

Florida

BASIC INFORMATION

2010 Census Population:	18,801,310 (4 th)
Land Area:	53,624.8 square miles (26 th)
Density:	350.6 persons per square mile (8 th)
Capital:	Tallahassee
Became a State:	March 3, 1845 (27 th)
Bordering States:	Alabama, Georgia
Abbreviation:	FL
ANSI/FIPS Code:	12

HISTORY

The United States acquired the area of Florida from Spain in 1819, although the area was not formally transferred until 1821. Florida Territory was organized on March 30, 1822, with generally the same boundary as the present state. Florida was admitted to the Union on March 3, 1845, as the 27th state.

Census data for Florida are available beginning with the 1830 census.

Data for the legally established state of Florida are available beginning with the 1850 census.

AMERICAN INDIAN AREAS

Florida has 10 federally recognized American Indian areas. There are seven reservations, one with associated off-reservation trust land. Two areas consist of trust lands only. There is also one off-reservation trust land associated with a reservation in Alabama.

METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND RELATED STATISTICAL AREAS

Florida has 20 metropolitan statistical areas, 10 micropolitan statistical areas, 3 metropolitan divisions, and 3 combined statistical areas.

COUNTIES

There are 67 counties in Florida. With the exception of Duval County, each county is governed by a board of county commissioners. Duval County does not function as a separate governmental unit; its governmental functions are administered by the city of Jacksonville.

COUNTY SUBDIVISIONS

There are 316 county subdivisions in Florida. They are all census county divisions (CCDs), which are delineated for statistical purposes, have no legal function, and are not governmental units. CCDs were first established in Florida for the 1960 census. Prior to 1960, the minor civil divisions used in the census included election precincts, polling places, and (county) commissioners' districts.

PLACES

Florida has 920 places; 411 incorporated places and 509 census designated places. The incorporated places consist of 268 cities, 124 towns, and 19 villages. The minimum population to incorporate in Florida is 1,500 except in counties with a population of 50,000 or more, where the minimum population is 5,000. The minimum population density per acre required for incorporation, unless extraordinary

conditions can be shown, is 1.5 people per acre, and the new entity must be at least two miles from the boundary of an existing incorporated place.

CENSUS TRACT/BLOCK GROUPS/BLOCKS

Florida has 4,245 census tracts, 11,442 block groups, and 484,481 blocks.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

For the 111th Congress (January 2009-January 2011), Florida had 25 congressional districts. For the 113th Congress (January 2013-January 2015), Florida has 27 congressional districts as a result of reapportionment based on the 2010 Census.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Florida has 67 unified school districts.

STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

There are 40 state senate districts and 120 state house districts in Florida.

URBAN AREAS

Florida has 104 urban areas; 30 urbanized areas and 74 urban clusters.

ZIP CODE TABULATION AREAS

There are 983 ZIP Code tabulation areas (ZCTAs) in Florida.

HISTORICAL CENTERS OF POPULATION

http://www.census.gov/geo/reference/centersofpop/histstate/historical_cenpop_12.html

Year	North Latitude	West Longitude
2010 ⁶	27° 49' 22"	81° 38' 05"
2000 ⁶	27° 47' 45"	81° 38' 05"
1990 ⁵	27° 47' 60"	81° 39' 10"
1980 ⁴	27° 47' 41"	81° 40' 25"
1970 ³	27° 51' 49"	81° 43' 32"
1960 ³	28° 06' 05"	81° 39' 30"
1950 ³	28° 15' 09"	82° 05' 47"
1940 ²	28° 28' 29"	82° 15' 19"
1930 ²	28° 40' 23"	82° 23' 05"
1920 ¹	29° 04' 36"	82° 46' 42"
1910 ¹	29° 19' 30"	83° 00' 32"
1900 ¹	29° 28' 40"	83° 07' 19"
1890 ¹	29° 29' 15"	83° 03' 28"

1880 ¹	29° 43' 40"	83° 17' 00"
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¹ Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1923

² Source: U.S. Census Bureau, recomputation for historical county level data which relied upon aggregate county level population data with an estimated county centroid resulting in a possible error of up to one mile.

³ Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Centers of Population for States and Counties, 1974

⁴ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Geography Division, recomputation from archived national block group/enumeration area data resulting in a possible error of up to 1,000 feet.

⁵ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Geography Division, recomputation from archived national block group data resulting in a possible error of up to 1,000 feet.

⁶ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, computation from national block-level data

MOST POPULOUS, LARGEST IN AREA, AND MOST DENSELY POPULATED AREAS

	Population		Land Area (square miles)		Population Density (Persons per square mile)	
	Name	Population	Name	Area	Name	Density
County	Miami-Dade County	2,496,435	Collier County	1,998.32	Pinellas County	3,347.5
Place						
- Inc Place	Jacksonville city	821,784	Jacksonville city	747.00	Sunny Isles Beach city	20,518.9
- CDP	Brandon CDP	103,483	Lehigh Acres CDP	92.56	Fountainebleau CDP	14,030.5

LISTS OF ENTITIES

See the [Gazetteer Files](#) for a list of geographic entities. See the [Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas](#) page for a list of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas and related statistical areas.