

2026 HERNANDO RESULTS BY THE NUMBERS

TAX YEAR 2025

A United Way of Hernando County Collaborative



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

1,993

TOTAL FILINGS



Completed by IRS Certified Volunteers for

FREE



\$2.3 MILLION

IN TOTAL FEDERAL REFUNDS FOR HERNANDO VITA CLIENTS

In Florida, more than 2.2 million working families claimed the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) in 2024—bringing over \$6.2 billion back into local communities. With an average refund of \$2,802, these dollars help families cover everyday essentials like food, housing, childcare, transportation, and healthcare.



\$797,200

ESTIMATED TOTAL SAVED BY RESIDENTS

More for bills, rent, food, gas, childcare expenses, or savings



37

VOLUNTEERS

- GREETERS
- TAX PREPARERS
- QUALITY REVIEWERS
- SITE COORDINATORS



3,237

VOLUNTEER HOURS LOGGED



5 VITA SITES IN HERNANDO



TOP IDENTIFIED NEEDS



*Based on 1,341 surveys submitted by 2026 VITA Clients

- AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE
- TRANSPORTATION
- FOOD SECURITY
- MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Roughly 1 in 4 Hernando households have earnings above the Federal Poverty Level, but below a basic cost-of-living threshold.

This population is referred to as "ALICE" - Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed



*The pie chart represents the number of VITA clients self-identified through survey responses.



RESULTS FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2026 - APRIL 15, 2026

VITA is an annual program where I.R.S. certified United Way volunteers provide FREE tax preparation to those who have low to moderate income, no rental property, and no farm income. This program assists taxpayers who are struggling to make ends meet by saving them the cost of filing and helping them claim all tax credits for which they are eligible.

For more information on United Way's VITA program visit, UnitedWayHernando.org/VITA

VITA was proudly supported by:





AND THE SURVEY SAYS...

(BASED ON 1,341 SURVEYS SUBMITTED BY 2026 VITA CLIENTS)

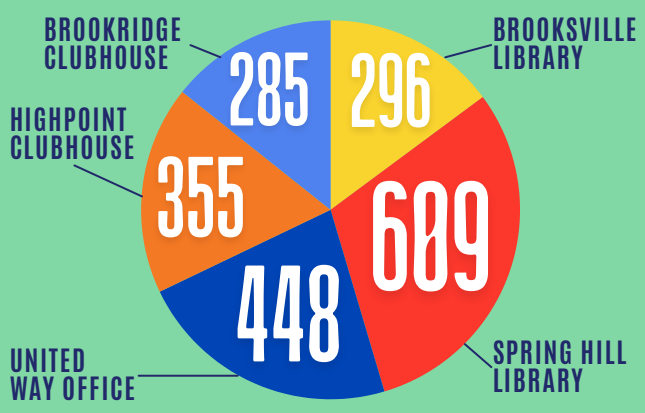


UNITED WAY Hernando

MOST VALUABLE RESOURCES TO HELP LOCAL RESIDENTS GAIN FINANCIAL STABILITY:



NUMBER OF RETURNS FILED AT EACH VITA LOCATION:



"Thank you VITA for helping us each year with the stressful task of filing our taxes. As an older widow, I appreciate the help. God Bless you all for your public service"

"Everyone was friendly. They even explained next year's taxes to me, as I will be filing single since my husband passed away."

"My experience was wonderful. Everyone was polite, helpful, professional and happy to answer any questions. Thank you to all the volunteers."

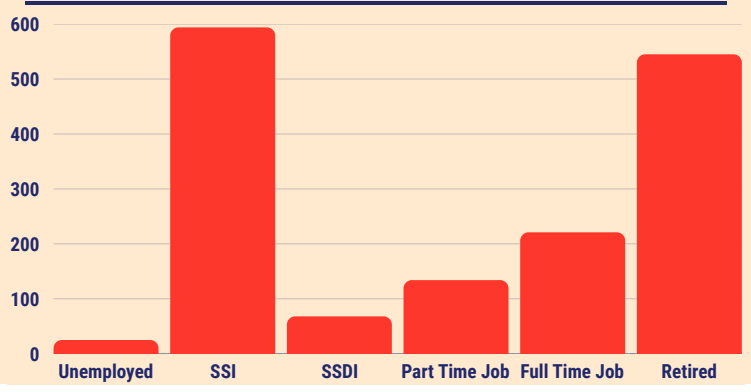
"What a pleasant experience that was! Everybody was so kind and helpful. I'd be honored to go back and have them do my taxes next year. Keep up the good work!"

"The tax preparers & greeter were very professional and knowledgeable. I have been going to VITA for many years and plan to continue to do so. Thank You."

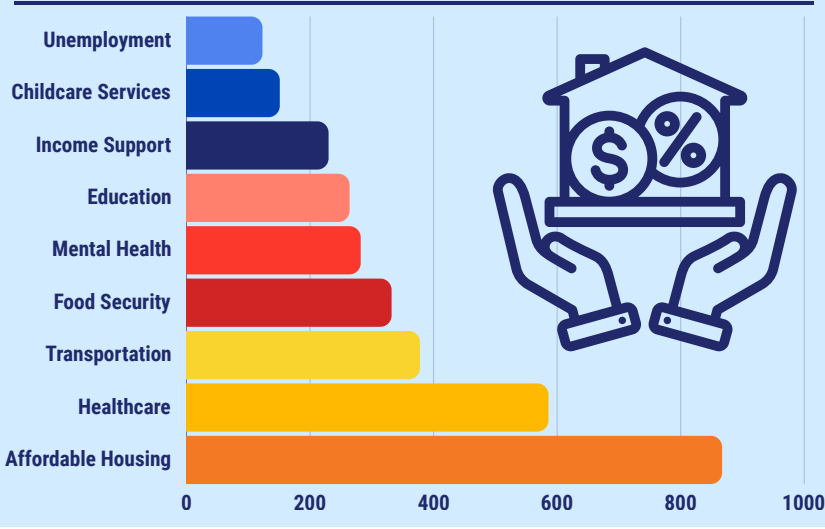
"I was so pleased with the volunteers, they were as nice as pie. It gives me a warm feeling to see neighbors helping neighbors. Thank you so much."



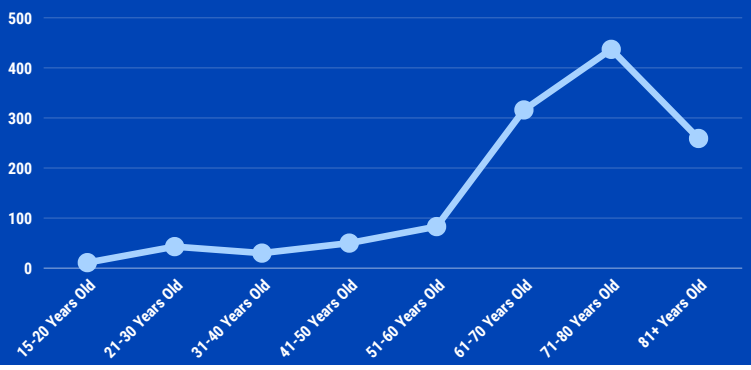
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HERNANDO COUNTY'S TOP NEEDS:



AGE RANGE OF VITA CLIENTS:



TOP TWO REASONS WHY CLIENTS FILED THROUGH UNITED WAY'S VITA PROGRAM:

PROFESSIONAL & *Helpful*