

Households and Average Household Size in Florida: April 1, 2012

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The Bureau of Economic and Business (BEBR) at the University of Florida produces population estimates for Florida and its cities and counties using the housing unit method, in which changes in population are based on changes in occupied housing units (or households). This is the most commonly used method for making local population estimates in the United States because it can utilize a wide variety of data sources, can be applied at any level of geography, and can produce estimates that are at least as accurate as those produced by any other method.

The two primary components of the housing unit method are the number of households and average household size. In this report, we show our estimates of these two components for Florida and each of its counties on April 1, 2012. For purposes of comparison, we also show households and PPH for 2000 and 2010 as counted in the decennial census.

Households are defined as housing units occupied by permanent residents. They should not be confused with total housing units, which include vacant and seasonally occupied units as well as units occupied by permanent residents. According to Census Bureau guidelines, a person's permanent residence is the place the person live and sleeps most of the time. As a result, temporary residents such as tourists and snowbirds are not included in the estimates shown here.

Households

There were 7,537,442 households in Florida on April 1, 2012, an increase of 116,640 (1.6 percent) since April 1, 2010. Miami-Dade County had more households than any

other county in Florida, with 884,222. Other counties with large numbers of households were Broward (695,304), Palm Beach (553,517), Hillsborough (483,885), Orange (435,088), Pinellas (417,562), and Duval (344,668). At the other end of the spectrum, six counties had fewer than 5,000 households: Liberty (2,535), Lafayette (2,604), Union (4,057), Franklin (4,243), Glades (4,445), and Hamilton (4,680).

Miami-Dade County had the largest increase in households between 2010 and 2012, growing by 16,870. Other large increases occurred in Orange (13,241), Lee (10,167), Hillsborough (9,855), Palm Beach (9,290), and Broward (9,257). In percentage terms, the largest increases occurred in Sumter (9.1 percent), Osceola (4.8 percent), Lee (3.9 percent), Okaloosa (3.6 percent), Walton (3.6 percent), and Gadsden (3.5). At the other end of the spectrum, eighteen counties had a net loss of households between 2010 and 2012.

Average household size

Florida's average household size declined substantially between 1950 and 1990, falling from 3.22 to 2.46. It remained constant between 1990 and 2000 before rising slightly to 2.48 in 2010. At the state level, we estimate that average household size has not changed since 2010 (see Table A).

Average household size varies considerably among counties in Florida. In 2012, it was largest in Hardee (3.12), Hendry (3.09), Osceola (2.92), Miami-Dade (2.84), Baker (2.82), and Clay (2.76) and was smallest in Sumter (2.03), Sarasota (2.13), Charlotte (2.14), Pinellas (2.16), Monroe (2.18), and Citrus (2.19).

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Number of Households and Average Household Size in Florida and Its Counties 2012, 2010, and 2000

State and County	Estimates, April 1, 2012		Census April 1, 2010		Census, April 1, 2000	
	Households	Average household size	Households	Average household size	Households	Average household size
FLORIDA	7,537,442	2.48	7,420,802	2.48	6,338,075	2.46
Alachua	100,805	2.32	100,516	2.32	87,509	2.34
Baker	8,708	2.82	8,772	2.82	7,043	2.86
Bay	68,842	2.41	68,438	2.41	59,597	2.43
Bradford	9,452	2.54	9,479	2.53	8,497	2.58
Brevard	231,090	2.33	229,692	2.33	198,195	2.35
Broward	695,304	2.52	686,047	2.52	654,445	2.45
Calhoun	5,041	2.52	5,061	2.52	4,468	2.53
Charlotte	74,842	2.14	73,370	2.14	63,864	2.18
Citrus	63,261	2.19	63,304	2.20	52,634	2.20
Clay	69,235	2.76	68,792	2.76	50,243	2.77
Collier	137,336	2.37	133,179	2.38	102,973	2.39
Columbia	24,936	2.52	24,941	2.52	20,925	2.56
DeSoto	11,408	2.71	11,445	2.71	10,746	2.70
Dixie	6,268	2.37	6,316	2.37	5,205	2.44
Duval	344,668	2.47	342,450	2.47	303,747	2.51
Escambia	117,231	2.40	116,238	2.41	111,049	2.45
Flagler	39,878	2.42	39,186	2.42	21,294	2.32
Franklin	4,243	2.28	4,254	2.29	4,096	2.28
Gadsden	17,548	2.61	16,952	2.61	15,867	2.69
Gilchrist	6,125	2.58	6,121	2.58	5,021	2.61
Glades	4,445	2.52	4,533	2.52	3,852	2.51
Gulf	5,348	2.33	5,335	2.33	4,931	2.42
Hamilton	4,680	2.54	4,617	2.54	4,161	2.60
Hardee	8,270	3.12	8,245	3.12	8,166	3.06
Hendry	12,045	3.09	12,025	3.09	10,850	3.09
Hernando	71,904	2.38	71,745	2.38	55,425	2.32
Highlands	42,678	2.28	42,604	2.28	37,471	2.30
Hillsborough	483,885	2.55	474,030	2.55	391,357	2.51
Holmes	7,314	2.48	7,354	2.47	6,921	2.43
Indian River	60,860	2.26	60,176	2.26	49,137	2.25
Jackson	17,404	2.40	17,417	2.40	16,620	2.44
Jefferson	5,603	2.38	5,646	2.38	4,695	2.53
Lafayette	2,604	2.63	2,580	2.63	2,142	2.66
Lake	122,447	2.42	121,289	2.42	88,412	2.34
Lee	269,985	2.33	259,818	2.35	188,599	2.31
Leon	111,870	2.35	110,945	2.35	96,521	2.34
Levy	16,307	2.45	16,404	2.45	13,867	2.44
Liberty	2,535	2.57	2,525	2.57	2,222	2.51
Madison	6,975	2.48	6,985	2.48	6,629	2.57
Manatee	138,883	2.34	135,729	2.34	112,460	2.29
Marion	138,271	2.35	137,726	2.35	106,755	2.36
Martin	64,473	2.22	63,899	2.23	55,288	2.23
Miami-Dade	884,222	2.84	867,352	2.83	776,906	2.84
Monroe	32,544	2.18	32,629	2.18	35,086	2.23
Nassau	28,979	2.53	28,794	2.53	21,980	2.59
Okaloosa	75,016	2.43	72,379	2.43	66,269	2.49
Okeechobee	13,944	2.68	14,013	2.68	12,593	2.69
Orange	435,088	2.62	421,847	2.64	336,286	2.61
Osceola	94,964	2.92	90,603	2.93	60,977	2.79
Palm Beach	553,517	2.38	544,227	2.39	474,179	2.34
Pasco	191,654	2.42	189,612	2.42	147,567	2.30
Pinellas	417,562	2.16	415,876	2.16	414,974	2.17
Polk	229,338	2.59	227,485	2.59	187,233	2.52
Putnam	28,911	2.48	29,409	2.48	27,839	2.48
St. Johns	77,758	2.49	75,338	2.49	49,614	2.44
St. Lucie	110,088	2.52	108,523	2.53	76,933	2.47
Santa Rosa	57,864	2.58	56,910	2.59	43,793	2.63
Sarasota	177,706	2.13	175,746	2.13	149,940	2.13
Seminole	167,691	2.53	164,706	2.55	139,573	2.59
Sumter	45,114	2.03	41,361	2.04	20,779	2.27
Suwannee	16,103	2.52	15,953	2.52	13,460	2.54
Taylor	7,928	2.44	7,920	2.44	7,176	2.51
Union	4,057	2.66	4,048	2.66	3,367	2.76
Volusia	209,877	2.31	208,236	2.31	184,723	2.32
Wakulla	10,555	2.61	10,490	2.61	8,450	2.57
Walton	23,102	2.38	22,301	2.38	16,548	2.35
Washington	8,853	2.51	8,864	2.50	7,931	2.46

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State and County	Numerical change				Percentage change			
	Households		Average household size		Households		Average household size	
	2010-2012	2000-2010	2010-2012	2000-2010	2010-2012	2000-2010	2010-2012	2000-2010
FLORIDA	116,640	1,082,727	0.00	0.02	1.6	17.1	0.0	0.8
Alachua	289	13,007	0.00	-0.02	0.3	14.9	0.0	-0.9
Baker	-64	1,729	0.00	-0.04	-0.7	24.5	0.0	-1.4
Bay	404	8,841	0.00	-0.02	0.6	14.8	0.0	-0.8
Bradford	-27	982	0.01	-0.05	-0.3	11.6	0.4	-1.9
Brevard	1,398	31,497	0.00	-0.02	0.6	15.9	0.0	-0.9
Broward	9,257	31,602	0.00	0.07	1.3	4.8	0.0	2.9
Calhoun	-20	593	0.00	-0.01	-0.4	13.3	0.0	-0.4
Charlotte	1,472	9,506	0.00	-0.04	2.0	14.9	0.0	-1.8
Citrus	-43	10,670	-0.01	0.00	-0.1	20.3	-0.5	0.0
Clay	443	18,549	0.00	-0.01	0.6	36.9	0.0	-0.4
Collier	4,157	30,206	-0.01	-0.01	3.1	29.3	-0.4	-0.4
Columbia	-5	4,016	0.00	-0.04	0.0	19.2	0.0	-1.6
DeSoto	-37	699	0.00	0.01	-0.3	6.5	0.0	0.4
Dixie	-48	1,111	0.00	-0.07	-0.8	21.3	0.0	-2.9
Duval	2,218	38,703	0.00	-0.04	0.6	12.7	0.0	-1.6
Escambia	993	5,189	-0.01	-0.04	0.9	4.7	-0.4	-1.6
Flagler	692	17,892	0.00	0.10	1.8	84.0	0.0	4.3
Franklin	-11	158	-0.01	0.01	-0.3	3.9	-0.4	0.4
Gadsden	596	1,085	0.00	-0.08	3.5	6.8	0.0	-3.0
Gilchrist	4	1,100	0.00	-0.03	0.1	21.9	0.0	-1.1
Glades	-88	681	0.00	0.01	-1.9	17.7	0.0	0.4
Gulf	13	404	0.00	-0.09	0.2	8.2	0.0	-3.7
Hamilton	63	456	0.00	-0.06	1.4	11.0	0.0	-2.3
Hardee	25	79	0.00	0.06	0.3	1.0	0.0	2.0
Hendry	20	1,175	0.00	0.00	0.2	10.8	0.0	0.0
Hernando	159	16,320	0.00	0.06	0.2	29.4	0.0	2.6
Highlands	74	5,133	0.00	-0.02	0.2	13.7	0.0	-0.9
Hillsborough	9,855	82,673	0.00	0.04	2.1	21.1	0.0	1.6
Holmes	-40	433	0.01	0.04	-0.5	6.3	0.4	1.6
Indian River	684	11,039	0.00	0.01	1.1	22.5	0.0	0.4
Jackson	-13	797	0.00	-0.04	-0.1	4.8	0.0	-1.6
Jefferson	-43	951	0.00	-0.15	-0.8	20.3	0.0	-5.9
Lafayette	24	438	0.00	-0.03	0.9	20.4	0.0	-1.1
Lake	1,158	32,877	0.00	0.08	1.0	37.2	0.0	3.4
Lee	10,167	71,219	-0.02	0.04	3.9	37.8	-0.9	1.7
Leon	925	14,424	0.00	0.01	0.8	14.9	0.0	0.4
Levy	-97	2,537	0.00	0.01	-0.6	18.3	0.0	0.4
Liberty	10	303	0.00	0.06	0.4	13.6	0.0	2.4
Madison	-10	356	0.00	-0.09	-0.1	5.4	0.0	-3.5
Manatee	3,154	23,269	0.00	0.05	2.3	20.7	0.0	2.2
Marion	545	30,971	0.00	-0.01	0.4	29.0	0.0	-0.4
Martin	574	8,611	-0.01	0.00	0.9	15.6	-0.4	0.0
Miami-Dade	16,870	90,446	0.01	-0.01	1.9	11.6	0.4	-0.4
Monroe	-85	-2,457	0.00	-0.05	-0.3	-7.0	0.0	-2.2
Nassau	185	6,814	0.00	-0.06	0.6	31.0	0.0	-2.3
Okaloosa	2,637	6,110	0.00	-0.06	3.6	9.2	0.0	-2.4
Okeechobee	-69	1,420	0.00	-0.01	-0.5	11.3	0.0	-0.4
Orange	13,241	85,561	-0.02	0.03	3.1	25.4	-0.8	1.1
Osceola	4,361	29,626	-0.01	0.14	4.8	48.6	-0.3	5.0
Palm Beach	9,290	70,048	-0.01	0.05	1.7	14.8	-0.4	2.1
Pasco	2,042	42,045	0.00	0.12	1.1	28.5	0.0	5.2
Pinellas	1,686	902	0.00	-0.01	0.4	0.2	0.0	-0.5
Polk	1,853	40,252	0.00	0.07	0.8	21.5	0.0	2.8
Putnam	-498	1,570	0.00	0.00	-1.7	5.6	0.0	0.0
St. Johns	2,420	25,724	0.00	0.05	3.2	51.8	0.0	2.0
St. Lucie	1,565	31,590	-0.01	0.06	1.4	41.1	-0.4	2.4
Santa Rosa	954	13,117	-0.01	-0.04	1.7	30.0	-0.4	-1.5
Sarasota	1,960	25,806	0.00	0.00	1.1	17.2	0.0	0.0
Seminole	2,985	25,133	-0.02	-0.04	1.8	18.0	-0.8	-1.5
Sumter	3,753	20,582	-0.01	-0.23	9.1	99.1	-0.5	-10.1
Suwannee	150	2,493	0.00	-0.02	0.9	18.5	0.0	-0.8
Taylor	8	744	0.00	-0.07	0.1	10.4	0.0	-2.8
Union	9	681	0.00	-0.10	0.2	20.2	0.0	-3.6
Volusia	1,641	23,513	0.00	-0.01	0.8	12.7	0.0	-0.4
Wakulla	65	2,040	0.00	0.04	0.6	24.1	0.0	1.6
Walton	801	5,753	0.00	0.03	3.6	34.8	0.0	1.3
Washington	-11	933	0.01	0.04	-0.1	11.8	0.4	1.6

In general, average household size tends to be higher for black than white households, for Hispanic than non-Hispanic households, and for households headed by young or middle-aged persons than for households headed by older persons. Although there is not a perfect correlation, the counties in Florida with the largest average household sizes tend to have low proportions of older residents and high proportions of black or Hispanic residents, whereas counties with the smallest average household sizes tend to have high proportions of older residents and low proportions of black and Hispanic residents.

Methodology

Estimates of households are based on data from the 2010 census and are updated using information on building permits, active residential electric customers, and homestead exemptions. Estimates of average household size are based on data from the 2010 census and are updated using changes in household size since 2010 for the state as a whole (as measured by the Current Population Survey), previous trends in average household size, and local changes in the mix of housing units by type (single family, multifamily, mobile home). For a more detailed description of the estimation methodology,

Table A. Average household size, Florida, 1950–2010

<u>Year</u>	<u>Size</u>
1950	3.22
1960	3.11
1970	2.90
1980	2.55
1990	2.46
2000	2.46
2010	2.48

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

please see *Florida Estimates of Population: April 1, 2012*, published by the Bureau of Economic and Business Research in January, 2013.

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