# Demographic Overview \& Population Trends 

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## Population Growth Slowing Slightly...

- Population growth is the state's primary engine of economic growth, fueling both employment and income growth.
- Florida's population grew by 1.77\% between April 1, 2018 and April 1, 2019 to $21,208,589$, adding 368,021 residents. Over the next five years, Florida's population growth is expected to persistently slow to $1.3 \%$, but still average $1.5 \%$ per year for the entire period (2019 through 2024).
- Nationally, average annual growth was forecast to be about $0.66 \%$ between 2019 and 2030.
- The future will be different than the past; Florida's long-term growth rate between 1970 and 1995 was over 3\% per year.
- Florida is currently the third most populous state, behind California and Texas.


## Florida's Population Growth...

Typically, most of Florida's population growth is from net migration. Starting in FY 2025-26, net migration is forecast to represent all of Florida's population growth.



Florida's population growth of 368,021 between April 1, 2018 and April 1, 2019 was the strongest annual increase since 2006, immediately prior to the collapse of the housing boom and the beginning of the Great Recession.

## Florida's Population Growth...



Population:

- Average annual increase between 2000 and 2006 was: 361,942
- Average annual increase between 2006 and 2014 was: 169,112
- Average annual increase between 2014 and 2019 was: 340,244

Population is forecast to increase on average annually by:

- 347,397 between 2019 and 2020
- 314,977 between 2020 and 2025
- 259,062 between 2025 and 2030


## Median Age of Floridians...

(April 1, 2018)


- The median age of Florida residents was estimated to be 41.7 years as of April 1, 2018.
- The counties with the lowest median age were Alachua and Leon counties at 31.5.
- There were 7 counties with a median age of 50 and older: Sumter (65.9), Charlotte (57.9), Citrus (56.3), Sarasota (55.1), Highlands (54.0), Martin (52.6), and Indian River (51.6).


## Population Growth by Age Group...

Distribution of Growth by Age Group
between April 1, 2010 to April 1, 2030


- Between 2010 and 2030, as a result of net migration and natural increase, Florida is forecast to grow by 5.6 million persons.
- Growth by age group depends upon this overall growth and the aging of resident population, resulting in 53.2 percent of those gains in the older population (age 60 and older).
- Florida's younger population (age 0-17) will account for 15.5 percent of the gains, while the younger working age group $(25-39)$ will account for 18.6 percent of the growth.


## School Age Population...

| FY 2014-15 | Public School | Private School | Home Education | Total |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of Students K-12 | $2,697,691$ | 288,084 | 84,096 | 3,069,871 |
| Percent of Total Students | $87.9 \%$ | $9.4 \%$ |  |  |
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| FY 2018-19 | Public School | Private School | Home Education | Total |
| Number of Students K-12 | $2,782,712$ | 335,494 | 97,261 | $3,215,467$ |
| Percent of Total Students | $86.5 \%$ | $10.4 \%$ | $3.0 \%$ |  |



## Baby Boomers...

- Birth Cycle: 1946-1964
- 2010 Census count of 46-64 year olds:
- US: 77.0 million
- FL: 4.8 million
- Entry into Workforce: 1967-1985
- Entry into Retirement: 2011-2029
- Turning 85: 2031-2049


## 2011 to <br> 2050

A Long-Term Demographic Shift

## Baby Boomers in Florida Today...



- The first cohort of Baby Boomers became eligible for retirement (turned age 65) in 2011. Nine cohorts have entered the retirement phase: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. This represents almost 44 percent of all Baby Boomers.
- In 2000, Florida's prime working age population (ages $25-54$ ) represented 41.5 percent of the total population. With the aging Baby Boom generation, this population now represents 37.2 percent of Florida's total population and is expected to represent only 35.9 percent by 2030.


## Long-Term Workforce Trends

- The ratio of working-age adults (expanded to 25-64 year-olds) to retirees will continue to fall as baby boomers age:
- US today...
3.2:1
- FL today...
2.5:1
- FL in 2030...
2.0:1
- Pool of workers will shrink: new retirees will not be fully replaced by younger workers.
- Worker shortages (especially highly educated and skilled) will become the norm.
- Labor-intensive jobs (firefighters, police, construction) will be harder to fill.
- Wages will face upward pressure to attract skilled-workers from other areas.


## Population by Race... <br> 2000 to 2010




2010

Between 2000 and 2010, Florida's population became more diversified, as both percentages of Black or African American (alone) and Asian (alone) increased from $15.2 \%$ to $16.4 \%$ and $1.7 \%$ to $2.5 \%$, respectively.

## Population by Race...

## 2010 to 2018




2018

Over the course of this decade, Florida's population has become even more diversified.

## Hispanic/Latino Population by County...



Statewide Percentages:

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2000=16.8 \%
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2010=22.5 \%
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## Florida's Hispanic Population...



- Based on the 2010 Census, Hispanics represented about 22.5 percent of Florida's population.
- By 2030, Hispanics are forecast to represent 30.0 percent of Florida's population.


## Florida's Hispanic Population by County...

- The percentage of Hispanic population by county varies greatly throughout the state.
- It is estimated that in 2018, Miami-Dade County had the greatest percentage of Hispanic population, consistent with 2010.



## Foreign Born by County...

Florida's counties with the largest percent of foreign born are:

| Miami-Dade | $53.3 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Collier | $33.7 \%$ |
| Hendry | $28.0 \%$ |
| Palm Beach | $25.0 \%$ |
| Collier | $25.0 \%$ |

Percent Foreign Bom

| 1.8\%-4.1\% |
| :---: |
| 4.2\% - 7.7\% |
| 7.8\%-13.4\% |
| 13.5\%-33.7\% |
| 33.8\% - 53.3\% |

In 2018, 21.0\% of Florida's population was foreign born.

## Ability to Speak English

Florida's counties with the largest percent of the population aged 5 or older that speaks English not well or not at all are:

| Miami-Dade | $21.7 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Hendry | $16.0 \%$ |
| DeSoto | $10.0 \%$ |
| Collier | $9.9 \%$ |
| Osceola | $9.8 \%$ |



In 2018, almost 6 million Floridians (age 5 or older) spoke a language other than English at home, of which about 2.4 million spoke English less than "very well". If speak a language other than English at home, of which about 2.8 million will speak English less than "very well".

## Florida's Poverty Rates by County...

- Poverty rates vary by county.
- 39 of Florida's counties have a poverty rate above the state's rate of $13.7 \%$
- Most of these areas are in the Heartland and Northern part of the state.
- Many of these counties would be considered rural.
- However, half of Florida's 10 most populated counties also have rates above the state




## Florida's Urban and Rural Counties

(Based on Census Population Size and Density)...

- The Census Bureau defines rural as all population, housing, and territory not included within an urbanized area (50,000 or more people) or urban cluster (at least 2,500 and less than 50,000 people).
- It defines "rural" at the census tract level, so a county may have a mixture of rural and urban areas as building blocks.
- As a result, the rural portion of Florida encompasses a wide variety of settlements, from densely settled small towns and "large-lot" housing subdivisions on the fringes of urban areas, to more sparsely populated and remote areas.
- In addition to lower overall population, rural areas have a population density of fewer than 500 people per square mile.


Source: US Department of Commerce,

## Population Density



## Legend

Population per Acre

| $\square$ | $0-0.1$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ | $0.1-0.2$ |
| $\square$ | $0.2-0.7$ |
| $\square$ | $0.7-2.5$ |
| $\square$ | $2.5-7.5$ |

## Florida's County Population...

- 31 of Florida's 67 counties have a population under 100,000.
- The top 7 counties make up 51.7\% of Florida's total population.

| April 1, 2019 <br> Population | Number of Florida <br> Counties |
| :--- | :---: |
| One million or more | 5 |
| 500,000 to 999,999 | 7 |
| 250,000 to 499,999 | 12 |
| 100,000 to 249,999 | 12 |
| 50,000 to 99,999 | 5 |
| Under 50,000 | 26 |

## Population Growth...

(April 1, 2010 - April 1, 2019)

Counties Gaining the
Most Population:
Miami-Dade
315,673
Orange
240,124
Hillsborough
215,644
Broward
Palm Beach
171,578
127,723


## Population Growth Rate...

(April 1, 2010 - April 1, 2019)

Counties Growing the Fastest:
Osceola
37.9\%

Sumter
37.7\%

St. Johns
Walton
Orange
33.9\%
27.3\%
21.0\%


## Florida Faces Dual Challenges While Becoming More Diversified and Urbanized...

- Aging State - More intense in Florida than elsewhere due to the population share garnered the population aged 65 and over (over 24 percent in 2030).
- Growing State - All of the same problems as we've had in the past, only more so:
- Greater need for services, including education.
- Allocation of increasingly scarce natural resources (especially water).
- Provision of needed infrastructure (new and replacement).

