

# MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AT-A-GLANCE

The Stephen P. Clark Center, located in Downtown Miami, is headquarters for Miami-Dade County Government.



## MIAMI-DADE GOVERNMENT

Miami-Dade County government serves a population of 2.7 million people with a work force of approximately 25,000 employees dedicated to providing the best services possible. The County has made it more convenient for residents to obtain County services “24 hours a day, seven days a week” at [miamidade.gov](http://miamidade.gov). A wide array of services are available online to make payments, search maps, or report a problem. Residents can schedule bulky waste pickups, track building plans, and even check the arrival and departure times of flights at Miami International Airport online. Payments for property taxes or building re-inspection fees can be made using credit cards.

For information or service requests, residents can dial 311 Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed on holidays). Specialists, with knowledge of 2,700 topics, are available to answer questions six days a week in English, Spanish and Creole. The 311 Contact Center handles approximately 1.7 million calls a year and provides 24-hour information services during emergency events such as hurricanes. In addition, residents can visit one of three 311 Service Centers for in-person assistance with transit passes, dog tag licenses, baby stroller parking permits, tax payment, and other services.

## MUNICIPALITIES

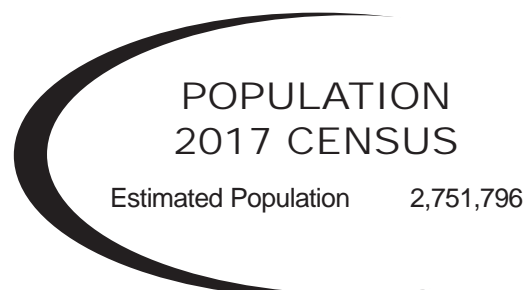
Miami-Dade County is comprised of 34 municipalities: Aventura, Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, Biscayne Park, Coral Gables, Cutler Bay, Doral, El Portal, Florida City, Golden Beach, Hialeah, Hialeah Gardens, Homestead, Indian Creek, Key Biscayne, Medley, Miami, Miami Beach, Miami Gardens, Miami Lakes, Miami Shores, Miami Springs, North Bay Village, North Miami, North Miami Beach, Opa-locka, Palmetto Bay, Pinecrest, South Miami, Sunny Isles Beach, Surfside, Sweetwater, Virginia Gardens and West Miami. The City of Miami is the largest municipality, followed by Hialeah, Miami Gardens, Miami Beach, North Miami and Coral Gables. Each municipality has its own government and provides city services such as police and zoning protection.

## UNINCORPORATED MUNICIPAL SERVICE AREA (UMSA)

The unincorporated areas of Miami-Dade County do not fall within the jurisdiction of a municipality. With a population exceeding one million residents, the unincorporated area, if declared a city, would form the largest city in Florida and one of the largest in the nation.

## LOCATION

Miami-Dade County encompasses more than 2,000 square miles. Located along the southeast tip of the Florida peninsula, one-third of Miami-Dade County is located in Everglades National Park. Miami-Dade County is bounded by Biscayne Bay and the Atlantic Ocean to the east, Everglades National Park to the west, the Florida Keys to the south, and Broward County to the north.



# MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OFFICIALS



Carlos A. Gimenez  
*Mayor*



Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.  
*District 13  
Chairman, Board of  
County Commissioners*



Audrey M. Edmonson  
*District 3  
Vice Chairwoman, Board of  
County Commissioners*



Barbara J. Jordan  
*District 1*



Jean Monestime  
*District 2*



Sally A. Heyman  
*District 4*



Eileen Higgins  
*District 5*



Rebeca Sosa  
*District 6*



Xavier L. Suarez  
*District 7*



Daniella Levine Cava  
*District 8*



Dennis C. Moss  
*District 9*



Sen. Javier D. Souto  
*District 10*



Joe A. Martinez  
*District 11*



José "Pepe" Díaz  
*District 12*



Harvey Ruvin  
*Clerk of Courts*



Pedro J. Garcia  
*Property Appraiser*



Abigail Price-Williams  
*County Attorney*

## GOVERNANCE

The Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners is the legislative and governing body of Miami-Dade County, and has broad, regional powers to establish policies that transcend city boundaries. The government provides major metropolitan services countywide and municipal services for residents of the unincorporated areas.

Commissioners are chosen in non-partisan, single-district elections. Miami-Dade County is structured into 13 districts. Residents choose only from among candidates running in the district in which they live. Commissioners serve four-year staggered terms, with elections scheduled every two years. Effective with the terms starting in 2012, Commissioners are limited to two consecutive four-year terms.

Miami-Dade has a Strong Mayor with the power to veto Commission action items. In January 2007, the Mayor was given additional powers providing for the oversight of the day-to-day operations of Miami-Dade. The Mayor can serve two consecutive terms of four years.

## OTHER OFFICIALS

The Miami-Dade County Clerk of Courts is a constitutional officer of the State of Florida, elected to a four-year term. The Clerk serves as the County Recorder, custodian of all records filed with the Court, and as Clerk of the Board.

In 2008, voters made the position of Property Appraiser an elected one. The Property Appraiser is charged with determining the value of all property within the County for tax purposes, maintaining related records and granting exemptions.

The Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office provides legal representation to all aspects of Miami-Dade County government, including the Mayor, Board of County Commissioners, Property Appraiser, County departments and numerous boards, authorities, councils and commissions. The County Attorney is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.