

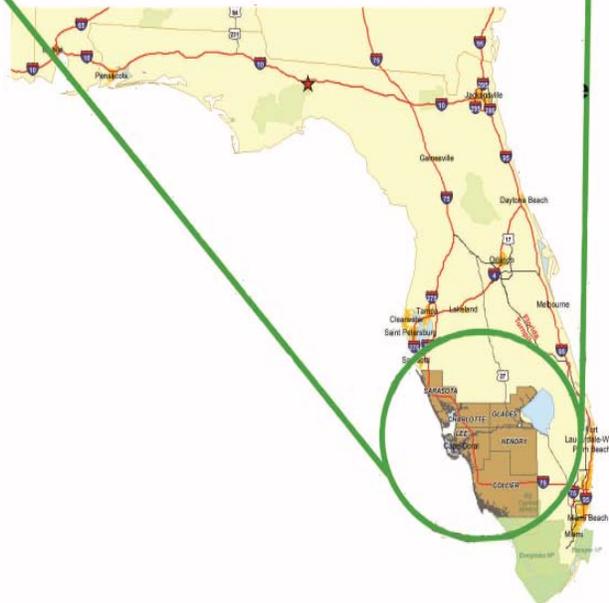
# CHARLOTTE COUNTY

## *Demographic Profile*



**2013 Edition**  
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# WITHIN A 60 MILE RADIUS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY...



- There is an estimated population of 2,082,038.
- There is a civilian workforce of roughly 1,016,438 or 48.82% of the population.
- Approximately 1,485,390 or 25.34% of the population, age 25 and over, has attained a Bachelor's Degree or higher.

Source: Woods & Poole Economic, Inc. 2013,  
2007-2011 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

# WELCOME TO CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Established in 1921, Charlotte County is ideally situated on Southwest Florida's Gulf Coast. At an altitude ranging up to 25 feet above sea level, Charlotte County's 694 square miles includes 165 miles of canals, 219 miles of shoreline, 70 parks and recreation areas and 12.5 miles of Gulf Coast beaches. Charlotte County is comprised of one incorporated city, Punta Gorda, which serves as the county seat and several unincorporated areas. Englewood, Port Charlotte and Rotunda West are among these unincorporated areas. Together these areas comprise the Punta Gorda MSA.

Charlotte County is one of the counties within the Southwest Florida Region. The other counties in our region are Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Sarasota Counties. The Southwest Florida region includes the MSAs of Cape Coral-Ft. Myers, Punta Gorda, North Port-Bradenton-Sarasota and Naples-Marco Island. Some 600+ technology businesses call this region home, as do many retail, tourism and healthcare industries.

Charlotte County has several large industrial areas for development. One of the largest is the **Punta Gorda Interstate Airport Park** with 4,300 acres of industrial land which includes the Punta Gorda Airport (PGD). The Punta Gorda Interstate Airport Park has direct access with two interchanges to the Interstate 75 corridor, connecting it to Tampa, 96 miles to the north, and Miami, 167 miles to the east. The proximity to this major trucking corridor allows access to the entire Southeastern United States.

**Murdock Village** is one of the largest contiguous parcels available for redevelopment in the state of Florida. The Murdock Village site is located within one mile of the new spring training complex of the 2008 American League Champion **Tampa Bay Rays Baseball Team**. Charlotte Harbor, offering world class fishing and sailing, is less than five miles away, and the Gulf of Mexico's beautiful beaches are only a thirty minute drive from Murdock Village.

The **Charlotte Harbor CRA** is located in the mid-section of Charlotte County and covers approximately 766 acres. The Riverwalk District includes property along Charlotte Harbor with access to US 41. With panoramic views of the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary, this development opportunity is within walking distance to harbor parks, shopping and restaurants.

Possibly the best-kept secret in America, in terms of a potential corporate base, Charlotte County offers a setting that is both business and family friendly. While Charlotte

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County boasts an unhurried, unspoiled, and undeniably beautiful environment, its greatest assets are unparalleled quality of life and unequalled business opportunities.

Charlotte County provides the perfect combination of a skilled labor force, easy access to anywhere in the world, and educational opportunities from pre-kindergarten through doctoral programs.

Relocating and expanding companies recognize Charlotte County for its quality of life, managed growth, economic health, and environment. These amenities make Charlotte County the perfect place to live, work, and play!



# POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

**Median Age - 56.93**

*Source: Woods and Poole Economics, Inc. 2013*

## Charlotte County Actual and Projected Population by Age

Age Range	2012	2020 Projection	Percent Change
0-19	24,924	26,636	6.87%
20-34	17,980	21,553	19.87%
35-54	33,885	32,061	-5.38%
55-64	27,575	29,537	7.12%
65 +	58,617	73,579	25.53%
<b>Total</b>	<b>162,981</b>	<b>183,366</b>	<b>12.51%</b>

*Source: Woods and Poole Economics, Inc. 2013*



**Total households - 68,252**  
**Average household size - 2.3**  
**Average family size - 2.76**

## Charlotte County Long-Term Population Projection

Age Range	1990	2000	2010	2012	2020	2030	2040
Under 5 years	5,214	5,261	5,516	5,439	6,013	7,113	8,072
5 to 9 years	5,170	6,119	6,001	5,869	6,399	7,585	8,695
10 to 14 years	4,972	6,797	6,744	6,613	7,223	8,144	9,412
15 to 19 years	4,862	6,218	7,275	7,003	7,001	7,796	9,081
20 to 24 years	4,594	4,265	5,793	6,447	6,438	7,124	7,941
25 to 29 years	5,876	4,803	5,700	5,763	7,532	7,563	8,289
30 to 34 years	6,202	5,955	5,495	5,770	7,583	8,303	8,954
35 to 39 years	5,929	7,575	6,255	5,779	7,362	9,893	9,562
40 to 44 years	5,671	8,285	7,747	7,527	6,958	9,973	10,593
45 to 49 years	4,887	8,221	9,978	9,169	7,806	9,379	12,275
50 to 54 years	4,896	8,739	11,163	11,410	9,935	9,062	12,599
55 to 59 years	6,578	9,683	12,225	12,420	13,500	10,710	12,348
60 to 64 years	10,201	11,081	15,295	15,155	16,037	14,176	12,266
65 to 69 years	12,614	12,851	15,679	16,793	17,749	19,725	15,086
70 to 74 years	10,691	13,224	13,491	14,542	20,128	21,526	18,842
75 to 79 years	7,486	11,129	10,832	11,197	15,467	18,428	20,659
80 to 84 years	4,347	6,965	8,089	8,382	10,061	15,903	17,485
85 + years	2,631	5,095	6,846	7,703	10,174	16,776	32,588
<b>Total</b>	<b>112,821</b>	<b>142,266</b>	<b>160,124</b>	<b>162,981</b>	<b>183,366</b>	<b>209,179</b>	<b>234,747</b>

*Source: Woods and Poole Economics, Inc. 2013 State Profile*

# POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

## Educational Attainment

	Population	Percent
<b>Population 25 years and over</b>	<b>127,958</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than 9th grade	4,607	3.6%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	8,984	7.0%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	46,962	36.7%
Some college, no degree	31,784	24.8%
Associate's degree	10,907	8.5%
Bachelor's degree	15,725	12.3%
Graduate or professional degree	8,989	7.0%

Source: 2011 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates



**Male Population 79,269**  
**Female Population 83,712**

## Geographic Mobility

AGE	Total	Moved Within Same County	Moved From Different County, Same State	Moved From Different State	Moved From Abroad
Population 1 year and over	159,876	9.0%	3.4%	3.7%	1.1%
1 to 4 years	5,531	16.6%	24.0%	0%	0%
5 to 17 years	16,036	17.6%	1.1%	6.0%	0%
18 to 24 years	10,351	2.6%	5.9%	4.4%	0%
25 to 34 years	12,494	20.1%	4.5%	5.6%	.1%
35 to 44 years	12,529	14.9%	5.0%	2.1%	0%
45 to 54 years	19,078	6.6%	3.9%	4.7%	0%
55 to 64 years	27,712	5.0%	2.6%	6.0%	2.8%
65 to 74 years	29,420	6.2%	1.6%	2.0%	.3%
75 years and over	26,725	5.6%	.9%	1.6%	3.1%

Source: 2011 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

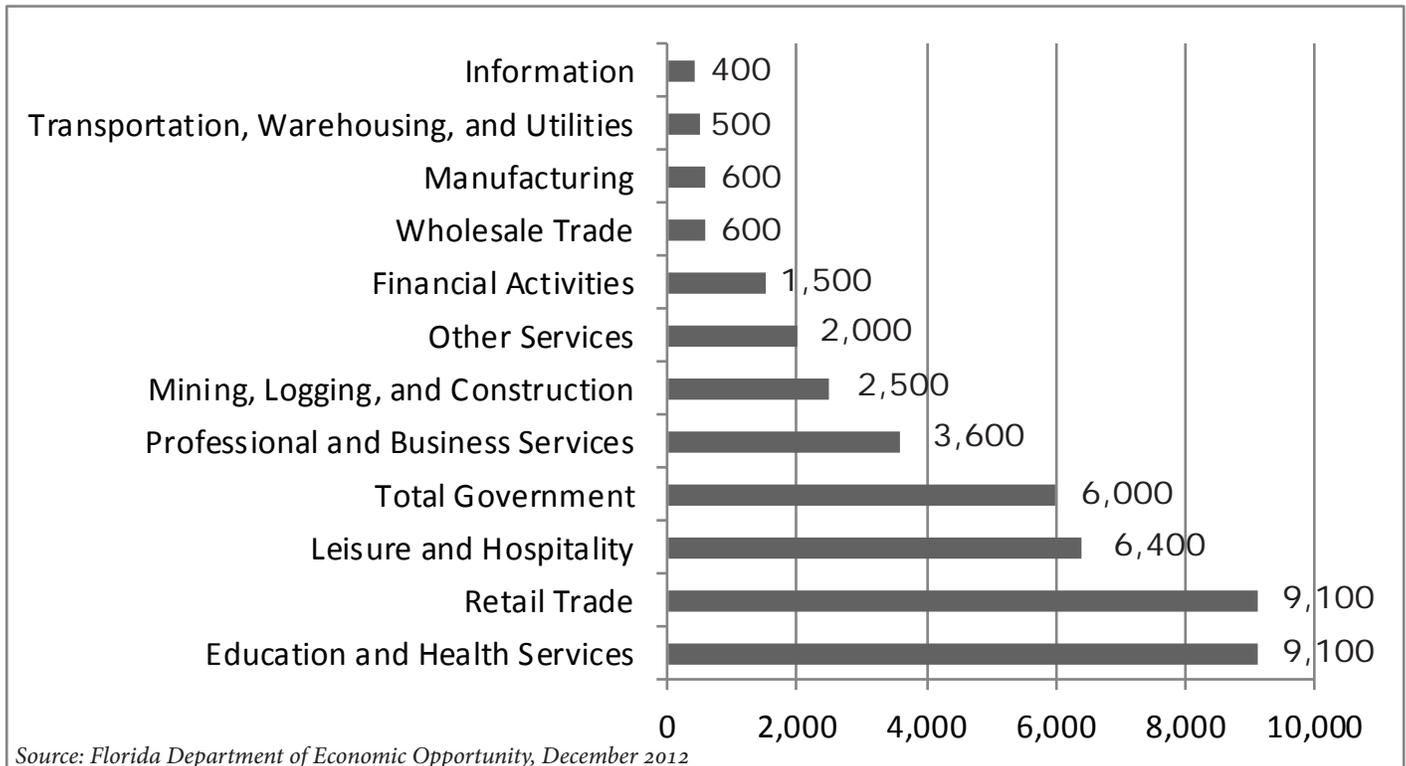
## Charlotte County Race

	Estimate	Percent
Total	160,511	100.0%
White alone	146,835	91.3%
Black or African American alone	8,444	5.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	175	.1%
Asian alone	2,226	1.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0	0%
Some other race alone	33	0%
Two or more races:	2,798	1.7%
Two races including some other race	299	.2%
Two races excluding some other race, and three or more races	2,499	1.6%

Source: 2011 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

# EMPLOYMENT

## Nonagricultural Employment



## Number of Establishments By Employment Size

Industry	Total							
	Establishments	1-4	5-9	10-19	20-49	50-99	100-249	250+
Mining	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Utilities	10	7	2	0	1	0	0	0
Construction	473	371	65	21	13	3	0	0
Manufacturing	63	49	5	8	0	1	0	0
Wholesale Trade	98	69	19	7	1	2	0	0
Retail Trade	542	279	123	74	33	16	3	4
Transportation and Warehousing	58	45	7	3	1	2	0	0
Information	43	24	9	5	2	2	1	0
Finance and Insurance	226	143	51	25	6	1	0	0
Real Estate, Rental and Leasing	224	143	51	25	6	1	0	0
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	357	281	40	29	7	0	0	0
Management of Companies and Enterprises	9	4	2	2	0	0	0	1
Administration, Support, Waste Management	262	191	37	18	8	4	4	0
Educational Services	27	16	5	2	4	0	0	0
Health Care and Social Assistance	475	241	119	49	45	6	11	5
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	66	42	5	9	6	4	0	0
Accommodation and Food Services	243	75	38	46	64	18	2	0
Other Services (except public administration)	347	234	75	31	6	1	0	0
Total	3,525	2,260	631	333	200	60	31	10

Source: US Census Business Pattern 2010

# EMPLOYMENT

## Charlotte County Labor Force Statistics December 2012

Labor Force	69,820
Employed	64,266
Unemployed	5,554
Unemployment Rate	8.0%

Source: Agency for Workforce Innovation, December 2012

## Unemployment Rates Not Seasonal Adjusted December 2012

US	7.6%
Florida	7.9%
Charlotte County	8.0%

Source: Agency for Workforce Innovation, December 2012

## Florida Counties Total Employment Average Annual Projected Rate of Growth 2010-2040

Ranking	County	Annual Growth Rate
1	SUMTER	5.14%
2	WALTON	5.07%
3	CLAY	4.11%
4	OSCEOLA	3.89%
5	LIBERTY	3.85%
6	FLAGLER	3.76%
7	COLLIER	3.55%
8	NASSAU	3.13%
9	PASCO	3.07%
<b>32</b>	<b>CHARLOTTE</b>	<b>2.04%</b>

Source: Woods and Poole Economics, Inc., 2013 State Profile



## Charlotte County Working Age Population Projections

Age	2012	2020	% Change
15-24	13,450	13,439	-0.08%
25-44	24,839	29,435	18.50%
45-64	48,154	47,278	-1.82%
<b>Total</b>	<b>86,443</b>	<b>90,152</b>	<b>4.29%</b>

Source: Woods and Poole Economics, Inc., 2013 State Profile

## Southwest Florida Prime Working Age 20-54 Years

	2012	2020 Projection	2012-2020		2040 Projection	2012-2040	
			Numeric Change	% Change		Numeric Change	% Change
Charlotte County	51,865	53,614	1,749	3.37%	70,213	18,348	35.38%
Collier County	127,322	142,635	15,313	12.0%	197,976	70,654	55.5%
Glades County	5,700	6,141	441	7.7%	7,142	1,442	25.3%
Hendry County	18,721	18,532	-189	-1.0%	20,451	1,730	9.2%
Lee County	257,542	294,826	37,284	14.5%	434,366	176,824	68.7%
Florida	8,874,437	9,397,275	522,838	5.9%	11,746,990	2,872,653	32.4%
Southeast	37,840,337	39,181,867	1,341,530	3.6%	47,801,715	9,961,378	26.3%
United States	149,795,353	152,425,579	2,630,226	1.8%	177,400,786	27,605,433	18.4%

Source: Woods and Poole Economics, Inc., 2013 State Profile

# INDUSTRY

## Fifteen Fastest Growing Occupations in the Region (Charlotte, Lee, Hendry, Glades and Collier Counties)

Occupation	2011	2019	Annual % Change
Helpers - Carpenters	257	389	6.42%
Civil Engineers	618	909	5.89%
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	341	501	5.87%
Surveying and Mapping Technicians	342	500	5.77%
Veterinarians	206	298	5.58%
Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts	614	882	5.46%
Cost Estimators	779	1,102	5.18%
Home Health Aides	2,198	3,105	5.16%
Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	793	1,117	5.11%
Physician Assistants	243	342	5.09%
Architectural and Civil Drafters	302	422	4.97%
Drywall and Ceiling Tile Installers	321	447	4.91%
Tile and Marble Setters	294	407	4.80%
Heating, A.C., and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	1,341	1,855	4.79%
Interior Designers	276	379	4.66%



Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity



### Charlotte County Gross Regional Product In Millions of 2005 Dollars

1990	1,617.232
2000	2,565.834
2010	3,093.032
2012	3,154.032
2020	4,035.276
2030	5,179.093
2040	6,575.450

Source: Woods and Poole Economics, Inc., 2013  
State Profile

## Fifteen Fastest Growing Industries in the Region (Charlotte, Lee, Hendry, Glades and Collier Counties)

Industry	2011	2019	Annual % Change
Specialty Trade Contractor	18,596	25,693	4.77%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	3,002	4,146	4.76%
Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores	2,829	3,848	4.50%
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	1,134	1,540	4.48%
Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing	869	1,179	4.46%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	22,300	29,650	4.12%
Rental and Leasing Services	1,376	1,815	3.99%
Waste Management and Remediation Service	902	1,176	3.80%
Construction of Buildings	4,527	5,859	3.68%
Truck Transportation	1,130	1,463	3.68%
Building Material and Garden Supply Stores	4,897	6,279	3.53%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	15,614	19,938	3.46%
Educational Services	4,579	5,753	3.20%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	847	1,057	3.10%
Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers	1,351	1,686	3.10%

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

# Industry

## Earnings By Industry (in millions of 2005 dollars)

	1990	2000	2010	2012	2020	2030	2040
<b>TOTAL EARNINGS</b>	<b>1,012.953</b>	<b>1,661.996</b>	<b>1,838.864</b>	<b>1,824.798</b>	<b>2,332.088</b>	<b>2,991.268</b>	<b>3,793.559</b>
Farm	15.118	15.200	19.123	19.540	22.069	26.242	30.712
Forestry, Fishing, Related Activities and Other	10.173	11.110	11.877	12.305	14.000	16.773	19.928
Mining	1.387	2.373	2.756	2.887	6.055	10.107	16.640
Utilities	9.295	7.972	2.940	3.705	4.654	5.634	6.723
Construction	136.337	162.031	111.408	111.581	159.805	191.470	226.539
Manufacturing	27.249	42.398	22.964	18.774	303.339	38.650	48.421
Wholesale Trade	13.861	31.357	34.596	36.782	46.445	61.595	80.702
Retail Trade	146.207	211.249	238.590	251.610	295.716	357.264	425.754
Transportation and Warehousing	16.259	19.475	24.140	22.584	24.760	30.604	37.405
Information	8.677	18.143	24.250	33.292	40.779	62.933	95.853
Finance and Insurance	38.126	61.367	72.320	58.057	113.303	145.106	182.239
Real Estate and Rental and Lease	6.284	56.923	31.883	28.907	34.023	41.088	49.037
Professional and Technical Services	49.575	101.998	98.234	100.850	123.833	158.101	199.574
Management of Companies and Enterprises	2.323	6.287	5.265	5.211	26.034	37.899	54.242
Administrative and Waste Services	50.385	147.207	94.051	102.172	117.316	137.244	157.960
Educational Services	2.434	5.145	6.845	7.798	11.337	18.303	29.028
Health Care and Social Assistance	200.402	314.594	448.106	454.592	582.916	782.459	1031.556
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	11.108	23.377	29.383	36.649	45.275	58.328	74.163
Accommodation and Food Services	43.691	71.729	87.406	85.989	103.734	129.363	158.970
Other Services, except Public Administration	62.702	109.077	123.844	125.822	164.404	226.458	307.351
Federal Civilian Government	13.301	20.205	30.106	28.816	36.424	48.024	62.255
Federal Military	4.518	5.257	13.909	13.222	12.833	16.316	20.614
State and Local Government	143.541	217.522	301.868	263.653	316.034	391.307	477.893

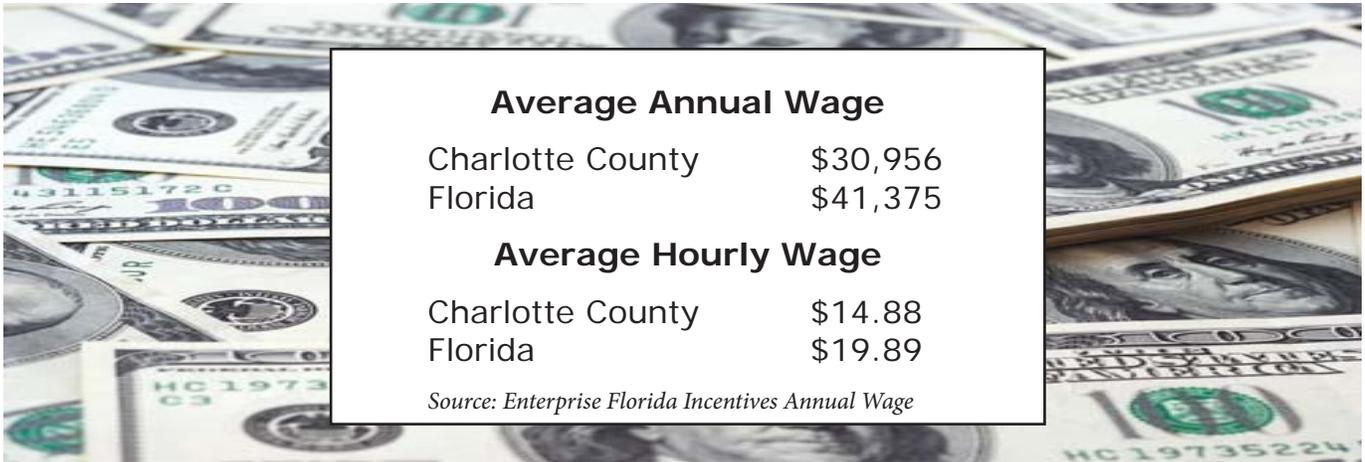
Source: Woods and Poole Economics, Inc., 2013 State Profile

## Charlotte County Total Retail Sales (in millions of 2005 dollars)

	1990	2000	2010	2012	2020	2030	2040
<b>TOTAL RETAIL SALES (in millions of 2005 dollars)</b>	<b>1035.704</b>	<b>1599.583</b>	<b>1759.983</b>	<b>1920.121</b>	<b>2316.846</b>	<b>2900.226</b>	<b>3601.555</b>
Motor Vehicles and Parts Dealers	165.903	248.450	174.677	204.621	254.007	327.765	417.289
Furniture and Home Furnishing Stores	39.375	59.115	50.534	54.455	68.392	89.638	16.002
Electronics and Appliance Stores	15.759	28.990	31.334	30.599	37.437	47.367	59.062
Building Materials, Garden Equipment, Supplies Dealers	116.968	148.445	218.751	138.902	172.763	223.617	285.680
Food and Beverage Stores	222.024	247.451	282.144	301.135	338.061	384.746	432.025
Health and Personal Care Stores	57.593	85.457	128.016	132.314	180.112	260.394	370.937
Gasoline Stations	103.215	129.618	205.408	246.905	276.747	314.966	354.177
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	50.690	63.980	72.353	79.352	94.431	115.587	139.585
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	22.782	27.810	21.540	23.237	26.009	29.458	32.892
General Merchandise Stores	121.144	361.174	427.014	436.756	530.892	668.467	831.481
Miscellaneous Stores	18.507	36.058	43.259	48.408	60.131	77.653	98.927
Non-store Retailers	7.310	30.608	41.924	53.467	72.929	105.522	150.294
Eating and Drinking Places	94.434	132.427	153.029	169.970	204.935	255.046	313.204

Source: Woods and Poole Economics, Inc., 2013 State Profile

# WAGES AND INCOME



<b>Average Annual Wage</b>	
Charlotte County	\$30,956
Florida	\$41,375
<b>Average Hourly Wage</b>	
Charlotte County	\$14.88
Florida	\$19.89

*Source: Enterprise Florida Incentives Annual Wage*

## Charlotte County Hourly Earning for Workers in Selected Occupations

<b>Position</b>	<b>Median Wage</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Median Wage</b>
<b>Office</b>		<b>Manufacturing</b>	
Accountant	27.34	Assemblers and Fabricators	10.67
Administrative Services Manager	40.73	Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenters	16.02
Billing and Posting Clerks	15.02	First-Line Production Supervisor	21.88
Bookkeeping and Accounting Clerks	13.59	<b>Finance, Insurance and Real Estate</b>	
Customer Service Representatives	12.30	Financial Manager	37.09
File Clerks	12.19	Insurance Sales Agent	22.23
General and Operations Managers	33.93	Loan Interviewers and Clerks	11.31
General Office Clerk	11.36	Loan Officer	24.24
Payroll and Timekeeping Clerks	16.32	Personal Financial Advisors	30.44
Purchasing Agents	20.56	Real Estate Sales Agent	19.45
Receptionists and Information Clerks	11.53	Teller	
Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	13.49	<b>Service</b>	
<b>Computers</b>		Bakers	10.99
Computer Programmers	27.15	Cashiers	8.91
Computer Support Specialists	16.83	Cooks, Restaurant	11.16
Computer Systems Analysts	32.80	Dishwasher	8.55
Data Entry Keyer	12.43	Hairdressers	12.35
<b>Construction</b>		Home Health Aides	9.20
Carpenter	16.99	Hosts and Hostesses	11.32
Construction Laborer	12.08	Hotel, Motel, and Resort Clerks	9.99
Electrician	16.85	Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	11.48
Painters, Construction and Maintenance	16.67	Maintenance and Repair Workers	13.59
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	15.93	Occupational Therapists	36.86
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers	11.22	Retail Salesperson	10.73
		Waiters and Waitresses	9.08

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

# WAGES AND INCOME

## Per Capita Personal Income In Current Dollars

Charlotte County	\$35,923
Florida	\$39,815
Unites States	\$42,567

Source: Woods and Poole Economics, Inc., 2013 State Profile

<b>Median household income (dollars)</b>	<b>\$41,190</b>
<b>Mean household income (dollars)</b>	<b>\$63,141</b>

Source: 2011 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates



### Charlotte County ACCRA 2012 Cost of Living Index Average = 100.00

Composite Index	93.8
Food	99.7
Housing	74.5
Utilities	99.6
Transportation	103.1
Health Care	112.3
Other Goods and Services	99.3

Source: C2ER, The Council for Community and Economic Research, 2012

## Charlotte County Household Income Income bracket in 2000 dollars, in thousands of households

	1990	2000	2010	2012	2020	2030	2040
<b>TOTAL NUMBER of HOUSEHOLDS</b>	<b>48,712</b>	<b>64,230</b>	<b>73,442</b>	<b>75,511</b>	<b>87,825</b>	<b>99,977</b>	<b>111,059</b>
LESS THAN \$10,000	4,253	4,980	4,726	4,782	4,676	3,853	3,184
\$10,000 to \$19,999	7,963	9,739	9,241	9,351	9,144	7,534	6,226
\$20,000 to \$29,999	10,036	10,703	10,156	10,277	10,048	8,280	6,842
\$30,000 to \$44,999	11,474	14,082	14,963	15,199	14,923	12,297	10,160
\$45,000 to \$59,999	6,813	9,745	13,541	14,151	18,811	19,963	16,495
\$60,000 to \$74,999	3,483	5,822	8,090	8,455	11,746	18,675	23,880
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,144	4,495	6,245	6,526	9,068	14,417	21,728
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,240	2,065	2,869	2,998	4,166	6,623	9,982
\$125,000 to \$149,999	404	798	1,109	1,158	1,610	2,559	3,857
\$150,000 to \$199,999	418	852	1,184	1,237	1,719	2,733	4,119
\$200,000 or MORE	484	949	1,318	1,377	1,914	3,043	4,586

Source: Woods and Poole Economics, Inc., 2012 State Profile

# EDUCATION

## LEED Certified Schools

Charlotte High School was awarded GOLD Certification by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) as a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) School.  
 Charlotte High is the first conventional full campus (over 1500 students) public high school in the southeast region of the United States to attain such distinction under LEED for Schools 2.0.  
 The Public School System has 5 LEEDS certified Schools in total.  
 For further information regarding LEED certification , visit the USGBC website at [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org).

## Primary and Secondary Schools

	Public	Private
High Schools	4	8
Middle Schools	4	10
Elementary Schools	10	12
Centers & Technical Schools	6	0

Source: Florida Department of Education, 2011-2012 & Charlotte County Public Schools

## School Grades

	Points Earned	2011-2012 Grade
<b>Elementary Schools</b>		
Deep Creek Elementary	521	B
East Elementary	551	A
Kingsway Elementary	544	A
Liberty Elementary	514	B
Meadow Park Elementary	496	B
Myakka River Elementary	555	A
Neil Armstrong Elementary	559	A
Peace River Elementary	500	B
Sallie Jones Elementary	505	B
Vineland Elementary	559	A

### Middle Schools

L.A. Ainger Middle	608	A
Murdock Middle	561	B
Port Charlotte Middle	580	B
Punta Gorda Middle	606	A

### High Schools

Charlotte High	1123	A
Edison Collegiate High	660	A
Lemon Bay High	1115	A
Port Charlotte High	1136	A

Source: Florida Department of Education

## Annual School Budget 2011—2012

Operational	\$172,700,000
Capital	\$43,400,000

Source: Charlotte County Public Schools 2012

## Students 2011—2012

### Students in Public Schools

High School	5,276
Middle School	3,670
Elementary School	7,141

White:	72.65%	Hispanic:	12.51%
Black:	8.92%	Other:	5.92%

Expenditures per Student (Public Schools) \$6,391.16

Students in Private Schools 983

Source: Charlotte County Public Schools

## Faculty

Number of Teachers	1061
Average Years of Experience	11.86
Percent of Teachers with Advanced Degrees	48.2%
National Board Certified Teachers	57

Bachelors' Degree	550
Master's Degree	482
Specialist Degree	16
Doctorate Degree	13

Source: Charlotte County Public Schools

## School Links

Florida Department of Education  
 Charlotte County Public Schools  
 Office of Independent Education & Parental Choice

<http://www.fldoe.org/default.asp>  
<http://www.yourcharlotteschools.net/index.cfm>  
<http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org/>

# EDUCATION

## AREA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

### **Argosy University—Sarasota**

College of Psychology and Behavioral Sciences, College of Education, College of Business, College of Health Sciences, and College of Undergraduate Studies.

**Web site:** <http://www.argosy.edu/>

### **Ava Maria University - Naples**

Majors in Biology & Chemistry, Business, Classics/Early Christian Lit, Economics, History, Literature, Mathematics & Physics, Philosophy, Politics, Psychology, Music and Theology.

**Web site -** [www.avemaria.edu/](http://www.avemaria.edu/)

### **Barry University - Fort Myers**

Programs include Administration (BS), Administration (MA), Liberal Studies (BLS), Specialization in Behavioral Sciences,

Liberal Studies (BLS) Specialization in Psychology, Professional Studies (BPS), Specialization in Administration, Professional Studies (BPS) Specialization in Human Resources, Professional Studies (BPS) Specialization in Public Administration, Public Administration (BPA), Public Administration (MPA). **Website -** [www.barry.edu/](http://www.barry.edu/)

### **Edison State College—Charlotte Campus in Punta Gorda, Lee Campus in Fort Myers**

Offers BAS in Cardiopulmonary Sciences, BAS in Public Safety Administration, BAS in Supervision and Management, BS in Elementary Education ESOL & Reading Endorsement, BS in Middle Grades Language Arts Education, BS in Middle Grades Mathematics Education, BS in Middle Grades Science Education, BS in Nursing, BS in Secondary Biology Education, BS in Secondary Mathematics Education. **Web site:** <http://www.edision.edu>

### **Everglades College - Sarasota**

Undergraduate Degree Programs in Alternative Medicine, Alternative and Renewable Energy Management, Construction Management, Business Administration, Applied Management, Aviation Technology, Aviation Management, Master's Degree in Business Administration, Aviation Science. **Web site:** <http://www.evergladesuniversity.edu/default.asp>

### **Florida Gulf Coast University—Main Campus, Fort Myers and FGCU Charlotte Center, Punta Gorda**

College of Arts and Sciences (Bower School of Music), College of Education, College of Health Professions (School of Nursing, School of Health and Rehabilitation), College of Professional Studies, Lutgert College of Business ( U. A. Whitaker School of Engineering)

**Web site:** <http://www.fgcu.edu>



### **Hodges University - Naples, Fort Myers**

Johnson School of Business, School of Allied Health, Nichols School of Professional Studies, School of Technology.

**Web site:** <http://www.hodges.edu/>

### **Keiser University - Sarasota, Fort Myers**

Bachelor Degrees in Accounting, Business Administration, Business Administration Spanish, Criminal Justice, Cyber Forensics/Information Security, Dietetics and Nutrition, Elementary Education, Forensic Investigations, Health Science,

Health Services Administration, Health Information Management, Homeland Security, Information Technology Management, Interdisciplinary Studies, Legal Studies, Management Information Systems (MIS), Network Systems and Data Communications, Nursing, Public Safety, Software Engineering, Sports Medicine and Fitness Technology.

**Web site:** [www.keiseruniversity.edu](http://www.keiseruniversity.edu)

### **Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine & School of Pharmacy - Bradenton**

Medicine, Pharmacology, Dentistry. **Web site:** [www.lecom.edu/](http://www.lecom.edu/)



# EDUCATION

## AREA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES



### **New College—Sarasota**

Bachelor degrees in Applied Mathematics, Anthropology, Art, Art History, Biology, Marine Biology, Neurobiology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Chinese Language & Culture, Classics, Economics, English, Environmental Studies, French Language & Literature, French Studies, German Language & Literature, German Studies, History, Humanities, International & Area Studies, European Studies, Latin American Studies, Literature, Mathematics, Medieval & Renaissance Studies, Music, Natural Sciences, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Public Policy, Religion, Russian Language & Literature, Social Sciences, Sociology, Spanish Language & Literature, Spanish Language & Culture, Urban Studies.

**Web site:** <http://www.ncf.edu/>

### **Rasmussen College - Fort Myers**

School of Allied Health, School of Business, School of Justice Studies, School of Nursing, School of Technology and Design.

**Web site:** [www.rasmussen.edu](http://www.rasmussen.edu)

### **Ringling College of Art and Design - Sarasota**

Bachelor of Fine Arts degree program in design, film, animation, illustration, photography, sculpture.

**Web site:** [www.ringling.edu/](http://www.ringling.edu/)

### **Southwest Florida College—Fort Myers, Tampa, Port Charlotte, Bonita Springs**

Criminal Justice, Elementary Education, Health Care Administration, Management, Early Childhood Education, Health Care Administration, Interior Design.

**Web site:** [www.swfc.edu/](http://www.swfc.edu/)

### **State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota —Venice, Bradenton, Lakewood Ranch**

Bachelor of Applied Science in Health Services Administration, Homeland Security, Public Safety Administration, Early Childhood Education, Energy Technology Management. **Web site:** <http://www.scf.edu>

### **University of Florida - Various campuses**

Colleges of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Business Administration, Dentistry, Design, Construction and Planning, Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Health and Human Performance, Journalism and Communications, Levin College of Law, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health and Health Professions, Veterinary Medicine. **Web site:** [www.ufl.edu/](http://www.ufl.edu/)

### **University of South Florida - Sarasota, Nokomis, Fort Myers**

Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Behavioral & Community Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Honors College, Marine Science, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health, The Arts, University College.

**Web site:** [www.usf.edu/](http://www.usf.edu/)

### **Charlotte Technical Center,**

administered by the Charlotte County School Board, offers alternative post-secondary education including preparation in industrial, professional, business, culinary and health occupations. The Technical Center works with new industry to train workers for specific needs and works in cooperation with Embry Riddle, offering classes in aeronautics. Their culinary students use their skills to prepare lunch and dinner for “papa G’s”, the on campus restaurant open to the public. It also works closely with the office of the Federal Job Training Partnership Act, and hosts a permanent outstation of Job Service of Florida.



**Web Site:** <http://CharlotteTechCenter.com/>

# HOUSING AND REAL ESTATE

## Homestead Exemption

Florida's Constitution provides that the first \$50,000 of the assessed valuation of an owner-occupied homestead shall be exempt from real property tax.



## Single Family Permits

Year	Total Units	Total Cost	Average Unit Cost
2012	246	\$40,816,944	\$165,923
2011	269	\$40,630,181	\$151,042
2010	234	\$38,427,193	\$164,219
2009	429	\$98,024,437	\$228,495
2008	486	\$108,018,703	\$222,261

Source: Charlotte County Economic Development Office—Accela

## Commercial Building Permits

Year	Total Units	Total Cost	Average Unit Cost
2012	10	\$4,895,588	\$489,559
2011	12	\$4,636,739	\$386,395
2010	16	\$7,660,069	\$478,754
2009	277	\$61,309,993	\$221,336

Source: Charlotte County Economic Development Office—Accela

## Charlotte County Housing Prices

	December 2012
Median Existing Single Family Home Price	\$129,500
<i>Source: Florida Association of Realtors, December 2012</i>	
Median Existing Condo Price	\$103,500
<i>Source: Florida Association of Realtors, December 2012</i>	
Average Apartment Rental Rate (2 bedroom/2 Bath)	\$776
<i>Source: COLI Survey, Annual 2012</i>	

## Multi-Family Permits

Year	Permits Issued	Total Units
2012	0	0
2011	0	0
2010	2	5
2009	1	4
2008	33	152

Source: Charlotte County Economic Development Office—Accela

## Median Sales Price Single Family Home December 2012

United States	\$180,300
Florida	\$154,000
Punta Gorda MSA	\$129,500

Source: National Association of Realtors, Florida Association of Realtors



# GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION



## Registered Voters

Party	Registered
Democrat	35,934
Republican	50,290
Other	30,650
<b>Total</b>	<b>116,874</b>

Source: Supervisor of Elections., February 2012

## State Taxes

Business Inventory	None
Corporate Franchise Tax	None
Corporate Income Tax	5.5% of Florida Net Income
Gasoline Tax	16.9 cents per gallon
Inventory Tax	None
Personal Income Tax	None
Sales tax	6%

Source: State of Florida's Department of Revenue 2012

## State Government

State Representatives  
District 75, Ken Roberson

State Senators  
District 26, Bill Galvano  
District 28, Nancy Detert  
District 30, Lizbeth Benacquisto

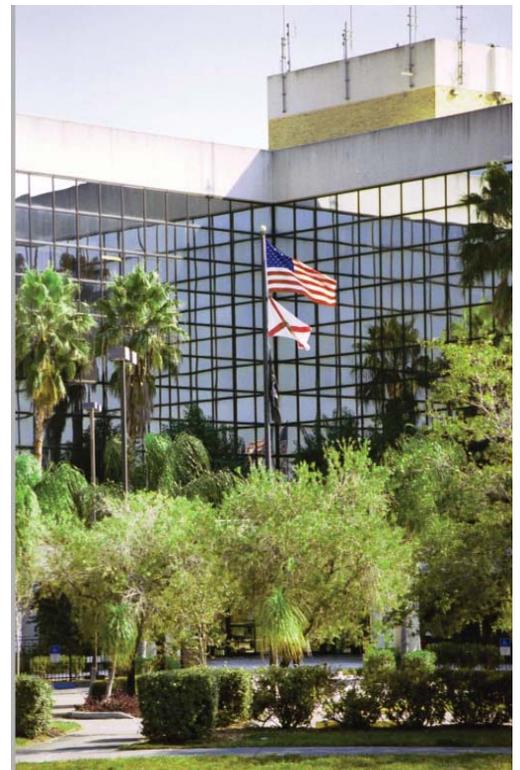
## Local Taxes

County Property Tax	One mil = \$1.00 per \$1,000 property value
Ad Valorem Millage Rates:	
Government	6.2796
Schools	7.49
Ad Valorem Tax Exemption	Yes
County/City Income tax	None
Retail Sales Tax (Local Option)	1%
Tourist Tax (Hotel Rooms)	5%

Source: Charlotte County Government 2012

## Local Government

Airport:	Airport Authority
City Officials:	Punta Gorda City Council
County Officials:	Board of County Commissioners
	Clerk of the Circuit Court
	Property Appraiser
	Sheriff
	Supervisor of Elections
	Tax Collector
Public Schools:	School Board



# TRANSPORTATION

## Distance to Other Major Markets

Metro Area	Miles
Fort Myers	25
Jacksonville	266
Key West	295
Miami	167
Naples	60
Orlando	132
Sarasota	47
Tallahassee	330
Tampa	96

Source: Florida Department of Transportation 2006



## Area Highways

Federal Interstate: I-75, the major trucking corridor for the Southeastern United States, provides direct access to Florida's major markets. Situated along I-75, Charlotte County is conveniently located between Miami to the south and Tampa to the north.

### Federal Highways:

- U.S. Highway 41 (Tamiami Trail)
- U.S. Highway 17

### State Highways:

- State road 31
- State Road 776

## Airports

**Charlotte County Airport (PGD)** is one of the most modern general aviation airports in Southwest Florida. It has navigational aids and a self-fueling facility. The airfield consists of three lighted runways with the longest at 7,195 feet in length. The airport can accommodate various aircraft including larger corporate jets. There are several aircraft maintenance companies on the field along with a restaurant, flight schools and an avionics dealer. Rental cars are available to the flying public. The Charlotte County Airport is host to the annual Florida International Air Show, which is held yearly in late March. It is a large regional event that draws thousands of spectators from all over Southwest Florida.

Commercial flight service is available by Allegiant Air with daily flights to Niagara Falls, Toledo, Plattsburgh, Peoria, Lexington, Knoxville, South Bend, Fort Wayne, Chicago/Rockford, Springfield/Central, Greenville-Spartanburg.

**Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW)** serves more than 7.6 million passengers annually. It has non-stop service to 36 domestic and 3 international cities, with 18 domestic carriers, 3 international carriers and 3 cargo carriers.

**Sarasota Bradenton International Airport (SRQ)** is a full service international airport with non-stop service to 12 destinations in the USA and Canada on most major airlines.

**Tampa International Airport (TPA)** is serviced by 26 passenger airlines, which provide nonstop daily service to more than 80 national and international destinations. In addition, there are 9 cargo airlines that service Tampa International Airport.



## Bus

**Greyhound** connects with all major markets.

**Dial-A-Ride** provides high quality, low cost curb-to-curb public bus service that is safe, convenient and accessible to all residents of Charlotte County.

## Rail

**Seminole Gulf Railway** has 55 miles of railway; track connects to **CSX** at Arcadia in DeSoto County to Vanderbilt Beach in Collier County. Freight services available. Passenger Excursions also available from Naples, Fort Myers, Punta Gorda and Arcadia.

# UTILITIES

## Electric



Florida Power & Light (FPL) is among the largest and fastest-growing electric utilities in the United States. In 2008, the company's average number of customer accounts grew to 4.5 million. They serve some 8 million people – nearly half of Florida's 17 million population – along the eastern seaboard and the southern portion of Florida. Approximately

104,400 of those customers are in Charlotte County. FPL offers a wide variety of conservation programs for residential, commercial and industrial customers.

## Environmental & Extension Services

Refuse Collection Services is provided by a County-wide franchised system that provides uniformity of services and rate monitoring. Residential collection is provided weekly, in addition to curbside single-stream recycling and vegetative waste collection.

Disposal Services is a Class I disposal facility owned and operated by Charlotte County Solid Waste. The facility's existing disposal area has a projected capacity to the year 2030 with 160 acres for future growth. The County's per ton disposal fee is well below the state average of \$42.69 per ton fee.

Mosquito Control is a program provided by the County which incorporates a professional and responsive program to protect the health and the safety of our residents.

## Natural Gas



TECO People's Gas is the largest gas utility in the state and is regulated by the Florida Public Service Commission. People's Gas serves over 330,000

c o m m e r c i a l , industrial and residential customers in nearly all of Florida's major population centers. They also offer a variety of energy conservation programs for both commercial and residential customers.

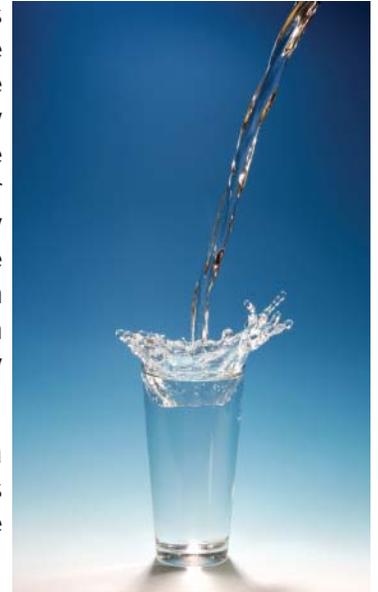
## Water and Wastewater

Charlotte County Utilities (CCU) is a water and wastewater utility that serves approximately 50,000 homes and businesses in Charlotte County.

It is a government-owned enterprise which is fully funded by customer rates, not by tax dollars.

Savings opportunities (or "profit") are passed through to the benefit of the utility customers. There are several other water and sewer utility companies in Charlotte County, some of which buy their water from Charlotte County Utilities.

The City of Punta Gorda also services some areas of the county.



## Telephone—Cable—Internet

CenturyLink is the third largest telecommunications company in the United States. The company provides broadband, voice and wireless services to consumers and businesses in the county and across the country. It also offers advanced entertainment services under the CenturyLink™ Prism™ TV and DIRECTV brands. In addition, the company provides data, voice and managed services to business, government and wholesale customers through its high-quality advanced fiber optic network and multiple data centers.

Comcast Cable is one of the nation's largest video, high-speed Internet and phone providers to residential and business customers. Comcast is the majority owner and manager of NBCUniversal, which owns and operates entertainment and news cable networks, the NBC and Telemundo broadcast networks, local television station groups, television production operations, a major motion picture company and theme parks.

# MEDICAL

## Charlotte Regional Medical Center



Physicians: 333  
Employees: 780  
Beds: 208  
Specialties: Level 2 Adult Cardiovascular Services, Primary Stroke Center, Dedicated Emergency Department, Emergency Services: Anesthesia, Burns, Cardiology, Cardiovascular Surgery, Colon & Rectal Surgery, Emergency Medicine, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, General Surgery, Gynecology, Hematology, Hyperbaric Medicine, Internal Medicine, Nephrology, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Ophthalmology, Oral/Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthopedics, Otolaryngology, Plastic Surgery, Podiatry, Psychiatry, Pulmonary Medicine, Radiology, Thoracic Surgery, Urology, Vascular Surgery.

## Fawcett Memorial Hospital

Physicians: 336  
Employees: 815  
Beds: 238  
Specialties: Allergy & Immunology, Anesthesia, Cardiology, Cardio-Thoracic Surgery, Dermatology, Electrophysiology, Emergency, Endocrinology, Family Practice, Gastroenterology, General Practice, General Surgery, Gynecology, Hematology/Oncology, Hospitalists, Hyperbaric Medicine, Infectious Diseases, Internal Medicine, Nephrology, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Occupational Medicine, Ophthalmology, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery/Hand Surgery, Otolaryngology, Pain Medicine/Management, Pathology, Pediatrics, Periodontics, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Plastic Surgery, Podiatry, Psychiatry, Pulmonology, Radiation Oncology, Radiology, Rheumatology, Thoracic Surgery, Urology and Vascular Surgery.



## Englewood Community Hospital



Physicians: 159  
Employees: 338  
Beds: 100  
Specialties: Englewood Community Hospital (ECH) opened in 1985 and provides a full range of inpatient and outpatient services, including 24 hour emergency care, day surgery, diagnostics, etc. The facility has become nationally recognized for quality care numerous times in recent years. Medicine, Surgery, Cardiovascular, Cardiology, Gastroenterology, Gynecology, Ophthalmology, Neurology, Orthopedics, Spine, Emergency Services, Urology, Podiatry, Women's Services, Radiology, Wound Care, Rehabilitation

## Peace River Medical Center

Physicians: 300  
Employees: 800  
Beds: 219  
Specialties: General Acute Care Services, Emergency Services, Surgical Services, Outpatient Services, Cardiology, Gastroenterology, Infectious Disease, Laboratory, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Nephrology, NICU, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Oncology, Orthopedics, Otolaryngology, Pediatrics, Podiatry, Pulmonology, Radiology, Urology



# QUALITY OF LIFE



## Climate

Sub Tropical

### Temperature:

Average Mean	74.3
Average Low	64.8
Average High	83.7
Low month is January	54.5
High Month is August	91.7

### Annual Rainfall:

Averages 54.19 inches annually, with 2/3 occurring between June and September.

### Annual Snowfall: 0"

Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

## Zip Codes

### Port Charlotte

33948	33953
33952	33954
33981	

### Charlotte Harbor, Punta Gorda, Deep Creek

33950	33980
33955	33982
33983	

### Rotonda, Cape Haze, Placida

33946	33947
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### Englewood

34223	34224
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### El Jobean

33927

Source: United States Postal Service

## Crime Rate Comparison

County	Crimes per 100,000 people
Dade (Miami)	5,488.1
Orange (Orlando)	5,154.8
Duval (Jacksonville)	5,149.4
Leon (Tallahassee)	5,037.0
Bay (Panama City)	4,926.2
Manatee (Bradenton)	4,575.3
Broward (Ft. Lauderdale)	4,546.0
Alachua (Gainesville)	4,249.7
Sarasota (Sarasota & North Port)	3,829.9
Lee ( Ft. Myers/Cape Coral)	3,152.2
Hillsborough (Tampa)	2,998.3
Desoto (Arcadia)	2,878.3
<b>Charlotte (Port Charlotte/Punta Gorda)</b>	<b>2,762.6</b>

Source: Florida Department of Law Enforcement 2011

# QUALITY OF LIFE

Charlotte Harbor includes one of the world's largest protected marine estuaries encompassing 270 square miles with 219 miles of natural shoreline. Charlotte Harbor/Gasparilla Sound Aquatic Preserve comprises nearly 80,000 acres of some of the most pristine and productive coastal areas in the state, and a unique network of barrier islands and mangrove forests.

## Beaches:

Over 12 miles of sandy Gulf beaches share the coastline with the mangroves forests of Charlotte Harbor.

## Boating:

Charlotte County offers marinas and boating clubs for power and sail boats alike.

## Golf:

Choose from over 14 magnificent courses throughout Charlotte County, ranging from executive to championship.

## Parks:

Charlotte County features over 70 parks and recreational areas, including a 65,000 acre wildlife management area that was a featured site in the "Florida Wildlife Viewing Guide."

## Libraries:

Charlotte County has four public libraries located throughout the area. The library offers books, audio, video, computers and a host of events for young and old.

- Englewood Charlotte Public Library
- Mid-County Regional Library
- Port Charlotte Public Library
- Punta Gorda Public Library

## Culture:

Art galleries and exhibits, a professional symphony orchestra and theatrical productions throughout the year are just a few of the cultural opportunities available in Charlotte County. A sampling of our cultural resources include:

**Charlotte Symphony Orchestra**, enhanced through the talents of professional musicians from the area, has become a significantly important segment of the arts community. Concerts have been performed to sold-out audiences at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center in Punta Gorda. <http://www.charlottesymphony.com/>

**Visual Arts Center**, a not-for-profit organization that opened its doors over 30 years ago, boasts over 800 members, who promote greater knowledge, skills and appreciation of the visual arts through classes, programs, workshops and exhibits. <http://www.visualartcenter.org/>

**The Cultural Center of Charlotte County** enriches the lives of our residents and visitors by offering educational, recreational, social and fitness activities. The eight-acre center features a 500+seat theater, The Learning Place - for the Arts, Academics, Dance and Exercise; The Cul-Cen Café - for delicious breakfast and lunch; and unique shopping in Trash and Treasure for pre-loved goods, the Country Store for collectibles etc., and the Gift Shop for hand-made items. <http://www.theculturalcenter.com/>

**The Charlotte County Historical Center Society** furthers the historical and educational programs and purposes of the Historical Center and promotes and encourages public interest in and support for the Historical Center and its programs. Over 500 member households enjoy reduced fees for many educational programs, invitations to special events, free admission at 300 other museums worldwide, and discounts at the Live Oak Emporium gift shop. <http://www.charlottecountyfl.com/Historical/>





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