



Wonderful Walton

Question 1



Walton County's Population is about 83,000 today, in what decade did Okaloosa have this population?

Answer 1



The 1960's

Today

Okaloosa – 216,000

Walton – 83,304

[Florida Census: 1840-2000 by County \(usf.edu\)](http://usf.edu)

Question 2



How many municipalities does Okaloosa have vs Walton?

Answer 2



Okaloosa – 9

Crestview - Destin - Fort Walton Beach - Laurel Hill - Mary Esther - Niceville - Valparaiso - Cinco Bayou - Shalimar

Walton – 3

DeFuniak Springs – Freeport – Paxton

Destin wasn't formed until 1984

Question 3



How much of a labor force does Okaloosa and Walton share?

Answer 3



Walton Residents → Okaloosa: 5,804

Walton Employed in March 23: 34,839

Okaloosa Residents → Walton: 5,405

Okaloosa Employed in March 23: 103,176

[Untitled \(labormarketinfo.com\)](#)

Question 4



What place out of all 3,143 counties in the US did Walton Rank in % of Wealth Migration in 2020-2021?

Answer 4



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The biggest percentage rise in income due to migration was in Walton County in the Florida panhandle (+51.6%).

Gained Wealth From – 1991 to 2022

\$374.10 million Fulton County, GA

\$367.63 million Okaloosa County, FL

\$115.12 million Cobb County, GA

\$94.84 million Bay County, FL

\$85.15 million Shelby County, TN

[How the pandemic shifted America's geography of income \(axios.com\)](https://www.axios.com)

Question 5



From 2012 to 2022 which panhandle city ranked 1st in % of growth in FL?

Answer 5



Freeport - 265.2%
Walton County Ranks 3rd at 45.7%

Freeport's 2010 to 2020 Growth Rate Was 228%


[TAMPA BAY TIMES: Here are Florida's fastest growing cities and counties](#)

Question 6




What rank did Walton County Schools achieve in state by FLDOE in 22-23?

Answer 6



**WALTON COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Superintendent of Schools A. Russell Hughes is proud to announce that the Walton County School District has again placed third in the state for the 2022-2023 school year, this time closing the gap to #2 by 35 points. This is the baseline year for the new FAST test by the Florida Department of Education.



Congratulations to the students, staff, and all stakeholders for the work to
GET ON and GO ON!

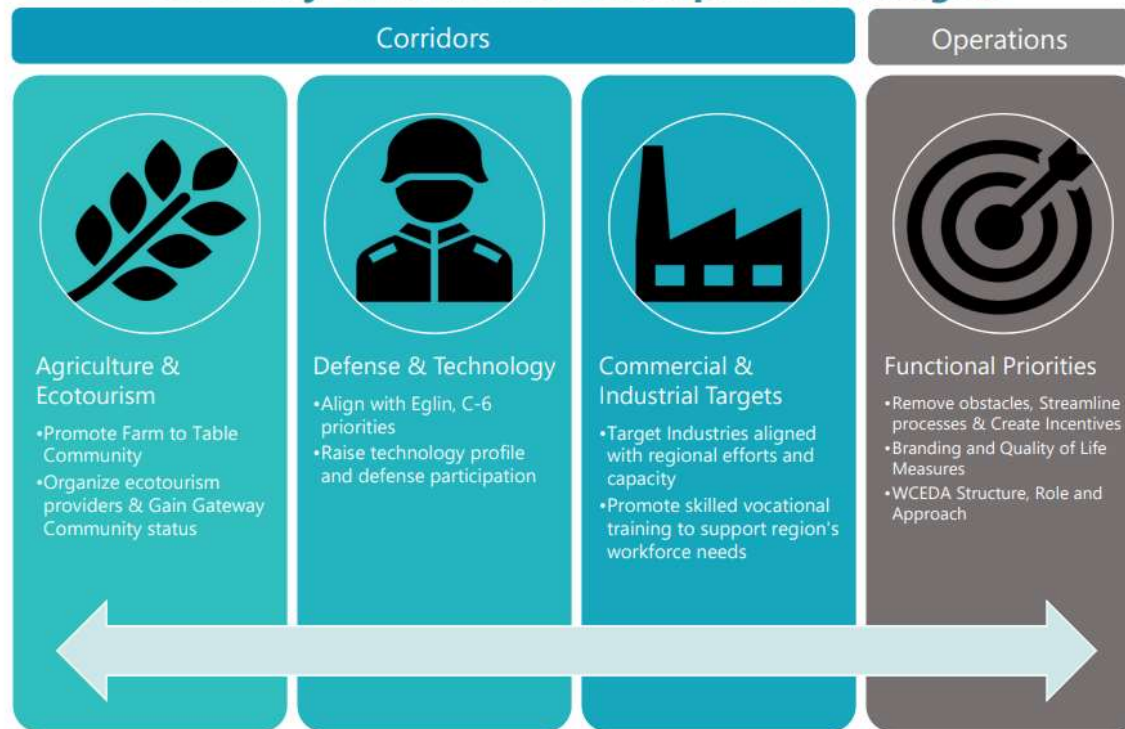
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[WCSD Again Ranks #3 in the State](#)

Strategic Plan



Summary of Economic Development Strategies



[Read More About the Walton County Economic Development Alliance Strategic Plan](#)

Public Investment



Private Investment



Budget



Proposed

Staff: 3

Est: \$580,000

Achieved

Staff: 2-3

Est: \$412,000

Budget



+ \$128,000 Over Last Year

(168,000) to Proposed Budget

+ 35,000 Committed from Private Sector

(\$133,000) to Proposed Budget

Invitation



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