



OCALA EDC
MARION COUNTY
great for business. great for life.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Quality of life is a cornerstone in the foundation of a successful and thriving community. We all know there is more to life than business. Successful companies understand the importance of a positive community for the lifestyle of their employees away from the office. Team members who enjoy their down time away from work can bring renewed and energized perspectives to the workplace. It's great for business when it's great for life! Ocala and Marion County can meet those needs.

Culture

Ocala/Marion County is a community rich in cultural and natural resources. The arts flourish through the Appleton Museum, with its outstanding cultural exhibits, and the Ocala Civic Theatre with a wide array of award-winning dramatic and musical productions. Opportunities exist for music appreciation through the Central Florida Symphony Orchestra and the Marion Civic Chorale. West Port High School serves as the Marion County Center for the Arts. In addition, the Marion Cultural Alliance is a community-sponsored agency that encourages art programs and appreciation of all cultural activities in the community.

Cost of Living

Marion County Price Level Index Value of Major Items	
Weighted State Average = 100	
Marion County	90.51
Rank - 37th of 67 Counties	
Population Weighted State Average = 100	
Food	99.98
Healthcare	96.29
Housing	81.52
Transportation	96.67
Other Goods and Services	96.84

Source: 2010 Florida Statistical Abstract

Recreation

Forget shoveling snow! The mild climate of Ocala/Marion County is ready to host your best round of golf. Both public and private golf, tennis and recreation facilities populate the picturesque countryside. The area is renowned for its natural beauty with many lakes, rivers, crystal clear springs and nature parks throughout the county. If the beach scene sounds enticing, either coast is within a scenic drive less than 60 miles away.

Climate Averages

Average Annual Temperature	71.4 °
Average Maximum in July	93.8 °
Average Minimum in December	35.6°
Days with 90° or Higher	80
Days with 32° or Lower	15
Annual Precipitation (inches)	56.7"
Annual Snow Days	0
Earthquake Zone	0

Source: 2011 SE Regional Climate Center

Healthcare

The reassuring factor of an outstanding medical community is available in Ocala and Marion County. The area attracts world-renowned physicians specializing in cardiology and stroke care. The caliber of physicians and medical support staff is exceptional. Three of Ocala's premier hospitals, Munroe Regional Medical Center and Ocala Health System, which consists of Ocala Regional Medical Center and West Marion Community Hospital, have received nationally recognized awards. Additionally, Ocala's close proximity to the University of Florida's Shands Teaching Hospital, has given our community a wealth of expert health care providers.

Medical Professionals

Chiropractors	73
Dental Hygienists	176
Dental Radiographers	271
Dentists	119
Medical Doctors	533
Nurses, Practical	1,146
Nurses, Registered	3,530
Opticians	75
Optometrists	34
Osteopathic Physicians	42
Pharmacists	234
Podiatrists	16
Psychologists	44
Therapists, Massage	219
Therapists, Occupational	91
Therapists, Physical	163

Source: 2010 Florida Statistical Abstract

Religious Diversity

Faith	Houses of Worship
African Methodist/Episcopal	6
Anglican	2
Apostolic	2
Assemblies of God	9
Baptist	119
Bible	2
Catholic	11
Christian	14
Church of Christ	8
Church of God	18
Community	4
Episcopal	6
Jehovah's Witness	11
Lutheran	19
Methodist	29
Nazarene	3
Non-Denominational	15
Pentecostal	25
Presbyterian	10
Seventh Day Adventist	9
Synagogues	3
Other	15

Source: Ocala/Marion County EDC

Child Care

Program	Number of Facilities	Capacity
Licensed Family Child Care Homes	86	904
Registered Family Child Care Homes	21	210
Licensed Child Care Centers	62	6,259
Religious Exempt Child Care Centers	24	2,489
Head Start Programs/ Early Head Start	8	714
Voluntary Pre-K School Year Providers	86	2,138
Voluntary Pre-K Summer Providers	27	346

Source: Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, Inc.

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