

CHARLOTTE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

September 2023

PUNTA GORDA IS THE 5TH FASTEST GROWING METRO AREA

Fastest-growing metro areas

Did you know that Charlotte County has become the 5th fastest-growing metro area in recent years? This rapid growth is not only transforming our beautiful community, but it's also making a significant impact on our local economy! It's vital to ensure that this growth is sustainable and well-managed. We are actively working to strike a balance between progress and preserving our natural resources and small-town charm. It's crucial that we grow responsibly and thoughtfully!



Metro area	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022	Percent change
The Villages, FL	134,867	144,970	75%
Myrtle Beach, SC	510,825	536,165	5.0%
Lakeland, FL	755,179	787,404	4.3%
Cape Coral, FL	790,676	822,453	4.0%
Punta Gorda, FL	194,934	202,661	4.0%
North Port, FL	862,024	891,411	3.4%
St. George, UT	191,476	197,680	3.2%
Port St Lucio El	504.532	520.710	32%

Note: Metro area column shows principal city and state for each metropolitan statistical area. Fastest-growing metro were determined by the population growth from July 1, 2021, to July 1, 2022, among US metro areas.

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Panama City, FL

Spartanburg, SC

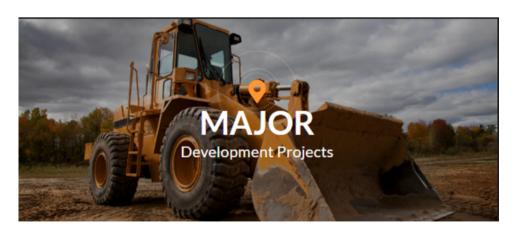
Population change, July 1, 2021-July 1, 2022

INSIDER

In response to Hurricane Idalia, the state has activated the Business Damage Assessment Survey to help state and federal officials determine the need for disaster assistance and expedite recovery resources. We encourage small businesses impacted by the storm to complete the survey: https://hubs.la/Q020Nysa0



CHARLOTTE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS



The Major Development Projects map from our GIS WebTech Guru site will show the latest developments happening in Charlotte County. There are a lot of exciting things happening in our county. Click **HERE** to view this interactive map!