Florida Then & Now

- On the eve of Pearl Harbor, Florida's population stood at 1.9 million residents, the lowest in the South and ranked 29th nationally.

- In 2007, Florida's population approaches 18.5 million, ranking the Sunshine State fourth behind California, Texas, and New York

Largest Cities	1940	2006
Jacksonville	173,065	794,555
Miami	172,172	404,048
Tampa	108,391	332,888
Orlando	36,736	205,000
Pensacola	37,449	54,897
Hialeah	3,958	217,141

Other Cities		
Apalachicola	3,268	2,331
Boca Raton	723	86.396
Cape Coral	_____	151,389
Coral Springs	_____	130,000
Deltona	_____	85,000
Fort Lauderdale	17,996	185,804
Gainesville	13,757	108,655
Melbourne	2,622	76,963
Naples	1,253	22,000
Palm Bay	_____	98,000
Palm Coast	_____	68,013
Pembroke Pines	_____	150,000
Port St. Lucie	_____	144,000
Saint Augustine	12,090	12,064
St. Petersburg	60,812	250,000
Sarasota	11,141	53,259
Tallahassee	16,240	160,000
West Palm Beach	33,693	100,000

Most Populated County   1940   267,739   (Dade)
2006   2,50,302 (Miami-Dade)

Least Populated County	**1940**	2,745	(Glades)
	2006	7,865	(Liberty)
Counties with a majority	**1940**	(Gadsden, Jefferson, and Leon)	
African American population	**2006**	(Gadsden)	
Florida Population Aged 65 +	**1940**	131,000	7 percent
	2006	3,100,000	17 percent
Per Capita Income	**1940**	$513	
	2006	$35,074	
Foreign-Born Residents	**1940**	69,861	3.6 percent
	2006	3,200,000	17 percent
Total Number of Students, K-12	**1940**	405,322	
	2006	2,670,000	
Average Annual Teacher's Salary	**1940**	$1,202 (whites)	$605 (blacks)
	2006	$45,296	
Total Farmland, Acreage	**1940**	35,000,000	
	2005	10, 000,000	
Registered Voters in state	**1942**	Democrats,	604.341
		Republicans	36,530
	2007	Democrats	4.15 million
		Republicans	3.83 million
		Independents	1.92 million

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Sources: *Florida Trend; Handbook of Florida; U.S. Censuses; Florida Dept. of Education; Secretary of State; Business Florida*