

## Population

Florida ranks as the fourth most populous state, with a population of 18.680 million as of April 1, 2007. From 1997 to 2007, the U.S. population increased about 1% annually, while Florida's population averaged a 2.22% annual increase, due primarily to net in-migration. During that period, 12.5% of the State's population growth was due to the excess of births over deaths, and 87.5% to net in-migration.

While the State's population has grown by 16.9% between 2000 and 2007, the elderly population (aged 65 or older) increased by 13.5% and constituted 17.1% of the State's total population on January 1, 2007. The elderly age group is projected to be 17.5% of the State's population in 2010 and 21.0% by 2020. The working age population (18-64) grew by approximately 18.2% from 2000-2007, representing 60.5% of the total population in 2007. This age group is now projected to become 60.7% of total population by 2010 and 58.0% by 2020.

### Population Change Florida and U.S., 1980 - 2020 (April 1 census day figures)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Florida</u>		<u>U. S.</u>	
	<u>(in</u>	<u>% change</u>	<u>(in thousands)</u>	<u>% change</u>
1980	9,747	-	227,726	-
1990	12,938	32.7%	248,791	9.3%
2000	15,983	23.5	281,425	13.1
2010	18,980	18.8	310,233 <sup>1</sup>	10.2
2020	21,955	15.7	341,387 <sup>1</sup>	10.0

Source: Office of Economic and Demographic Research, The Florida Legislature (October, 2008), and U.S. Census Bureau.

<sup>1</sup> July 1 projection.

### Florida Population Age Trends, 2000-2030

<u>Age</u>	<u>2000</u>		<u>2010</u>		<u>2020</u>		<u>2030</u>	
	<u>Population</u>	<u>% of total</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>% of total</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>% of total</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>% of total</u>
0-4	945,853	5.9%	1,138,684	5.9%	1,262,844	5.6%	1,325,138	5.2%
5 to 17	2,700,597	16.9%	3,086,985	16.0%	3,452,308	15.4%	3,740,235	14.8%
18-24	1,330,636	8.3%	1,736,662	9.0%	1,829,609	8.1%	2,047,772	8.1%
25-44	4,569,515	28.6%	4,815,048	24.9%	5,409,085	24.1%	5,823,213	23.0%
45-64	3,628,573	22.7%	5,160,743	26.7%	5,799,250	25.8%	5,871,886	23.2%
65+	<u>2,807,650</u>	17.6%	<u>3,369,944</u>	17.5%	<u>4,724,790</u>	21.0%	<u>6,532,473</u>	25.8%
Total	15,982,824		19,308,066		22,477,886		25,340,717	

Source: Office of Economic and Demographic Research, The Florida Legislature. (Demographic Estimating Conference Database, August, 2008)