

Demographics & Socio-Economic Characteristics

(2000 U.S. Census, except as noted)

Population

2000	52,715
2004 (estimate)*	53,349

Sex, 2000

Male	25,627
Female	27,088

Race & Hispanic Origin, 2000

Race	
White	40,542
Black/African American	8,447
American Indian/Alaska Native	186
Asian	536
Pacific Islander	26
Other Race	1,969
Two or more races	1,009
Hispanic origin, total	
Mexican	3,587
Puerto Rican	572
Cuban	656
Other Hispanic	1,468

Age & Nativity, 2000

Under 5 years	2,811
18 years and over	42,992
65 years and over	11,585
85 years and over	2,037
Median Age	41
Native born	45,248
Foreign born	7,289

Educational Attainment, 2000

Population 25 years and over	38,323
0-8 yrs of school	6.3%
High School grad or higher	80.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	25.7%
Graduate degree	9.1%

Income & Poverty, 1999

Per capita income	\$23,191
Median household income	\$34,077
Median family income	\$40,398
Persons in poverty	8,271
H'holds receiving public assistance	692
H'holds receiving social security	8,693

Households, 2000

Total households	23,427
With persons under 18	5,301
With persons over 65	7,948
Family households	12,076
Single person households	8,972
Persons per household	2.12
Persons per family	2.81

Labor & Employment, 2000

Total civilian labor force	24,747
Unemployment rate	5.9%
Total civilian labor force, 2004**	27,997
Unemployment rate, 2004	5.0%

Employed persons 16 years and over by occupation:

Managers & professionals	6,760
Service occupations	5,393
Sales & office occupations	6,186
Farming, fishing & forestry	93
Construction & maintenance	2,582
Production & transportation	2,284
Self-employed persons	1,979

General Information

City of Sarasota
PO Box 1058
1565 First St
Sarasota, FL 34230-1058

Telephone	941-365-2200
Land Area (sq. miles)	14.9
Water Area (sq. miles)	11.0
Elevation	27
Pop Density, 2004	3,580
Incorporated	1902
Government type	Commission-Manager
Congressional District(s)	13
Web site	www.saratosagov.com

Government Officials

Local Officials, 2005-2006

Mayor	Mary Anne Servian
Manager/Admin	Michael A. McNees
Clerk	Billy Robinson
Attorney	Robert Fournier
Finance Dir/Treas	Gibson Mitchell
Public Works	Duane Mountain
Building	Timothy Litchet
Planning	NA
Engineering	Dennis Daughters

Public Safety

Police

Chief	Peter J. Abbott
Sworn officers, 2003	201
Total index crimes, 2004	4,374
Crime rate per 100,000	8,005
Violent crimes, 2004	508
Property crimes, 2004	3,866

Emergency Fire

Director	Ron Albritton
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Public Library

Selby Public Library	
1331 First St	
Sarasota, FL 34236	
941-861-1100	
Head Librarian	Liz Nolan
Library System	Sarasota County Public Libraries

Housing & Construction

Housing Units, 2000

Total	26,898
Single family units	14,614
Multiple family units	11,092
Mobile home units	1,210
Owner occupied units	13,683
Renter occupied units	9,744
For seasonal or recreational use	1,773
Vacancy rate	12.9%
Median val. single fam. home	\$96,000
Median rent	\$648

New Privately Owned Housing Units Authorized by Building Permit

	Single Units	Total Units
2002	124	185
2003	78	159
2004	123	521

Municipal Finance

(For local fiscal year ended in 2003)

Revenues

Total	\$192,426,362
Ad Valorem tax	15,256,790
Federal grants	1,984,185
State & local grants	14,048,629
Local taxes, fees & licenses	27,413,758
Fines & forfeits	1,441,748
Charge for services	61,982,289
Interfund transfers	16,246,481
Impact fees	457,578
Other financing sources	53,594,904

Expenditures

Total	\$155,653,520
General Government	46,873,178
Public Safety	24,468,121
Transportation	9,918,340
Human Services	0
Culture/recreation	16,454,531
Physical environment	35,043,692
Economic environment	6,593,110
Debt service	10,591,232
Other financing uses (includes interfund transfers)	5,719,316

Property Taxation

(For local fiscal year ended in 2004)

Tax rate per 1000 (millage)	2.69
Total assessed value	\$9,802,555,329
Taxable value, all property	6,467,330,208
Total tax levied	17,408,112

County School System

(School year 2003-04 except as noted)

Superintendent	Gary W. Norris
1960 Landings Blvd	
Sarasota, FL 34231-3365	
941-927-9000	

School Statistics

Enrollment, fall 2004	41,158
Cost per pupil, regular	\$5,887
Pupil/Teacher ratio, 2002-03	17.2
Average teacher salary	\$43,980
SAT mean score	1,061
percent tested	58.7%
High school graduation rate	77.8%
High school drop-out rate	2.9%

Distribution of High School Graduates

from previous year	2,203
2 year FL colleges	605
4 year FL colleges	992
Military	59
Percent continuing education	60.0%
Percent employed	55.2%

Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test

(percent of students passing level 3 and above)

	Math	Reading
Grade 5	66%	75%
Grade 8	66%	51%
Grade 10	70%	39%

*Bureau of Census population estimates

**Bureau of Labor Statistics