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Introduction

Welcome to the third edition of *Profiles of Florida—Facts, Figures & Statistics for 948 Populated Places in Florida*. As with the other titles in our *State Profiles* series, we built this work using content from Grey House Publishing's award-winning *Profiles of America*—a 4-volume compilation of data on more than 42,000 places in the United States. We have updated and included the Florida chapter from *Profiles of America*, and added entire fresh chapters of demographic information and ranking sections, so that *Profiles of Florida* is the most comprehensive portrait of the state of Florida ever published.

“Profiles of Florida is a comprehensive portrait of the economic and social condition of the state. This book includes a wide variety of data including answers to frequently asked demographic and economic questions. Small businesses...rely heavily on this...data. This is an excellent reference tool for all types of libraries.”

Journal of Business & Finance Librarianship

This third edition provides data on all populated communities and counties in the state of Florida for which the US Census provides individual statistics. It includes seven major sections that cover everything from **Education** to **Ethnic Backgrounds** to **Climate**. All sections include **Comparative Statistics** or **Rankings**, and full-color **Maps** at the back of the book provide valuable information in a quickly processed, visual format. Here's an overview of each section:

1. Profiles

This section, organized by county, gives detailed profiles of 948 places plus 67 counties. Based on core Census data, these numbers reflect extensive updates from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, and Nielsen Claritas, a trusted source for up-to-date demographic information. In addition, we have added current government statistics and original research, so that these profiles pull together statistical and descriptive information on every Census-recognized place in the state. Major fields of information include:

<i>Geography</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Religion</i>
<i>Ancestry</i>	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Population</i>	<i>Climate</i>
<i>Economy</i>	<i>Industry</i>	<i>Health</i>	

In addition to place profiles, this section includes an **Alphabetical Place Index** and **Comparative Statistics** that compare Florida's 100 largest communities by dozens of data points.

2. Education

This section begins with an **Educational State Profile**, summarizing number of schools, students, diplomas granted and educational dollars spent. Following the state profile are **School District Rankings** on 16 topics ranging from *Teacher/Student Ratios* to *High School Drop-Out Rates*. Following these rankings are statewide *National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)* results and data from the *Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT)*—an overview of student performance by subject, including easy-to-read charts and graphs.

3. Ancestry

This section provides a detailed look at the ancestral and racial makeup of Florida. 217 ethnic categories are ranked three ways: 1) by number, based on all places regardless of population; 2) by percent, based on all places regardless of population; 3) by percent, based on places with populations of 10,000 or more. You will discover, for example, that Altamonte Springs has the greatest number of *Egyptians* in the state (204), and that 22.2% of the population of North Palm Beach are of *Irish* ancestry.

4. Hispanic Population

This section defines Florida's Hispanic population by 23 Hispanic backgrounds from *Argentinian* to *Venezuelan*. It ranks each of 15 categories, from Median Age to Median Home Value, by each Hispanic background. For example, you'll see that Gainesville has the highest percentage of *Cubans* who speak

Alachua County

Located in northern Florida; bounded on the north by the Santa Fe River; includes many lakes. Covers a land area of 874.25 square miles, a water area of 94.88 square miles, and is located in the Eastern Time Zone at 29.67° N. Lat., 82.38° W. Long. The county was founded in 1824. County seat is Gainesville.

Alachua County is part of the Gainesville, FL Metropolitan Statistical Area. The entire metro area includes: Alachua County, FL; Gilchrist County, FL

Weather Station: Gainesville Regional Arpt Elevation: 133 feet

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High	67	70	75	80	87	90	91	90	87	81	74	68
Low	43	46	50	55	62	69	71	72	69	61	51	45
Precip	3.4	3.1	4.2	2.4	2.5	6.7	6.2	6.5	4.8	3.0	2.0	2.4
Snow	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

High and Low temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit; Precipitation and Snow in inches

Weather Station: High Springs Elevation: 64 feet

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High	68	72	78	83	89	92	93	92	90	83	76	70
Low	41	43	48	53	62	69	71	71	67	58	49	43
Precip	3.7	3.6	4.4	3.0	2.8	7.2	7.4	4.6	3.2	3.2	2.3	2.6
Snow	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

High and Low temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit; Precipitation and Snow in inches

Population: 181,596 (1990); 217,955 (2000); 250,972 (2010); 267,868 (2015 projected); Race: 71.3% White, 19.3% Black, 4.6% Asian, 4.8% Other, 7.6% Hispanic of any race (2010); Density: 287.1 persons per square mile (2010); Average household size: 2.34 (2010); Median age: 31.4 (2010); Males per 100 females: 97.3 (2010).

Religion: Five largest groups: 11.2% Southern Baptist Convention, 7.3% Catholic Church, 5.4% The United Methodist Church, 1.1% Episcopal Church, 1.1% Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (2000).

Economy: Unemployment rate: 6.9% (April 2011); Total civilian labor force: 131,082 (April 2011); Leading industries: 24.9% health care and social assistance; 16.3% retail trade; 14.2% accommodation & food services (2009); Farms: 1,532 totaling 172,843 acres (2007); Companies that employ 500 or more persons: 13 (2009); Companies that employ 100 to 499 persons: 102 (2009); Companies that employ less than 100 persons: 5,679 (2009); Black-owned businesses: 1,615 (2007); Hispanic-owned businesses: 1,389 (2007); Asian-owned businesses: 793 (2007); Women-owned businesses: 6,540 (2007); Retail sales per capita: \$15,826 (2010). Single-family building permits issued: 331 (2010); Multi-family building permits issued: 123 (2010).

Income: Per capita income: \$24,315 (2010); Median household income: \$40,970 (2010); Average household income: \$59,047 (2010); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 15.2% (2010); Poverty rate: 23.0% (2009); Bankruptcy rate: 1.95% (2010).

Taxes: Total county taxes per capita: \$606 (2007); County property taxes per capita: \$440 (2007).

Education: Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 89.9% (2010); Bachelor's degree or higher: 43.7% (2010); Master's degree or higher: 21.3% (2010).

Housing: Homeownership rate: 55.5% (2010); Median home value: \$164,330 (2010); Median contract rent: \$691 per month (2005-2009 5-year est.); Median year structure built: 1984 (2005-2009 5-year est.)

Health: Birth rate: 121.6 per 10,000 population (2009); Death rate: 66.7 per 10,000 population (2009); Age-adjusted cancer mortality rate: 200.9 deaths per 100,000 population (2007); Air Quality Index: 94.2% good, 5.5% moderate, 0.4% unhealthy for sensitive individuals, 0.0% unhealthy (percent of days in 2008); Number of physicians: 83.3 per 10,000 population (2008); Hospital beds: 64.4 per 10,000 population (2007); Hospital admissions: 2,422.4 per 10,000 population (2007).

Elections: 2008 Presidential election results: 60.0% Obama, 38.5% McCain, 0.5% Nader

National and State Parks: Devils Millhopper Geological State Park; Dudley Farm Historic State Park; Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park; Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park; San Felasco Hammock Preserve State Park; Sunland Center State Park

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<http://www.highsprings.com>
 Newberry Chamber of Commerce (352) 472-6611
<http://www.newberryjonesvillechamber.com>

Alachua County Communities

ALACHUA (city). Covers a land area of 28.897 square miles and a water area of 0.153 square miles. Located at 29.77° N. Lat; 82.48° W. Long. Elevation is 138 feet.

History: Alachua was founded in 1884 when the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad was built through the area. The town became a shipping point for tobacco, cotton, and winter vegetables, and later for watermelons.

Population: 4,825 (1990); 6,098 (2000); 8,769 (2010); 9,877 (2015 projected); Race: 76.1% White, 19.3% Black, 1.7% Asian, 2.9% Other, 5.3% Hispanic of any race (2010); Density: 303.5 persons per square mile (2010); Average household size: 2.59 (2010); Median age: 36.4 (2010); Males per 100 females: 92.5 (2010); Marriage status: 25.8% never married, 51.3% now married, 7.6% widowed, 15.3% divorced (2005-2009 5-year est.); Foreign born: 13.7% (2005-2009 5-year est.); Ancestry (includes multiple ancestries): 14.8% German, 14.1% Irish, 10.0% English, 7.1% American, 6.2% Italian (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Economy: Single-family building permits issued: 18 (2010); Multi-family building permits issued: 0 (2010); Employment by occupation: 10.5% management, 25.7% professional, 16.5% services, 31.9% sales, 0.0% farming, 6.7% construction, 8.7% production (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Income: Per capita income: \$28,646 (2010); Median household income: \$56,934 (2010); Average household income: \$74,145 (2010); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 21.1% (2010); Poverty rate: 16.5% (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Taxes: Total city taxes per capita: \$451 (2007); City property taxes per capita: \$320 (2007).

Education: Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 88.0% (2010); Bachelor's degree or higher: 35.0% (2010); Master's degree or higher: 14.4% (2010).

School District(s)

Alachua County School District (PK-12)
 2009-10 Enrollment: 27,783 (352) 955-7880

Housing: Homeownership rate: 79.7% (2010); Median home value: \$173,280 (2010); Median contract rent: \$724 per month (2005-2009 5-year est.); Median year structure built: 1988 (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Safety: Violent crime rate: 56.9 per 10,000 population; Property crime rate: 357.8 per 10,000 population (2009).

Newspapers: Alachua County Today (Community news; Circulation 5,000)

Transportation: Commute to work: 90.0% car, 0.5% public transportation, 3.4% walk, 5.7% work from home (2005-2009 5-year est.); Travel time to work: 18.9% less than 15 minutes, 47.7% 15 to 30 minutes, 26.4% 30 to 45 minutes, 2.5% 45 to 60 minutes, 4.6% 60 minutes or more (2005-2009 5-year est.)

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ARCHER (city). Covers a land area of 2.375 square miles and a water area of 0 square miles. Located at 29.53° N. Lat; 82.52° W. Long. Elevation is 92 feet.

History: First called Deer Hammock, Archer was founded in 1859 and named for Brigadier General James J. Archer, a Confederate leader. Among the early settlers was a group of Quakers from Ohio, attracted by the citrus groves.

Population: 1,456 (1990); 1,289 (2000); 1,455 (2010); 1,558 (2015 projected); Race: 66.9% White, 29.3% Black, 0.5% Asian, 3.2% Other, 3.5% Hispanic of any race (2010); Density: 612.5 persons per square mile

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Population

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Altamonte Springs city <i>Seminole Co.</i>	36,355	41,200	41,858	43,061
Apopka city <i>Orange Co.</i>	17,031	26,642	38,370	44,272
Boca Raton city <i>Palm Beach Co.</i>	61,401	74,764	77,125	79,767
Bonita Springs city <i>Lee Co.</i>	17,511	32,797	45,664	53,640
Boynton Beach city <i>Palm Beach Co.</i>	48,285	60,389	68,919	73,802
Bradenton city <i>Manatee Co.</i>	43,699	49,504	53,884	58,040
Brandon CDP <i>Hillsborough Co.</i>	57,304	77,895	98,279	108,630
Cape Coral city <i>Lee Co.</i>	75,507	102,286	169,645	197,843
Carol City CDP <i>Miami-Dade Co.</i>	53,331	59,443	60,970	62,597
Citrus Ridge CDP <i>Lake Co.</i>	4,090	12,015	33,955	39,256
Clearwater city <i>Pinellas Co.</i>	100,872	108,787	105,911	105,366
Coconut Creek city <i>Broward Co.</i>	27,509	43,566	52,483	56,962
Coral Gables city <i>Miami-Dade Co.</i>	41,660	42,249	43,058	44,014
Coral Springs city <i>Broward Co.</i>	78,602	117,549	123,451	127,237
Country Club CDP <i>Miami-Dade Co.</i>	23,164	36,310	45,303	50,060
Davie town <i>Broward Co.</i>	54,493	75,720	85,165	90,840
Daytona Beach city <i>Volusia Co.</i>	62,186	64,112	65,316	67,059
Deerfield Beach city <i>Broward Co.</i>	55,289	64,583	67,911	70,425
Delray Beach city <i>Palm Beach Co.</i>	47,833	60,020	64,842	68,850
Deltona city <i>Volusia Co.</i>	49,242	69,543	88,060	97,889
Dunedin city <i>Pinellas Co.</i>	34,496	35,691	35,839	35,920
East Lake CDP <i>Pinellas Co.</i>	12,669	29,394	34,713	37,288
Egypt Lake-Leto CDP <i>Hillsborough Co.</i>	28,830	32,782	35,120	37,439
Fort Lauderdale city <i>Broward Co.</i>	149,908	152,397	158,684	161,790
Fort Myers city <i>Lee Co.</i>	45,222	48,208	62,620	71,479
Fort Pierce city <i>Saint Lucie Co.</i>	38,676	37,516	40,922	45,807
Fountainbleau CDP <i>Miami-Dade Co.</i>	46,661	59,549	64,647	67,974
Gainesville city <i>Alachua Co.</i>	90,519	95,447	100,710	104,346
Golden Glades CDP <i>Miami-Dade Co.</i>	25,312	32,623	33,789	34,812
Greater Carrollwood CDP <i>Hillsborough Co.</i>	29,062	33,519	35,616	37,850
Hallandale city <i>Broward Co.</i>	30,997	34,282	36,726	38,376
Hialeah city <i>Miami-Dade Co.</i>	188,005	226,419	216,623	215,893
Hollywood city <i>Broward Co.</i>	121,944	139,357	141,906	144,850
Homestead city <i>Miami-Dade Co.</i>	28,451	31,909	55,225	62,302
Jacksonville special city <i>Duval Co.</i>	635,221	735,617	846,695	902,808
Jupiter town <i>Palm Beach Co.</i>	30,117	39,328	52,141	57,173
Kendale Lakes CDP <i>Miami-Dade Co.</i>	48,524	56,901	57,266	58,365
Kendall CDP <i>Miami-Dade Co.</i>	69,644	75,226	76,122	77,776
Kendall West CDP <i>Miami-Dade Co.</i>	16,857	38,034	43,209	47,462
Kissimmee city <i>Osceola Co.</i>	32,042	47,814	64,125	75,499
Lake Worth city <i>Palm Beach Co.</i>	29,083	35,133	35,885	37,109
Lakeland city <i>Polk Co.</i>	73,375	78,452	89,388	96,255
Lakeside CDP <i>Clay Co.</i>	29,137	30,927	34,132	37,190
Land O' Lakes CDP <i>Pasco Co.</i>	13,062	20,971	34,869	41,429
Largo city <i>Pinellas Co.</i>	70,008	69,371	69,857	70,322
Lauderhill city <i>Broward Co.</i>	49,135	57,585	57,757	58,621
Lehigh Acres CDP <i>Lee Co.</i>	22,352	33,430	66,138	77,191
Margate city <i>Broward Co.</i>	42,985	53,909	54,126	55,585
Melbourne city <i>Brevard Co.</i>	61,834	71,382	77,581	81,476
Merritt Island CDP <i>Brevard Co.</i>	32,886	36,090	36,333	37,227

Florida Public School Educational Profile

Category	Value	Category	Value
Schools (2006-2007)	3,988	Diploma Recipients (2005-2006)	134,686
Instructional Level		White, Non-Hispanic	76,980
Primary	1,998	Black, Non-Hispanic	26,759
Middle	590	Asian/Pacific Islander, Non-Hispanic	4,018
High	539	American Indian/Alaskan Native, Non-Hisp.	434
Other/Not Reported	861	Hispanic	26,495
Curriculum		High School Drop-out Rate (%) (2005-2006)	4.1
Regular	3,288	White, Non-Hispanic	2.9
Special Education	157	Black, Non-Hispanic	5.8
Vocational	46	Asian/Pacific Islander, Non-Hispanic	1.7
Alternative	497	American Indian/Alaskan Native, Non-Hisp.	3.7
Type		Hispanic	5.0
Magnet	296	Staff (2006-2007)	
Charter	375	Teachers	162,851.0
Title I Eligible	2,398	Average Salary ¹ (\$) (2009-10)	46,912
School-wide Title I	2,155	Librarians/Media Specialists	2,798.0
Students (2006-2007)	2,671,513	Guidance Counselors	6,043.0
Gender (%)		Ratios (2006-2007)	
Male	51.4	Student/Teacher Ratio	16.4 to 1
Female	48.6	Student/Librarian Ratio	954.8 to 1
Race/Ethnicity (%)		Student/Counselor Ratio	442.1 to 1
White, Non-Hispanic	46.8	Current Expenditures (\$ per student in FY 2007)	8,567
Black, Non-Hispanic	23.1	Instruction	5,108
Asian/Pacific Islander	2.3	Support Services	3,084
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.3	College Entrance Exam Scores (2010)	
Hispanic	24.2	SAT Reasoning Test™	
Classification (%)		Participation Rate (%)	59
Individual Education Program (IEP)	14.9	Mean SAT Critical Reading Score	496
Migrant (2005-2006)	n/a	Mean SAT Writing Score	479
English Language Learner (ELL)	8.8	Mean SAT Math Score	498
Eligible for Free Lunch Program	35.8	American College Testing Program (ACT)	
Eligible for Reduced-Price Lunch Program	9.4	Participation Rate (%)	65
Average Freshman Grad. Rate (%) (2005-2006)	63.6	Average Composite Score	19.5
White, Non-Hispanic	69.2	Average English Score	18.6
Black, Non-Hispanic	51.1	Average Math Score	19.7
Asian/Pacific Islander, Non-Hispanic	93.1	Average Reading Score	20.1
American Indian/Alaskan Native, Non-Hisp.	71.3	Average Science Score	19.1
Hispanic	61.1		

Note: For an explanation of data, please refer to the User's Guide in the front of the book; (1) classroom teachers

Acadian/Cajun

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place (place type) County	Number	%
Jacksonville (special city) Duval	179	0.02
Tallahassee (city) Leon	70	0.05
Pensacola (city) Escambia	59	0.10
Palm Harbor (cdp) Pinellas	53	0.09
Weston (city) Broward	49	0.10
Rockledge (city) Brevard	47	0.23
Tampa (city) Hillsborough	47	0.02
Bellview (cdp) Escambia	42	0.20
Palm Valley (cdp) St. Johns	39	0.20
Gainesville (city) Alachua	37	0.04

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place (place type) County	Number	%
Southchase (cdp) Orange	33	0.73
Freeport (city) Walton	8	0.65
Sharpes (cdp) Brevard	20	0.57
Belleair Beach (city) Pinellas	9	0.54
Inglis (town) Levy	6	0.40
Southgate (cdp) Sarasota	29	0.39
Cedar Key (city) Levy	3	0.39
Harbor Bluffs (cdp) Pinellas	11	0.38
Zellwood (cdp) Orange	9	0.37
Plantation Mobile Home Park (cdp) Palm Beach	5	0.37

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on places with populations of 10,000 or more

Place (place type) County	Number	%
Gonzalez (cdp) Escambia	30	0.26
Rockledge (city) Brevard	47	0.23
Bellview (cdp) Escambia	42	0.20
Palm Valley (cdp) St. Johns	39	0.20
Niceville (city) Okaloosa	21	0.18
Wilton Manors (city) Broward	20	0.16
Callaway (city) Bay	21	0.15
Destin (city) Okaloosa	16	0.14
South Miami (city) Miami-Dade	14	0.13
Casselberry (city) Seminole	27	0.12

Afghan

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place (place type) County	Number	%
Jacksonville (special city) Duval	205	0.03
Dunedin (city) Pinellas	31	0.09
Bellair-Meadowbrook Terrace (cdp) Clay	14	0.08
Palm Beach Gardens (city) Palm Beach	14	0.04
Davie (town) Broward	13	0.02
Weston (city) Broward	11	0.02
Bonita Springs (city) Lee	10	0.03
Lake Mary (city) Seminole	8	0.07
Titusville (city) Brevard	8	0.02
Fort Lauderdale (city) Broward	7	0.00

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place (place type) County	Number	%
Royal Palm Estates (cdp) Palm Beach	6	0.17
Dunedin (city) Pinellas	31	0.09
Bellair-Meadowbrook Terrace (cdp) Clay	14	0.08
Lake Mary (city) Seminole	8	0.07
Villas (cdp) Lee	6	0.05
Doctor Phillips (cdp) Orange	5	0.05
Palm Beach Gardens (city) Palm Beach	14	0.04
Jacksonville (special city) Duval	205	0.03
Bonita Springs (city) Lee	10	0.03

Davie (town) Broward	13	0.02
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Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on places with populations of 10,000 or more

Place (place type) County	Number	%
Dunedin (city) Pinellas	31	0.09
Bellair-Meadowbrook Terrace (cdp) Clay	14	0.08
Lake Mary (city) Seminole	8	0.07
Villas (cdp) Lee	6	0.05
Palm Beach Gardens (city) Palm Beach	14	0.04
Jacksonville (special city) Duval	205	0.03
Bonita Springs (city) Lee	10	0.03
Davie (town) Broward	13	0.02
Weston (city) Broward	11	0.02
Titusville (city) Brevard	8	0.02

African American/Black

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place (place type) County	Number	%
Jacksonville (special city) Duval	218,451	29.70
Miami (city) Miami-Dade	87,857	24.24
Tampa (city) Hillsborough	82,470	27.18
St. Petersburg (city) Pinellas	57,483	23.16
Orlando (city) Orange	52,652	28.31
Tallahassee (city) Leon	52,611	34.93
Fort Lauderdale (city) Broward	48,033	31.52
Lauderhill (city) Broward	35,657	61.92
North Miami (city) Miami-Dade	34,778	58.08
Miramar (city) Broward	33,627	46.23

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place (place type) County	Number	%
Washington Park (cdp) Broward	1,250	99.44
Franklin Park (cdp) Broward	933	98.94
Roosevelt Gardens (cdp) Broward	1,894	98.49
West Ken-Lark (cdp) Broward	3,358	98.42
Broward Estates (cdp) Broward	3,360	98.36
St. George (cdp) Broward	2,405	98.16
Rock Island (cdp) Broward	3,000	97.53
Bunche Park (cdp) Miami-Dade	3,863	97.26
Carver Ranches (cdp) Broward	4,165	96.88
Golden Heights (cdp) Broward	485	96.81

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on places with populations of 10,000 or more

Place (place type) County	Number	%
Scott Lake (cdp) Miami-Dade	13,445	93.36
Brownsville (cdp) Miami-Dade	13,249	92.05
Norland (cdp) Miami-Dade	18,992	82.59
Gladeview (cdp) Miami-Dade	11,323	78.26
Pinewood (cdp) Miami-Dade	12,422	75.18
Lauderdale Lakes (city) Broward	22,834	72.02
Opa-locka (city) Miami-Dade	10,705	71.60
Golden Glades (cdp) Miami-Dade	22,922	70.26
Riviera Beach (city) Palm Beach	20,735	69.38
Lauderhill (city) Broward	35,657	61.92

African American/Black: Not Hispanic

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place (place type) County	Number	%
Jacksonville (special city) Duval	215,484	29.29
Tampa (city) Hillsborough	79,161	26.09
Miami (city) Miami-Dade	77,247	21.31
St. Petersburg (city) Pinellas	56,642	22.82
Tallahassee (city) Leon	51,926	34.47
Orlando (city) Orange	50,745	27.29
Fort Lauderdale (city) Broward	47,272	31.02

Lauderhill (city) Broward	35,041	60.85
North Miami (city) Miami-Dade	33,411	55.80
Miramar (city) Broward	32,317	44.43

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place (place type) County	Number	%
Washington Park (cdp) Broward	1,243	98.89
Roosevelt Gardens (cdp) Broward	1,891	98.34
Franklin Park (cdp) Broward	924	97.99
St. George (cdp) Broward	2,394	97.71
Broward Estates (cdp) Broward	3,335	97.63
West Ken-Lark (cdp) Broward	3,329	97.57
Rock Island (cdp) Broward	2,990	97.20
Carver Ranches (cdp) Broward	4,146	96.44
Golden Heights (cdp) Broward	483	96.41
Bunche Park (cdp) Miami-Dade	3,820	96.17

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on places with populations of 10,000 or more

Place (place type) County	Number	%
Scott Lake (cdp) Miami-Dade	13,177	91.50
Brownsville (cdp) Miami-Dade	13,069	90.80
Norland (cdp) Miami-Dade	18,523	80.55
Gladeview (cdp) Miami-Dade	11,085	76.62
Pinewood (cdp) Miami-Dade	12,043	72.89
Lauderdale Lakes (city) Broward	22,531	71.06
Riviera Beach (city) Palm Beach	20,476	68.52
Opa-locka (city) Miami-Dade	10,127	67.73
Golden Glades (cdp) Miami-Dade	22,079	67.68
Lauderhill (city) Broward	35,041	60.85

African American/Black: Hispanic

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place (place type) County	Number	%
Miami (city) Miami-Dade	10,610	2.93
Hialeah (city) Miami-Dade	4,321	1.91
Tampa (city) Hillsborough	3,309	1.09
Jacksonville (special city) Duval	2,967	0.40
Orlando (city) Orange	1,907	1.03
Carol City (cdp) Miami-Dade	1,882	3.17
Miami Beach (city) Miami-Dade	1,456	1.66
North Miami (city) Miami-Dade	1,367	2.28
Miramar (city) Broward	1,310	1.80
Hollywood (city) Broward	1,235	0.89

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place (place type) County	Number	%
Opa-locka (city) Miami-Dade	578	3.87
Carol City (cdp) Miami-Dade	1,882	3.17
Homestead Base (cdp) Miami-Dade	14	3.14
Cloud Lake (town) Palm Beach	5	2.99
Miami (city) Miami-Dade	10,610	2.93
Miami Gardens (cdp) Broward	79	2.92
Stacey Street (cdp) Palm Beach	28	2.92
West Little River (cdp) Miami-Dade	923	2.84
El Portal (village) Miami-Dade	70	2.79
Oak Ridge (cdp) Orange	606	2.71

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on places with populations of 10,000 or more

Place (place type) County	Number	%
Opa-locka (city) Miami-Dade	578	3.87
Carol City (cdp) Miami-Dade	1,882	3.17
Miami (city) Miami-Dade	10,610	2.93
West Little River (cdp) Miami-Dade	923	2.84
Oak Ridge (cdp) Orange	606	2.71
South Miami Heights (cdp) Miami-Dade	876	2.61
Poinciana (cdp) Osceola	354	2.59

Notes: (cdp) census designated place; Refer to the User's Guide in the front of the book for more detailed information.

Population

Total Population

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Jacksonville (city) Duval	735,503
Miami (city) Miami-Dade	362,563
Tampa (city) Hillsborough	303,512
St. Petersburg (city) Pinellas	247,793
Hialeah (city) Miami-Dade	226,411
Orlando (city) Orange	185,984
Fort Lauderdale (city) Broward	152,125
Tallahassee (city) Leon	150,581
Hollywood (city) Broward	139,261
Pembroke Pines (city) Broward	137,112

Hispanic

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Miami (city) Miami-Dade	238,461
Hialeah (city) Miami-Dade	204,808
Tampa (city) Hillsborough	58,571
Fountainbleau (cdp) Miami-Dade	51,833
Tamiami (cdp) Miami-Dade	47,691
Miami Beach (city) Miami-Dade	46,980
Kendale Lakes (cdp) Miami-Dade	43,588
Pembroke Pines (city) Broward	38,348
Kendall (cdp) Miami-Dade	37,640
Orlando (city) Orange	32,897

Hispanic

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Sweetwater (city) Miami-Dade	93.61
Hialeah (city) Miami-Dade	90.46
Hialeah Gardens (city) Miami-Dade	90.13
Tamiami (cdp) Miami-Dade	87.11
Fountainbleau (cdp) Miami-Dade	87.09
Westchester (cdp) Miami-Dade	85.43
University Park (cdp) Miami-Dade	82.77
Coral Terrace (cdp) Miami-Dade	81.92
Kendall West (cdp) Miami-Dade	79.15
Kendale Lakes (cdp) Miami-Dade	76.62

Argentinian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Miami Beach (city) Miami-Dade	3,031
Miami (city) Miami-Dade	2,029
Kendall (cdp) Miami-Dade	655
Sunny Isles Beach (city) Miami-Dade	571
Hollywood (city) Broward	559
Fountainbleau (cdp) Miami-Dade	440
Hialeah (city) Miami-Dade	429

Argentinian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Hispanic Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Sunny Isles Beach (city) Miami-Dade	10.19
Miami Beach (city) Miami-Dade	6.45
Hollywood (city) Broward	1.78
Kendall (cdp) Miami-Dade	1.74
Fountainbleau (cdp) Miami-Dade	0.85
Miami (city) Miami-Dade	0.85
Hialeah (city) Miami-Dade	0.21

Argentinian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Sunny Isles Beach (city) Miami-Dade	3.74
Miami Beach (city) Miami-Dade	3.44
Kendall (cdp) Miami-Dade	0.87

Fountainbleau (cdp) Miami-Dade	0.74
Miami (city) Miami-Dade	0.56
Hollywood (city) Broward	0.40
Hialeah (city) Miami-Dade	0.19

Bolivian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
No places met population threshold.	

Bolivian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Hispanic Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
No places met population threshold.	

Bolivian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
No places met population threshold.	

Central American

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Miami (city) Miami-Dade	43,925
Hialeah (city) Miami-Dade	15,904
Fountainbleau (cdp) Miami-Dade	8,161
Kendale Lakes (cdp) Miami-Dade	4,079
Tamiami (cdp) Miami-Dade	3,850
Kendall (cdp) Miami-Dade	3,845
Homestead (city) Miami-Dade	3,418
Tampa (city) Hillsborough	3,229
Lake Worth (city) Palm Beach	3,204
Miami Beach (city) Miami-Dade	2,823

Central American

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Hispanic Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Gladeview (cdp) Miami-Dade	33.13
Lake Worth (city) Palm Beach	30.78
Brownsville (cdp) Miami-Dade	29.13
Palmetto Estates (cdp) Miami-Dade	23.77
Oakland Park (city) Broward	21.52
Homestead (city) Miami-Dade	19.95
Pinewood (cdp) Miami-Dade	19.77
West Little River (cdp) Miami-Dade	19.30
Sweetwater (city) Miami-Dade	19.19
West Palm Beach (city) Palm Beach	18.66

Central American

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Sweetwater (city) Miami-Dade	17.97
Fountainbleau (cdp) Miami-Dade	13.71
Miami (city) Miami-Dade	12.12
Homestead (city) Miami-Dade	10.67
Lake Worth (city) Palm Beach	9.09
West Little River (cdp) Miami-Dade	7.74
Kendale Lakes (cdp) Miami-Dade	7.17
Gladeview (cdp) Miami-Dade	7.03
Tamiami (cdp) Miami-Dade	7.03
Hialeah (city) Miami-Dade	7.02

Chilean

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Miami (city) Miami-Dade	897
Hialeah (city) Miami-Dade	750
Miami Beach (city) Miami-Dade	739
Fountainbleau (cdp) Miami-Dade	703
Kendall (cdp) Miami-Dade	480
Hollywood (city) Broward	377

Chilean

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Hispanic Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Miami Beach (city) Miami-Dade	1.57
Fountainbleau (cdp) Miami-Dade	1.36
Kendall (cdp) Miami-Dade	1.28
Hollywood (city) Broward	1.20
Miami (city) Miami-Dade	0.38
Hialeah (city) Miami-Dade	0.37

Chilean

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Fountainbleau (cdp) Miami-Dade	1.18
Miami Beach (city) Miami-Dade	0.84
Kendall (cdp) Miami-Dade	0.64
Hialeah (city) Miami-Dade	0.33
Hollywood (city) Broward	0.27
Miami (city) Miami-Dade	0.25

Colombian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Hialeah (city) Miami-Dade	7,715
Miami (city) Miami-Dade	6,006
The Hammocks (cdp) Miami-Dade	4,988
Miami Beach (city) Miami-Dade	4,493
Kendall West (cdp) Miami-Dade	4,368
Kendall (cdp) Miami-Dade	4,130
Kendale Lakes (cdp) Miami-Dade	4,003
Country Club (cdp) Miami-Dade	3,669
Pembroke Pines (city) Broward	3,463
Hollywood (city) Broward	3,312

Colombian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Hispanic Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Weston (city) Broward	19.92
Aventura (city) Miami-Dade	19.46
Plantation (city) Broward	19.44
Sandalfoot Cove (cdp) Palm Beach	17.24
Sunrise (city) Broward	16.92
Country Club (cdp) Miami-Dade	16.61
The Hammocks (cdp) Miami-Dade	16.07
Tamarac (city) Broward	15.75
Key Biscayne (village) Miami-Dade	15.34
Sunny Isles Beach (city) Miami-Dade	15.02

Colombian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Kendall West (cdp) Miami-Dade	11.51
The Hammocks (cdp) Miami-Dade	10.52
Country Club (cdp) Miami-Dade	10.08
Doral (cdp) Miami-Dade	7.74
The Crossings (cdp) Miami-Dade	7.72
Key Biscayne (village) Miami-Dade	7.64
Kendale Lakes (cdp) Miami-Dade	7.04
Weston (city) Broward	6.11
Sunny Isles Beach (city) Miami-Dade	5.51
Kendall (cdp) Miami-Dade	5.49

Costa Rican

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Miami (city) Miami-Dade	816
Hialeah (city) Miami-Dade	523

Costa Rican

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Hispanic Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Miami (city) Miami-Dade	0.34

Notes: Please refer to the User's Guide for an explanation of data; tables include places with populations > 9,999 and reflect only those areas that meet Summary File 4 population thresholds, therefore there may be less than 10 places listed

Population

Total Population

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Jacksonville (city) Duval	735,503
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St. Petersburg (city) Pinellas	247,793
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Tallahassee (city) Leon	150,581
Hollywood (city) Broward	139,261
Pembroke Pines (city) Broward	137,112

Asian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Jacksonville (city) Duval	19,838
St. Petersburg (city) Pinellas	6,729
Tampa (city) Hillsborough	6,415
Pembroke Pines (city) Broward	5,004
Orlando (city) Orange	4,823
Gainesville (city) Alachua	4,399
Coral Springs (city) Broward	3,985
Tallahassee (city) Leon	3,466
Hollywood (city) Broward	2,940
Sunrise (city) Broward	2,915

Asian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Hunters Creek (cdp) Orange	8.61
Doctor Phillips (cdp) Orange	7.99
Oak Ridge (cdp) Orange	5.83
Springfield (city) Bay	5.81
Doral (cdp) Miami-Dade	5.78
Ives Estates (cdp) Miami-Dade	4.77
Myrtle Grove (cdp) Escambia	4.69
Pinecrest (village) Miami-Dade	4.61
Gainesville (city) Alachua	4.60
Westchase (cdp) Hillsborough	4.57

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Jacksonville (city) Duval	497

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Asian Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Jacksonville (city) Duval	100.00

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Jacksonville (city) Duval	0.07

Asian Indian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Jacksonville (city) Duval	2,730
Coral Springs (city) Broward	1,855
Pembroke Pines (city) Broward	1,752
Orlando (city) Orange	1,460
Tampa (city) Hillsborough	1,408
Hollywood (city) Broward	1,269
Tallahassee (city) Leon	1,109
Plantation (city) Broward	1,105
Gainesville (city) Alachua	1,056
Sunrise (city) Broward	990

Asian Indian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Asian Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
East Lake (cdp) Pinellas	66.57
Plantation (city) Broward	49.86
West Palm Beach (city) Palm Beach	48.62
Cooper City (city) Broward	47.78
Coral Springs (city) Broward	46.55
Altamonte Springs (city) Seminole	46.35
Doctor Phillips (cdp) Orange	45.01
Hollywood (city) Broward	43.16
Lakeland (city) Polk	42.42
Miami (city) Miami-Dade	39.79

Asian Indian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Doctor Phillips (cdp) Orange	3.60
Cooper City (city) Broward	2.14
East Lake (cdp) Pinellas	1.60
Coral Springs (city) Broward	1.58
Altamonte Springs (city) Seminole	1.38
Plantation (city) Broward	1.33
Pembroke Pines (city) Broward	1.28
Sunrise (city) Broward	1.16
Weston (city) Broward	1.13
Gainesville (city) Alachua	1.10

Bangladeshi

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
No places met population threshold.	

Bangladeshi

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Asian Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
No places met population threshold.	

Bangladeshi

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
No places met population threshold.	

Cambodian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Jacksonville (city) Duval	1,001
St. Petersburg (city) Pinellas	516

Cambodian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Asian Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
St. Petersburg (city) Pinellas	7.67
Jacksonville (city) Duval	5.05

Cambodian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
St. Petersburg (city) Pinellas	0.21
Jacksonville (city) Duval	0.14

Chinese (except Taiwanese)

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Jacksonville (city) Duval	1,629
Gainesville (city) Alachua	1,456
Pembroke Pines (city) Broward	1,153
Sunrise (city) Broward	903
Coral Springs (city) Broward	893
Tallahassee (city) Leon	753
North Miami Beach (city) Miami-Dade	741

St. Petersburg (city) Pinellas	731
Tampa (city) Hillsborough	672
Hollywood (city) Broward	649

Chinese (except Taiwanese)

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Asian Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
North Miami Beach (city) Miami-Dade	43.43
Gainesville (city) Alachua	33.10
Margate (city) Broward	32.13
Sunrise (city) Broward	30.98
Davie (town) Broward	30.37
The Hammocks (cdp) Miami-Dade	28.62
Kendall (cdp) Miami-Dade	26.75
Miramar (city) Broward	24.14
Pembroke Pines (city) Broward	23.04
Miami (city) Miami-Dade	22.74

Chinese (except Taiwanese)

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
North Miami Beach (city) Miami-Dade	1.82
Gainesville (city) Alachua	1.52
Sunrise (city) Broward	1.05
Margate (city) Broward	1.01
The Hammocks (cdp) Miami-Dade	0.89
Pembroke Pines (city) Broward	0.84
Davie (town) Broward	0.83
Kendall (cdp) Miami-Dade	0.83
Coral Springs (city) Broward	0.76
Miramar (city) Broward	0.70

Fijian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
No places met population threshold.	

Fijian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Asian Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
No places met population threshold.	

Fijian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
No places met population threshold.	

Filipino

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place (place type) County	Number
Jacksonville (city) Duval	9,783
Tampa (city) Hillsborough	970
Pembroke Pines (city) Broward	927
St. Petersburg (city) Pinellas	870
Orlando (city) Orange	724
Cape Coral (city) Lee	683
Lakeside (cdp) Clay	571
Miramar (city) Broward	476
Myrtle Grove (cdp) Escambia	471
Clearwater (city) Pinellas	451

Filipino

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Asian Population

Place (place type) County	Percent
Lakeside (cdp) Clay	73.39
Cape Coral (city) Lee	59.70
Yeehaw Junction (cdp) Osceola	59.10
Myrtle Grove (cdp) Escambia	58.00
Bellview (cdp) Escambia	52.35
Jacksonville (city) Duval	49.31
Clearwater (city) Pinellas	28.47
Miramar (city) Broward	22.53

Notes: Please refer to the User's Guide for an explanation of data; tables reflect only those areas that meet Summary File 4 population thresholds, therefore there may be less than 10 places listed

Florida Physical Features and Climate Narrative

PHYSICAL FEATURES. Florida, situated between latitudes 24° 30' and 31° N., and longitudes 80° and 87° 30' W., is largely a lowland peninsula comprising about 54,100 square miles of land area and is surrounded on three sides by the waters of the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. Countless shallow lakes, which exist particularly on the peninsula and range in size from small cypress ponds to that of Lake Okeechobee, account for approximately 4,400 square miles of additional water area.

No point in the State is more than 70 miles from salt water, and the highest natural land in the Northwest Division is only 345 feet above sea level. Coastal areas are low and flat and are indented by many small bays or inlets. Many small islands dot the shorelines. The elevation of most of the interior ranges from 50 to 100 feet above sea level, though gentle hills in the interior of the peninsula and across the northern and western portions of the State rise above 200 feet.

A large portion of the southern one-third of the peninsula is the swampland known as the Everglades. An ill-defined divide of low, rolling hills, extending north-to-south near the middle of the peninsula and terminating north of Lake Okeechobee, gives rise to most peninsula streams, chains of lakes, and many springs. Stream gradients are slight and often insufficient to handle the runoff following heavy rainfall. Consequently, there are sizable areas of swamp and marshland near these streams.

GENERAL CLIMATE. Climate is probably Florida's greatest natural resource. General climatic conditions range from a zone of transition between temperate and subtropical conditions in the extreme northern interior portion of the State to the tropical conditions found on the Florida Keys. The chief factors of climatic control are: latitude, proximity to the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico, and numerous inland lakes.

Summers throughout the State are long, warm, and relatively humid; winters, although punctuated with periodic invasions of cool to occasionally cold air from the north, are mild because of the southern latitude and relatively warm adjacent ocean waters. The Gulf Stream, which flows around the western tip of Cuba, through the Straits of Florida, and northward along the lower east coast, exerts a warming influence to the southern east coast largely because the predominate wind direction is from the east. Coastal weather stations throughout the State average slightly warmer in winter and cooler in summer than do inland weather stations at the same latitude.

Florida enjoys abundant rainfall. Except for the northwestern portion of the State, the average year can be divided into two seasons—the so-called "rainy season" and the long, relatively dry season. On the peninsula, generally more than one-half of the precipitation for an average year can be expected to fall during the four-month period, June through September. In northwest Florida, there is a secondary rainfall maximum in late winter and in early spring.

The summer heat is tempered by sea breezes along the coast and by frequent afternoon or early evening thunderstorms in all areas. During the warm season, sea breezes are felt almost daily within several miles of the coast and occasionally 20 to 30 miles inland. Thundershowers, which on the average occur about one-half of the days in summer, frequently are accompanied by as much as a rapid 10 to 20°F. drop in temperature, resulting in comfortable weather for the remainder of the day. Gentle breezes occur almost daily in all areas and serve to mitigate further the oppressiveness that otherwise would accompany the prevailing summer temperature and humidity conditions. Because most of the large-scale wind patterns affecting Florida have passed over water surfaces, hot drying winds seldom occur.

Most of the summer rainfall is derived from "local" showers or thundershowers. Many weather stations average more than 80 thundershowers per year, and some average more than 100. Showers are often heavy, usually lasting only one or two hours, and generally occur near the hottest part of the day. The more severe thundershowers are occasionally attended by hail or locally strong winds which may inflict serious local damage to crops and property. Day-long summer rains are usually associated with tropical disturbances and are infrequent. Even in the wet season, the rainfall duration is generally less than 10 percent of the time.

DROUGHTS. Florida is not immune from drought, even though annual rainfall amounts are relatively large. Prolonged periods of deficient rainfall are occa-

sionally experienced even during the time of the expected rainy season. Several such dry periods, in the course of one or two years, can lead to significantly lowered water tables and lake levels which, in turn, may cause serious water shortages for those communities that depend upon lakes and shallow wells for their water supply. Statewide droughts during summer are rare, but it is not unusual during a drought in one portion of the State for other portions to receive generous rainfall. In a few instances, individual weather stations have experienced periods of a month or more without rainfall.

SNOW. Snowfall in Florida is unusual, although measurable amounts have fallen in the northern portions at irregular intervals, and a trace of snow has been recorded as far south as Fort Myers.

WIND. Prevailing winds over the southern peninsula are southeast and east. Over the remainder of the State, wind directions are influenced locally by convective forces inland and by the land-and-sea-breeze-effect near the coast. Consequently, prevailing directions are somewhat erratic, but, in general, follow a pattern from the north in winter and from the south in summer. The windiest months are March and April. High local winds of short duration occur occasionally in connection with thunderstorms in summer and with cold fronts moving across the State in other seasons. Tornadoes, funnel clouds, and waterspouts also occur, averaging 10 to 15 in a year. Tornadoes have occurred in all seasons, but are most frequent in spring; they also occur in connection with tropical storms. Generally, tornado paths in Florida are short. Occasionally, waterspouts come inland, but they usually dissipate soon after reaching land and affect only very small areas.

TROPICAL STORMS. Storms that produce high winds and are often destructive are usually tropical in origin. Florida, jutting out into the ocean between the subtropical Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico, is the most exposed of all States to these storms. In particular, hurricanes can approach from the Atlantic Ocean to the east, from the Caribbean Sea to the south, and from the Gulf of Mexico to the west.

The vulnerability of the State to tropical storms varies with the progress of the hurricane season. In August and early September, tropical storms normally approach the State from the east or southeast, but as the season progresses into late September and October, the region of maximum hurricane activity (insofar as Florida is concerned) shifts to the western Caribbean. Most of those storms that move into Florida approach the State from the south or southwest, entering the Keys, the Miami area, or along the west coast. Some of the world's heaviest rainfalls have occurred within tropical cyclones. Rainfall over 20 inches in 24 hours is not uncommon. The intensity of the rainfall, however, does not seem to bear any relation to the intensity of the wind circulation.

OTHER CLIMATIC ELEMENTS. The climate of Florida is humid. Inland areas with greater temperature extremes enjoy slightly lower relative humidity, especially during times of hot weather. On the average, variations in relative humidity from one place to another are small; humidities range from about 50 to 65 percent during the afternoon hours to about 85 to 95 percent during the night and early morning hours.

Heavy fogs are usually confined to the night and early morning hours in the late fall, winter, and early spring months. On the average, they occur about 35 to 40 days in a year over the extreme northern portion; about 25 to 30 days in a year over the central portion; and less than 10 days in a year over the extreme southern portion of the State. These fogs usually dissipate or thin soon after sunrise; heavy daytime fog is seldom observed in Florida.

Florida has been nicknamed the Sunshine State. Sunshine measurements made at widely separated stations in the State indicate the sun shines about two-thirds of the possible sunlight hours during the year, ranging from slightly more than 60 percent of possible in December and January to more than 70 percent of possible in April and May. In general, southern Florida enjoys a higher percentage of possible sunshine hours than does northern Florida. The length of day operates to Florida's advantage. In winter, when sunshine is highly valued, the sun can shine longer in Florida than in the more northern latitudes. In summer, the situation reverses itself with longer days returning to the north.



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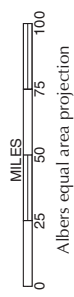
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- 100,000 – 499,999 ● **Orlando**
- 25,000 – 99,999 ● Fort Pierce
- 24,999 and less ● Islamorada
- State capital ★ **Tallahassee**
- Urban areas 🌆

TRANSPORTATION

- Interstate, limited access highway
- Other principal highway
- Railroad

PHYSICAL FEATURES

- Streams
- Lakes
- Highest elevation in state (feet) + 345
- The lowest elevation in Florida is sea level (Atlantic Ocean).



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