

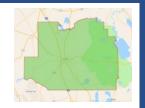
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MARKET REPORT

Ocala, Florida Market Report

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KEY FACTS EDUCATION 385,440 11% Population Median Age \$53,878 No High School Some College Diploma 37% Median Household Average High School Bachelor's/Grad/Pr Income Household Size Graduate of Degree **BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT** White Collar 22.5% Blue Collar 12,842 118,089 Unemployment Rate 20.5% Total Businesses Total Employees Households By Income INCOME The largest group: \$50,000 - \$74,999 (21.6%) The smallest group: \$150,000 - \$199,999 (3.7%) Indicator A Value Diff <\$15,000 8.9% +0.6% \$15,000 - \$24,999 11.5% +3.9% \$25,000 - \$34,999 8.5% +0.1% \$35,000 - \$49,999 16.3% +3.7% \$50,000 - \$74,999 21.6% +2.9% \$75,000 - \$99,999 14.2% +0.4% \$53,878 \$31,153 11.6% -4.3% \$168,662 \$100,000 - \$149,999 \$150,000 - \$199,999 3.7% -3.0% \$200,000+ 3.7% -4.2% Median Household Median Net Worth Per Capita Income Income Bars show deviation from

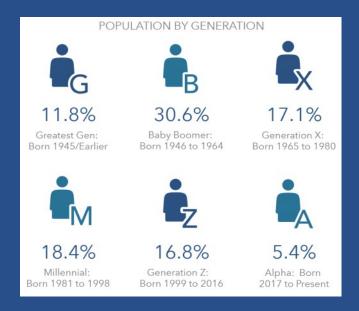
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Marion County (Ocala) is in the north central portion of the state and is known for being one of the largest equestrian communities across Florida. Ocala is the hub of Marion County with an estimated population of 354,353. It is about an hour from the Gulf of Mexico and about an hour to the Atlantic Ocean. It's 90 minutes north of Orlando and only 45 minutes from Gainesville.

Looking back at the Covid Pandemic, not all cities suffered from population decline in the first year of the pandemic. Many major metropolitan areas have reported substantial population growth. In the Ocala metro area, the population climbed from 377,370 in July 2020 to 385,915 in July 2021. The 2.3% increase ranks as the 24th highest among all U.S. metro areas.



Marion County's unadjusted unemployment rate dropped to 2.8% in April 2022, down 2.3 percentage points in one year, according to the state's latest jobs report. Marion's labor force grew by 1,964 and the number of people who are employed increased by 5,216 in one year. The labor force in Marion County in April 2022 was 142,569, far more than it was a year ago in 2021.

> Health Care, Social Assistance, Retail Trade, and Educational Service jobs make up a majority of the available employment.

> > Ocala's population makes it the 48th largest city in Florida.

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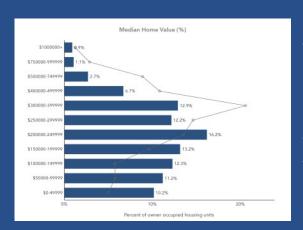


As a growing tourist destination and retreat for outdoor lovers, the Ocala market has seen an economic boom in recent years. Ocala's bluegrass terrain brought one of Ocala's earliest tourists attractions to the area - equestrian sports, and it is now known as the horse capital of the world. The largest equestrian complex in the US is nestled on 4,000 acres. The World Equestrian Center is a world-class multi indoor and outdoor facility with state of the art amenities that include numerous different disciplines within the Equine Industry. Fort King National Historic Park was an important Second Seminole site. The collection at the Appleton Museum of Art includes pre-Columbian artifacts and contemporary art. The waters of Silver Springs State Park are dotted with kayaks and glass-bottom boats. The park is also gateway to the woods and lakes of the second largest national forest in the state, the Ocala National Forest.



An abundance of outdoor activities bring in recurring visitors from all over the world. Along with the stable economy, Ocala's major industries of agriculture agriculture, aerospace and defense make for a prosperous job market. All of these factors make the Ocala market a desirable place to call home.

With a large population and land mass comes a large tenant pool. About **54% of Ocala residents are renters**. This makes it easy to see why many investors would be interested in the housing market in Ocala, FL.



The trend in the Ocala real estate market is **affordability**. Affordable investment properties are a staple of many Florida markets, but it is particularly true with the Ocala housing forecast. Your return on investment will continue to increase over the time that you buy and hold your properties.

It's a hot housing market in Ocala. According to recent numbers from Florida Realtors, the market has no signs of slowing down. Sales rose in the Ocala market by nearly 3% earlier this year, and the median sales price on homes is up 39%. Data from the real estate brokerage site Redfin shows that on average, homes are selling in just 15 days after being put on the market.

The final July 1 total for Marion County property value was \$1.72 billion more than the June 1 estimate. That means property values increased year over year by 21.04%, not the 14.02% that was estimated in June. A commercial and residential construction boom, which continued skyrocketing in 2021 during the latter stages of the pandemic, helped boost Marion County's 2022 property value to \$29.73 billion, the highest level ever.



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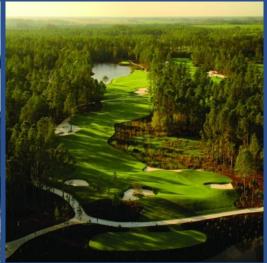




One of the most important factors for real estate? LOCATION







World Equestrian Center

shopping

scenic views

Offering beautiful rolling hills, various outdoor amenities, and one of the world's largest equestrian centers, this area has everything needed to make it a great area for real estate investing. There are several state parks offering boat tours, camping sites, horseback riding, picnic areas, and much more! In addition to all these amenities, you are close to numerous natural springs and golf courses. Additionally, there is a large retail sector here including some of the most popular stores and brands. All these features make this an attractive market for tenants to live and work, making it a great place to invest in real estate!









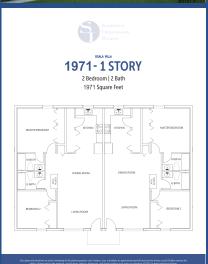


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