### BROWARD COUNTY AT A GLANCE

Broward County is home to more than 1.9 million residents and welcomed upwards of 14 million visitors in 2018. Once known as a destination for "Baby Boomers", Broward County now hosts a population that also includes many young adults, families, and retirees.

#### **GEOGRAPHY**

Broward County is Florida's 7th largest county with a total area of 1,224.7 square miles, nearly the size of the state of Rhode Island. At its widest points, the county spans approximately 50.3 miles east to west and approximately 27.4 miles from north to south, averaging 5 to 25 feet in elevation. Broward has 24 miles of white sandy beaches along the Atlantic coast and is traversed by 266 linear miles of canals, of which 126 miles are navigable.

Together, 31 municipalities and the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD) occupy 427.8 square miles of developable area (35% of the county) east of the levee (shown in the map below). The BMSD contains unincorporated neighborhoods and county facilities, including the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. The remaining 65% of the county is located west of the levee (796.9 square miles) and consists of the Everglades Wildlife Management Area and Miccosukee Reservation lands.



#### **POPULATION**

According to the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR), the State's official source of county demographic information, Broward County's 2018¹ population is estimated at 1.9 million residents, second in the state to Miami-Dade County at 2.8 million. Fort Lauderdale, Broward's largest city, has a population over 180,000. Seven of Broward's municipalities have populations over 100,000, including Fort Lauderdale, Pembroke Pines, Hollywood, Miramar, Coral Springs, Pompano Beach, and Davie, which together make up more than half of the County's population. The Broward Municipal Services District has an estimated population of 15,120 residents. In 2017 Broward County hosted an estimated 12.8 million business and leisure travelers², which grew to over 14 million in 2018³.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau — Press Releases — 2019 Marketing Plan, 10-5-2018



BEBR — Florida Estimates of Population - April 1, 2018 Estimate; released October 24, 2018; Separate from American Community Survey estimates 
<sup>2</sup>Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau — 2017 Greater Fort Lauderdale Visitor Profile — Travel Market Insights and DK Shifflet

#### CLIMATE

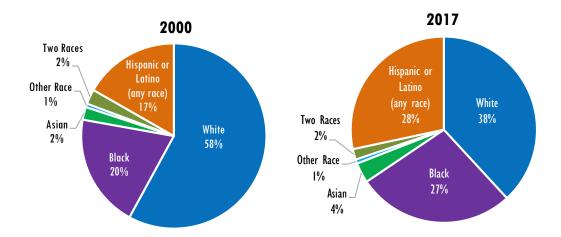
Summers are hot and humid, while winters are warm and dry. The average annual temperature in Broward County from 2000 to 2018<sup>4</sup> was 77<sup>0</sup> F with a mean winter temperature of 69<sup>0</sup> F and a mean summer temperature of 83<sup>0</sup> F. The County averages 64.1 inches of rainfall each year. Broward rests entirely within Zone 10b on the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map<sup>5</sup>, with an average annual extreme low temperature of 35<sup>0</sup> to 40<sup>0</sup> that can support most tropical plants.

#### **INCORPORATION**

Broward County was incorporated in 1915 and was formed from parts of Miami-Dade County to the south and Palm Beach County to the north. The original dividing line between the two counties was located between Commercial Boulevard and Oakland Park Boulevard along Floranada Road in Fort Lauderdale. In 2009, the BMSD increased by 1,949 acres due to a boundary change with Palm Beach County. This northwestern addition is referred to as "the Wedge".

#### RACE AND ETHNICITY

Broward County hosts a diverse population of many racial and ethnic backgrounds. Race traditionally refers to the physical and biological characteristics of a person (ex. hair and skin color) while ethnicity refers to sociological and cultural factors such as nationality, ancestry, and language spoken. The U.S. Census Bureau defines race as a person's self-identification with one or more social groups (white, black, etc.), with ethnicity used to distinguish those of Hispanic or Latino origin. Since 2000, the Hispanic, Black, and Asian population groups experienced rapid growth coupled with a decline in white population (see Appendix Table 1).



#### HISPANIC/LATINO POPULATION

The Hispanic/Latino population is the most rapidly growing demographic in Broward County, nearly doubling in size since 2000 to almost 536,000 residents. As shown in the table below, the increasing Hispanic/Latino population has origins from throughout Latin America. At 36%, the population of South American origin represents the largest segment of the Hispanic/Latino population in Broward County. South Americans residing locally come primarily from three countries: Columbia (84,408), Venezuela (35,378), and Peru (29,233) (see Appendix Table 6).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Research Service — Plant Hardiness Zone Map — 2012 release



<sup>4</sup> The Southeast Regional Climate Center, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) 2000-2018 Monthly Mean Average Temperature for Fort Lauderdale Beach, FL

Hispanic/Latino Origin	2017	
Hispanic/Latino Total:	535,987	
South American*	189,440	35.3%
Cuban	103,718	19.4%
Puerto Rican	87,800	16.4%
Central American*	62,520	11.7%
Mexican	33,633	6.3%
Dominican Republic	36,436	6.8%
Other Hispanic or Latino	22,440	4.2%

<sup>\*</sup>For a breakdown of all countries of origin refer to Table 6 in the Technical Appendix.

#### **INCOME**

Income is on the rise in Broward County, having recovered from a period of stagnation following the Great Recession that began in late 2007 and ended in 2012. Since 2000, income per capita has grown by 30% while household and family incomes have grown by 32% and 30% respectively (see Appendix Table 2). Between 2009 and 2015, income indicators stagnated with declines of less than 1%. Beginning 2015, income levels have experienced rapid increases.

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**INCOME: SELECTED YEARS 2000-2017** 

#### **HOUSING**

Broward's housing market is expanding and becoming more expensive. Between 2000 and 2017, Broward County added an estimated 77,339<sup>6</sup> housing units for a total of 818,382<sup>7</sup>. Additionally, Broward added more than 10,000<sup>8</sup> hotel rooms between 2001 and 2018 for a total of over 34,000 rooms in 2018<sup>9</sup>. In 2017 the median value of owner-occupied housing units was \$223,400<sup>10</sup>. Prices are on the rise however, as the price for single family homes and townhouses/ condos rose by 6% and 1.3%<sup>11</sup> respectively during 2018. The median sale price for single family homes was \$335,000 and the median sale price for townhouses and condos was \$157,000.

<sup>11</sup> Greater Fort Lauderdale Realtors® (GFLR), Local Market Update, October 2018



 $<sup>^{6}</sup>$  Census Bureau — 2000 Decennial Census Counts — Table H001

<sup>7</sup> Census Bureau — 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates — Table DP04

<sup>8</sup> HVS Market Pulse: Fort Lauderdale, FL. November 20, 2018. Data from STR Analytics and Marketplace Insights, 11-20-2018

<sup>9</sup> Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau — Press Releases — 2019 Marketing Plan, 10-5-2018

<sup>10</sup> Census Bureau — 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates — Table B25077

#### FAMILIES AND HOUSEHOLDS

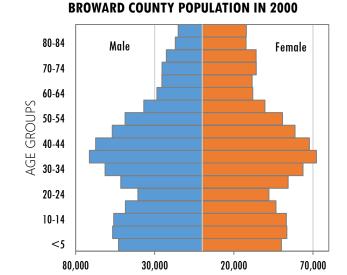
Broward is attracting more families. In 2000, there were 654,445 total households including 411,403 family households (63% of total) in Broward County. Total households have since increased by over 21,000 to 675,82 and family households have increased by nearly the same (see Appendix Table 3). The share of housing units occupied by families is increasing, from 63% in 2000 to 64% in 2017. The national average is 66%<sup>12</sup>.

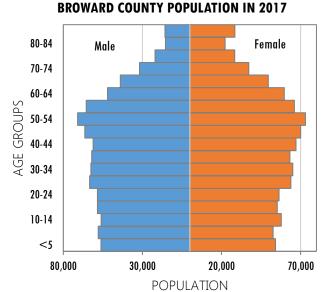
#### AGF GROUPS

The resident population is getting older. The age distribution of Broward County's residents is shown in the age pyramids below, which depicts the population in five-year age groups. One significant cohort represented in the pyramids is the "Baby Boom" generation, born between 1946 and 1964, who represent 22% of the total population (see Appendix Table 4). The Baby Boomers generation cohort combined with the next younger cohort are expected to double the number of retirement-age residents by 2045 (See 2017 Population Forecast and Allocation Model Report available on our <a href="Demographics">Demographics</a> webpage). This large age demographic is easily recognizable in the swelling "wave" in the year 2000 population pyramid that has shifted upwards in the 2017 pyramid, as residents have aged.

In 2017, the cohort that follows the Baby Boomers, "Generation X" (born between 1965 and 1980, currently 37-52 yrs.), became the largest and fastest growing age cohort in the labor force at 22.5%, surpassing Baby Boomers (see Appendix Table 4). "Millennials", born between 1981 and 1996, are not far behind at 21% of total population. Since 2000, Broward has grown its labor force from 60.3% to 62.9% of total population, however this is expected to decrease as Baby Boomers retire. Between 2000 and 2017, the school-aged population (5 to 17 years) has remained relatively constant representing approximately 16% of the county population. Overall, the population is balanced across the generations.

Gender differences are most noticeable in the population over 75. According to 2017 estimates, women represent 60% and men represent 40% of the population over 75. The differences in total population by gender are less apparent in younger populations. The expansion of colleges locally may account for the relative increase of 15-29 year-olds.





 $<sup>^{12}</sup>$  Census Bureau — 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates — Table B11001

**POPULATION** 



### **TECHNICAL APPENDIX**

Table 1: Race and Ethnicity						
	<b>2000</b> <sup>1</sup>		2010 <sup>2</sup>		<b>2017</b> <sup>3</sup>	
Total Persons	1,623,018		1,748,066		1,890,416	
Non-Hispanic:	1,351,495	83%	1,309,819	75%	1,354,429	72%
White	940,692	58%	760,817	44%	721,241	38%
Black or African American	322,516	20%	449,677	26%	518,277	27%
Asian	36,148	2%	55,692	3%	66,304	4%
Other Race	10,120	1%	13,308	1%	13,752	1%
Two or more Races	42,019	3%	30,325	2%	34,855	2%
Hispanic or Latino (any race)	271,523	17%	438,247	25%	535,987	28%

Census Bureau — 2000 Decennial Census Counts — Table P007

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Census Bureau — 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates — Table B03002

Table 2: Income							
	<b>2000</b> In 1999 dollars <sup>1</sup>	<b>2009</b> In 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars <sup>2</sup>	<b>2014</b> In 2014 inflation-adjusted dollars <sup>2</sup>	<b>2017</b> In 2017 inflation-adjusted dollars <sup>2</sup>	Percent Change 2000 to 2017	Percent Change 2009-2017	
Per Capita	23,170	28,465	28,329	30,109	29.9%	5.8%	
Median Household	41,691	51,731	51,574	54,895	31.7%	6.1%	
Median Family	50,531	62,518	61,958	65,596	29.8%	4.9%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Census Bureau — 2000 Decennial Census Counts — Tables P082, P053, P077

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Census Bureau — 2005-2009, 2010-2014, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates — Tables B19301, B19013, B19113

Table 3: Households and Families								
	<b>2000</b> <sup>1</sup>		2010 <sup>2</sup>		<b>20</b> 14 <sup>3</sup>		20173	
Households	654,445		686,047		667,578		675,828	
Family households	411,403	62.9%	434,488	63.3%	422,787	63.3%	433,887	64.2%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Census Bureau — 2000 Decennial Census Counts — Table P018

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Census Bureau — 2010-2014, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates — Table B11001

Table 4: Age Cohorts								
Age Cohort	2000 Age Range	Total <sup>1</sup>	%	2017 Age Range	Total <sup>2</sup>	%	Growth 2000 to 2017	Percent Change 2000 to 2017
Baby Boom	36-54	464,938	28.6%	53-71	422,211	22.3%	-42,727	-9.2%
Generation X	20-35	342,393	21.1%	37-52	426,288	22.5%	83,895	24.5%
Millennial	4-19	335,043	20.6%	21-36	396,816	21.0%	61,773	18.4%
Post-Millennial	0-3	82,433	5.1%	0-20	471,398	24.9%	388,965	471.9%



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Census Bureau — 2010 Decennial Census Counts — Table P5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Census Bureau — 2010 Decennial Census Counts — Table P18

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Table 4: Age Cohorts (continued)								
Age Cohort	2000 Age Range	Total <sup>1</sup>	%	2017 Age Range	Total <sup>2</sup>	%	Growth 2000 to 2017	Percent Change 2000 to 2017
Retirement Age	65+	261,109	16.1%	65+	294,961	15.6%	33,852	13.0%
Labor Force Age	18-64	978,980	60.3%	18-64	1,188,815	62.9%	209,835	21.4%
Peak Earners	40-54	350,156	21.6%	40-54	408,664	21.6%	58,508	16.7%
School Age	5-17	279,888	17.2%	5-17	296,263	15.7%	16,375	5.9%

Census Bureau — 2000 Decennial Census Counts — Table P012

 $<sup>^3</sup>$ Census Bureau — 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates — Table B01001

Table 5: Sex by Age								
	2017							
Age	Male	Female	Total					
<5	56,214	54,163	110,377					
5-9	57,916	52,585	110,501					
10-14	56,133	57,810	113,943					
15-19	58,402	55,214	113,616					
20-24	58,428	56,378	114,806					
25-29	63,345	63,859	127,204					
30-34	62,553	65,060	127,613					
35-39	62,107	63,279	125,386					
40-44	61,171	67,038	128,209					
45-49	66,415	70,021	136,436					
50-54	71,004	73,015	144,019					
55-59	65,460	66,114	131,574					
60-64	52,063	59,708	111,771					
65-69	44,012	49,597	93,609					
70-74	31,830	37,293	69,123					
75-79	21,997	28,365	50,362					
80-84	15,448	22,247	37,695					
85+	15,767	28,405	44,172					
Total:	920,265	970,151	1,890,416					

Census Bureau — 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates — Table B01001

Table 6: Hispanic/Latino Ancestry	2017
Total Population:	1,890,416
Not Hispanic or Latino	1,354,429
Hispanic or Latino:	535,987
Mexican	33,633
Puerto Rican	87,800
Cuban	103,718
Dominican (Dominican Republic)	36,436
Central American:	62,520
Costa Rican	4,008
Guatemalan	10,160
Honduran	18,214
Nicaraguan	13,406
Panamanian	4,367
Salvadoran	11,908
Other Central American	457
South American:	189,440
Argentinean	13,654
Bolivian	2,575
Chilean	4,305
Colombian	84,408
Ecuadorian	15,342
Paraguayan	145
Peruvian	29,233
Uruguayan	2,920
Venezuelan	35,378
Other South American	1,480
Other Hispanic or Latino:	22,440
Spaniard	7,617
Spanish	992
Spanish American	82
All other Hispanic or Latino	13,749

Census Bureau — 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates — Table B03001

