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 more than 2.7 million people with a workforce of more than 30,000 employees dedicated to providing the best services possible. The County's government website, miamidade.gov, offers around the clock access to a wide array of online services, including making payments, reporting a problem and searching maps. Residents can schedule bulky waste pickups, report downed traffic signs, track building plans and check flight statuses at Miami International Airport, among many online services.

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 Sundays and holidays). Residents can also submit service requests by email, online, social media or on the 311 Direct mobile application. Specialists, with knowledge of 2,600 topics, are available to answer questions six days a week in English, Spanish and Creole. The 311 Contact Center handles approximately 1.6 million calls and 70,000 emails a year and provides 24-hour information services during emergency events such as hurricanes.
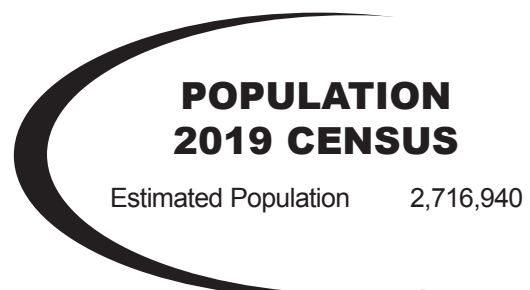
MUNICIPALITIES

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 code enforcement, construction permitting and zoning protection.

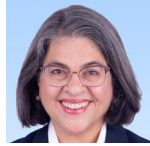## UNINCORPORATED MUNICIPAL SERVICE AREA (UMSA)

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 bordered 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.

**POPULATION
2019 CENSUS**

Estimated Population   2,716,940

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OFFICIALS

Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor

José "Pepe" Díaz
District 12
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

Oliver G. Gilbert, III
District 1
Vice Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

Jean Monestime
District 2

Keon Hardemon
District 3

Sally A. Heyman
District 4

Eileen Higgins
District 5

Rebeca Sosa
District 6

Raquel A. Regalado
District 7

Danielle Cohen Higgins
District 8

Kionne L. McGhee
District 9

Sen. Javier D. Souto
District 10

Joe A. Martinez
District 11

Sen. René García
District 13

Harvey Ruvin
Clerk of Courts

Pedro J. Garcia
Property Appraiser

Geri Bonzon-Keenan
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.