

Miami-Dade County
Office of Management and Budget
Forms of Government and Legislative Body Demographics in Selected Counties

The contents herein are based on available governing documents such as county charters and codes of ordinances, and are summary in nature and not comprehensive. Additional informational sources are cited below. Counties were selected based on several criteria including population, form of government and extent of unincorporated areas.

Jurisdiction Population ¹	Form of Government	Board Member Salaries	Board Structure	
			Number of Members Form of Representation	Term Limits
Florida Counties				
Miami-Dade County, Florida 2,712,945	Mayor/Council	\$6,000 per year	13 Commissioners • Single member districts	Two 4-year terms
Broward County, Florida 1,909,632	Council/Manager	\$99,997 ² per year Commissioners' salaries shall be determined and established in accordance with the general law of the State of Florida pertaining to compensation for Commissioners of non-charter counties	9 Commissioners • Single member districts	Three 4-year terms
Hillsborough County, Florida 1,376,238	Council/Manager	\$99,997 ² per year Salaries of all commission members shall be as provided by ordinance at 75 percent or higher of the salary which would have been provided by general law had this Charter not been adopted. The chairman shall receive additional remuneration in an amount often [sic] percent of the basic salary for the period of time such person serves as chairman ³	7 Commissioners • 4 single member districts • 3 countywide seats	Two 4-year terms • Limit does not apply when after two terms a Commissioner of a single member district seeks election to a countywide seat or vice versa

¹Population Figures from U.S. Census Quick Facts

²Finalized Salaries of Elected County Constitutional Officers - FY 2017-18

³County Code increases the 75% figure to an "amount equivalent to 100 percent"

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Orange County, Florida 1,314,367	Mayor/Council	\$56,083 per year, county chairman shall receive \$112,500 ⁴ Commissioners' salaries shall be uniform and shall be set by ordinance. The salary in effect at the beginning of a commissioner's term in office shall not be lowered during that commissioner's term	6 Commissioners • Single member districts	Two 4-year terms
Non-Florida Counties				
Cook County, Illinois 5,203,499	Mayor/Council President of the Board acting as county executive is elected countywide Note: Cook County does not have a charter and is governed by Article VII of the Illinois constitution.	\$85,000 per year ⁵ An increase or decrease in the salary of an elected officer of any unit of local government shall not take effect during the term for which that officer is elected ⁶	17 Commissioners • Single member districts	No term limits Terms are 4 years
Fairfax County, Virginia 1,138,652	Council/Manager Note: Fairfax County does not have its own charter and is governed by Title 15 of the Code of Virginia	\$95,000 per year, except the chairman who receives \$100,000 per year ⁷ The board shall, subject to the limitations of general law, fix the compensation of all county officers and employees ⁸	10 Supervisors • 9 single member districts • 1 countywide Supervisor serves as Chairman	No term limits Terms are 4 years

⁴ [Orange County, Florida Code of Ordinances](#)

⁵ [Cook County Salaries - Ballotpedia](#)

⁶ [Constitution of the State of Illinois](#)

⁷ [Fairfax County - "About the Board of Supervisors"](#)

⁸ [Code of Virginia, Title 15](#)

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Harris County, Texas 4,589,928	Council/Manager Note: Harris County does not have a charter and is governed by state law	\$167,556 per year ⁹	4 Commissioners and 1 County Judge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioners are from single member district County Judge is elected countywide 	No term limits Terms are 4 years
King County, Washington 2,149,970	Mayor/Council County Executive position is elected countywide	\$145,000 to \$149,000 per year ¹⁰	9 Council Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single member districts 	No term limits Terms are 4 years
Los Angeles County, California 10,137,915	Council/Manager	\$236,000 per year ¹¹ No person while a member of the Board of Supervisors shall receive any compensation, in addition to that provided for by this Section, for services rendered to any public or governmental entity They shall each receive as compensation the same as prescribed by law for a judge of the Superior Court in and for the County of Los Angeles and shall devote all their time during business hours to the faithful service of the public	5 Supervisors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single member districts 	Three 4-year terms
Maricopa County, Arizona 4,242,997	Council/Manager Note: Maricopa County does not have a charter and is governed by Article 12 of the Arizona Constitution	\$76,600 per year ¹² The Board of Supervisors of each county is hereby empowered to fix salaries for all county and precinct officers within such county for whom no compensation is provided by law, salaries so fixed shall remain in full force and effect until changed by general law ¹³	5 Supervisors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single member districts 	No term limits Terms are 4 years

⁹ Harris County Salaries - The Houston Chronicle

¹⁰ King County Salaries - The News Tribune

¹¹ Government Compensation in California - State Controller's Office

¹² Arizona Salaries - The Arizona Republic

¹³ Arizona Constitution - Article 12

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Montgomery County, Maryland 1,043,863	Mayor/Council County Executive position is elected countywide	\$136,258 per year ¹⁴ The Council shall prescribe by law the compensation for its members. Membership on the Council shall be considered a full-time position for the purpose of determining compensation. No change in the compensation of members of the Council shall become effective during the term of office of the Council enacting the change	9 Council Members • 5 single member districts • 4 countywide seats	Three 4-year terms
Wayne County, Michigan 1,749,366	Mayor/Council Chief Executive Officer position is elected countywide	\$61,800 per year, with an extra \$12,000 for the chair, \$6,000 for the vice chair and vice chair pro tempore and \$4,000 for chairs of committees ¹⁵ The County Commission shall provide compensation for Commissioners by ordinance. A change in compensation after first established may not be made effective before the commencement of a new term	15 Commissioners • Single member districts	No term limits Terms are 2 years

¹⁴ [Bethesda Magazine](#)

¹⁵ [Detroit Free Press](#)