

There is strong evidence characterizing housing's relationship to health. Housing stability, quality, safety, and affordability all affect health outcomes. - Taylor, L. (2018) *Health Affairs Journal*

**802,178**



Lee County has a total population of 802,178 people <sup>1</sup>

### Housing Burden<sup>3,4</sup>



**53%** Renter-occupied housing with housing costing 30% or more of total household income



**25%** Owner-occupied housing with housing costing 30% or more of total household income



**16%** Households that spend more than 50% of total household income on housing

### Affordable Rent<sup>2,7</sup>

**\$1,225** **\$1,149**

Median Gross Rent

Max Affordable Rent

The number one job industry in Lee County is Professional and Business Services. At 30% of their income **\$1,149** can go towards housing costs.

### Inadequate Housing<sup>4</sup>

**17%**

Households with at least 1 of 4 housing problems: overcrowding, high housing cost, lack of kitchen facilities, or lack of plumbing facilities.

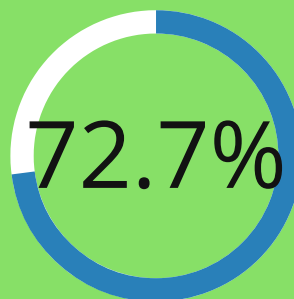
**\$235,300** Median value of owner-occupied housing units<sup>6</sup>

Shortage of Affordable Available Units<sup>5</sup>

**-13,449**

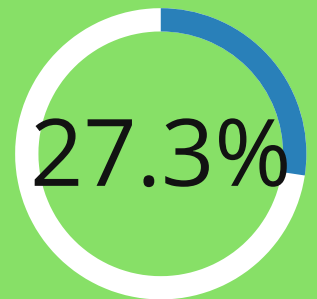
According to the Shimberg Center for Housing Studies, Lee County has a shortage of **13,449** needed affordable housing units.

### Occupied Housing Units<sup>2</sup>



Owner-Occupied Housing Units

Compared to Lee County Florida has 65% of owner-occupied housing units



Renter-Occupied Housing Units

Compared to Lee County Florida has 34% of renter-occupied housing units

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HPC encourages you to think about the next steps to improve housing in Southwest Florida. You may want to get involved, get assistance, get informed, and/or get more data.

### Get Assistance

#### Lee County Homeless Coalition

- [www.leehomeless.org](http://www.leehomeless.org)
- The Lee County Homeless Coalition is committed to ending homelessness by advocating and working together to provide more efficient services to those who experience homelessness.

#### United way of Lee, Glades, Hendry, and Okeechobee Counties

- [www.unitedwaylee.org](http://www.unitedwaylee.org)
- 211 is a United Way program that provides free information and referral to human/social service agencies within Lee County.

#### Lee County Housing Authority

- [leecountyha.org](http://leecountyha.org)
- The mission of the Lee County Housing Authority is to assist low-income families with safe, decent, and affordable housing opportunities.

#### Lee County Human Services

- [www.leegov.com](http://www.leegov.com)
- Serves as a collaborative hub for resources designated to aid Lee County residents through supportive programs and services.

#### The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers, FL

- [www.hacfm.org](http://www.hacfm.org)
- To provide housing to residents of Fort Myers.

#### Southwest Florida Resource Link

- [www.swflresourcelink.com](http://www.swflresourcelink.com)
- Your guide to community resources

### Get Involved

#### Florida Coalition to End Homelessness

- [fchonline.org](http://fchonline.org)
- The mission of the Florida Coalition for the Homeless is to work collaboratively to prevent and end homelessness in Florida.

#### Florida Housing Coalition

- [flhousing.org](http://flhousing.org)
- The Coalition provides professional consultation services through training and technical assistance on housing and related issues.

#### National Low Income Housing Coalition

- [nlihc.org](http://nlihc.org)
- The National Low Income Housing Coalition is dedicated solely to achieving socially just public policy that ensures people with the lowest incomes in the United States have affordable and decent homes.

### Get Informed

#### Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

- [resource.hud.gov](http://resource.hud.gov)
- HUD's resource locator.

#### County Health Ranking, 2019 Key Findings Report

- [Countyhealthrankings.org](http://Countyhealthrankings.org)
- By ranking the health of nearly every county in the nation, County Health Rankings & Roadmaps illustrates how where we live affects how well and how long we live.

#### Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, on Housing

- [rwjf.org](http://rwjf.org)
- The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is the nation's largest philanthropy dedicated solely to health.

#### SAMHSA, on Housing

- [Samhsa.gov](http://Samhsa.gov)
- SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.

#### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Housing

- [CDC.gov](http://CDC.gov)
- CDC works 24/7 to protect America from health, safety and security threats, both foreign and in the U.S.

### Get Data

- [Florida Legislature, Office of Economic and Demographic Research](#)
- [Florida Health Charts](#)
- [Shimberg Center for Housing Studies](#)
- [US Census Bureau](#)
- [County Health Rankings](#)
- [Health Affairs](#)

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