

# Households and Average Household Size in Florida: April 1, 2019

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The Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) at the University of Florida produces population estimates for Florida and each of its cities and counties using the housing unit method. In this method, changes in population are based on changes in occupied housing units (or households), average household size, and the group quarters population. 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.

In most places, the two primary components of the housing unit method are the number of households and average household size. In this report, we provide estimates of these two components for Florida and each of its counties for April 1, 2019. For purposes of comparison, we also provide estimates of households and average household size for 2000 and 2010, based on decennial census data.

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 that person lives and sleeps most of the time. Because we follow these guidelines, temporary residents such as tourists and snowbirds are not included in the estimates shown here.

## Households

We estimate that there were 8,427,696 households in Florida on April 1, 2019, an increase of 1,006,894 (13.6%) since April 1, 2010. Miami-Dade County had the largest increase in households between 2010 and 2019, growing by 118,801. Other large increases occurred in Orange (88,203), Hillsborough (83,513), Broward (65,769), Palm Beach (54,064), Lee (49,980), and Duval (47,425) counties. In percentage terms, the largest increases occurred in Sumter (49.1 percent), Osceola (36.3 percent), St. Johns (35.0 percent), Walton (28.9 percent), Orange (20.9 percent), Manatee (20.7 percent), and Lake (20.4 percent) counties. In the following three counties we estimated a small net loss of households between 2010 and 2019: Calhoun (-1.0 percent), Jackson (-0.8 percent), and Putnam (-0.3 percent).

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**Table 1. Number of Households and Average Household Size in Florida  
and Its Counties 2019, 2010, and 2000**

State and County	<u>Estimates, April 1, 2019</u>		<u>Census, April 1, 2010</u>		<u>Census, April 1, 2000</u>	
	Average		Average		Average	
	Households	Household Size	Households	Household Size	Households	Household Size
FLORIDA	8,427,696	2.46	7,420,802	2.48	6,338,075	2.46
Alachua	109,920	2.30	100,516	2.32	87,509	2.34
Baker	9,305	2.73	8,772	2.82	7,043	2.86
Bay	68,575	2.38	68,438	2.41	59,597	2.43
Bradford	9,784	2.50	9,479	2.53	8,497	2.58
Brevard	255,527	2.30	229,692	2.33	198,195	2.35
Broward	751,816	2.53	686,047	2.52	654,445	2.45
Calhoun	5,010	2.48	5,061	2.52	4,468	2.53
Charlotte	84,833	2.11	73,370	2.14	63,864	2.18
Citrus	66,997	2.17	63,304	2.20	52,634	2.20
Clay	79,059	2.70	68,792	2.76	50,243	2.77
Collier	157,483	2.36	133,179	2.38	102,973	2.39
Columbia	26,519	2.46	24,941	2.52	20,925	2.56
DeSoto	11,956	2.70	11,445	2.71	10,746	2.70
Dixie	6,455	2.29	6,316	2.37	5,205	2.44
Duval	389,875	2.43	342,450	2.47	303,747	2.51
Escambia	127,165	2.38	116,238	2.41	111,049	2.45
Flagler	45,713	2.40	39,186	2.42	21,294	2.32
Franklin	4,660	2.26	4,254	2.29	4,096	2.28
Gadsden	17,184	2.50	16,952	2.61	15,867	2.69
Gilchrist	6,616	2.53	6,121	2.58	5,021	2.61
Glades	4,723	2.47	4,533	2.52	3,852	2.51
Gulf	5,615	2.26	5,335	2.33	4,931	2.42
Hamilton	4,820	2.47	4,617	2.54	4,161	2.60
Hardee	8,316	3.10	8,245	3.12	8,166	3.06
Hendry	12,728	3.10	12,025	3.09	10,850	3.09
Hernando	78,718	2.37	71,745	2.38	55,425	2.32
Highlands	45,062	2.26	42,604	2.28	37,471	2.30
Hillsborough	557,543	2.55	474,030	2.55	391,357	2.51
Holmes	7,480	2.44	7,354	2.47	6,921	2.43
Indian River	68,483	2.24	60,176	2.26	49,137	2.25
Jackson	17,273	2.36	17,417	2.40	16,620	2.44
Jefferson	5,900	2.29	5,646	2.38	4,695	2.53
Lafayette	2,785	2.59	2,580	2.63	2,142	2.66

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State and County	Estimates, April 1, 2019		Census, April 1, 2010		Census, April 1, 2000	
	Households	Average Household Size	Households	Average Household Size	Households	Average Household Size
Lake	146,017	2.42	121,289	2.42	88,412	2.34
Lee	309,798	2.34	259,818	2.35	188,599	2.31
Leon	120,900	2.32	110,945	2.35	96,521	2.34
Levy	16,964	2.41	16,404	2.45	13,867	2.44
Liberty	2,639	2.54	2,525	2.57	2,222	2.51
Madison	7,289	2.41	6,985	2.48	6,629	2.57
Manatee	163,892	2.33	135,729	2.34	112,460	2.29
Marion	151,577	2.31	137,726	2.35	106,755	2.36
Martin	70,261	2.19	63,899	2.23	55,288	2.23
Miami-Dade	986,153	2.81	867,352	2.83	776,906	2.84
Monroe	34,557	2.15	32,629	2.18	35,086	2.23
Nassau	34,399	2.45	28,794	2.53	21,980	2.59
Okaloosa	81,779	2.40	72,379	2.43	66,269	2.49
Okeechobee	14,715	2.63	14,013	2.68	12,593	2.69
Orange	510,050	2.64	421,847	2.64	336,286	2.61
Osceola	123,464	2.97	90,603	2.93	60,977	2.79
Palm Beach	598,291	2.39	544,227	2.39	474,179	2.34
Pasco	215,278	2.42	189,612	2.42	147,567	2.30
Pinellas	447,984	2.14	415,876	2.16	414,974	2.17
Polk	261,811	2.59	227,485	2.59	187,233	2.52
Putnam	29,329	2.45	29,409	2.48	27,839	2.48
St. Johns	101,675	2.47	75,338	2.49	49,614	2.44
St. Lucie	121,546	2.52	108,523	2.53	76,933	2.47
Santa Rosa	67,909	2.54	56,910	2.59	43,793	2.63
Sarasota	199,207	2.11	175,746	2.13	149,940	2.13
Seminole	186,744	2.51	164,706	2.55	139,573	2.59
Sumter	61,672	1.95	41,361	2.04	20,779	2.27
Suwannee	17,346	2.47	15,953	2.52	13,460	2.54
Taylor	8,370	2.39	7,920	2.44	7,176	2.51
Union	4,159	2.56	4,048	2.66	3,367	2.76
Volusia	228,596	2.30	208,236	2.31	184,723	2.32
Wakulla	11,532	2.58	10,490	2.61	8,450	2.57
Walton	28,741	2.36	22,301	2.38	16,548	2.35
Washington	9,154	2.49	8,864	2.50	7,931	2.46

**Table 2. Change in Households and Average Household Size in Florida and Its Counties, 2010–2019 and 2000–2010**

State and County	Numerical Change				Percentage Change			
	Households		Average Household Size		Households		Average Household Size	
	2010–19	2000–10	2010–19	2000–10	2010–19	2000–10	2010–19	2000–10
FLORIDA	1,006,894	1,082,727	-0.02	0.02	13.6	17.1	-0.8	0.8
Alachua	9,404	13,007	-0.02	-0.02	9.4	14.9	-0.9	-0.9
Baker	533	1,729	-0.09	-0.04	6.1	24.5	-3.2	-1.4
Bay	137	8,841	-0.03	-0.02	0.2	14.8	-1.2	-0.8
Bradford	305	982	-0.03	-0.05	3.2	11.6	-1.2	-1.9
Brevard	25,835	31,497	-0.03	-0.02	11.2	15.9	-1.3	-0.9
Broward	65,769	31,602	0.01	0.07	9.6	4.8	0.4	2.9
Calhoun	-51	593	-0.04	-0.01	-1.0	13.3	-1.6	-0.4
Charlotte	11,463	9,506	-0.03	-0.04	15.6	14.9	-1.4	-1.8
Citrus	3,693	10,670	-0.03	0.00	5.8	20.3	-1.4	0.0
Clay	10,267	18,549	-0.06	-0.01	14.9	36.9	-2.2	-0.4
Collier	24,304	30,206	-0.02	-0.01	18.2	29.3	-0.8	-0.4
Columbia	1,578	4,016	-0.06	-0.04	6.3	19.2	-2.4	-1.6
DeSoto	511	699	-0.01	0.01	4.5	6.5	-0.4	0.4
Dixie	139	1,111	-0.08	-0.07	2.2	21.3	-3.4	-2.9
Duval	47,425	38,703	-0.04	-0.04	13.8	12.7	-1.6	-1.6
Escambia	10,927	5,189	-0.03	-0.04	9.4	4.7	-1.2	-1.6
Flagler	6,527	17,892	-0.02	0.10	16.7	84.0	-0.8	4.3
Franklin	406	158	-0.03	0.01	9.5	3.9	-1.3	0.4
Gadsden	232	1,085	-0.11	-0.08	1.4	6.8	-4.2	-3.0
Gilchrist	495	1,100	-0.05	-0.03	8.1	21.9	-1.9	-1.1
Glades	190	681	-0.05	0.01	4.2	17.7	-2.0	0.4
Gulf	280	404	-0.07	-0.09	5.2	8.2	-3.0	-3.7
Hamilton	203	456	-0.07	-0.06	4.4	11.0	-2.8	-2.3
Hardee	71	79	-0.02	0.06	0.9	1.0	-0.6	2.0
Hendry	703	1,175	0.01	0.00	5.8	10.8	0.3	0.0
Hernando	6,973	16,320	-0.01	0.06	9.7	29.4	-0.4	2.6
Highlands	2,458	5,133	-0.02	-0.02	5.8	13.7	-0.9	-0.9
Hillsborough	83,513	82,673	0.00	0.04	17.6	21.1	0.0	1.6
Holmes	126	433	-0.03	0.04	1.7	6.3	-1.2	1.6
Indian River	8,307	11,039	-0.02	0.01	13.8	22.5	-0.9	0.4
Jackson	-144	797	-0.04	-0.04	-0.8	4.8	-1.7	-1.6
Jefferson	254	951	-0.09	-0.15	4.5	20.3	-3.8	-5.9
Lafayette	205	438	-0.04	-0.03	7.9	20.4	-1.5	-1.1

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	2010–19	2000–10	2010–19	2000–10	2010–19	2000–10	2010–19	2000–10
Lake	24,728	32,877	0.00	0.08	20.4	37.2	0.0	3.4
Lee	49,980	71,219	-0.01	0.04	19.2	37.8	-0.4	1.7
Leon	9,955	14,424	-0.03	0.01	9.0	14.9	-1.3	0.4
Levy	560	2,537	-0.04	0.01	3.4	18.3	-1.6	0.4
Liberty	114	303	-0.03	0.06	4.5	13.6	-1.2	2.4
Madison	304	356	-0.07	-0.09	4.4	5.4	-2.8	-3.5
Manatee	28,163	23,269	-0.01	0.05	20.7	20.7	-0.4	2.2
Marion	13,851	30,971	-0.04	-0.01	10.1	29.0	-1.7	-0.4
Martin	6,362	8,611	-0.04	0.00	10.0	15.6	-1.8	0.0
Miami-Dade	118,801	90,446	-0.02	-0.01	13.7	11.6	-0.7	-0.4
Monroe	1,928	-2,457	-0.03	-0.05	5.9	-7.0	-1.4	-2.2
Nassau	5,605	6,814	-0.08	-0.06	19.5	31.0	-3.2	-2.3
Okaloosa	9,400	6,110	-0.03	-0.06	13.0	9.2	-1.2	-2.4
Okeechobee	702	1,420	-0.05	-0.01	5.0	11.3	-1.9	-0.4
Orange	88,203	85,561	0.00	0.03	20.9	25.4	0.0	1.1
Osceola	32,861	29,626	0.04	0.14	36.3	48.6	1.4	5.0
Palm Beach	54,064	70,048	0.00	0.05	9.9	14.8	0.0	2.1
Pasco	25,666	42,045	0.00	0.12	13.5	28.5	0.0	5.2
Pinellas	32,108	902	-0.02	-0.01	7.7	0.2	-0.9	-0.5
Polk	34,326	40,252	0.00	0.07	15.1	21.5	0.0	2.8
Putnam	-80	1,570	-0.03	0.00	-0.3	5.6	-1.2	0.0
St. Johns	26,337	25,724	-0.02	0.05	35.0	51.8	-0.8	2.0
St. Lucie	13,023	31,590	-0.01	0.06	12.0	41.1	-0.4	2.4
Santa Rosa	10,999	13,117	-0.05	-0.04	19.3	30.0	-1.9	-1.5
Sarasota	23,461	25,806	-0.02	0.00	13.3	17.2	-0.9	0.0
Seminole	22,038	25,133	-0.04	-0.04	13.4	18.0	-1.6	-1.5
Sumter	20,311	20,582	-0.09	-0.23	49.1	99.1	-4.4	-10.1
Suwannee	1,393	2,493	-0.05	-0.02	8.7	18.5	-2.0	-0.8
Taylor	450	744	-0.05	-0.07	5.7	10.4	-2.0	-2.8
Union	111	681	-0.10	-0.10	2.7	20.2	-3.8	-3.6
Volusia	20,360	23,513	-0.01	-0.01	9.8	12.7	-0.4	-0.4
Wakulla	1,042	2,040	-0.03	0.04	9.9	24.1	-1.1	1.6
Walton	6,440	5,753	-0.02	0.03	28.9	34.8	-0.8	1.3
Washington	290	933	-0.01	0.04	3.3	11.8	-0.4	1.6

## Average Household Size

We estimate that average household size has changed only moderately since 2010 in most counties, and that it has decreased very slightly for the state as a whole (2.46). Average household size varies considerably among counties in Florida. In 2019, it was largest in Hardee (3.10), Hendry (3.10), Osceola (2.97), Miami-Dade (2.81), Baker (2.73), Clay (2.70), and DeSoto (2.70) counties; it was smallest in Sumter (1.95), Sarasota (2.11), Charlotte (2.11), Pinellas (2.14), Monroe (2.15) and Citrus (2.17) counties.

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

These estimates of the number of households and average household size were produced with the so-called headship rate model, in which headship rates are applied to population estimates. Headship rates represent the share of the population that head a household; they are constructed by dividing the number of household heads by the number of people. A more detailed description of the methodology used for these estimates can be found in “Revised Estimates of Households and Average Household Size for Florida and Its Counties, 2000–2016, with Estimates for 2017,” *Florida Population Studies*, Bulletin 179, December 2017.

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