








# LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORT CARD

Taxpayers should know precisely where their city and county stands with others in areas like spending, debt, and government size. This report card and **FloridaTaxpayers.com** work together to help you compare your local governments with others. Counties and cities that did not fully report their data were ranked “F.”

## Columbia County

How this county compares relative to counties of similar size:

	GRADE		RANKING	
	<b>C</b>	<b>Government Spending</b> This category includes data on the county’s 6-year average per capita spending and total dollar increase in spending.	<b>19th</b>	out of <b>35</b> small counties
	<b>C</b>	<b>Government Debt</b> This category includes data on the county’s 6-year average per capita debt and total dollar increase in debt.	<b>24th</b>	
	<b>A</b>	<b>Government Size</b> This category includes data on percent government spending on salaries and benefits, FTEs per 100k residents, and average public employee salary.	<b>2nd</b>	
	<b>D</b>	<b>Crime</b> This category includes data on violent crime rate, property crime rate, and total crime clearance rate.	<b>34th</b>	
	<b>A</b>	<b>Education</b> This category includes data on average school grade and graduation rate.	<b>7th</b>	

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Disclaimer: Grades and ranking were determined using data collected from public county and municipality sources. Only raw and per-capita data was considered, with no value judgments made regarding the relative importance of any one category over any other.