

FLORIDA 2060: A POPULATION DISTRIBUTION SCENARIO

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NORTHEAST FLORIDA (Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Union Counties)

	Population	Urban Acres	Total Urban Acres as % of Region Acres
Year 2005	1,543,561	875,894	19
Year 2060	3,552,821	1,862,268	41
Difference	2,009,260	986,374	22

- The Jacksonville/Duval County metropolitan area is projected to have a far-reaching influence on Northeast Florida by 2060.
- Duval County is projected to be completely built out sometime after 2040, and by 2060 its population is anticipated to spill out into Nassau, Clay, St. Johns and Baker counties, forever changing their rural character.
- Baker and Flagler counties are among the eight counties projected to undergo the greatest transformation by 2060, with each having almost four times as much urban land as today. Baker County's change is attributable to spillover from Jacksonville, while Flagler County's is due to its relatively high projected population increase coupled with its relatively low existing gross urban density of 1.72 units per acre.
- Because of low population projections and undeveloped conditions in 2005, relatively large areas of undeveloped land are projected to remain in Levy, Lafayette, Gilchrist and Suwannee counties in 2060.
- Suwannee County appears to be particularly vulnerable to roadside development, significantly transforming this rural landscape.
- This region is projected to have the second largest percentage of urban land use (41%) of any region in the state by 2060.

