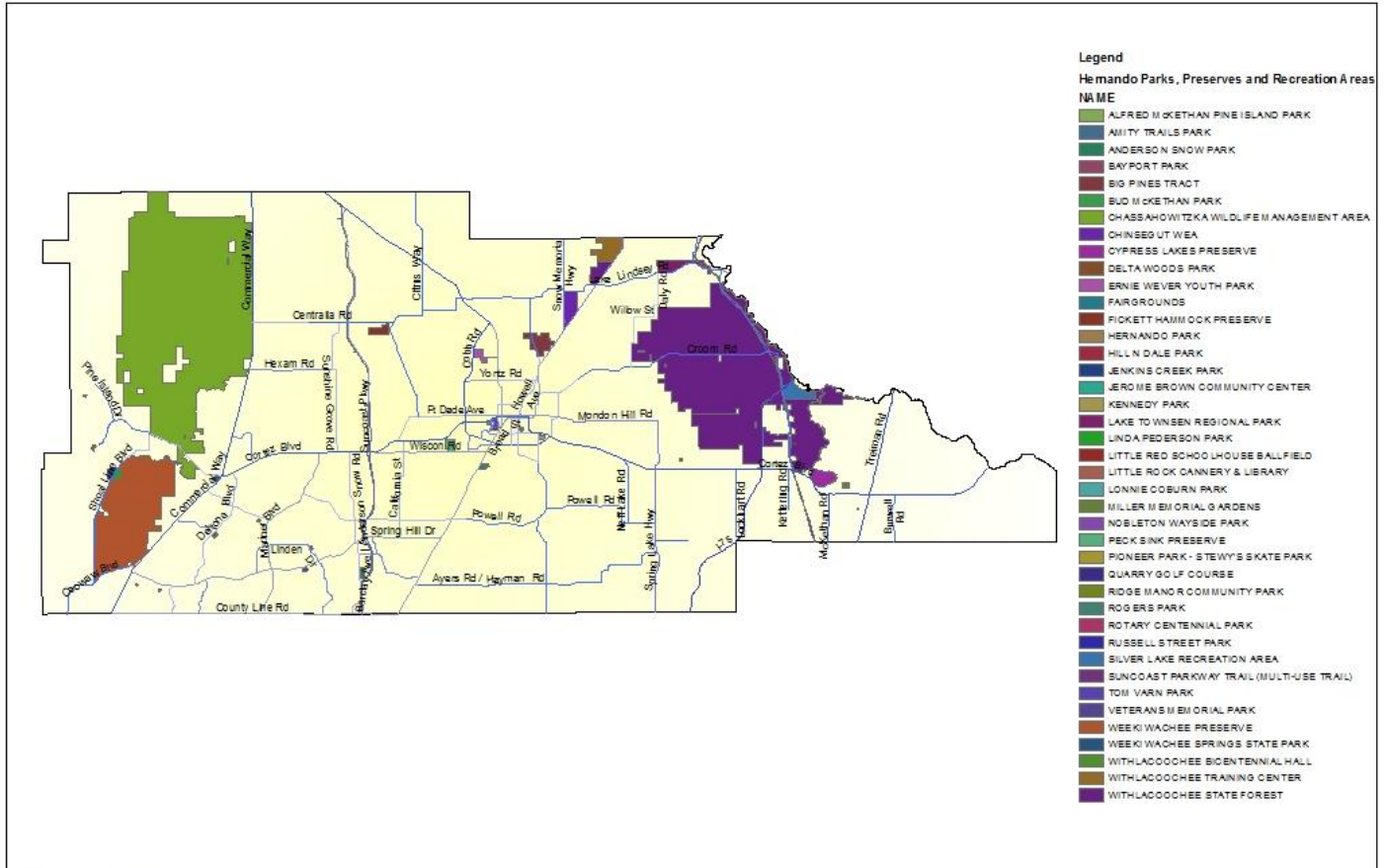- % of Workers who Carpooled
- Worked Outside County %
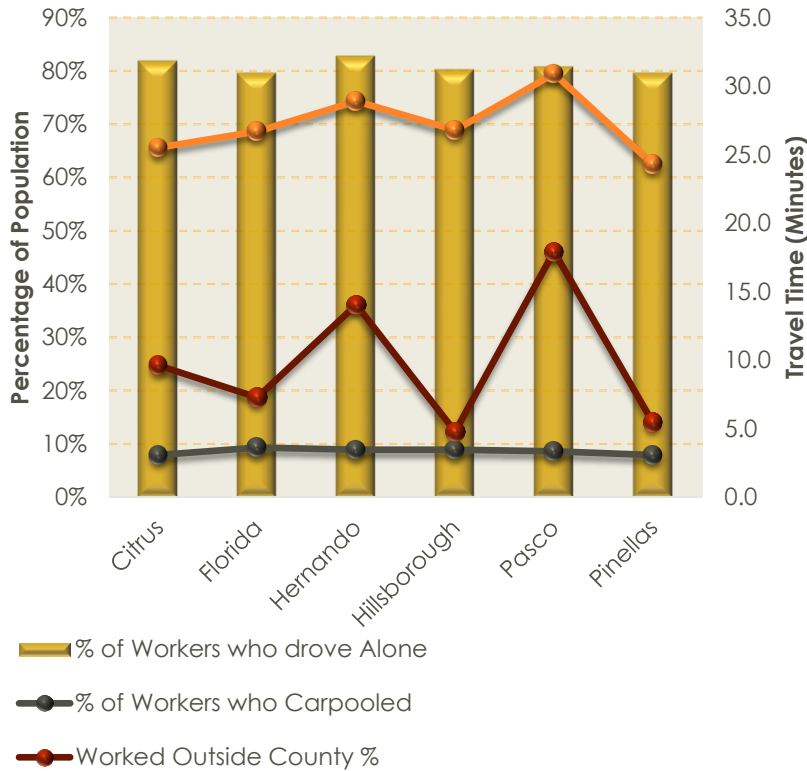
83% of the Hernando County population drives alone to get to work every day. On average, employees travel 28.9 minutes each way for work. Over 1/3 of workers leave the county every day for work. Hernando County residents spend more time in the car, are more likely to leave the county, and are more likely to drive alone than the Florida average.

Quality of Life in Hernando County

▶ Parks[11]

Parks, Recreation Facilities and Preserves

Legend
Hernando Parks, Preserves and Recreation Areas
NAME

- ALFRED McKETHAN PINE ISLAND PARK
- AMITY TRAILS PARK
- ANDERSON SNOW PARK
- BAYPORT PARK
- BIG PINES TRACT
- BUD McKETHAN PARK
- CHASSAHOWITZKA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
- CHINSEGUT WEA
- CYPRESS LAKES PRESERVE
- DELTA WOODS PARK
- ERNIE WEVER YOUTH PARK
- FAIRGROUNDS
- FICKETT HAMMOCK PRESERVE
- HERNANDO PARK
- HILL N DALE PARK
- JENKINS CREEK PARK
- JEROME BROWN COMMUNITY CENTER
- KENNEDY PARK
- LAKE TOWNSEN REGIONAL PARK
- LINDA PEDERSON PARK
- LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE BALLFIELD
- LITTLE ROCK CANNERY & LIBRARY
- LONNIE COBURN PARK
- MILLER MEMORIAL GARDENS
- NOBLETON WAYSIDE PARK
- PECK SINK PRESERVE
- PIONEER PARK - STEWY'S SKATE PARK
- QUARRY GOLF COURSE
- RIDGE MANOR COMMUNITY PARK
- ROGERS PARK
- ROTARY CENTENNIAL PARK
- RUSSELL STREET PARK
- SILVER LAKE RECREATION AREA
- SUNCOAST PARKWAY TRAIL (MULTI-USE TRAIL)
- TOM VARN PARK
- VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
- WEEKI WACHEE PRESERVE
- WEEKI WACHEE SPRINGS STATE PARK
- WITHLACOOCHEE BICENTENNIAL HALL
- WITHLACOOCHEE TRAINING CENTER
- WITHLACOOCHEE STATE FOREST

Not To Scale

Retired and Elderly

Percent of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

County	Percent of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Hernando County has the highest rate of grandparents raising grandchildren in the Tampa Bay area. 44% of grandparents in Hernando County are raising their own grandchildren. This is significantly higher than the state average of 32%.
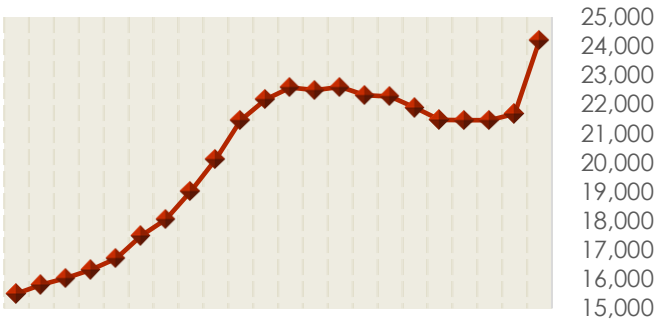
Children

▶How many students are in Hernando County? Where do they go to school?[12]

School District Facts and Figures:

➢ The current School District Grade is a B, according to the Florida Department of Education.

➢ 1603 kindergarteners were enrolled for the 2017-2018 school year, as of October 2017.

TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS - 1996-2017

The number of students in the Hernando County School District has increased by almost 10,000 students since 1996. This does not account for the number of students in Charter or Private schools also located in the County.
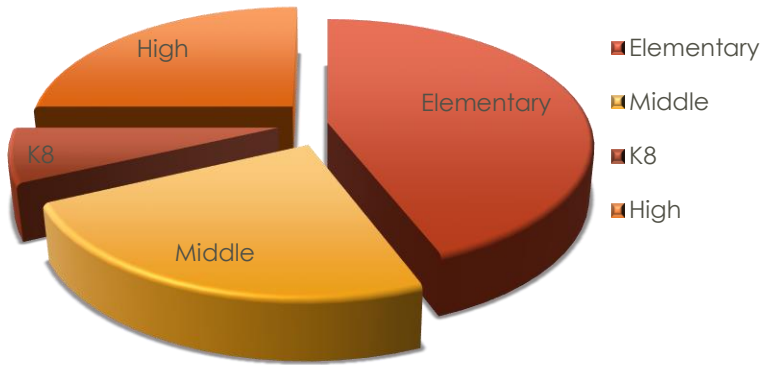
Hernando County has a robust school system, with public, charter, vocational religious, and post-secondary institutions located throughout.
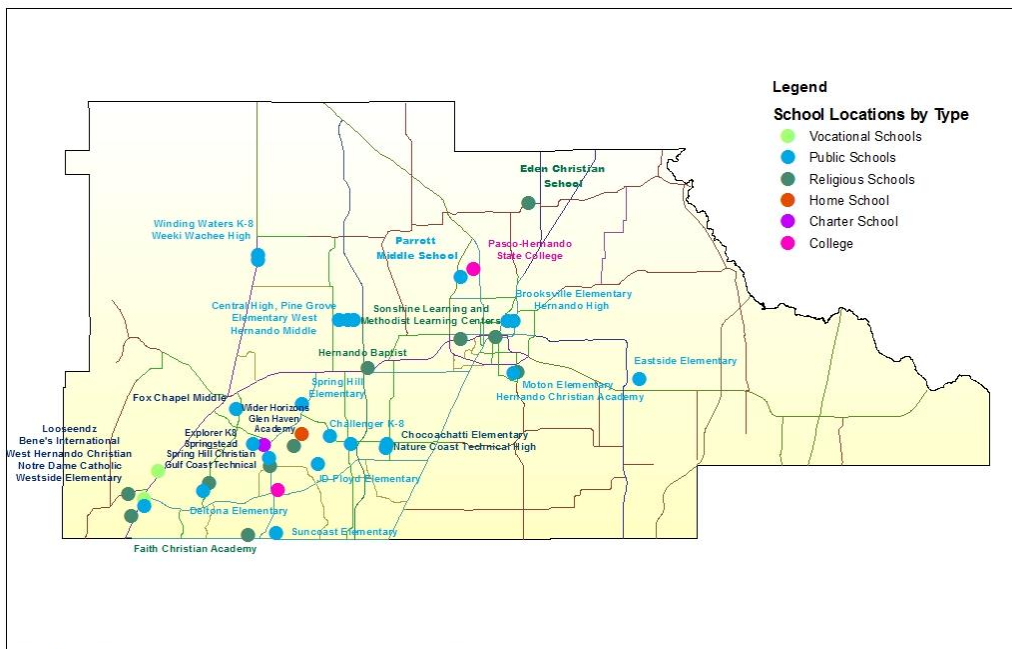
School Locations

▶Students in Transition

Percentage of of Students in Transition by School Type

502 students were identified as transitional as of August 14, 2017.

Of those, 63 are unaccompanied youth, and 45 are unaccompanied high school youth.[1]