Miami-Dade County Office of Strategic Business Management

Selected Florida and National Counties: Form of Government, Board Composition, and Constitutional Officers

County Name		2005 Population	Form Of Government	Composition of Board	Constitutional Officers Elected or Appointed?*			
					Tax Collector	Property Appraiser	Supervisor of Elections	Sheriff**
Florida Jurisdictions	Miami-Dade	2,376,014	Commission/ Executive (Mayor)	13 single member districts, 1 elected Mayor		Appointed	Appointed	Appointed (Police Department Director)
	Broward	1,777,638	Commission/ Administrator	9 single member districts	Appointed	Elected	Elected	Elected
	Palm Beach	1,268,548	Commission / Administrator		Elected	Elected	Elected (Supervisor of Elections)	Elected
	Hillsborough	1,132,152	Commission/ Administrator		Elected	Elected	Elected	Elected
	Orange	1,023,023	Commission / Executive (Mayor)	6 single member districts, 3 at large	Elected	Elected	Elected	Elected
	Pinellas	928,032	Commission/ Administrator	4 single member districts, 3 at large.	Elected	Elected	Elected	Elected
	Duval / City of Jacksonville		Council / Executive (Mayor)	14 single member districts, 5 at large. 1 elected Mayor	Elected	Elected	Elected (Supervisor of Elections)	Elected

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ted National Comparab	Los Angeles, CA	9,935,475	Council / Executive	5 single member districts	Elected	Elected	Elected (Registrar Recorder/County Clerk)	Elected
	Cook County, IL		Council / Executive (President)	17 single member districts and 1 President elected at large	Elected	Elected	Elected (Office of County Clerk)	Elected
	Maricopa, AZ	3,635,528	Commission / Administrator	5 single member districts (partisan)	Combined Functions - Elected		Elected Appointed	Elected
	Orange County, CA	2,988,072	Council	5 single member districts	Elected	Elected	(Registrar of Voters) Appointed	Elected
	San Diego County, CA	2,933,462	Commission / Administrator	5 single member districts 4 single member	Elected	Elected	(Registrar of Voters)	Elected
	Dallas County, TX	2,305,454	Council Commission/	districts, 1 at large 15 single member	Elected	Elected	Appointed	Elected
	Wayne, MI	1,998,217	Executive		Appointed	Appointed	Appointed	Elected
	King, WA	1,793,583	Council/ Executive	9 single member districts (partisan)	Appointed	Elected (partisan)	Appointed Appointed	Elected (partisan)
	Clark, NV	1,710,551	Commission / Administrator	7 single member districts	Elected	Elected	(Registrar of Voters)	Elected
	Fairfax, VA	1,006,529	Commission	9 single member districts, 1 at large	Appointed		Appointed	Elected
	Fulton County, GA	915,623	Commission/ Administrator	5 single member districts, 2 at large 6 single member	Elected (Tax Commissioner)	Appointed	Appointed	Elected
	Mecklenburg, NC	796,372	Commission/ Administrator	districts, 3 at large	Appointed	Appointed	Appointed (Board of Elections)	Elected
	Baltimore, MD	786,113	Council / Executive	7 single member districts	Appointed	Appointed	Appointed	Elected

Notes:

^{*}Elected officials not specifically noted as "partisan" may or may not be elected on a partisan basis

^{**}Sheriff duties and responsibilities vary by jurisdiction and may include, for example: processing of warrants, summonses and writs; municipal police services; specialized police services; operation of correctional facilities; bailiff and other court services, etc.