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High Demand Occupations in Florida's Eight Westernmost Counties

This annual report provides insights on projected growth in high demand occupations between 2022 and 2027. Researchers at the University of West Florida (UWF) Haas Center examined 22 occupational areas and compared regional performance with the state and the nation. We ranked each occupation by median earnings and growth rates spanning five years. Next, we described the top 10 occupational categories with higher-than-median earnings, as well as job growth across the eight westernmost counties in Florida. Lastly, we listed employer demand pertaining to the skills most requested in job postings.



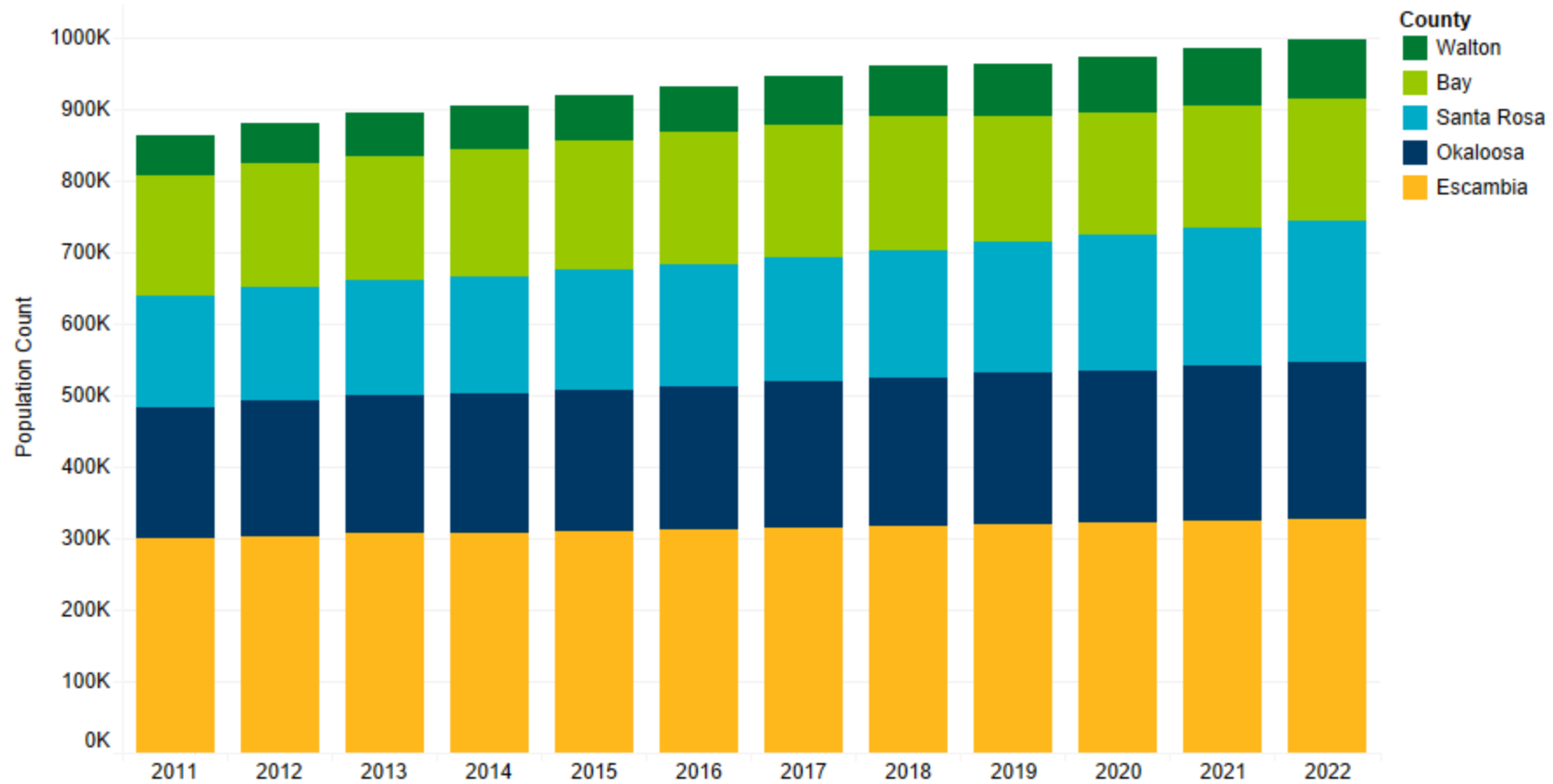
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Population by County

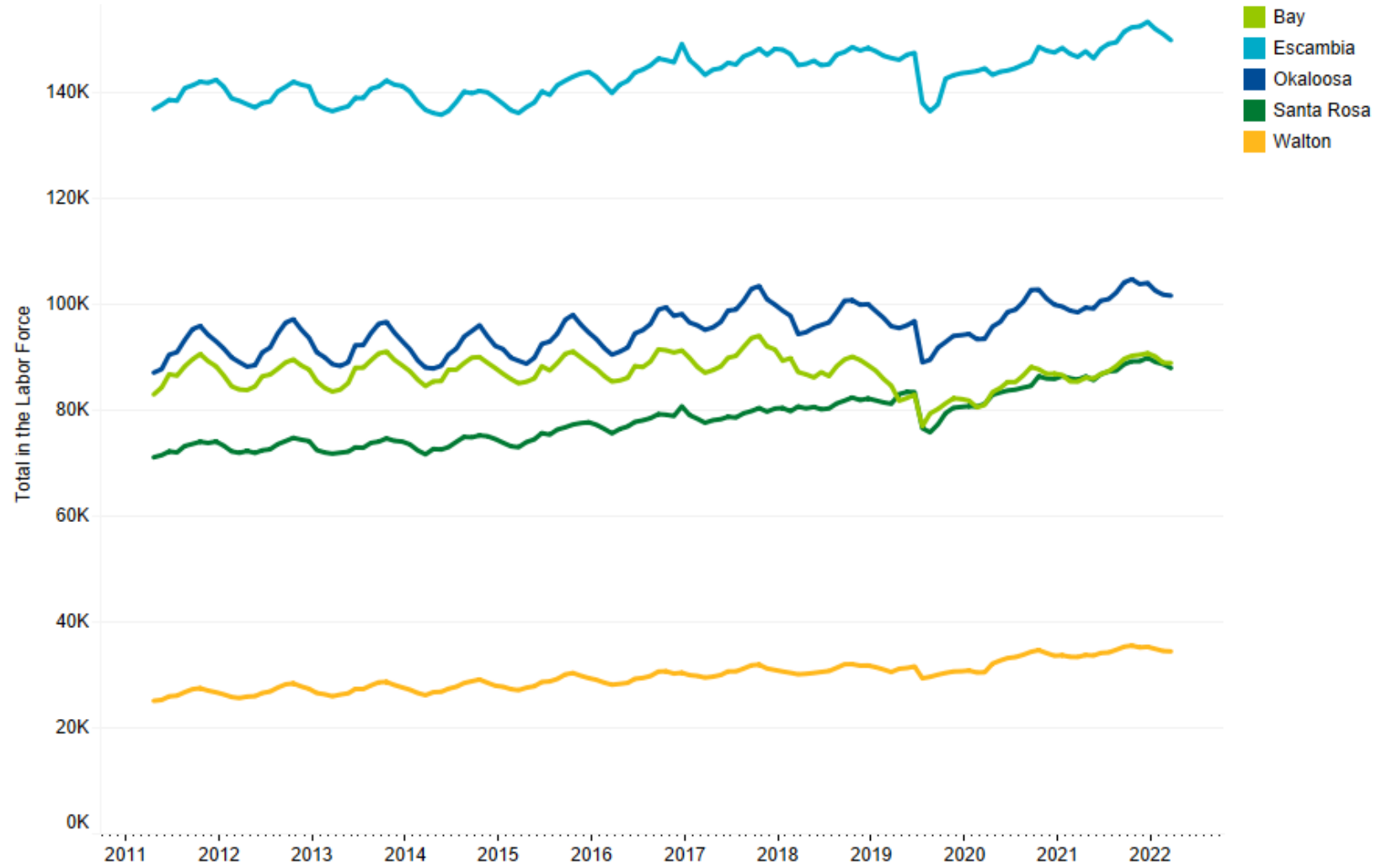


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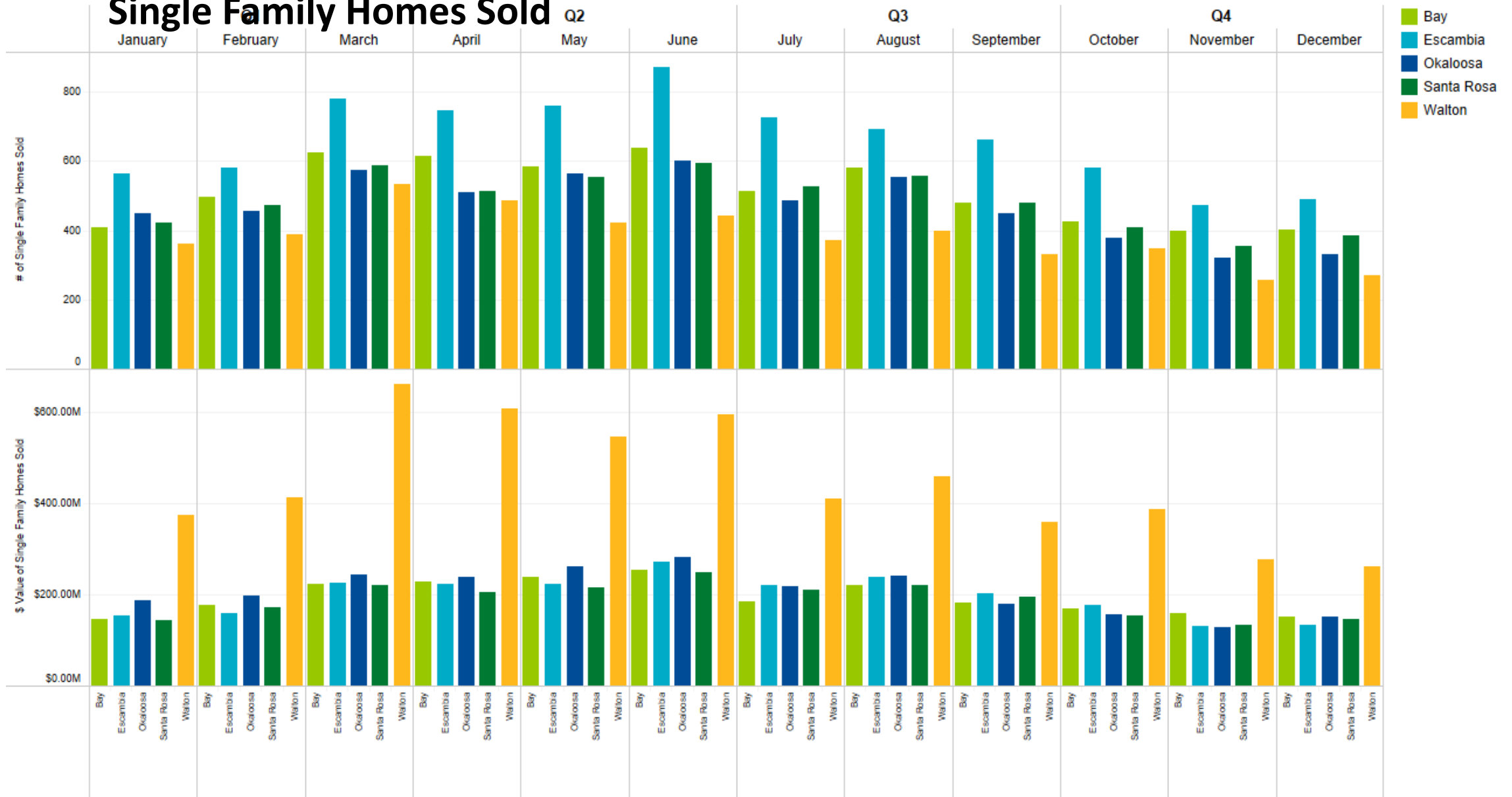
Total in the Labor Force



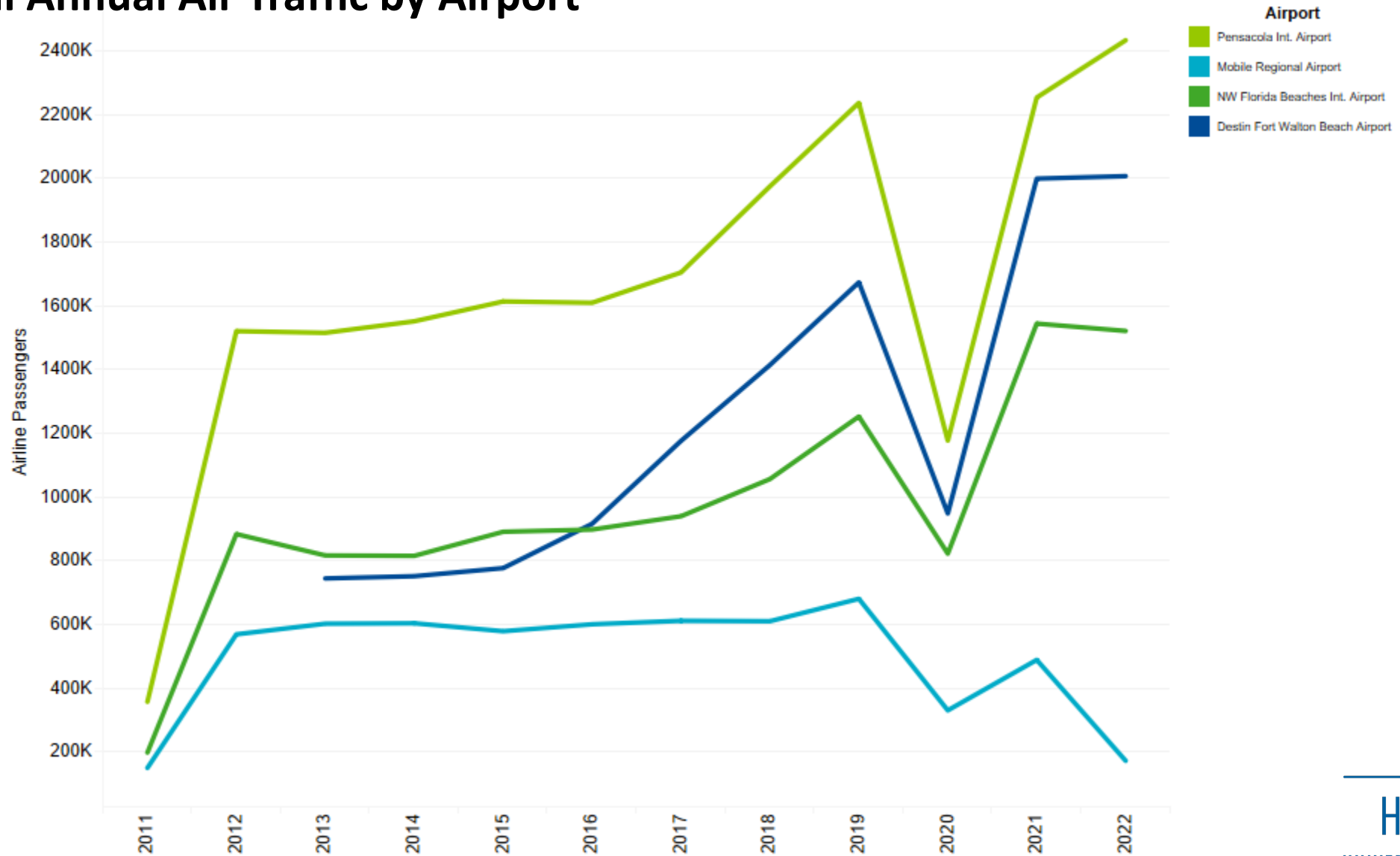
[Bureau of Labor Statistics \(BLS\)](#), and [Local Area Unemployment Statistics \(LAUS\)](#).



Single Family Homes Sold



Total Annual Air Traffic by Airport

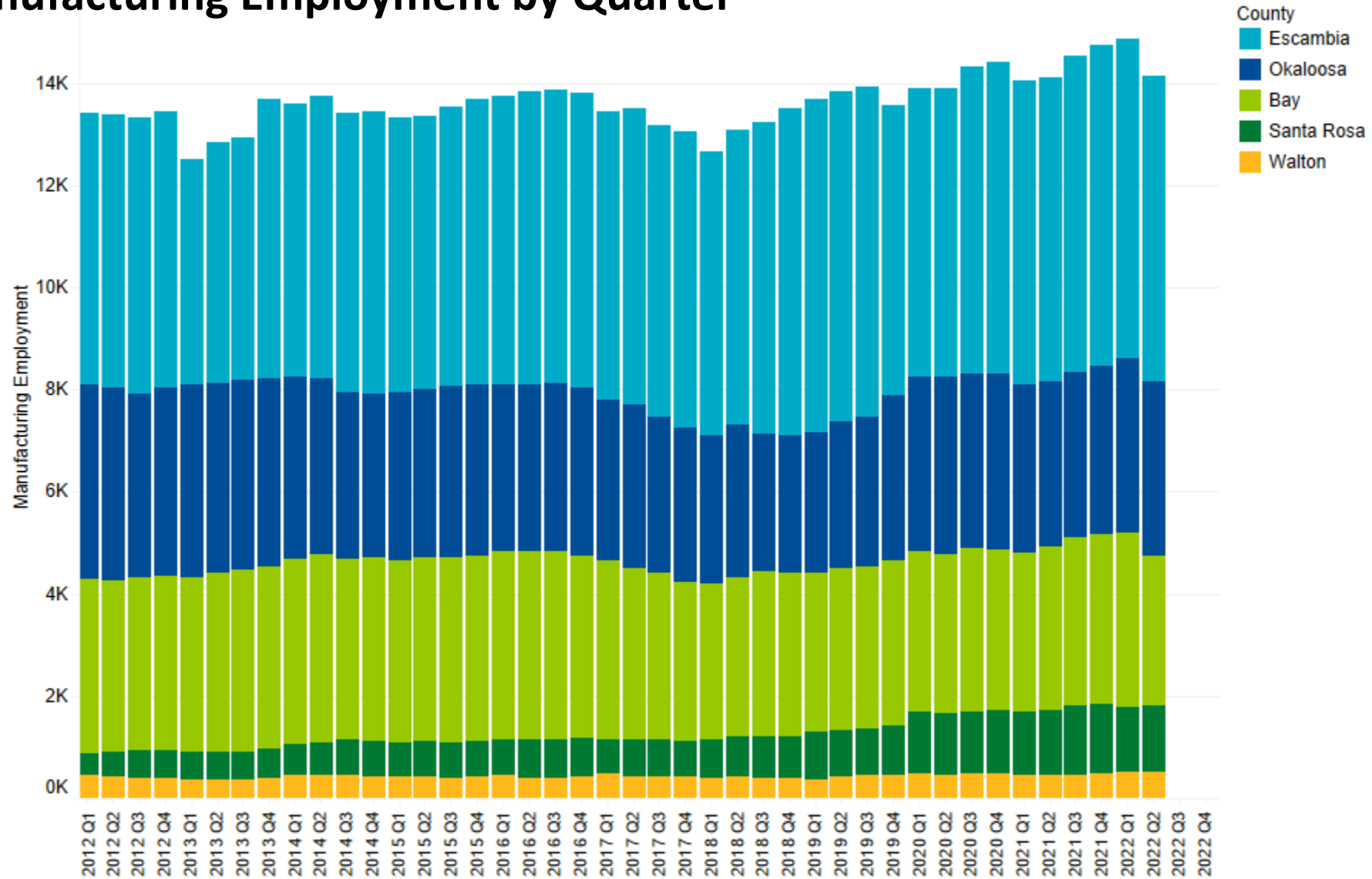


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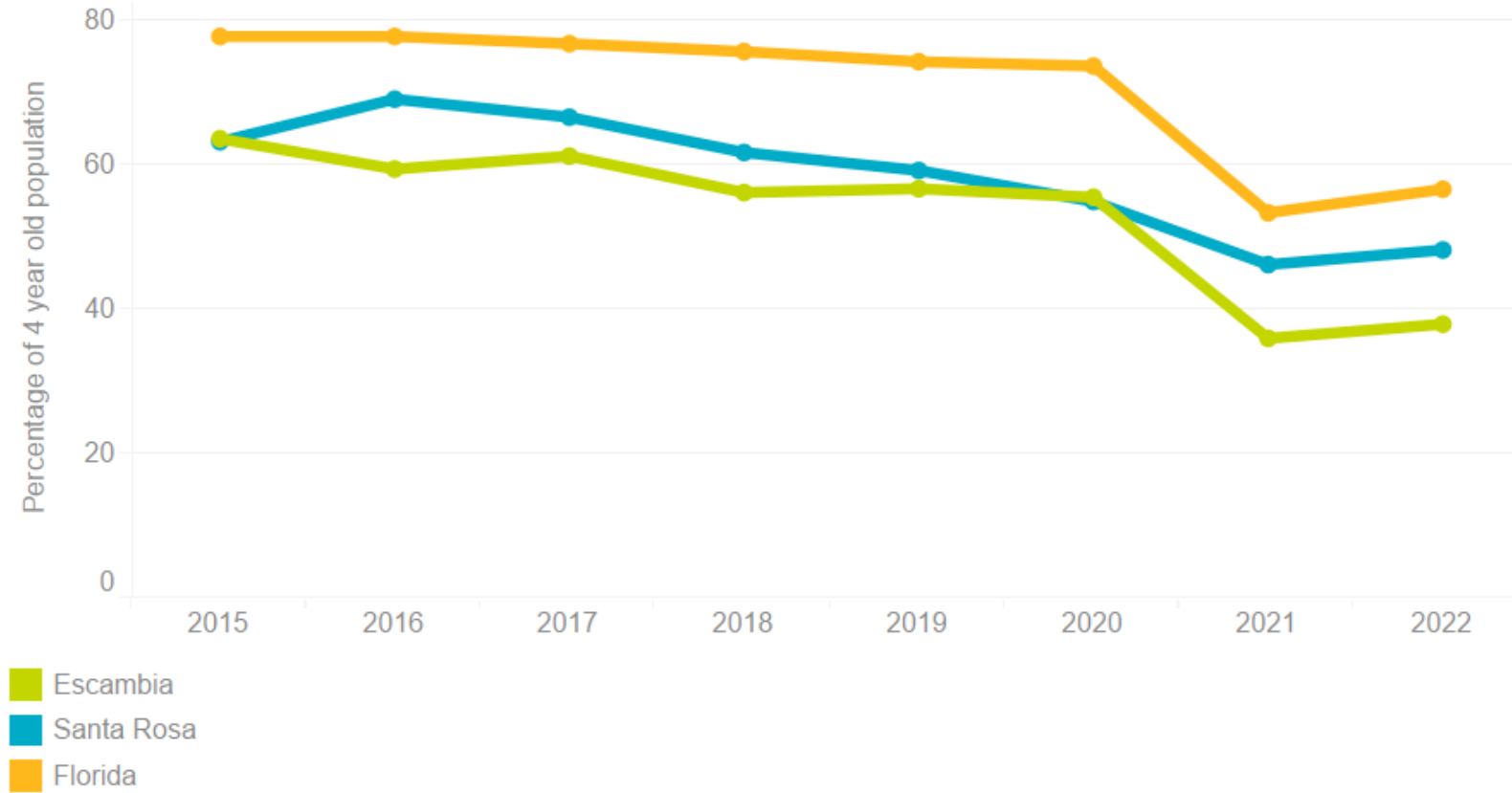
	Mobile County	Baldwin County, AL	Escambia County, FL	Santa Rosa County, FL
Population (2023)	412,610	254,483	325,825	203,218
Population (2033)	405,359	320,530	339,278	243,591
Jobs (2023)	184,827	85,667	165,809	44,985
Jobs (2033)	186,842	95,706	173,634	48,283
COL Index	90.6	94.9	100.4	100.9
Labor Force (Dec 2022)	190,953	99,370	149,773	87,912
Median Household Income	49,625	61,756	53,023	70,663
Violent Crimes per 1,000 people	1.18	1.42	6	1.27
Property Crimes per 1,000 people	9.14	6.23	25.93	7.88
Manufacturing				
Job Change %	-6.87%	3.04%	1.25%	19.04%
Jobs (2023)	17749	3824	5852	1304
Jobs (2033)	16530	3940	5925	1552
Prof, Scientific, & Tech Svcs				
Job Change %	-4.77%	17.99%	6.95%	0.72%
Jobs (2023)	7,923	2,734	7,897	1,898
Jobs (2033)	7,545	3,225	8,445	1,912



Manufacturing Employment by Quarter



Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Participation



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Elementary School Reading Proficiency and Poverty Rate of Children in Escambia County

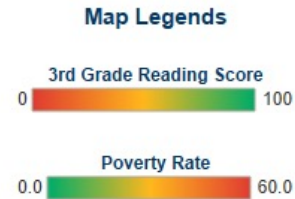
The 3rd Grade Reading Score is the percentage of 3rd grade students who achieved level 3 or above on their Florida Standards Assessment. Reading proficiency is by school, where poverty rates represent the ZIP code.

Filter by County
Escambia County

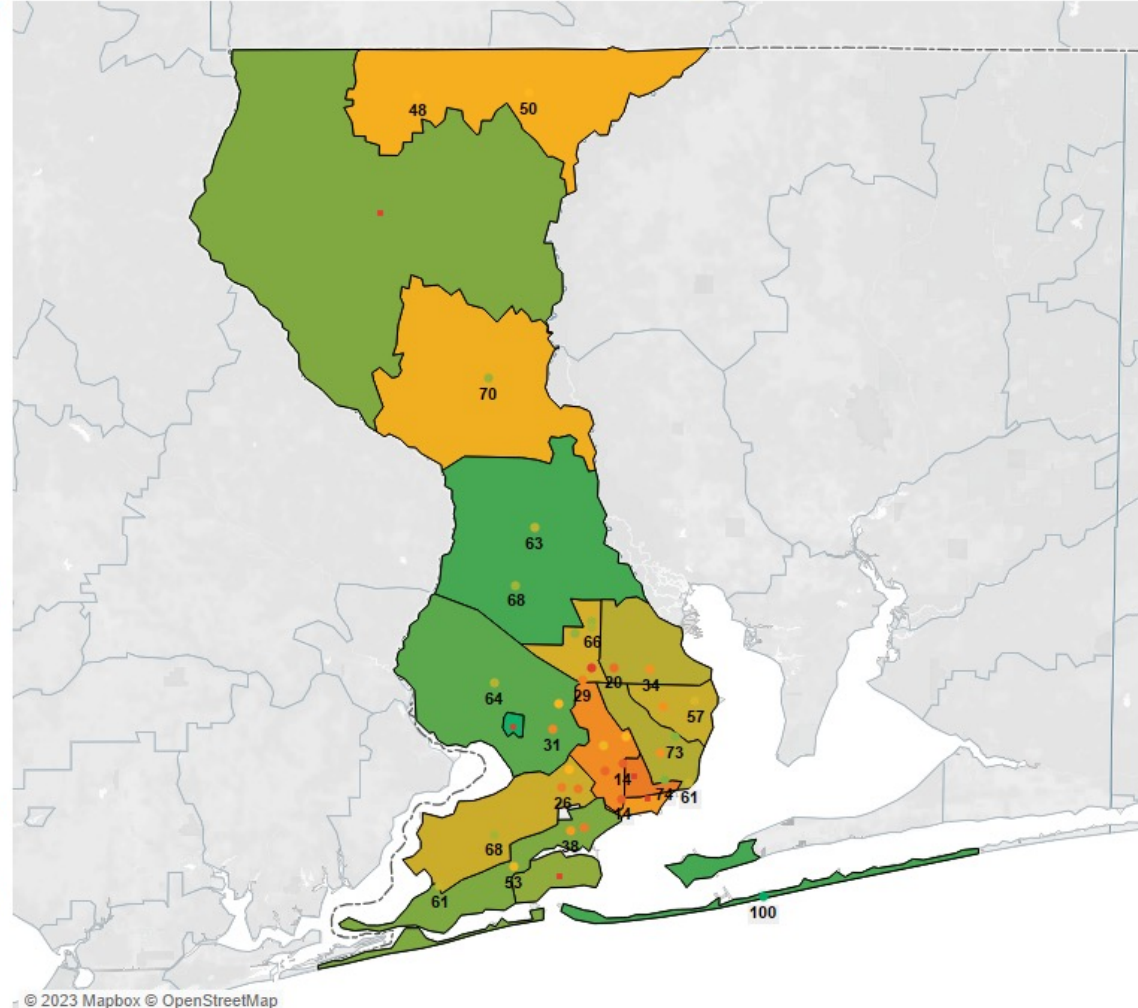
Filter by any county in Florida and find out how your school district compares.

Filter by Age
Under-18

Choose under-18 poverty rates for all of the youth population or switch to under-12 poverty to see individuals 12 and under.



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Sources: 2020 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau
2020-2021 FSA Results, Florida Department of Education



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