

# TECHNOLOGY OUTREACH CENTER 2021 Report

# 2021

---



MARCH 13

---

TECHNOLOGY OUTREACH CENTER  
Vice President: Alfreda McFarlane



---

# Poverty in Okeechobee, Florida

**What is the poverty rate in Okeechobee, Florida?** The poverty rate in Okeechobee is 24.1%. One out of every 4.1 residents of Okeechobee lives in poverty. **How many people in Okeechobee, Florida live in poverty?** 1,244 of 5,156 Okeechobee residents reported income levels below the poverty line in the last year. **How does the poverty rate in Okeechobee compare to the rest of Florida?** The Poverty Rate across the state of Florida is 15.5%, meaning Okeechobee has a dramatically higher than average percentage of residents below the poverty line when compared to the rest of Florida.

**“Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the right to dignity and a decent life.”**

— [Nelson Mandela](#), former President of South Africa.”

According to the most recent data from the [FBI](#), the total crime rate in [Okeechobee](#) is 3,640.5 per 100,000 people. That's 46.99% higher than the national rate of 2,476.7 per 100,000 people and 44.23% higher than the [Florida](#) total crime rate of 2,524.1 per 100,000 people.

## It's 2020. Why Is the Digital Divide Still with Us?

Far too many Americans still don't have access in their homes to the technology and affordable high-speed broadband they need to succeed in today's economy. We need to think of it as a civil and human right.

The goal of the Technology Outreach Center is to provide new, used and refurbished computers to lower income people in Okeechobee Fl. We plan on also partnering with internet providers to provide lower cost high speed internet access. It is a proven fact with adequate training and technological advances boost in improvised neighborhoods crime can decrease.



Our overall goal is to build a tech center near or in Douglas Park, Okeechobee to provide hands on computer training for the elderly and youth alike. We expect this center to be unique in many ways including modern computers and networking components. A building that can also host special events and extend to the needs of the community by showcasing art and craft, dance lessons, home to a mega gaming center.

We are starting small with a grass roots campaign by donating computers to any organization near Douglass Park that provides an essential service to the community, including churches, volunteer programs, food banks, etc. We thank you for your support.

Contact via email. [Alfreda@teckoutreach.org](mailto:Alfreda@teckoutreach.org)



*Potential sites for the Technology Outreach Center.*



