

Polk County, Florida, elections, 2026

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Polk County, Florida, is holding elections for local offices in 2026. Click the links below to learn more:

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City and township elections and candidates

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School board elections and candidates

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- [Polk County School Board District 7](#)

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- [Polk County School Board District 3](#)
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 = candidate completed the [Ballotpedia Candidate Connection survey](#).

Demographics

Demographic Data for Polk County, Florida		
	Polk County	Florida
Population	725,046	21,538,187
Land area (sq mi)	1,797	53,653
<i>Race and ethnicity**</i>		
White	73.3%	71.6%
Black/African American	15.3%	15.9%
Asian	1.7%	2.8%
Native American	0.3%	0.3%
Pacific Islander	0%	0.1%
Other (single race)	4.2%	3.3%
Multiple	5.1%	6%
Hispanic/Latino	23.5%	25.8%
<i>Education</i>		
High school graduation rate	85.4%	88.5%
College graduation rate	20.6%	30.5%

Demographic Data for Polk County, Florida		
Income		
Median household income	\$51,535	\$57,703
Persons below poverty level	15.1%	13.3%
Source: population provided by U.S. Census Bureau, " Decennial Census " (2020). Other figures provided by U.S. Census Bureau, " American Community Survey " (5-year estimates 2015-2020).		
**Note: Percentages for race and ethnicity may add up to more than 100 percent because respondents may report more than one race and the Hispanic/Latino ethnicity may be selected in conjunction with any race. Read more about race and ethnicity in the census here .		

Presidential election results by county, 2016-2024

How a state's counties vote in a presidential election and the size of those counties can provide additional insights into election outcomes at other levels of government including statewide and congressional races. Below, four categories are used to describe each county's voting pattern over the 2016, 2020, and 2024 presidential elections: **Solid**, **Trending**, **Battleground**, and **New**. Click [show] on the table below for examples:

[show]County-level voting pattern categories

Following the 2024 presidential election, **43.7%** of Floridians lived in one of the state's **55 Solid Republican** counties, which voted for the Republican presidential candidate in every election from 2016 to 2024, and **24.7%** lived in one of **6 Solid Democratic** counties. Overall, Florida was **Solid Republican**, having voted for [Donald Trump](#) (R) in 2016, [Donald Trump](#) (R) in 2020, and [Donald Trump](#) (R) in 2024. Use the table below to view the total number of each type of county in Florida following the 2024 election as well as the overall percentage of the state population located in each county type.

[show]Florida county-level statistics, 2024

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