

# Miami-Dade County Facts

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## General

- There are 1,979 Square Miles in Miami-Dade County.
- The County is composed of 35 municipalities and an unincorporated Area.
- Miami-Dade County established an Urban Development Boundary (UDB) in 1983.

## Population

- Population in 1960 was 935,047 and it grew to 2,461,577 in 2007.
- In 2007, 62 percent of the population was Hispanic. Non-Hispanic Whites and Non-Hispanic Blacks each represented 18 percent of the total.
- One-half of the Miami-Dade County population in 2007 was foreign born.
- There were 833,199 households in 2007, 70 percent of which were families.
- In 2007, 23 percent of the population over 25 did not complete high school, while 26 percent completed at least college.
  - ❖ The population of Miami-Dade County is projected to grow to over 3.2 million residents by 2030, growing by approximately 32,000 more people each year.

## Housing

- In 1960 there were 348,946 units in Miami-Dade County; that number increased to 852,278 in 2007.
- In 2006, the average sale price for condominiums was \$257,500 and for single family homes it was \$375,800. This dropped dramatically in 2008 to \$239,400 and \$276,600 respectively.
  - ❖ By 2030, population is projected to grow by 700,000 people. This will translate into a need for about 250,000 new housing units.

## Business and Labor Force

- In 2008, the Civilian Labor Force in Miami-Dade County was 1,212,446 with an unemployment rate of 5.8 percent.
- In 2006, the number of business establishments was 75,599.

### **Income and Poverty**

- In 2007, the median household income was \$43,650
- In 2007, 15.3% of the population was below the poverty level.

### **Land Area and Existing Uses**

- Land area inside the Urban Development Boundary (UDB) represented 17 percent of the County total.
- Residential development within the UDB represented 38 percent of its land area.
- Other important uses inside the UDB were transportation and utilities, undeveloped and water, parks, commercial, institutional and industrial in rank order.
- Outside the UDB, almost 60 percent of the land was used for recreation and open space.
- Agriculture represented 4.4 percent of land use outside the UDB, with the remainder primarily water and undeveloped land.

### **Transportation**

- The passengers count at the Seaport was 4,218,847 in 2008; the corresponding figure at MIA was 34,063,531.
- Cargo tonnage moving through the Seaport was 7,353,841 tons in 2008. While at MIA for the same year the figure was 1,944,879 tons.

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