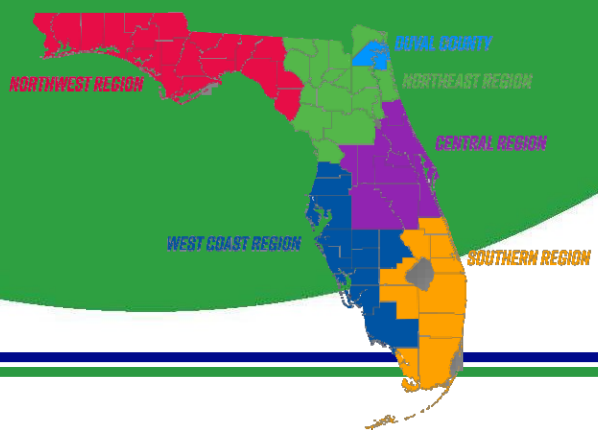
FLORIDA

GLOBAL EDUCATIONAL CONCEPTS



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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.[1] 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.[2]

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 Nino cycle. 480 wildfires consumed 500,000 acres (2,000 km^2) 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:
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- **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, 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) 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) 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) 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	Bi-Lo, LLC
Albertsons	Food City
Food Giant	Ingles Market
Harris Teeter	Whole Foods Market, Inc.
IGA	Trader Joe's
Tom Thumb Food Store	Wal-Mart
Publix Super Market	Costco

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

SHOPPING

Altamonte Mall	Altamonte Springs, FL (Orlando area)	130 stores
Aventura Mall	Aventura, FL (Miami area)	240 stores
Bal Harbour Shops	Bal Harbour, FL (Miami area)	108 stores
Bayside Marketplace	Miami, FL (Miami area)	87 stores
Boynton Beach Mall	Boynton Beach, FL (Miami area)	111 stores
Brickell City Center	Miami, FL (Miami area)	
Butler Plaza	Gainesville, FL (NE & N Central FL)	
Coastland Center	Naples, FL (Southwest FL)	117 stores
Coconut Point	Estero, FL (Southwest FL)	128 stores
Coral Ridge Mall - Ft Lauderdale	Ft Lauderdale, FL (Central East Coast)	39 stores
Coral Square	Coral Springs, FL (Miami area)	115 stores
Cordova Mall	Pensacola, FL (Panhandle)	122 stores
Crystal River Mall	Crystal River, FL (Tampa-St Pete area)	34 stores

14	Dadeland Mall	Miami, FL (Miami area)	173 stores
15	Destin Commons	Destin, FL (Panhandle)	97 stores
16	Dolphin Mall	Miami, FL (Miami area)	226 stores
17	Downtown at the Gardens	Palm Beach Gardens, FL (Central East Coast)	
18	Eagle Ridge Mall	Lake Wales, FL (Orlando area)	87 stores
19	Edison Mall	Fort Myers, FL (Southwest FL)	126 stores
20	Ellenton Premium Outlets	Ellenton, FL (Tampa-St Pete area)	121 stores
21	Florida Keys Outlet Center	Florida City, FL (Miami area)	52 stores
22	Governor's Square	Tallahassee, FL (Panhandle)	107 stores
23	Grand Boulevard at Sandestin Town Center	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

TIME ZONES

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

Most of Florida is in the Eastern Time Zone
Parts of Northwest Florida are in the Central Time Zone

Click here for more information:
https://www.timeanddate.com/time/zone/usa/florida

COST OF LIVING IN FLORIDA

Click here for more information:
https://www.erieri.com/cost-of-living/united-states/florida

MINIMUM WAGE

State	2022 Minimum Wage	2022 Tipped Wage
FL	$10.00	$6.98

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

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