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Government & Taxation

Identification

County Hendry
 County Seat LaBelle
 Nearest Metropolitan Ft. Myers
 Area

Government Type

Commission No
 Commission/Manager Yes
 Zoning Regulations Yes
 Planning Commission Yes

State Taxes

Corporate Income Tax	5.5%
Personal Income Tax	None
Retail Sales Tax	6%
Gasoline Tax	\$0.123 per gallon
Intangible mills per dollar of value	2.0

Is local option ad valorem
 Tax exemption available? Yes

State Enterprise Zone-EZ-2601

Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community

County Taxes

Ad Valorem Millage Rate.....

Government	9
Water Management	0.697
Hospital	3.10
Schools	8.2710
Total	21.0680

Other special district taxes may be applied

Local option sales tax 1.00%

Local option Gas tax \$0.0700 per gallon

Yes

Yes

Selected Economic Indicators

Per Capita Personal Income	\$13,663
Taxable Sales	\$211,562,200
Building Permits – Total Value	\$18,191,000

Population

County Population		Components of Population Change	
1980	18,599	Natural Change	2,511
1990	25,773	Net Migration	2,024
2000	36,210	Total	4,535
2003	37,064		
Population Projections		Population Age Breakdown	
2010	45,800	0 - 15	25%
2020	55,500	16 - 54	57%
2030	64,900	55-84	17%
		85+	1%
County land area	1,153 (sq miles)	Largest Incorporated Municipalities	
Population Density	33.00	1. Clewiston	6,660
Population of immediate surrounding counties	3,240,673	2. LaBelle	4,210

Employment

Labor Force		County Non-farm Employment by Industry	
County Civilian Labor Force	15,908	Agriculture Services	6,625
Unemployment Rate	7.8%	Trade/Retail & Wholesale	2,232
Labor Force of Surrounding Counties	1,580,129	Trans/Comm/Pub Utilities	286

Manufacturing	1,105
Construction	276
Fin, Ins, Real Estate	275
Services	1,296
Other	45
Total	12,140

Utilities

Electricity Power Suppliers

Florida Power & Light
 Lee Electric Coop
 Glades Electric Cooperative
 City of Clewiston Utilities

Water Suppliers

South Shore Water Assoc.
 City of Clewiston
 City of LaBelle
 Port LaBelle Utilities

Water Management District

South Florida

Major Water Source

Lakes, wells

Sanitation

Storm Sewer	No	Sewage Treatment Type	Septic
Sanitary Sewer	Yes	Sewerage avail for new industry	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	Sanitary landfill, joint Hendry/Lee County		

Natural Gas

Available	No
Available for new industry	No

Other Fuel Sources

# Distributors in County	
Fuel Oil	2
Coal	0
LP gas	3

Financial

Number of Banks

Domestic	6
Foreign	0
S&L Assoc.	2

Banks Financial Standings

Domestic total Deposits	\$178,289,000
Foreign total deposits	\$0
S&L Assoc. total deposits	\$51,937,000

Does local government issue industrial revenue bonds? Yes

Is tax increment financing available? No

Industrial Parks/Support Services

Industrial Support Services

Computer Services	Yes
Engineering	Yes
Plating	Yes
Machine Shop	Yes
Car & Truck Rental	Yes
Security Services	Yes
Job Printing	Yes
Bonded	No
Warehousing	
Freight Forwarder	No

Industrial Parks

Number of Industrial Parks	3
Developed acreage	16.9
Acreage zoned for Manufacturing	2,738

Transportation

Interstates	I-75
Major Highways	SR80, SR29, US27
Railroads	C & SF

Major commercial airport

Southwest Florida International	
Distance	40 miles
Average # of flights	150
# of Airlines	17
Longest runway	12,000

Local Commercial/Executive Airports

1. LaBelle Airport

Runway Length	3,810
Runway Surface	Asphalt
Lighted Runway	Yes
Aircraft Tiedown	Yes

2. Airglades Airport

Runway Length	5,950
Runway Surface	Asphalt
Lighted Runway	Yes

Airport Services Offered

Charter	Yes
Private Aircraft Main	Yes
Customs Port of Entry	Yes
Immigration	Yes
Air Cargo	Yes
International Air	Yes

Aircraft Tiedown Yes

Nearest Port with Docking Facilities

1. Port of Boca Grande

Distance	60 miles
Depth	35'
Warehousing	No
Stevedoring	No

2. Port of Palm Beach

Distance	95 miles
Depth	32"
Warehousing	Yes
Stevedoring	Yes

Communications

Newspapers

Largest Local	<i>Calossa Belle Hendry-Glades Sunday News Clewiston News</i>
Largest Regional	<i>Ft. Myers News Press</i>
Total Circulation	112,008

Radio

# Radio Stations	2 AM
Fort Myers & West Palm Beach	FM

Television

Cable Available	Yes
# of non-cable channels received	8

Mail/Parcel

Nearest Regional Mail Handling Facility	Fort Myers
Parcel Services	Yes
Air/Overnight Service	Yes

Telephone

Telephone Service	Sprint-United
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Major Private Sector Employers

Largest Employers Product or Service	# Employees
U.S. Sugar Corp. Sugar & Citrus Processing	1800
Wal-Mart (Retail)	438

A Duda & Sons Citrus Processing	250
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Southern Gardens Citrus Processing	228
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Hendry County Hospital Authority Health Care	140
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Alico, Inc. Citrus/Cattle	115
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Bob Paul Citrus Citrus	35
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Quality of Life

K-12 Education

Schools	
Public	15
Nonpublic	3

Teachers	
Public	330
Nonpublic	15

State High School Competency Test
(October 1994 - % 11th graders passing)

Math	65.00
Communications	87.00

In 1993-94 there were 288 high school graduates with a 54.51% continuing education

Medical

Hospitals	1
Number of Beds	66

Nursing Homes	2
Number of Beds	213

Physicians	18
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Post Secondary Education

Colleges / Universities serving County

Nova University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University

Jr./ Community College within 50 miles

Edison Community – Ft. Myers
Palm Beach CC – West Palm Beach

Vo-Tech Schools

Education Center of Southwest Florida
Lee County Vo Tech (within 50miles)

Curriculum offered in Vo-Tech Schools

Sheet Metal	Yes
Data Processing	Yes
Welding & Cutting	Yes
Electrical Wiring	Yes

Dentists	8	Aviation/Avionics	Yes
		Drafting	Yes
Facilities		Machine Shop	Yes
Motels	13	Electronic Technology	Yes
Total rooms	298	Laser Electro Optics	Yes
		Biomedical Tech.	Yes
Hotels	1	Robotics/Computer	Yes
Total rooms	59	Aided Manufacturing	
Civic Auditoriums	2		
Total Seating Cap.	1,350	Churches	
		Catholic	2
Regional Malls	0	Jewish	0
Shopping Centers	5	Protestant	53
Libraries	3	Other	2

Recreation

Tennis courts	Yes
Beaches	No
Golf courses	Yes
City/State parks	Yes
Boating	Yes
Public Swimming Pools	Yes
Movie Theaters	Yes
Country Clubs	Yes
Symphony	No
Museums	Yes
Zoo	No
Pari-mutuel wagering	No
Fishing	Yes
Cultural Center	Yes

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