

FLORIDA 2060: A POPULATION DISTRIBUTION SCENARIO

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SOUTHEAST FLORIDA (Broward, Dade, Martin, Palm Beach Counties)

	Population	Urban Acres	Total Urban Acres as % of Region Acres
Year 2005	5,134,295	586,033	15
Year 2060	10,378,883	522,499	28
Difference	5,244,588	1,108,532	13

- Southeast Florida will become mostly urbanized, with the exception of some agricultural lands north and south of Lake Okeechobee.
- Palm Beach County's population is also expected to grow significantly, with the model showing development going south of Lake Okeechobee into the Everglades Agricultural Area. This will result in an almost continuous urban strip extending from eastern Ft. Myers to West Palm Beach
- Because western lands in Broward County are an Indian Reservation, these areas were excluded from consideration for new development.
- Surprisingly, Dade County is not projected to reach build out by 2060. This is attributable in part to the county's current patterns of high density development (at 15.45 people per acre the highest in the state) and its remaining expanses of agricultural lands. Regardless, southern Dade County is projected to experience significant conversions of lands by 2060.

