

Environment and Livability

Federal Highway Administration Map-21/ FAST Act

Enhance performance of the system while protecting and enhancing the natural environment.

Sarasota/Manatee 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

Improve environmental sustainability and community livability in coordination with local government comprehensive plans.

According to the Florida Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Survey taken in 2013, **13%** of adults in Manatee County and **13.5%** of adults in Sarasota County had been told they had coronary heart disease, heart attack, or stroke.

In Manatee County,

- 9.9% of adults have diabetes
- 5.9% of adults have pre-diabetes
- 32.7% of adults have hypertension
- 36.2% of adults who have a healthy weight
- 22.6% of adults who are sedentary
- 56.9% of adults meet aerobic recommendations
- 97% of adults who always or almost always wear a seatbelt
- 78.3% of adults said their overall health was “good” to “excellent”

Source: [2013 Florida BRFSS Data: Manatee County](#)

In Sarasota County,

- 10.3% of adults have diabetes
- 7.8% of adults have pre-diabetes
- 37.5% of adults have hypertension
- 40.6% of adults who have a healthy weight
- 22.9% of adults who are sedentary
- 58.5% of adults meet aerobic recommendations
- 95.1% of adults who always or almost always wear a seatbelt
- 81.1% of adults said their overall health was “good” to “excellent”

Source: [2013 Florida BRFSS Data: Sarasota County](#)

Population

Florida	Manatee County	Sarasota County
19,645,772	343,729	392,038

Source: [2010-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates](#)

Percentage of Children under 18 living in Poverty

Florida	23%
Manatee County	24%
Sarasota County	18%

Percentage of Children Eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch

Florida:	58%
Manatee County:	62%
Sarasota County:	50%

Percentage of People with Food Insecurity

Florida:	16%
Manatee County:	48,210 (14%)
Sarasota County:	54,380 (14%)

Source: [2017 Sarasota County Overall Outcomes](#); [2017 Manatee County Overall Outcomes](#)



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Public transportation can reduce congestion on our roadways, reduce CO2 emissions, and increase accessibility to where we live, work, and play.

100% of Sarasota Bay waters meet state water quality standards for nutrient pollution, according to the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program.

Source: [Sarasota Bay Estuary Program](#)



Public Transportation Ridership

Transit Service	Fiscal Year	Passenger Trips	Revenue Miles
Manatee County Area Transit	2015	1,760,490	1,345,968
Sarasota County Area Transit	2015	2,742,108	3,257,479

Coastal Habitats and Wetlands Restoration

The Sarasota Bay Estuary Program has restored and enhanced **1,650 acres** of wetlands; and created **30** new ecological parks.

167,090 acres

of County, State, and Federal preserved and conserved lands in the two-county region.

Source: [Florida Natural Areas Inventory, 2014](#)

Flood Vulnerability Overview

County	Square miles in FEMA flood hazard area (2011)	Housing Units in FEMA flood hazard area (2011)	People in FEMA flood hazard area (2011)
Manatee	231.25 sq. mi. (27.37%)	43,673	65,274
Sarasota	129.59 sq. mi. (21.07%)	58,182	74,169

You can find over

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Farmers Markets throughout Manatee and Sarasota counties.

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Distinct species, ranging from plants to mammals, are found in the Sarasota/Manatee region.



- [Sarasota County Natural Lands](#)
- [Sarasota Bay Estuary Program](#)
- [2013 Florida BRFSS Data: Manatee County](#)
- [2013 Florida BRFSS Data: Sarasota County](#)
- [Florida Natural Areas Inventory Sarasota County](#)
- [Florida Natural Areas Inventory Manatee County](#)
- [Sarasota/Manatee MPO 2040 LRTP Environmentally Protected Areas](#)

