

Cape Coral Demographics

Cape Coral is the most populous city between Tampa and Miami. More than 60 percent of the population is between the ages of 15-64 and residents under 25 outnumber residents over 65. Southwest Florida's 18-24 age group is growing at a faster rate than the state of Florida and the United States.

Permanent Population ⁽¹⁾				
2000	2007		2011	
102,286	167,572		193,257	
Median Age ⁽²⁾				
1980	1990	2000	2011	
50.0	39.9	41.6	46.2	
Functional Population Projections ⁽¹⁾				
2008	2011	2015	2020	
187,543	247,543	307,534	367,534	
Race Distribution ⁽²⁾				
White	Black	Asian	Hispanic	Some Other Race
90.2%	3.2%	1.3%	13.6%	3.2%
Hispanic is an ethnic group and includes other races. Totals are not equal.				
Gender ⁽²⁾				
	1980	1990	2000	2006
Female	17,820	38,842	52,702	83,775
Male	16,324	36,149	49,584	78,265
Age Distribution ⁽²⁾				
0 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	65+
16.8%	10.9%	22.4%	27.7%	22.4%
Personal Income Median Household ⁽³⁾				
1980	1990	2000	2006	
\$19,288	\$33,999	\$43,410	\$51,635	
Labor Statistics				
Labor Force ⁽⁴⁾	Persons Employed ⁽⁴⁾	Persons Unemployed ⁽⁴⁾	Unemployment Rate ⁽⁵⁾	
82,618	79,865	2,753	4.2%	
<p>⁽¹⁾Population statistics and projections provided by City of Cape Coral Department of Community Development and Lee County Economic Development Office. Functional population is a combination of both permanent and seasonal residents and is the figure used for long-range planning.</p> <p>⁽²⁾Median Age, Race Distribution, Gender and Age Distribution from U.S. Census 2000.</p> <p>⁽³⁾Personal Income/Median Househouse from U.S> Census 2000 and City of Cape Coral Department of Community Development.</p> <p>⁽⁴⁾Labor Statistics from State of Florida, Department of Labor & Employment Security, December 2006.</p> <p>⁽⁵⁾Unemployment Rate statistics from Lee County Economic Development Office June 2007.</p>				

Workforce

The total labor force in the tri-county area of Lee, Charlotte, and Collier is about 500,000. With several regional colleges and universities, businesses have a large pool of skilled workers.

Education

School Enrollment Projections				
Grades	2010	2015	2020	2025
K-5	17,374	22,644	27,914	33,184
6-8	8,257	10,668	13,398	16,128
9-12	9,991	12,519	16,039	19,679
Source: School District of Lee County, Planning, Growth and School Capacity Dept., August 28, 2007				

Cost of Living

COST OF LIVING COMPARISONS		
Metro Area	Composite Score	Housing Index
Atlanta, GA	94.7%	90.1%
Boston, MA	135.9%	180.5%
Cape Coral, FL	106.4%	107.3%
Charlotte, NC	94.7%	87.8%
Chicago, IL	132.8%	177.4%
Cleveland, OH	104.5%	97.9%
Philadelphia, PA	N/A	N/A
San Diego, CA	137.6%	197.3%
Sarasota, FL	106.0%	115.1%
New York, NY	217.2%	399.8%
Tampa, FL	97.3%	92.0%
Washington, DC	134.8%	188.9%
West Palm Beach, FL	106.9%	105.9%
Source: American Chamber of Commerce Researchers Association; Urban Area Index; Second Quarter 2003, Published August 2003. N/A – Not Available		

Housing Costs

MEDIAN SALES PRICE OF EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES		
CITY	2005	2006
Atlanta	\$167,200	\$171,800
Cape Coral/Fort Myers	\$269,200	\$268,200
Baltimore	\$265,300	\$269,900
Chicago	\$264,200	\$273,500
Newark	\$416,800	\$433,000
Los Angeles	\$529,000	\$584,800

Crime Index Information

Cape Coral is one of the safest cities in Florida, according to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. To view the most recent crime statistics, [click here](#).