



# Broward *by the* Numbers

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*In honor of Broward County's centennial, this special edition compares U.S. Census Bureau data from the 1920 Census to the latest available data sources.*

Broward County was formed from parts of Palm Beach and Dade counties in 1915. At that time, the population was 4,763 (Florida State Census). Five years later, the U.S. Bureau of Census conducted its first enumeration of Broward County residents. *In 1920, Broward County had 5,135 residents.* The tri-county area had a population of 66,542, which was less than 7% of the state's population.

Today, there are 1,784,889 residents making Broward County the second most populous county in the state with nearly 30% of Floridians living in the tri-county area and 9.3% living in Broward County.

COUNTY	1920 POPULATION	2013 POPULATION
BROWARD	5,135	1,784,889
PALM BEACH	18,654	1,339,221
MIAMI-DADE	42,753	2,549,075
FLORIDA	968,470	19,091,156

In 1920, Broward County had no incorporated places with more than 2,500 residents, classifying it a rural county. The City of Fort Lauderdale, with 2,065 residents, was the largest of its 3 municipalities while one-third of the population lived in the Unincorporated Area. At that time, Broward County was mostly undeveloped, with less than 8 sq. mi. of the County deemed "developed" by the Census. There were 280 farms, covering 20,400 acres (31.9 sq. mi.), of which 9,092 acres were improved farmland. Most farms covered less than 50 acres, with an average value per acre of \$73.84. Vegetables were the primary crop.

Today, Broward county is a mostly developed urban county with only 10.5 sq. mi. left of approximately 431.4 acres of developable land. There are now 31 incorporated places, 28 with populations of more than 2,500 and the city of Fort Lauderdale remains the County's largest with 168,400 residents. Only 2.1% of developable land remains agricultural.

MUNICIPALITY	INCORPORATED	1920 POP.	2013 POP.
FORT LAUDERDALE	1911	2,065	168,603
DANIA	1904	762	30,076
POMPANO	1908	636	101,749

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U.S. Railroad Administration Map, 1920. Reproduced with permission from University of South Florida Center for Instructional Technology

The 1920 Census divided Broward County into 6 precincts (precursors to census tracts), including incorporated and unincorporated areas. Fort Lauderdale was the largest precinct.

PRECINCT	INCORPORATED	UNINCORPORATED	TOTAL
DEERFIELD	0	437	437
POMPANO	636	117	753
<b>FORT LAUDERDALE</b>	<b>2,065</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>2,257</b>
DANIA	762	198	960
HALLANDALE	0	516	516
DAVIE	0	190	190
SEMINOLE	N/A	N/A	22
<b>BROWARD</b>	<b>3,463</b>	<b>1,672</b>	<b>5,135</b>

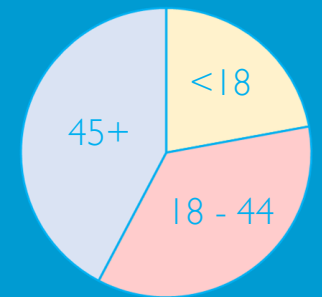
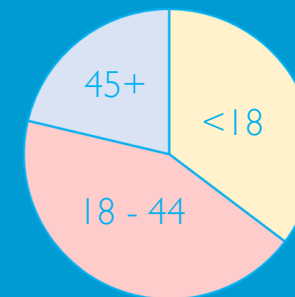
The 1920 Census recorded 1,418 occupied housing units, of which 843 (59%) were rentals and 503 were owner occupied. With 1,418 families living in Broward County, the average family size was 3.62 persons.

Today, the occupied housing units have increased by approximately **46,700%** to **663,458**. The most recent 5-year American Community Survey finds that of the 663,458 occupied housing units, 437,074 (65.9%) were owner occupied and 226,384 (34.1%) were renter occupied. The average household size today is 2.67, which reflects the shift from an agricultural economy.

In 1920, Broward County had a much younger population than it does today. At that time, only 21.3% of the population was age 45 or older.

Today, 42.3% of Broward County's residents are 45 or older.

AGE	1920 POPULATION		2013 POPULATION	
UNDER 18	1,813	35.3%	394,667	22.1%
18 TO 44	2,230	43.4%	635,895	35.6%
45+	1,092	21.3%	754,327	42.3%



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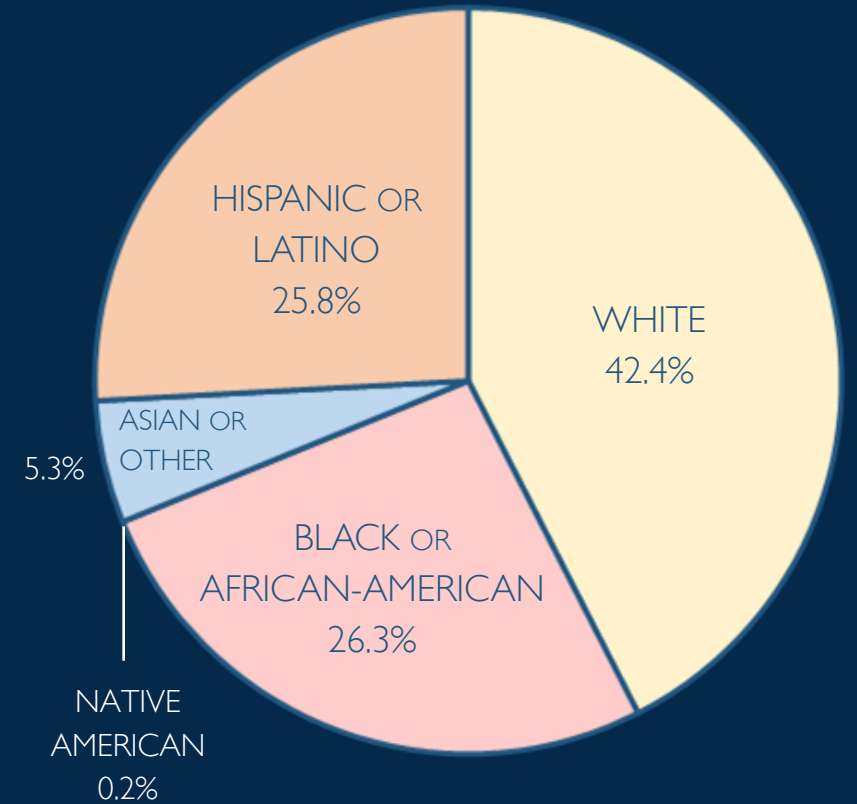
In 1920, parents could send 6-year olds to first grade; however, children were not required to attend school until age 7. Education and literacy indicators from the 1920 Census showed that most children age 7 -13 were enrolled in school. However, from age 14 a significant number of children dropped out of school, most likely finding full-time employment. The Census also recorded that 5.3% of the population age 10 and over was illiterate (213 persons).

In 1920, 69% of Broward County residents were White, 31% were Black and less than 1% were Asian or other races. (Persons of Hispanic origin were not identified in the 1920 Census). Slightly more than half the population (54%) were men.

In 1920, 231 Broward residents were listed as foreign-born, most of whom were Europeans. However, the 1920 Census only enumerated the white population by place of birth. It is likely that there were additional foreign-born black residents, especially immigrants from the Bahamas, who were not included in the data. Of the 231 foreign born residents, 219 were adults age 21 and over, including 125 that were naturalized citizens, and 12 that were under age 21.

The most recent American Community Survey 5-year estimates provide a more detailed background to a diverse population.

Today, 25.8% of the County's population is of Hispanic or Latino Origin. The diversity of the County's population is also reflected in the place of birth of its foreign residents. Today, 562,535 (31.5%) of Broward residents were foreign born. European birth only represents 8.4% of the foreign born population while foreign born birth population from Latin America and Asia represent 78.5% and 8.2% respectively.



AGE	ENROLLED IN SCHOOL	
7-13	677	94.3%
14 & 15	119	72.6%
16 & 17	81	50%
18-20	21	9.1%

Today, there are 289,470 residents between the school ages of 5-17.

PLACE OF BIRTH	FOREIGN-BORN POPULATIONS
EUROPE	47,416
ASIA	46,387
OCEANIA	513
LATIN AMERICA	441,573
NORTH AMERICA	18,842
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>562,535</b>



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## TECHNICAL APPENDIX

**TABLE I FORMATION HISTORY OF BROWARD COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES: 1904-2005**

NO.	INCORPORATION NAME	INCORPORATED	LAW	DISSOLVED	LAW
1	Town of Dania	11-30-1904 <sup>(1)</sup>	LF, 07-5799		
2	Town of Pompano	6-6-1908 <sup>(2)</sup>			
3	City of Fort Lauderdale	3-27-1911	LF, 11-6343		
-	Broward County	4-30-1915 Eff. 10-1-1915			
4	Town of Davie	11-16-1925 <sup>(3)</sup>			
5	Town of Deerfield	6-11-1925 <sup>(4)</sup>		6-10-1929 <sup>(5)</sup>	LF, 29-14041
6	Town of Floranada	11-25-1925	LF, 25-11462		
7	City of Hollywood	11-25-1925	LF, 25-11519		
8	Town of Hallandale	5-11-1927 <sup>(6)</sup>	LF, 27-12791		
9	Town of Lauderdale-by-the-Sea	11-30-1927	LF, 27-26449		
10	City of Oakland Park	6-10-1929 <sup>(7)</sup>	LF, 29-14041		
11	Town of Hillsboro Beach	6-12-1939	LF, 39-19868		
12	Village of Wilton Manors	5-13-1947 <sup>(8)</sup>			
13	Hacienda Village	10-29-1949 <sup>(9)</sup>		6-29-1984	LF, 84-420
14	Femcrest Village	4-29-1953	LF, 53-29070	7-1-1970 <sup>(10)</sup>	LF, 69-1053
15	City of Plantation	4-30-1953	LF, Special Acts, Vol.2, part 2, 1953		
16	Village of Lazy Lake	6-3-1953	Senate Bill 873, LF, 1953		
17	Town of Hollywood Ridge Farms	1953		7-2-1964 <sup>(11)</sup>	
18	City of Miramar	5-26-1955 <sup>(12)</sup>			
19	City of Margate	5-30-1955 <sup>(13)</sup>			
20	Town of Lighthouse Point	6-13-1956 <sup>(14)</sup>			
21	Town of Pembroke	12-10-1957 <sup>(15)</sup>			
22	City of Cooper City	6-20-1959 <sup>(16)</sup>			
23	City of Lauderhill	6-20-1959			
24	Village of Pembroke Pines	3-2-1959 <sup>(17)</sup>			
25	Village of Sea Ranch Lakes	10-6-1959 <sup>(18)</sup>			
26	City of Lauderdale Lakes	6-22-1961			
27	City of Sunrise Golf Village	6-22-1961 <sup>(19)</sup>	LF, Special Acts, Vol.2, part 3, 1961		
28	City of Coral Springs	7-10-1963 <sup>(20)</sup>			
29	City of North Lauderdale	7-10-1963			
30	City of Parkland	7-10-1963	LF, 63-1758		
31	City of Tamarac	8-15-1963			
32	City of Coconut Creek	2-20-1967 <sup>(21)</sup>			
33	City of Weston	9-3-1996	LF, 96-472		
34	Town of Southwest Ranches	6-6-2000	LF, 2000-475		
35	Town of West Park	3-1-2005	LF, 2004-454		

**SOURCES**

U.S. Bureau of Census ▪ USDA National Agricultural Statistics service ▪ Broward County Property Appraiser Database, October 2015 ▪ Laws of Florida (1903-1997) ▪ University of South Florida: "Exploring Florida" (August 2005) at <http://fcit.usf.edu/florida/maps/county/broward/broward.htm> ▪ Division of Archives, History and Record Management, R.A. Gray Building, Tallahassee, Florida. Series 1655, Box 1 ▪ A List of Municipal Incorporations in Florida, Revised, 1941, prepared by the Historical Records Survey, Division of Communities Service Programs, Works Progress Administration, Jacksonville, Florida (1941) ▪ Broward County Incorporation Records, Broward County Courthouse ▪ Official websites for City of Hallandale, City of Hollywood, Town of Davie ▪ City Clerk, City of Dania Beach and City of Hallandale

**TABLE I FOOTNOTES**

- 1:** Town of Dania: November 30, 1904, Broward County Incorporation Records, vol. A, page 300. Charter amended, (LF, 23-9721) and the town became incorporated into the City of Hollywood then was reincorporated as the City of Dania on June 6, 1927 (LF, 27-12652). By referendum vote, November 3, 1998, the name was changed to City of Dania Beach.
- 2:** Town of Pompano Beach: June 6, 1908. On June 6, 1947 the Town of Pompano and the Town of Pompano Beach and the intervening territory merged to for the City of Pompano Beach.
- 3:** Town of Davie: November 16, 1925. Originally known as Zona, it was incorporated as the Town of Davie after the developer R.P Bert Davie. Broward County Incorporation Records, vol. 2, page 416. Initially, the Town did not exercise its charter. On September 19, 1963, voters of Davie adopted a charter by a vote of 188 to 144.
- 4:** Town of Deerfield: June 11, 1925. Incorporated as the Town of Deerfield. On May 12, 1939, the name was changed to Deerfield Beach (see LF, 39-19774). On June 13, 1945, however, there seems to have been another legislative act passed to change the name to City of Deerfield Beach LF, Special Acts, vol. 2, 1949.
- 5:** Town of Floranada: November 25, 1925. On June 10, 1929 the Town of Floradana was abolished and reincorporated as the City of Oakland Park LF, 29-14041.
- 6:** Town of Hallandale: May 11, 1927. Subsequently the town was incorporated into Hollywood. In 1947, it was reincorporated as a the City of Hallandale. On August 27, 1999, the city officially changed its name to City of Hallandale Beach (City Ordinance 1999-15).
- 7:** See note 5.
- 8:** Village of Wilton Manors: May 13, 1947. Referendum for village held on April 28, 1947 and vote to incorporate 86 to 10 and council sworn in on May 13, 1947, Clerk of Wilton Manors. Village abolished and City of Wilton Manors created with an Act filed with the Secretary of State. LF, Special Acts, vol.2, part 2, 1953.
- 9:** Hacienda Village: October 29, 1949. Broward County Incorporation Records, Book 13, page 550. Charter was amended to update on May 5, 1970. Then was disincorporated in 1984.
- 10:** Femcrest Village: This area was subsequently annexed into the Town of Davie.
- 11:** Town of Hollywood Ridge Farms: 1953. Disincorporated by Court Decreed Judgement of Ouster on July 2, 1964. The area was subsequently annexed into the Town of Pembroke Park.
- 12:** City of Miramar: May 26, 1955. Legislative act filed with the Secretary of State on May 26, 1955.
- 13:** City of Margate: May 30, 1955. Legislative act filed with the Secretary of State filed on May 30, 1955. The same filed to form the City of Margate on June 22, 1961.
- 14:** Town of Lighthouse Point: June 13, 1956 the Town of Lighthouse Point was formed. The City of Lighthouse Point was formed on June 11, 1957.
- 15:** Town of Pembroke: December 10, 1957. Created by referendum vote in favor 47 to 0 on December 10, 1957. Town of Pembroke was abolished and the Town of Pembroke Park was created on June 20, 1959. LF, Special Acts, 1959, vol 2.
- 16:** City of Cooper City: June 20, 1959. Created by Special Act of Florida Legislature.
- 17:** Village of Pembroke Pines: March 2, 1959. Referendum held and passed on February 23, 1959 and Mayor and Councilmen sworn in on March 2, 1959 (Miami Herald and Sun-Tatler, March 2 and 3, 1959). Controversy surrounded the Village of Pembroke Pines for months. On December 1, 1959 the Village of Pembroke Pines was abolished and on January 16, 1960 referendum and election re-instituted Village of Pembroke Pines. Village of Pembroke Pines became the City of Pembroke Pines on May 22, 1961 LF, Special Acts, 1961.
- 18:** Village of Sea Ranch Lakes: October 6, 1959. Became Town of Sea Ranch Lakes.
- 19:** City of Sunrise Golf Village: June 22, 1961. City of Sunrise Golf Village created and act filed with the Secretary of State on June 22, 1961, LF, Special Acts, vol.2 part 3, 1961. The name City of Sunrise Golf Village changed to the City of Sunrise on March 2, 1971 by referendum vote of 610 to 446.
- 20:** City of Coral Springs: July 10, 1963. Legislative bill filed with Secretary of State on July 10, 1963.
- 21:** City of Coconut Creek: Freeholder election held on February 19 and validated by Broward County Circuit Court February 20, 1967. Broward County Incorporation Records, Broward County Courthouse and Coconut Creek Charter, 1, July 1981.