

Bowling Green

City, Hardee County, Florida. LocalFlare, Data for Economic Development. Last updated 2026-10-04.

Population

BEBR, April 1, 2025
2,513 2025

Change since 2020
+4.5% 2020 to 2025

BusinessFlare® estimate, April 1, 2026
2,513 2026

Census 2020
2,405 2020

Change since the prior year
+2.1% 2024 to 2025

Basis of the latest figure
estimate 2025

Population, April 1: 2,513



BEBR's April 1, 2025 figure carried to April 1, 2026 at Hardee County's growth rate of 0.07% a year, the annual rate in EDR's Demographic Estimating Conference county estimate for 2025 and medium projection for 2030, with the county's net new residents shared out to its places by their share of the county's net new residential units between the 2025 final and 2026 preliminary tax rolls.

Source: University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research, Florida Estimates of Population, retrieved 2026-10-01

Source: Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research, Demographic Estimating Conference: Projections of Florida Population by County, with Estimates for the base year, retrieved 2026-10-04

Labor force

Labor force (Hardee County)
10,376 Aug 2026

Unemployment rate (Hardee County)
5.5% Aug 2026

Latest month is preliminary
yes Aug 2026

Employment (Hardee County)
9,803 Aug 2026

Rate a year earlier
5.3% Aug 2025

Unemployed (Hardee County)
573 Aug 2026

Labor force, change on a year earlier
+0.8% Aug 2026

Unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted: 5.5%



County figures, no city estimate published by FloridaCommerce

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, retrieved 2026-10-01

Sales and visitor spending: not shown. no BusinessFlare® estimate: the Economic Census publishes no sales for this place

Tourist tax: not shown. the county does not publish tourist tax collections by city

Business base

Licensed food service, lodging and alcohol businesses
15 Aug 2026

Alcoholic beverage licenses
5 Aug 2026

Change on the 12 months before
+4.3% Sep 2026

Food service licenses
8 Aug 2026

New licenses, last 12 months
1 Aug 2026

New filings, latest month
5 Sep 2026

Lodging licenses
2 Aug 2026

New business filings, last 12 months (postal city)
49 Sep 2026

New licenses by month: 0



Licenses are placed inside the city limits by their geocoded address.

Business formations are by postal city: Bowling Green, which is not the city limits.

No ZIP code has its Census internal point inside this place, so ZIP Code Business Patterns are not shown.

Source: Florida DBPR active licensure base files: public food service, public lodging and retail alcoholic beverage licenses, retrieved 2026-10-01

Source: Florida Division of Corporations (Sunbiz) bulk corporate data files, new entity filings by month, retrieved 2026-10-01

Building permits: not shown. the Census Building Permits Survey lists no permit office for this place

Property roll

Total just value \$163M 2026 preliminary	Total taxable value (non school) \$81.4M 2026 preliminary	Total taxable value (school) \$96.6M 2026 preliminary
Just value, change on the prior roll +1.4% 2025 final roll to 2026 preliminary	Taxable value (non school), change on the prior roll +9.0% 2025 final roll to 2026 preliminary	Total just value, prior roll \$160M 2025 final roll
New construction value \$6.54M 2026 preliminary	Parcels 1,099 2026 preliminary	Median single family just value \$145K 2026 preliminary
Qualified sales, last 12 months 16 2025-06 to 2026-05	Median qualified sale price \$174K 2025-06 to 2026-05	Just value, residential \$104M 2026 preliminary
Just value, commercial \$7.47M 2026 preliminary	Just value, industrial \$394K 2026 preliminary	Just value, agricultural \$9.35M 2026 preliminary
Just value, vacant \$6.78M 2026 preliminary	Just value, institutional \$13.7M 2026 preliminary	Just value, government \$12.4M 2026 preliminary
Just value, other \$8.21M 2026 preliminary		

Just value by use group

Use group	Parcels	Just value	Taxable (non school)	New construction	Residential units	Just value change
Residential	718	\$104M	\$58.8M	\$1.72M	794	+0.7%
Commercial	18	\$7.47M	\$6.81M	\$0	n/a	+1.0%
Industrial	2	\$394K	\$392K	\$0	n/a	+3.5%
Agricultural	27	\$9.35M	\$2.23M	\$0	n/a	+54.6%
Vacant	250	\$6.78M	\$5.37M	\$0	n/a	-1.8%
Institutional	33	\$13.7M	\$860K	\$4.75M	n/a	+58.5%
Government	26	\$12.4M	\$0	\$64.3K	n/a	+3.6%
Other	26	\$8.21M	\$6.86M	\$0	n/a	-47.1%

Department of Revenue land use codes grouped: residential 001 to 009, commercial 011 to 039, industrial 041 to 049, agricultural 050 to 069, vacant 000, 010, 040 and 070, institutional 071 to 079, government 080 to 089, other 090 to 099. Taxable is the non school taxable value. Just value change compares with the 2025 final roll, summed the same way.

Parcels are placed by Census block group through the Census Bureau's block assignment file; a parcel in a block group that straddles the limits is apportioned. Census 2020 block groups; 38% of the county's just value lies in a place. Medians are over the parcels whose block group lies mostly in the place. Qualified sales: the roll's own sale fields, qualification codes 01 and 02, improved, single parcel.

Source: Florida Department of Revenue, NAL tax roll (name, address, legal), 2026 preliminary and final as posted, retrieved 2026-10-04

Housing

Housing units 908 2020 to 2024 ACS	Occupied units 768 2020 to 2024 ACS	Vacant units 140 2020 to 2024 ACS
Owner occupied households 539 2020-2024 5-Year	Renter occupied households 229 2020-2024 5-Year	Homeownership rate 70.2% 2020 to 2024 ACS
Cost burdened households, all tenures (over 30% of income) 27.6% 2025	Cost burdened renter households 46.2% 2025	Severely cost burdened renters (over 50%) 20.8% 2025
Assisted housing developments 3 Assisted Housing Inventory	Assisted units 89 Assisted Housing Inventory	Median gross rent \$1.01K 2020 to 2024 ACS
Median single family sale price \$222K 2024		

Homeownership rate: 70.0%



Source: Shimberg Center for Housing Studies, Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse, retrieved 2026-10-01

Fiscal

Half-cent sales tax, latest month
\$7.52K Sep 2026

Half-cent sales tax, change on the 12 months before
-7.8% Sep 2026

State revenue sharing, last 12 months
\$158K Sep 2026

Revenues, change on the year before
+5.2% FY2024

Revenues per resident
\$1.99K FY2024

Half-cent sales tax, fiscal year to date
\$98.4K FY2026 to 2026-09

State revenue sharing, latest month
\$12.9K Sep 2026

State revenue sharing, change on the 12 months before
-4.1% Sep 2026

Total expenditures
\$5.38M FY2024

Long-term debt outstanding at year end
\$3.64M FY2025

Half-cent sales tax, last 12 months
\$98.4K Sep 2026

State revenue sharing, fiscal year to date
\$158K FY2026 to 2026-09

Total revenues
\$4.9M FY2024

Expenditures, change on the year before
+23.4% FY2024

Long-term debt, change on the year before
+25.0% FY2025

Half-cent sales tax distributions by month: \$7.52K



Source: Florida Department of Revenue, Revenue Confirmation Online, distributions to local governments, retrieved 2026-10-01

Source: Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research, Expenditures and Revenues Reported by Florida's County and Municipal Governments, retrieved 2026-10-01

Source: Florida Department of Financial Services, LOGERx local government Annual Financial Report data, long-term debt outstanding, retrieved 2026-10-04

Bank deposits

Deposits (offices reporting this city)
\$36.2M June 30, 2026

Branches
1 June 30, 2026

Branches closed since the survey a year earlier
0 June 30, 2026

Deposits, June 30 each year: \$36.2M



Offices whose reported city is Bowling Green.

Source: FDIC Summary of Deposits, Florida offices, every June 30 since 1994, retrieved 2026-10-01

Change on a year earlier
+2.0% June 30, 2026

Institutions
1 June 30, 2026

Change, real
-1.2% June 30, 2026

Branches opened since the survey a year earlier
0 June 30, 2026

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