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## FLORIDA (FL)

**Population:** 21,299,325 (USA Rank: 3)

**Per Capita Income:** \$31,359 (USA Rank: 30)

**U.S.Governments:** <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>

*(Federal, State & local - most recent elected officials)*

**Florida:** <https://www.myflorida.com>

Governor's office: 850-488-7146

**Secretary of State:** 850-245-6500

**Tourism:** [www.visitflorida.com](http://www.visitflorida.com)

**Major Cities:** Miami, Tampa/St. Petersburg, Orlando, Jacksonville

## Multicultural Council of America

*non-profit umbrella organization, promoting world cultures, education & healthcare*

<https://www.multiculturalcouncil.org>

Email: [info@multiculturalcouncil.org](mailto:info@multiculturalcouncil.org)

**WE** are a non-profit membership organization, helping you connect with people and organizations within **Florida** and beyond, for better communication, exchanging ideas, learning & helping communities locally, nationally and globally thru Multicultural Council Chapters.

We encourage you to please become a *member*, join one of our committees, **be a volunteer or mentor**, *donate your time & money and share your ideas to help the communities*. Membership is open to individuals, organizations, corporations and governments.

Please *advertise* your organization, services or products in this website to reach out to local, regional and global multicultural communities.

**Tourism Promotion** has become our special project during these uncertain times. Tourism is the world's largest industry. Prior to the pandemic, according to the National Travel and Tourism Week (NTTW) the travel industry was a powerful economic engine, supporting jobs and driving local economies in every pocket of America. The industry had experienced 107 straight months of growth, generated \$2.6 trillion in economic output, supported 17 million American jobs and delivered a \$51 billion trade surplus to the U.S.

**Florida** is ranked #6 in the United States for its dependency on Tourism, employing more than 1.5 million people. In 2019, Florida attracted a record 131.4 million travelers, making it the ninth consecutive year of increased tourism numbers. Although the International Tourism declined substantially, Florida is doing much better with the domestic tourism.

While Tourism bounced back strongly in 2022, driven by pent-up demand and the lifting of travel restrictions, the international travel remains 54.6% below pre-pandemic. The recovery is fragile with new uncertainties from the economic slowdown & geopolitical instability.

The Multicultural Communities within Florida and throughout the world have always been instrumental in increasing Tourism Revenues for Florida, for employment and our economic growth. Let's work together to help each other.

**Population by Race:** Source: Census Bureau – American Community Survey (<https://census.gov/acs>) & *Pew Research*

		<b>Florida</b>				<b>U. S.A.</b>	<b>Change 2010-21</b>	<b>% increase</b>
1	White	74.6%				192,750,000	-4,060,000	(<0%)
2	Black or African American	16.0%				39,270,000	1,580,000	7%
3	Hispanic or Latino	26.1%				62,530,000	12,050,000	52%
4	Asian	2.8%				18,890,000	4,420,000	19%
5	American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3%				-	-	-
6	Two or more Races	2.9%				14,300,000	8,330,000	36%
7	Pacific Islanders	0.1%				-	-	-
8	Floridians Speaking A Foreign Language at Home	29.7%				-	-	-

### **How Much Do You Need To Earn, to Live Well in Florida?**

**Family Budget Calculator**, developed by the Economic Policy Institute ([www.epi.org/resources/budget](http://www.epi.org/resources/budget)) allows you to calculate the average amount of money you need for Housing, Food, Childcare, Transportation, Healthcare, Taxes, etc. in the area where you live or wish to live.

### **Florida Information, Contacts & Resources**

- **History & Culture:** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History\\_of\\_Florida](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Florida)
- **History & Culture:** <https://www.dos.myflorida.com/florida-facts/florida-history>
- **Demographics:** <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/FL>
- **Discrimination** (*Violation of Your Civil Rights based on race, color, national origin, disability, sex, religion, familial status, etc.*): 833-591-0291 or Toll-Free:1-855-856-1247 <https://civilrights.justice.gov>
- **Eldercare:** Connecting older Americans with local resources – [www.eldercare.acl.gov](http://www.eldercare.acl.gov) 800-677-1116 [eldercarelocator@USAging.org](mailto:eldercarelocator@USAging.org)
- **Environment** (Air Quality in your zip-code for Home/Work) [www.airnow.gov](http://www.airnow.gov) & [www.enviroflash.info](http://www.enviroflash.info)
- **Health:** [www.floridahealth.gov](http://www.floridahealth.gov)
- **Health: National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics:** 703-647-7427 - <https://nafcclinics.org> [info@nafcclinics.org](mailto:info@nafcclinics.org)
- **Drug Information** (*Interactions, side-effects, etc.*): Call your local pharmacist or FDA at 1-855-543-3784 and 1-301-796-3400 or write to [druginfo@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:druginfo@fda.hhs.gov)
- **Immigration & Citizenship:** [www.uscis.gov/citizenship](http://www.uscis.gov/citizenship) Email: [Office.of.Citizenship@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:Office.of.Citizenship@uscis.dhs.gov)
- **IRS-Taxpayer Advocate Service:** 877-777-4778 [www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov](http://www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov)
- **Fraud, Scams & Bad Business Practices:** 1-877-382-4357 <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov>
- **The Innocence Project helping wrongfully convicted Americans:** <http://www.innocenceproject.org> - Email: [info@innocenceproject.org](mailto:info@innocenceproject.org)
- **Need Urgent Legal Help?** Legal Services Corporation: 202-295-1500 ([www.lsc.gov](http://www.lsc.gov) – [info@lsc.gov](mailto:info@lsc.gov)) or American Bar Association: Toll Free: 800-285-2221 [www.americanbar.org](http://www.americanbar.org)

## **Florida Crisis Hotlines:**

**911** (9-1-1 is a confidential and multilingual **EMERGENCY #**)

**Crisis Centers and Hotlines:** (352) 629-9595 <https://floridaactioncommittee.org/crisis-centers-and-hotlines>

**Florida Mental Health Hotline:** 866-903-3787

**Florida Suicide & Crisis Hotlines:** 1-800-273-TALK/ 1-800-273-8255. Call **2-1-1** or go to **211.org**

**Domestic Violence:** 1-800-500-1119 | 1-800-621-4202 (TTY) [www.flfamily.org/get-help/domestic-violence](http://www.flfamily.org/get-help/domestic-violence)

**National Crisis Resources:** 24-hour nationwide – Services may be available in many languages

**Addiction Hotline: 800-784-2433**

**Child Abuse:** 1-800-4-A-Child or 1-800-422-4453 (National Child Abuse Hotline) [www.childhelp.org](http://www.childhelp.org)

**Domestic Violence:** 1-800-799-7233 (National Domestic Violence Hotline)

**StrongHearts Native Helpline:** Call/Chat: 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) [www.strongheartshelpline.org](http://www.strongheartshelpline.org)

**Shelters:** <https://www.domesticshelters.org>

**Online Chat** (7am-2am CST) <https://www.thehotline.org> - All calls are toll-free & confidential

**Human Trafficking Hotline:** 1-888-373-7888 (Text # 233733)

**National Center for Missing & Exploited Children:** 1-800-THE-LOST or 1-800-843-5678

**National Indigenous Women's Resource Center** – 855-649-7299 – [www.niwrc.org](http://www.niwrc.org) - [info@niwrc.org](mailto:info@niwrc.org)

**National Problem Gambling Helpline:** 1-800-522-4700-Text: 1-800-522-4700-Chat: [www.ncpgambling.org/chat](http://www.ncpgambling.org/chat)

**Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255) ....**Soon to be 9-8-8**

**Poison Control Center For Emergencies:** 1-800-222-1222

**Covenant House Nineline:** 1-800-RUNAWAY (1-800-786-2929) <https://teenlineonline.org>

**Girls & Boys Town National Hotline:** Phone, Chat, Text, and Email - 1-800-448-3000

**National Youth Crisis Hotline:** 1-800-442-HOPE (1-800-442-4673)

**Samariteens:** 1-800-252-TEENS (1-800-252-8336) - 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

**Youth Crisis Hotline:** 1-800-HIT-HOME (1-800-448-4663)

**Youth America Hotline (YAH!):** 1-877-YOUTHLINE (1-877-968-8454)

**The Trevor Lifeline:** 1-866-488-7386

*\* The Trevor Lifeline is a service of The Trevor Project, a non-profit endeavor devoted to promoting tolerance and understanding for **LGBTQ** youth.*

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**PLEASE FORWARD IT TO YOUR FRIENDS & ASSOCIATES WITHIN FLORIDA  
AND BEYOND**

**Please help us by adding, correcting & improving this website to serve our communities**

# GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Please *donate* & support our Tuition-Free, Post-Secondary Education for the qualified refugees living in Florida or anywhere else in the world, through UNHCR and the American Academy of International Education (<https://www.americanacademyedu.org>)

*Your donations may be tax-deductible because MCC is an accredited 501(c)(3) non-profit organization since 2001.*

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- American Academy of International Education is affiliated with MCC

