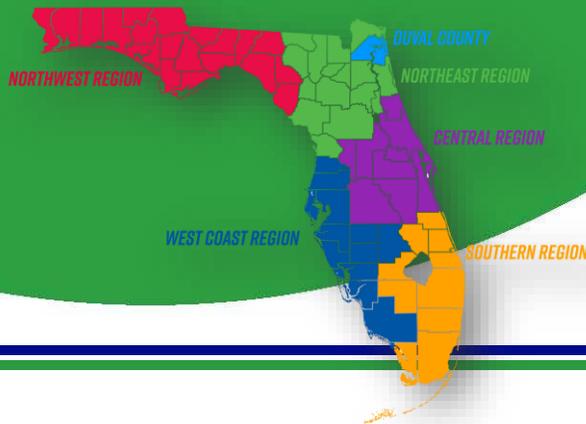


# FLORIDA



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## MAJOR CITIES:

Middle Florida	Orlando
West Florida	Pensacola
East Florida	Jacksonville
South Florida	Miami

## FLORIDA – CLIMATE

The climate of the north and central parts of the US state of Florida is humid subtropical. South Florida has a tropical climate.<sup>[1]</sup> There is a defined rainy season from June through September, which are the months most at risk of land falling tropical cyclones. Thunderstorms lead to several lightning-strike deaths per year statewide. Florida is one of the most tornado-prone states in the United States. During mid-summer, dust emanating from Africa affects the state, turning skies white and decreasing air quality.<sup>[2]</sup>

Between October and May, fronts regularly sweep through the state which keeps conditions dry, particularly over the peninsula. Towards the end of the dry season in the spring, brush fires become common statewide. In winters where an El Niño climate cycle exists, rainfall increases while temperatures are cooler statewide. In North Florida, snow and sleet have been witnessed as early as November and as late as April, though most areas do not experience any frozen precipitation during a typical year. Easterly winds off the warm waters of the Gulf Stream running through the Florida Straits keep temperatures moderate across the southern peninsula year round.

During the summer, minima range from near 70 °F (21 °C) in northern Florida to near 80 °F (27 °C) in the Keys. High temperatures during the summer average in the lower 90s Fahrenheit statewide. Relief from the heat during the summer comes in the form of afternoon and evening thunderstorm activity, late morning and afternoon sea breezes off the relatively cooler ocean, and during the passage of a tropical cyclone. The passage of a cold front through the state is rare during the warm season. The record high temperature for the state is 109 °F (43 °C) at Monticello in 1931

## **Averages**

Statewide, the highest rainfall amounts occur during the summer months. In northern Florida, there is a weak winter secondary maximum while statewide the driest months of the year are during the spring. During El Niño, Florida sees greater rainfall between November and March. Due to the lack of the secondary maximum across the peninsula, a distinct dry season is seen in the averages from winter through spring. This dry season provokes brush fires annually as temperatures rise during the late spring, before they fade during early June as the rainy season gets underway.

## **Extremes**

The heaviest rainfall to occur in 24 hours was measured in Yankeetown during Hurricane Easy (1950), 38.70 inches (98.3 cm). This is also the highest known point storm total maximum related to any tropical cyclone which has impacted Florida, and by itself would be the highest known rainfall total for any month from any location within Florida. This rainfall amount remained the national 24-hour rainfall record until Tropical Storm Claudette (1979). Heavy rainfall events have fallen due to stalled fronts near the state as well, and occur during the March through May and October through November timeframe.

The wettest month recorded at a Florida climate station was during May 1891 when Gainesville, Florida received 30.90 inches (78.5 cm). The wettest year on record for a Florida climate station was during 1879 when 127.24 inches (323.2 cm) fell at Pensacola, Florida. The driest year for a climate station statewide was during 1974 when only 19.99 inches (50.8 cm) fell at Key West.

One of the worst years for wildfires was in 1998, at the end of an El Niño cycle. 480 wildfires consumed 500,000 acres (2,000 km<sup>2</sup>) statewide. In 2010, the National Weather Service issued more fire alerts in Florida than anywhere else in the nation. In 2011, they are raising their criteria in order to drop the number reported to 1/15 of those reported in the past.

A statewide drought existed until 2009, that began in November 2005, a month after Hurricane Wilma's passage through the state. The previous significant drought occurred in 2000, which was the state's driest year on record.

## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Click on this site for more cultural activity ideas:

<http://www.visitflorida.com/en-us.html>

- **Exploring Little Havana in Miami**

Located between 8th and 27th Avenues within the center of Miami, Florida, is a historic area known as "Little Havana" ([littlehavana.biz](http://littlehavana.biz), the home of many Cuban immigrants who thrive and work in this community. The attractions include authentic Cuban restaurants, small cigar stores, historic tree-lined parks where Cubans still play chess every day, and the famous Walk of the Stars, with its long list of Latin-American actors, artists, and musicians. A popular activity called "Cultural Friday" occurs on the last Friday of each month and is a Latin street party that includes food, dancing, music, and street performers.

- **First Friday Art Walk in St. Augustine**

The First Friday Art Walk ([floridashistoriccoast.com](http://floridashistoriccoast.com)) is located in the historic city of St. Augustine, in northeastern Florida. On the first Friday of each month, more than 20 art galleries offer extended hours from 5 to 9 p.m. where visitors can explore the galleries, attend artist receptions and stroll the brick-lined streets in the five thriving art districts. Parking is free at the San Sebastian Winery on King Street, and the city of St. Augustine provides free transportation on its Old Town Trolley.

- **Visiting the Salvador Dalí Museum in St. Petersburg**

The Salvador Dali Museum ([thedali.org](http://thedali.org)) is located in downtown St. Petersburg on the central-west coast of Florida. Established in 1982, it offers the world's largest collection of the controversial artist Salvador Dalí, including 96 oil paintings, more than 100 watercolors and drawings, as well as 1,300 different graphics, photographs, and sculptures. Visitors can take a self-guided tour of the museum with an audio guide that is free with admission, or take a guided tour, which is offered every hour during operating hours. The museum also includes an on-site cafe that serves specialty dishes such as tapas and gazpacho, and a museum where visitors can purchase anything from posters to Dali Wear.

- **Take a Historic Trolley Tour of Key West**

The city of Key West is located on the southernmost point in the continental United States, with a long, colorful history that dates back to 1822. With its beautiful sunsets and clear waters of the Gulf of Mexico, it has been the home of many well-known figures such as Ernest Hemingway and Harry Truman. Key West Tours ([trolleytours.com](http://trolleytours.com)) is a convenient way to explore all of Key West's major attractions, which include the former homes of many literary figures. The narrated tours cover more than 100 different points of interest, and allow passengers to hop on and off at any of the 12 stops through the city. The tickets are valid for one full day, and children under the age of 12 ride free.

## GROCERY SHOPPING

Save-A-Lot Albertsons Food Giant Harris Teeter IGA Tom Thumb Food Store Publix Super Market	Bi-Lo, LLC Food City Ingles Market Whole Foods Market, Inc. Trader Joe's Wal-Mart Costco
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Click on this site for more grocery stores in Florida:

<http://supermarketpage.com/state/FL/>

## SHOPPING

1	<b>Altamonte Mall</b>	Altamonte Springs, FL (Orlando area)	130 stores
2	<b>Aventura Mall</b>	Aventura, FL (Miami area)	240 stores
3	<b>Bal Harbour Shops</b>	Bal Harbour, FL (Miami area)	108 stores
4	<b>Bayside Marketplace</b>	Miami, FL (Miami area)	87 stores
5	<b>Boynton Beach Mall</b>	Boynton Beach, FL (Miami area)	111 stores
6	<b>Brickell City Center</b>	Miami, FL (Miami area)	
7	<b>Butler Plaza</b>	Gainesville, FL (NE & N Central FL)	
8	<b>Coastland Center</b>	Naples, FL (Southwest FL)	117 stores
9	<b>Coconut Point</b>	Estero, FL (Southwest FL)	128 stores
10	<b>Coral Ridge Mall - Ft Lauderdale</b>	Ft Lauderdale, FL (Central East Coast)	39 stores
11	<b>Coral Square</b>	Coral Springs, FL (Miami area)	115 stores
12	<b>Cordova Mall</b>	Pensacola, FL (Panhandle)	122 stores
13	<b>Crystal River Mall</b>	Crystal River, FL (Tampa-St Pete area)	34 stores

	<b>Dadeland Mall</b>	Miami, FL (Miami area)	173 stores
	<b>Destin Commons</b>	Destin, FL (Panhandle)	97 stores
	<b>Dolphin Mall</b>	Miami, FL (Miami area)	226 stores
	<b>Downtown at the Gardens</b>	Palm Beach Gardens, FL (Central East Coast)	
	<b>Eagle Ridge Mall</b>	Lake Wales, FL (Orlando area)	87 stores
	<b>Edison Mall</b>	Fort Myers, FL (Southwest FL)	126 stores
	<b>Ellenton Premium Outlets</b>	Ellenton, FL (Tampa-St Pete area)	121 stores
	<b>Florida Keys Outlet Center</b>	Florida City, FL (Miami area)	52 stores
	<b>Governor's Square</b>	Tallahassee, FL (Panhandle)	107 stores
	<b>Grand Boulevard at Sandestin Town Center</b>	Miramar Beach, FL (Panhandle)	29 stores

**Click here for more information on shopping:**

<https://mallseeker.com/florida-malls.aspx>

## **PHARMACIES**

Walgreens  
 CVS Pharmacy  
 Target  
 Tom Thumb (Kroger)  
 Rite Aid  
 Wal-Mart

**Click here for locating other pharmacies in Florida:**

<http://www.superpages.com/yellowpages/c-pharmacies/s-fl/>

## POST OFFICES/SHIPPING



Click here for more information:

<http://www.postofficehours.net/state/FL.html>



Click here for more information:

<http://local.fedex.com/fl/florida-city/>



Click here for more information:

[https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en\\_US](https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en_US)

## TIME ZONES

### **Florida Time Zone - Florida Current Local Time - Daylight Saving Time**

Eastern Florida is in the Eastern Time Zone  
Western Florida is in the Eastern Time Zone

Click here for more information:

<https://www.timeanddate.com/time/zone/usa/florida>

## COST OF LIVING IN FLORIDA

**Cost of Living Score**

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The cost of living score is calculated based on accumulating the cost of food, transportation, health services, rent, utilities, taxes, and miscellaneous.

↑ **4%**

Higher than national average

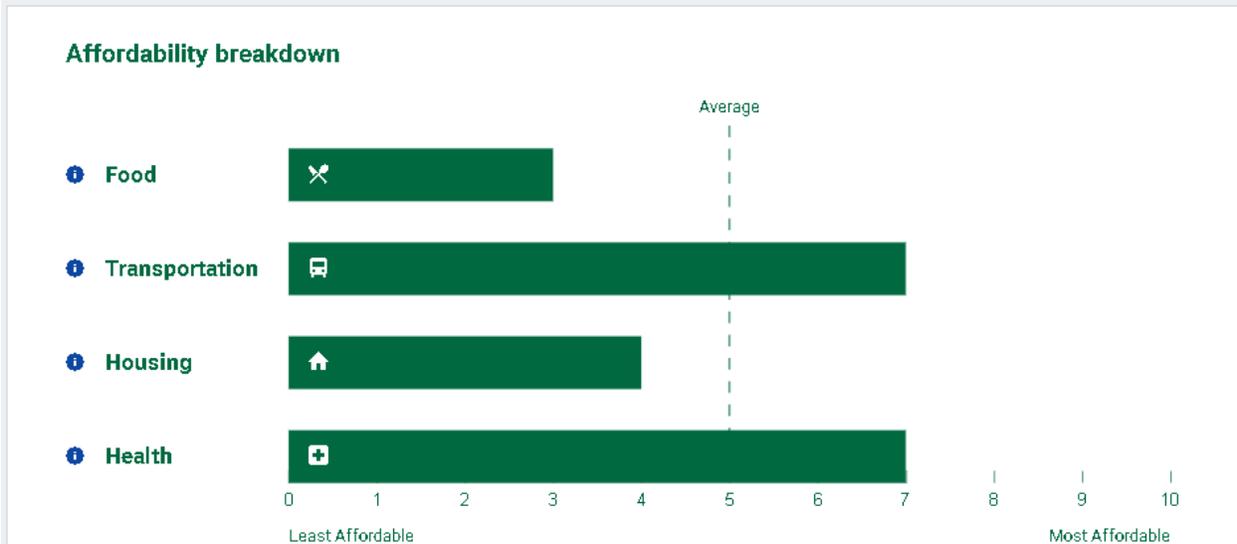
**Average Salary**

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**\$53,047 (USD) Yearly**

**\$26 (USD) Hourly**

[Calculate your salary based on job title, location and experience](#)



Click here for more information:

<https://www.eri.com/cost-of-living/united-states/florida>

## MINIMUM WAGE

State	2020 Minimum Wage	2020 Tipped Wage
FL	\$8.56	\$5.54

Click here for more information:

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/minimum-wage/state#fl>

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/state/minimum-wage/tipped#Florida>

## WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Click here for more information:

<http://www.myfloridacfo.com/division/wc/#.VRGO4fzF-lg>

## **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

The Florida Bus Shuttle

Daytona Beach -- VOTRAN

Fort Myers – Lee Tran

Gainesville – Regional TX

Jacksonville –Jacksonville TA

Miami/Ft Lauderdale/W Palm Bch – Broward County Transit/Miami-Dade TA/Palm Tran/South FL RTA

Orlando – Lynx

Tallahassee – Star Metro

Tampa/St Petersburg – HART/Pinellas Suncoast TA

**Click here for more information:**

<https://www.apta.com/research-technical-resources/public-transportation-links/florida/>