

Florida Population Studies

Households and Average Household Size in Florida: April 1, 2022

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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, 2022. For purposes of comparison, we also provide the number of households and average household size for 2010 and 2020, based on decennial census data. We note that the currently available redistricting data from Census 2020 do not include data on average household size, which had to be estimated. The average household size values for 2020 shown in this report were derived by dividing the population not in group quarters by the number of occupied housing units.

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 8,838,661 households in Florida on April 1, 2022, an increase of 309,594 (3.6%) since April 1, 2020. All 67 Florida counties were estimated to have gained households between 2020 and 2022. Miami-Dade County had the largest increase in households between 2020 and 2022, growing by 24,040. Other large increases occurred in Hillsborough (23,965), Orange (18,608), Lee (17,800), Polk (16,607), and Duval (16,575) counties. In percentage terms, the largest increases occurred in Sumter (10.9 percent), Osceola (9.3 percent), Gulf (9.2 percent), St. Johns (8.3 percent), Flagler (7.9 percent) and Wakulla (6.7 percent) counties.

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Table 1. Number of Households and Average Household Size in Florida and Its Counties 2022, 2020, and 2010

State and County	<u>Estimates, April 1, 2022</u>		<u>Census, April 1, 2020</u>		<u>Census, April 1, 2010</u>	
	Households	Average Household Size	Households	Average Household Size	Households	Average Household Size
FLORIDA	8,838,661	2.47	8,529,067	2.47	7,420,802	2.48
Alachua	116,587	2.32	112,723	2.31	100,516	2.32
Baker	9,484	2.76	9,087	2.77	8,772	2.82
Bay	73,716	2.45	70,134	2.45	68,438	2.41
Bradford	9,641	2.53	9,462	2.53	9,479	2.53
Brevard	265,994	2.33	257,026	2.33	229,692	2.33
Broward	766,305	2.55	756,657	2.55	686,047	2.52
Calhoun	4,946	2.47	4,784	2.48	5,061	2.52
Charlotte	90,714	2.13	85,846	2.13	73,370	2.14
Citrus	71,501	2.17	69,438	2.17	63,304	2.20
Clay	81,789	2.73	78,939	2.73	68,792	2.76
Collier	164,745	2.34	157,921	2.35	133,179	2.38
Columbia	27,036	2.49	26,424	2.50	24,941	2.52
DeSoto	12,275	2.57	11,941	2.58	11,445	2.71
Dixie	6,462	2.38	6,248	2.38	6,316	2.37
Duval	416,334	2.43	399,759	2.43	342,450	2.47
Escambia	131,909	2.36	128,160	2.37	116,238	2.41
Flagler	52,293	2.36	48,450	2.36	39,186	2.42
Franklin	5,223	2.22	4,947	2.22	4,254	2.29
Gadsden	17,008	2.47	16,806	2.48	16,952	2.61
Gilchrist	6,932	2.57	6,551	2.57	6,121	2.58
Glades	4,319	2.39	4,250	2.40	4,533	2.52
Gulf	6,082	2.32	5,571	2.33	5,335	2.33
Hamilton	4,835	2.45	4,690	2.47	4,617	2.54
Hardee	8,179	2.89	8,059	2.91	8,245	3.12
Hendry	13,030	2.94	12,644	2.95	12,025	3.09
Hernando	81,503	2.42	79,773	2.41	71,745	2.38
Highlands	45,315	2.24	44,376	2.25	42,604	2.28
Hillsborough	583,914	2.55	559,949	2.55	474,030	2.55
Holmes	7,454	2.43	7,282	2.44	7,354	2.47
Indian River	73,968	2.22	71,177	2.22	60,176	2.26
Jackson	17,455	2.38	17,083	2.39	17,417	2.40
Jefferson	5,932	2.31	5,816	2.32	5,646	2.38
Lafayette	2,826	2.44	2,727	2.45	2,580	2.63

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State and County	<u>Estimates, April 1, 2022</u>		<u>Census, April 1, 2020</u>		<u>Census, April 1, 2010</u>	
	Households	Average Household Size	Households	Average Household Size	Households	Average Household Size
Lake	165,425	2.41	156,923	2.42	121,289	2.42
Lee	336,103	2.35	318,303	2.35	259,818	2.35
Leon	124,446	2.28	121,085	2.29	110,945	2.35
Levy	18,382	2.39	17,756	2.40	16,404	2.45
Liberty	2,585	2.44	2,491	2.45	2,525	2.57
Madison	7,191	2.35	6,877	2.36	6,985	2.48
Manatee	177,986	2.33	168,437	2.34	135,729	2.34
Marion	163,887	2.34	156,906	2.33	137,726	2.35
Martin	70,286	2.23	68,750	2.24	63,899	2.23
Miami-Dade	991,454	2.74	967,414	2.75	867,352	2.83
Monroe	36,912	2.25	36,436	2.25	32,629	2.18
Nassau	38,216	2.49	35,919	2.49	28,794	2.53
Okaloosa	85,639	2.47	83,957	2.47	72,379	2.43
Okeechobee	14,591	2.55	14,433	2.56	14,013	2.68
Orange	538,045	2.68	519,437	2.68	421,847	2.64
Osceola	142,758	2.95	130,574	2.95	90,603	2.93
Palm Beach	617,799	2.41	607,880	2.41	544,227	2.39
Pasco	237,388	2.46	225,214	2.46	189,612	2.42
Pinellas	449,708	2.12	442,789	2.12	415,876	2.16
Polk	289,025	2.61	272,418	2.60	227,485	2.59
Putnam	30,036	2.43	29,569	2.44	29,409	2.48
St. Johns	113,277	2.59	104,640	2.58	75,338	2.49
St. Lucie	137,512	2.53	128,997	2.53	108,523	2.53
Santa Rosa	73,025	2.62	69,454	2.62	56,910	2.59
Sarasota	209,050	2.12	200,211	2.13	175,746	2.13
Seminole	187,886	2.55	182,420	2.55	164,706	2.55
Sumter	69,739	1.91	62,907	1.93	41,361	2.04
Suwannee	16,913	2.49	16,385	2.49	15,953	2.52
Taylor	8,377	2.36	8,138	2.37	7,920	2.44
Union	4,397	2.66	4,271	2.66	4,048	2.66
Volusia	241,037	2.31	232,301	2.31	208,236	2.31
Wakulla	12,771	2.53	11,970	2.54	10,490	2.61
Walton	31,789	2.43	29,981	2.43	22,301	2.38
Washington	9,320	2.51	9,124	2.51	8,864	2.50

Table 2. Change in Households and Average Household Size in Florida and Its Counties, 2020–2022 and 2010–2020

State and County	Numerical Change				Percentage Change			
	Households		Average Household Size		Households		Average Household Size	
	2020–22	2010–20	2020–22	2010–20	2020–22	2010–20	2020–22	2010–20
FLORIDA	309,594	1,108,265	0.00	-0.01	3.6	14.9	0.0	-0.4
Alachua	3,864	12,207	0.01	-0.01	3.4	12.1	0.4	-0.4
Baker	397	315	-0.01	-0.05	4.4	3.6	-0.4	-1.8
Bay	3,582	1,696	0.00	0.04	5.1	2.5	0.0	1.7
Bradford	179	-17	0.00	0.00	1.9	-0.2	0.0	0.0
Brevard	8,968	27,334	0.00	0.00	3.5	11.9	0.0	0.0
Broward	9,648	70,610	0.00	0.03	1.3	10.3	0.0	1.2
Calhoun	162	-277	-0.01	-0.04	3.4	-5.5	-0.4	-1.6
Charlotte	4,868	12,476	0.00	-0.01	5.7	17.0	0.0	-0.5
Citrus	2,063	6,134	0.00	-0.03	3.0	9.7	0.0	-1.4
Clay	2,850	10,147	0.00	-0.03	3.6	14.8	0.0	-1.1
Collier	6,824	24,742	-0.01	-0.03	4.3	18.6	-0.4	-1.3
Columbia	612	1,483	-0.01	-0.02	2.3	5.9	-0.4	-0.8
DeSoto	334	496	-0.01	-0.13	2.8	4.3	-0.4	-4.8
Dixie	214	-68	0.00	0.01	3.4	-1.1	0.0	0.4
Duval	16,575	57,309	0.00	-0.04	4.1	16.7	0.0	-1.6
Escambia	3,749	11,922	-0.01	-0.04	2.9	10.3	-0.4	-1.7
Flagler	3,843	9,264	0.00	-0.06	7.9	23.6	0.0	-2.5
Franklin	276	693	0.00	-0.07	5.6	16.3	0.0	-3.1
Gadsden	202	-146	-0.01	-0.13	1.2	-0.9	-0.4	-5.0
Gilchrist	381	430	0.00	-0.01	5.8	7.0	0.0	-0.4
Glades	69	-283	-0.01	-0.12	1.6	-6.2	-0.4	-4.8
Gulf	511	236	-0.01	0.00	9.2	4.4	-0.4	0.0
Hamilton	145	73	-0.02	-0.07	3.1	1.6	-0.8	-2.8
Hardee	120	-186	-0.02	-0.21	1.5	-2.3	-0.7	-6.7
Hendry	386	619	-0.01	-0.14	3.1	5.1	-0.3	-4.5
Hernando	1,730	8,028	0.01	0.03	2.2	11.2	0.4	1.3
Highlands	939	1,772	-0.01	-0.03	2.1	4.2	-0.4	-1.3
Hillsborough	23,965	85,919	0.00	0.00	4.3	18.1	0.0	0.0
Holmes	172	-72	-0.01	-0.03	2.4	-1.0	-0.4	-1.2
Indian River	2,791	11,001	0.00	-0.04	3.9	18.3	0.0	-1.8
Jackson	372	-334	-0.01	-0.01	2.2	-1.9	-0.4	-0.4
Jefferson	116	170	-0.01	-0.06	2.0	3.0	-0.4	-2.5
Lafayette	99	147	-0.01	-0.18	3.6	5.7	-0.4	-6.8

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	2020–22	2010–20	2020–22	2010–20	2020–22	2010–20	2020–22	2010–20
Lake	8,502	35,634	-0.01	0.00	5.4	29.4	-0.4	0.0
Lee	17,800	58,485	0.00	0.00	5.6	22.5	0.0	0.0
Leon	3,361	10,140	-0.01	-0.06	2.8	9.1	-0.4	-2.6
Levy	626	1,352	-0.01	-0.05	3.5	8.2	-0.4	-2.0
Liberty	94	-34	-0.01	-0.12	3.8	-1.3	-0.4	-4.7
Madison	314	-108	-0.01	-0.12	4.6	-1.5	-0.4	-4.8
Manatee	9,549	32,708	-0.01	0.00	5.7	24.1	-0.4	0.0
Marion	6,981	19,180	0.01	-0.02	4.4	13.9	0.4	-0.9
Martin	1,536	4,851	-0.01	0.01	2.2	7.6	-0.4	0.4
Miami-Dade	24,040	100,062	-0.01	-0.08	2.5	11.5	-0.4	-2.8
Monroe	476	3,807	0.00	0.07	1.3	11.7	0.0	3.2
Nassau	2,297	7,125	0.00	-0.04	6.4	24.7	0.0	-1.6
Okaloosa	1,682	11,578	0.00	0.04	2.0	16.0	0.0	1.6
Okeechobee	158	420	-0.01	-0.12	1.1	3.0	-0.4	-4.5
Orange	18,608	97,590	0.00	0.04	3.6	23.1	0.0	1.5
Osceola	12,184	39,971	0.00	0.02	9.3	44.1	0.0	0.7
Palm Beach	9,919	63,653	0.00	0.02	1.6	11.7	0.0	0.8
Pasco	12,174	35,602	0.00	0.04	5.4	18.8	0.0	1.7
Pinellas	6,919	26,913	0.00	-0.04	1.6	6.5	0.0	-1.9
Polk	16,607	44,933	0.01	0.01	6.1	19.8	0.4	0.4
Putnam	467	160	-0.01	-0.04	1.6	0.5	-0.4	-1.6
St. Johns	8,637	29,302	0.01	0.09	8.3	38.9	0.4	3.6
St. Lucie	8,515	20,474	0.00	0.00	6.6	18.9	0.0	0.0
Santa Rosa	3,571	12,544	0.00	0.03	5.1	22.0	0.0	1.2
Sarasota	8,839	24,465	-0.01	0.00	4.4	13.9	-0.5	0.0
Seminole	5,466	17,714	0.00	0.00	3.0	10.8	0.0	0.0
Sumter	6,832	21,546	-0.02	-0.11	10.9	52.1	-1.0	-5.4
Suwannee	528	432	0.00	-0.03	3.2	2.7	0.0	-1.2
Taylor	239	218	-0.01	-0.07	2.9	2.8	-0.4	-2.9
Union	126	223	0.00	0.00	3.0	5.5	0.0	0.0
Volusia	8,736	24,065	0.00	0.00	3.8	11.6	0.0	0.0
Wakulla	801	1,480	-0.01	-0.07	6.7	14.1	-0.4	-2.7
Walton	1,808	7,680	0.00	0.05	6.0	34.4	0.0	2.1
Washington	196	260	0.00	0.01	2.1	2.9	0.0	0.4

Average Household Size

According to our estimates, average household size has changed only very slightly since 2020 in most counties; it has remained unchanged for the state overall (2.47). Average household size varies considerably among counties in Florida. In 2022, it was largest in Osceola (2.95), Hendry (2.94), Hardee (2.89), Baker (2.76), Miami-Dade (2.74), Clay (2.73), and Orange (2.68) counties; it was smallest in Sumter (1.91), Sarasota (2.12), Pinellas (2.12), Charlotte (2.13), Citrus (2.17), Indian River (2.22), and Franklin (2.22) 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

Estimates of the number of households for each county were constructed by dividing the population in households by the average household size. The population in households equals the total population minus the population in group quarters. There are many different types of group quarters, both institutional and non-institutional. We differentiated between inmates in federal and state correctional facilities and persons in all other types of group quarters. Inmate counts for federal and state correctional facilities are available for April 1, 2022 from the Federal Bureau of Prisons and the Florida Department of Corrections. These were used to calculate the proportion of federal and state inmates out of the total

population for 2022. For persons in other types of group quarters, we calculated their proportion of the total population in 2020 in each county. Adding the proportions of federal and state inmates to the proportions of persons in all other types of group quarters gives us the overall proportion of the group quarters population out of the total population for April 1, 2022. Subtracting that proportion from the total population provides estimates of the population in households.

Estimates of the number of households for counties were added up to yield an estimate of the number of households for the state. From this number we calculated average household size for Florida.

Similar to last year, this year's estimates of the number of households and average household size are based on a simplified trend model. This was done because the detailed demographic data required for the headship rate model that has been used in the past have not yet been released from Census 2020. We also looked at trends in average household size from the American Community Survey (ACS). The most recent 1-year ACS data for 2021 are only available for the larger counties. In a number of counties we made small adjustment to average household size based on the ACS data. In addition, the model included one minor global adjustment, which reduced the estimated average household size value of each county by about 0.275%. This adjustment ensured that average household size for all counties matched the average household size for the state for April 1, 2022, as estimated by the most recent Demographic Estimating Conference held July 18, 2022.

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