

## Comparison of Most Populous Home Rule Counties in Florida Purview of Budget Department

Note: This comparison chart reflects Florida charter counties whose population and budgets best mirror that of Miami-Dade County. Additionally, these Florida counties govern according to the parameters established by the Florida State Constitution.

County	Population <sup>1</sup>	Budget	Form of Government	Organization
Broward	1,854,513	\$4.83 billion <sup>2</sup> (FY 18 proposed)	<p>The County Administrator is the chief executive officer of Broward County Government and directs the day-to-day functions of County government under the auspices of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.</p> <p>The nine-member elected Board of County Commissioners is the legislative branch of Broward County Government. A separation between the legislative and administrative functions of County Government is provided for in the Broward County Charter, established in 1975.<sup>3</sup></p>	Office of Management and Budget and the Financial Administrative Services under County Administrator.
Hillsborough	1,352,797	\$5.039 billion <sup>4</sup> (FY 18 proposed)	In July 1983, the Board of County Commissioners adopted an ordinance proposing a home rule charter for the county and voters approved the ordinance in a countywide referendum held in September 1983. The Administrator is the County's chief executive officer. Hillsborough County's current Administrator sets the framework for carrying out the Board of County Commissioners' decisions, including preparing an annual budget, monitoring the effectiveness of County services, and overseeing the management of more than 4,000 County employees. <sup>5</sup>	Office of Management and Budget under Chief Financial Administrator who reports to the County Administrator.
Orange	1,280,387	\$3.96 billion <sup>6</sup> (FY 17-18 proposed)	<p>Since 1986, Orange County has operated as a "strong mayor" form of charter government. Under this structure, the Mayor serves as the CEO and Chair of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). Members of the BCC are independently-elected from six districts, and serve in a legislative capacity.</p> <p>The Mayor is responsible for all County operations, including the efforts of more than 7,500 employees and the County's \$3.96 billion budget.<sup>7</sup></p>	Office of Management and Budget under the Mayor.

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Palm Beach	1,391,741	\$4.3 billion <sup>8</sup> (FY 17)	<p>The voter-approved Palm Beach County Home Rule Charter became effective in 1985. Palm Beach County is governed by the seven-member Board of County Commissioners (BCC). The BCC elects a mayor to preside over commission meetings and serve as the ceremonial head of Palm Beach County government. A vice mayor is also selected to assume these duties in the absence of the chair.<sup>9</sup></p> <p>The appointed administrator has executive powers to implement the policies and procedures set forth by the Board of County Commissioners.</p> <p>The county administrator manages an annual budget of approximately \$4 billion and oversees some 6,100 county employees in more than 30 departments, divisions and offices.<sup>10</sup></p>	Office of Financial Management and Budget under the county administrator appointed by the board.

<sup>1</sup> <http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/local-government/data/data-a-to-z/a-f.cfm>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.broward.org/Budget/Pages/Default.aspx>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.broward.org/Administrator/Pages/Default.aspx>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/government/budget/budget-information/fy-2018-2019-budget>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/government/leadership/county-administrator>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.orangecountyfl.net/OpenGovernment/Budgets.aspx#.WZRv0v6WyUk>

<sup>7</sup> [http://www.orangecountyfl.net/?tabid=120#.WZRn5\\_6WyUk](http://www.orangecountyfl.net/?tabid=120#.WZRn5_6WyUk)

<sup>8</sup> <http://discover.pbcgov.org/ofmb/budget/Pages/Annual-Budget-2017.aspx>

<sup>9</sup> <http://discover.pbcgov.org/Pages/PBC-Gov-Overview.aspx>

<sup>10</sup> <http://discover.pbcgov.org/administration/Pages/default.aspx>