

Florida Population by Age Group, 2010

U.S. Population by Age Group, 2010


The proportion of children under age 18 in Florida roughly paralleled that of the United States as a whole in 2010. The share of children within each of the states ranged from 20.7 to 31.5 percent, with eleven states at 25 percent or greater. In Florida, children represented 22.8 percent of the population in 2000 and 21.3 percent in 2010 . Florida was the 4th highest state in number of children under the age of 18 in 2010.

| Growth for the Ten States with the Greatest Percent Increase in Population, 2000 to 2010 |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Percent Change 2000 to 2010 |  | Total Population 2010 |  |
|  | All Ages | Under Age 18 | All Ages | Under Age 18 |
| United States | 9.7 | 2.6 | 308,745,538 | 74,181,467 |
| Nevada | 35.1 | 29.9 | 2,700,551 | 665,008 |
| Arizona | 24.6 | 19.2 | 6,392,017 | 1,629,014 |
| Utah | 23.8 | 21.2 | 2,763,885 | 871,027 |
| Idaho | 21.1 | 16.3 | 1,567,582 | 429,072 |
| Texas | 20.6 | 16.6 | 25,145,561 | 6,865,824 |
| North Carolina | 18.5 | 16.2 | 9,535,483 | 2,281,635 |
| Georgia | 18.3 | 14.9 | 9,687,653 | 2,491,552 |
| Florida | 17.6 | 9.8 | 18,801,310 | 4,002,091 |
| Colorado | 16.9 | 11.3 | 5,029,196 | 1,225,609 |
| South Carolina | 15.3 | 7.0 | 4,625,364 | 1,080,474 |

Florida was among ten states with the greatest percent increase in total population over the decade. Although 23 states lost child population, the number of children rose in 27 states. The Florida child population grew in number by 9.8 percent, compared to 2.6 percent nationwide. Over the decade, 49 Florida counties increased in child population, while 18 Florida counties experienced a decrease, resulting in a net increase of nearly 356,000 children.

Number of Florida Counties by Percent Change in Population, 2000 to 2010

|  | Number of Counties <br> Percent Change |  | All AgesUnder <br> Age 18 |
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| -19.1 to $-0.1 \downarrow$ | 2 | 18 |  |
| 0.0 to $9.9 \uparrow$ | 13 | 22 |  |
| 10.0 to $19.9 \uparrow$ | 28 | 15 |  |
| 20.0 to $39.9 \uparrow$ | 17 | 6 |  |
| 40.0 to $113.3 \uparrow$ | 7 | 6 |  |

population is expected to rise to $23,877,889$ by 2030 . Children under the age of 18 are projected to rise in number by 19 percent, approaching 4.8 million. If current projections prove accurate, children would represent 19.9 percent of the total Florida population at that time.

| Florida Counties with the Greatest and Least Under Age 18 Population with Projections |  |  |  |
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|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Actual } \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Projection } \\ & 2030 \end{aligned}$ | Projected Percent Change |
| Florida | 4,002,091 | 4,761,658 | 19.0 |
| Miami-Dade | 545,728 | 600,018 | 9.9 |
| Broward | 391,349 | 397,122 | 1.5 |
| Hillsborough | 294,208 | 388,058 | 31.9 |
| Orange | 270,147 | 372,842 | 38.0 |
| Palm Beach | 268,884 | 322,762 | 20.0 |
| Gulf | 2,574 | 2,245 | -12.8 |
| Glades | 2,417 | 2,874 | 18.9 |
| Franklin | 1,970 | 1,907 | -3.2 |
| Lafayette | 1,785 | 2,195 | 23.0 |
| Liberty | 1,777 | 1,994 | 12.2 |

Percent of Total Population for Age Groups by Decade


Florida Age Groups Perspective


In 2010, while children continued to outnumber persons age 65 and older in Florida, their share of the population represents less than one-quarter of the total population; also true for the United States as a whole. In 2020, these two age groups are expected to approach convergence in Florida, each representing slightly over 20 percent of the population. By 2030, these combined age groups will account for roughly 10.3 million, nearly 44 percent of the total population in Florida. The number of children exceeded the 65 and older population in 44 counties in Florida in 2010.

Florida Population by Young Age Groups, 1970 to 2030


Dependency Ratio by Age Group


A projected view of age groups in 10 year increments demonstrated that the largest increases in the population will occur in the 60 to 79 year old ranges. Young adults age 18 to 24 have more than doubled from 1970 to 2010. By 2030 the Florida population from birth to 24 years of age is projected to approach 6.7 million, compared to 5.7 million for persons age 65 and over. Children within young age cohorts also continue to show projected increases. As new age perspectives emerge, activities, programs and services will be transformed. Despite a large percent increase in number in the population age 75 and over, persons under age 25 will continue to outnumber them by 2.6 to 1 in 2030. Critical policy implications must be addressed to award our youth and elders a comfortable future.
As the shift in population
dynamics by age transform
across the United States as
well as in Florida, the impact
on our children will rest on our
ability to make responsible
decisions today. In 1970,
children represented roughly
one-third of the population
across the nation and within
Florida. Children outnumbered
persons 65 and older by a 2 to

Florida Numeric Age Group Comparison by Decade


Age Dependency Ratio by County, 2010


