

2002 DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE



OF THE
TREASURE COAST REGION

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1. POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

a. Population Growth Trends

The Treasure Coast Region's population has changed dramatically over the years. Between 1960 and 2000 the Region's population increased five fold, and the Region's population almost doubled over the last twenty years. The year 2000 Treasure Coast Region population is over 1.5 million.

TABLE 1
POPULATION OF THE TREASURE COAST REGION
1960 – 2000

County	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
Indian River	25,309	35,992	59,896	90,208	112,947
Martin	16,932	28,035	64,014	100,900	126,731
Palm Beach	228,106	348,993	576,812	863,503	1,131,191
St. Lucie	39,294	50,836	87,182	150,171	192,695
Region	309,641	463,856	787,904	1,204,782	1,563,564
State	4,951,560	6,791,418	9,746,961	12,938,071	15,982,378
Nation	179,323,175	203,302,031	226,545,805	248,709,873	281,421,906

Source: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau

The Region's share of the Florida population has grown steadily over the forty-year period. In 1960, 6% of the State's population resided in the Region compared to almost 10% in 2000.

TABLE 2
REGION'S SHARE OF STATE AND NATIONAL POPULATION

Year	State Share
1960	6.2%
1970	6.8%
1980	8.1%
1990	9.3%
2000	9.8%

The Region experienced its highest growth in population during the 1970 to 1980 period. While the Region increased at a slower pace in the subsequent decades, it significantly outpaced the State's population growth in each decade from 1960 to 2000.

TABLE 3
POPULATION GROWTH (percentage)

	1960-1970	1970-1980	1980-1990	1990-2000
REGION	49.8	69.8	52.9	29.8
Indian River County	42.2	66.4	50.6	25.2
Martin County	65.6	128.3	57.6	25.6
Palm Beach County	53.0	65.3	49.7	31.0
St. Lucie County	29.4	71.5	72.3	28.3
STATE	37.2	43.5	32.7	23.5

Source: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau
Bureau of Economic and Business Research, Florida Population: 2000 Census Summary, May 2001

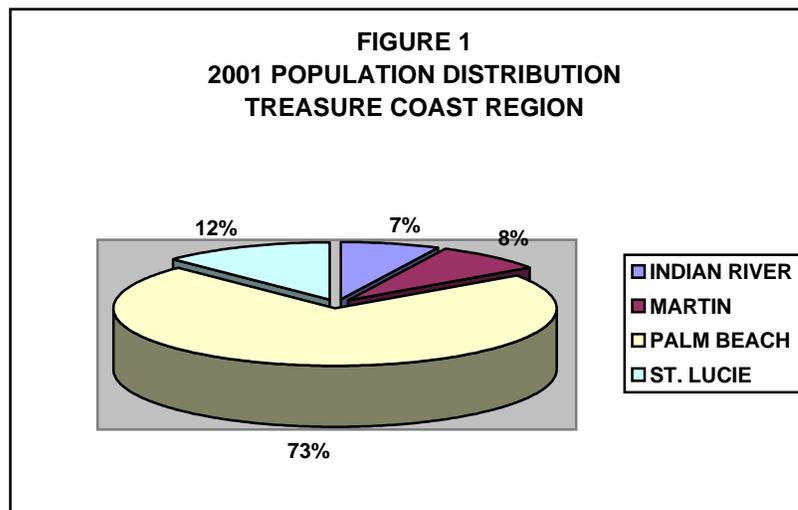
b. Population Distribution

The Treasure Coast Region’s current (2001) population is 1,597,306. This population is distributed among the Region’s Counties as indicated in Table 4 and Figure 1 below. Palm Beach County has the largest proportion of the Region’s population at approximately 73%.

TABLE 4
2001 POPULATION DISTRIBUTION

County	Population
Indian River	115,716
Martin	128,873
Palm Beach	1,154,464
St. Lucie	198,253
Region	1,597,306

Source: Bureau of Economic and Business Research,
February 2002



The Region contains a large number of municipalities (49 in 2000), most of which are in Palm Beach County. While the Region does not have a primary city, many municipalities have grown phenomenally since 1970, most notably, Port St. Lucie, Jupiter, Greenacres, Royal Palm Beach and Sebastian.

TABLE 5
MUNICIPAL POPULATION IN THE TREASURE COAST REGION
1970 – 2000

MUNICIPALITY	POPULATION			
	1970	1980	1990	2000
PALM BEACH	348,993	576,812	863,503	1,131,191*
City of West Palm Beach	57,375	63,305	67,643	82,103
City of Boca Raton	29,538	49,505	61,492	74,764
City of Boynton Beach	18,115	35,624	46,194	60,389
City of Delray Beach	19,915	34,325	47,181	60,020
Town of Jupiter	3,136	9,868	24,986	39,328
Village of Wellington	n/a	n/a	n/a	38,216
City of Lake Worth	23,714	27,048	28,564	35,133
City of Palm Beach Gardens	6,102	14,407	22,965	35,058
City of Riviera Beach	21,401	26,489	27,639	29,884
City of Greenacres	1,731	8,780	18,683	27,569
Village of Royal Palm Beach	475	3,423	14,589	21,523
City of Belle Glade	15,949	16,535	16,177	14,906
Village of North Palm Beach	9,035	11,344	11,343	12,064
Village of Palm Springs	4,340	8,166	9,763	11,699
Town of Palm Beach	9,086	9,729	9,814	9,676*
Town of Lantana	7,126	8,048	8,392	9,404*
Town of Lake Park	6,993	6,909	6,704	8,721
City of Pahokee	5,663	6,346	6,822	5,985
Village of Tequesta	2,642	3,685	4,499	5,273
City of South Bay	2,958	3,886	3,558	3,859
Town of Highland Beach	624	2,030	3,209	3,775
Town of Lake Clarke Shores	2,328	3,174	3,364	3,451
Town of Juno Beach	747	1,142	2,121	3,262
Town of Hypoluxo	336	573	830	2,015
City of Atlantis	425	1,325	1,653	2,005
Town of Ocean Ridge	1,074	1,355	1,570	1,636
Town of Haverhill	1,034	1,249	1,058	1,454
Town of Mangonia Park	827	1,419	1,453	1,283
Town of Palm Beach Shores	1,214	1,232	1,040	1,269
Town of Gulf Stream	408	475	690	716
Town of South Palm Beach	188	1,304	1,480	1,531*
Town of Briny Breezes	481	387	400	411
Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony	396	378	405	368
Town of Manalapan	205	329	312	321
Town of Glen Ridge	216	235	207	276
Village of Golf	50	110	234	230
Town of Cloud Lake	136	160	121	167
Town of Golfview**	201	210	153	n/a
MARTIN	28,035	64,014	100,900	126,731
City of Stuart	4,820	9,467	11,935	14,633
Town of Sewall's Point	298	1,187	1,588	1,946
Town of Jupiter Island	295	364	549	620
Town of Ocean Breeze Park	714	469	519	463
ST. LUCIE	50,836	87,182	150,171	192,695
City of Port St. Lucie	330	14,690	55,866	88,769
City of Fort Pierce	29,721	33,802	36,830	37,516
Town of St. Lucie Village	428	593	584	604
INDIAN RIVER	35,992	59,896	90,208	112,947
City of Vero Beach	11,908	16,176	17,350	17,705
City of Sebastian	825	2,831	10,205	16,181
City of Fellsmere	813	1,161	2,179	3,813
Town of Indian River Shores	76	1,254	2,278	3,448
Town of Orchid	8	19	10	140

Source: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau *Corrected counts are a result of the Count Question Resolution (CQR) Program

**Town does not exist since its incorporation as part of Palm Beach International Airport.

TABLE 6
POPULATION OF THE TREASURE COAST REGION
 1990 – 2000

MUNICIPALITY	2000	1990	% CHANGE 1990 - 2000
PALM BEACH	1,131,191	863,503	
City of West Palm Beach	82,103	67,643	21.4%
City of Boca Raton	74,764	61,492	21.6%
City of Boynton Beach	60,389	46,194	30.7%
City of Delray Beach	60,020	47,181	27.2%
Town of Jupiter	39,328	24,986	57.4%
Village of Wellington	38,216	n/a	n/a
City of Lake Worth	35,133	28,564	23.0%
City of Palm Beach Gardens	35,058	22,965	52.7%
City of Riviera Beach	29,884	27,639	8.1%
City of Greenacres	27,569	18,683	47.6%
Village of Royal Palm Beach	21,523	14,589	47.5%
City of Belle Glade	14,906	16,177	-7.9%
Village of North Palm Beach	12,064	11,343	6.4%
Village of Palm Springs	11,699	9,763	19.8%
Town of Palm Beach	9,676	9,814	-1.4%
Town of Lantana	9,404	8,392	12.1%
Town of Lake Park	8,721	6,704	30.1%
City of Pahokee	5,985	6,822	-12.3%
Village of Tequesta	5,273	4,499	17.2%
City of South Bay	3,859	3,558	8.5%
Town of Highland Beach	3,775	3,209	17.6%
Town of Lake Clarke Shores	3,451	3,364	2.6%
Town of Juno Beach	3,262	2,121	53.8%
Town of Hypoluxo	2,015	830	142.8%
City of Atlantis	2,005	1,653	21.3%
Town of Ocean Ridge	1,636	1,570	4.2%
Town of Haverhill	1,454	1,058	37.4%
Town of Mangonia Park	1,283	1,453	-11.7%
Town of Palm Beach Shores	1,269	1,040	22.0%
Town of Gulf Stream	716	690	3.8%
Town of South Palm Beach	1,531	1,480	3.4%
Town of Briny Breezes	411	400	2.8%
Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony	368	405	-9.1%
Town of Manalapan	321	312	2.9%
Town of Glen Ridge	276	207	33.3%
Village of Golf	230	234	-1.7%
Town of Cloud Lake	167	121	38.0%
Town of Golfview*		153	-100.0%
MARTIN	126,731	100,900	25.6%
City of Stuart	14,633	11,935	22.6%
Town of Sewall's Point	1,946	1,588	22.5%
Town of Jupiter Island	620	549	12.9%
Town of Ocean Breeze Park	463	519	-10.8%
ST. LUCIE	192,695	150,171	28.3%
City of Port St. Lucie	88,769	55,866	58.9%
City of Fort Pierce	37,516	36,830	1.9%
Town of St. Lucie Village	604	584	3.4%
INDIAN RIVER	112,947	90,208	25.2%
City of Vero Beach	17,705	17,350	2.0%
City of Sebastian	16,181	10,205	58.6%
City of Fellsmere	3,813	2,179	75.0%
Town of Indian River Shores	3,448	2,278	51.4%
Town of Orchid	140	10	1300.0%
REGION	1,563,557	1,204,782	29.8%
STATE	15,982,378	12,938,071	23.5%

Source: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau

Between the 1990 and 2000 Census, the Region continued to increase in population at a fairly rapid pace. Each of the Counties increased at a rate of between 25 and 31 percent. The Region as a whole increased by 29.8%, compared to 23.5% for the entire State.

Altogether, sixteen municipalities in the Treasure Coast Region grew faster than the Region over the last ten years.

**TABLE 7
CITIES GROWING FASTER THAN THE REGION AS A WHOLE**

County/City	1990 – 2000 Increase (%)
Palm Beach County	
Town of Hypoluxo	142.8
Town of Jupiter	57.4
Town of Juno Beach	53.8
City of Palm Beach Gardens	52.7
City of Greenacres	47.6
Village of Royal Palm Beach	47.5
Town of Cloud Lake	38.0
Town of Haverhill	37.4
Town of Glen Ridge	33.3
City of Boynton Beach	30.7
Town of Lake Park	30.1
St. Lucie County	
City of Port St. Lucie	58.9
Indian River County	
Town of Orchid	1,300.0
City of Fellsmere	75.0
City of Sebastian	58.6
Town of Indian River Shores	51.4
Source: 2000 U.S. Census	

Population Losses: Seven cities in the Region lost population according to 2000 U.S. Census data. See Table 8.

TABLE 8
CITIES WITH POPULATION DECREASES
1990 - 2000

City	Percentage Decrease
City of Pahokee	-12.3
Town of Mangonia Park	-11.7
Town of Ocean Breeze Park	-10.8
Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony	-9.1
City of Belle Glade	-7.9
Village of Golf	-1.7
Town of Palm Beach	-1.4

Source: 2000 U.S. Census

With a 58.9 percent increase in population to 88,769, the City of Port St. Lucie moved up from being the 27th largest city in the state to the 15th during the 1990s. The Village of Wellington was newly incorporated after the 1990 Census and the Village of Golfview was dissolved.

It is worth noting that the relative mix of the Region's population between cities and unincorporated areas from 1970 to 2000 has changed dramatically. However, over the past ten years it appears as though the relative mix has stabilized.

TABLE 9
POPULATION IN THE TREASURE COAST REGION
BY INCORPORATED AND UNINCORPORATED AREA
1970 - 2000

	1970		1990		2000	
	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY	35,992	-	90,208	-	112,947	-
In Municipalities	13,630	37.9	32,022	35.5	41,287	36.6
In Unincorporated Areas	22,362	62.1	58,186	64.5	71,660	63.4
MARTIN COUNTY	28,035	-	100,900	-	126,731	-
In Municipalities	6,127	21.9	14,591	14.5	17,662	13.9
In Unincorporated Areas	21,908	78.1	86,309	85.5	109,069	86.1
PALM BEACH COUNTY	348,993	-	863,518	-	1,131,184	-
In Municipalities	256,544	73.5	457,308	53.0	609,737	53.9
In Unincorporated Areas	92,449	26.5	406,210	47.0	521,447	46.1
ST. LUCIE COUNTY	50,836	-	150,171	-	192,695	-
In Municipalities	30,479	60.0	93,280	62.1	126,889	65.8
In Unincorporated Areas	20,357	40.0	56,891	37.9	65,806	34.2
REGION	463,856	-	1,204,797	-	1,563,557	-
In Municipalities	306,780	66.1	597,201	49.6	795,575	50.9
In Unincorporated Areas	157,076	33.9	607,596	50.4	767,982	49.1

Source: Bureau of Economic and Business Research, February 1998

Bureau of Economic and Business Research, *Florida Population: 2000 Census Summary*, May 2001

c. Population Projections

Based on 2010 population projections, the Region's population will continue to increase significantly. From a population of just over 1.5 million in 2000 the estimated Region population in 2010 is over 1.8 million, a growth rate of 21.1%. St. Lucie County will be the fastest growing County in the Region over this period increasing at an annual average rate of 2.0%. The Region is expected to grow by approximately 1.9% annually, outpacing the State's annual rate of growth of approximately 1.7%

**TABLE 10
TREASURE COAST REGION POPULATION
2000 AND 2010**

COUNTY	2000 (CENSUS)	2010 (EST.)	% CHANGE 2000 - 2010	% AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE
INDIAN RIVER	112,947	135,200	19.0%	1.8%
MARTIN	126,731	150,800	19.5%	1.7%
PALM BEACH	1,131,184	1,371,200	21.6%	1.9%
ST. LUCIE	192,695	234,700	20.8%	2.0%
REGION	1,563,557	1,891,900	21.1%	1.9%
STATE	15,982,378	18,866,700	17.5%	1.7%

Source: Bureau of Economic and Business Research, February 2002

Current population projections from the University of Florida were published in February of 2002. Three ranges of projections (high, medium and low) are made, with the medium projection considered to be the one that provides the most accurate estimate of future county populations. By 2030, the Treasure Coast Region is expected to reach a population in excess of 2.5 million. In the same period the State of Florida will reach a population of 24.5 million.

**TABLE 11
POPULATION PROJECTIONS
2001-2030**

	ESTIMATED		PROJECTED	
	2001	2010	2020	2030
REGION	1,597,306			
Low		1,754,300	1,894,500	1,967,800
Medium		1,891,900	2,232,100	2,552,300
High		2,082,200	2,675,800	3,323,900
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY	115,716			
Low		123,200	128,800	129,100
Medium		135,200	157,500	178,400
High		150,600	193,200	239,800
MARTIN COUNTY	128,873			
Low		137,400	143,400	143,700
Medium		150,800	175,500	198,500
High		167,900	215,200	266,800
PALM BEACH COUNTY	1,154,464			
Low		1,279,500	1,395,700	1,465,600
Medium		1,371,200	1,622,400	1,859,200
High		1,502,000	1,927,400	2,391,200
ST. LUCIE COUNTY	198,253			
Low		214,200	226,600	229,400
Medium		234,700	276,700	316,200
High		261,700	340,000	426,100
STATE	16,330,601	17,847,700	19,772,600	21,567,700
		18,866,700	21,792,600	24,528,600
		19,810,900	23,589,600	27,049,700

Source: Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida
Projections of Florida Population by County, 2001-2030
 February 2002, Volume 35, Number 2, Bulletin No. 132

TABLE 12: PLANNING COUNCIL REGIONS IN FLORIDA

REGION	POPULATION 2000	% OF STATE TOTAL	LAND AREA (SQ. MILE)	% OF STATE TOTAL
South Florida	3,955,969	24.8%	4,148	7.7%
East Central	2,564,134	16.0%	5,611	10.4%
Tampa Bay	2,529,197	15.8%	2,817	5.2%
Treasure Coast	1,563,557	9.8%	3,605	6.7%
Northeast	1,243,005	7.8%	4,428	8.2%
Southwest	1,206,635	7.5%	6,022	11.2%
West Florida	811,006	5.1%	5,499	10.2%
Central Florida	666,347	4.2%	4,950	9.2%
Withlacoochee	595,598	3.7%	4,305	8.0%
North Central	435,444	2.7%	6,737	12.5%
Apalachee	411,486	2.6%	5,806	10.8%

Source: County and City Data Book: 2000, US Census Bureau

The Planning Regions in Florida vary a great deal by area, and even more so by population size. The largest region in area, North Central contains 12.5% of the land area of the State; while the largest in population, South Florida, contains 24.8% of the State's residents. The smallest region in land area, Tampa Bay, contains 5.2% of the land area of the State; but the smallest region in population, Apalachee, contains only 2.6% of the State's residents. Treasure Coast ranks 4th in population, but is next to smallest in land area.

d. Components of Population Change

The primary component of population change in the Treasure Coast Region is net migration. Table 13 indicates the predominant effects of net migration on population change. Net migration accounted for over 97% of the Region's increase in population from 1990 to 2000. Among the Counties comprising the Region, however, there are some notable differences. Indian River and Martin Counties had no natural increase in population. In fact, due to the large elderly segment of the population, deaths outnumbered births in both Counties. St. Lucie County owed more of its growth to natural increases (births over deaths) than any other County. Table 14 reflects from where the migration exchanges to and from each of the counties is occurring.

**TABLE 13
COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE
1990 to 2000**

COUNTY	TOTAL CHANGE IN POPULATION	COMPONENTS OF CHANGE		PERCENT OF CHANGE DUE TO	
		NATURAL INCREASE	NET MIGRATION	NATURAL INCREASE	NET MIGRATION
INDIAN RIVER	22,739	-2554	25,293	0.0	100.0
MARTIN	25,831	-2240	28,071	0.0	100.0
PALM BEACH	246,589	10,546	257,135	3.9	96.1
ST. LUCIE	35,802	3361	39,163	7.9	92.1
REGION	330,961	9113	349,662	2.5	97.5
STATE	2,147,875	448,216	2,596,091	14.7	85.3

Source: Bureau of Economic and Business Research, Florida Population: 2000 Census Summary May 01

**TABLE 14
MIGRATION: EXCHANGED MIGRANTS BY AREA OF EXCHANGE IN THE
COUNTIES IN THE TREASURE COAST REGION 2000**

County	Total	In-Migration Percentage From-			Total	Out-Migration From -		
		Other Florida Counties	Other states	Abroad		Other Florida Counties	Other states	Abroad
INDIAN RIVER	6,489	45.2	53.8	1.0	4,725	53.1	45.8	1.1
MARTIN	9,026	58.6	40.4	0.9	7,724	56.7	42.5	0.8
PALM BEACH	51,655	44.1	53.9	2.0	44,077	47.0	51.6	1.3
ST. LUCIE	11,343	54.2	45.2	0.6	14,803	35.2	64.3	0.5

Source: Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida
Florida Statistical Abstract 2001
2001, Thirty-Fifth Edition

e. Age Distribution

The most striking characteristic of the age distribution of the Treasure Coast Region's population is the growing proportion of elderly residents and aging baby boomers. From 1980 to 2000, the proportion of persons aged 65+ grew rapidly, especially in Martin and Indian River counties. The State's proportion of population over 65 remained constant at just over seventeen percent over the same period. The most dramatic increase in an age cohort is that of the baby-boomers (born between 1946 and 1964), who will be entering their senior years. This age cohort can be further divided into what demographers call "empty nesters" (aged 45-54) and "pre-elderly" (aged 55-64). Over the next decade the empty nesters are projected to increase by about seven million persons while the pre-elderly are expected to increase by over eleven million. This phenomenon is perhaps best reflected in Palm Beach County where the baby-boom age cohort represented thirty seven percent of the overall population up from approximately 22 percent in 1980.

The age distribution of the Treasure Coast Region is indicated in Table 15 below.

TABLE 15
AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE TREASURE COAST REGION POPULATION
ON APRIL 1, 1980, 1990 AND 2000

COUNTY	AGE GROUP	CENSUS		
		1980	1990	2000
INDIAN RIVER	0-14	18.1	16.4	15.7
	15-44	37.2	34.9	31.8
	45-64	24.4	21.6	23.3
	65+	20.3	27.1	29.2
MARTIN	0-14	16.4	14.9	15.5
	15-44	35.5	36.0	31.4
	45-64	23.7	21.8	24.9
	65+	24.5	27.3	28.2
PALM BEACH	0-14	17.0	16.9	17.8
	15-44	37.7	39.9	22.0
	45-64	21.9	19.0	37.0
	65+	23.3	24.2	23.2
ST. LUCIE	0-14	21.6	19.8	18.8
	15-44	39.4	39.1	35.5
	45-64	22.0	20.2	23.0
	65+	17.0	20.8	22.7
STATE	0-14	19.3	18.8	19.0
	15-44	41.8	43.3	40.8
	45-64	21.6	19.7	22.7
	65+	17.3	18.2	17.6

Source: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau and Bureau of Economic and Business Research, February 2002

f. Median Age

The Treasure Coast Region has an older population than the State of Florida. From 1970 to 2000, the median age of the Region's counties has increased substantially. In fact, over this period the median age of Indian River County increased by over ten years from 34.5 to 47.0. Presently, all counties in the Region have an older population than the State.

TABLE 16
MEDIAN AGE OF POPULATION
TREASURE COAST REGION
1970 - 2000

COUNTY	1970	1980	1990	2000
INDIAN RIVER	34.5	39.4	43.8	47.0
MARTIN	39.5	42.8	44.3	47.3
PALM BEACH	35.4	39.8	39.7	41.8
ST. LUCIE	31.4	34.0	37.7	42.0
STATE	32.3	34.7	36.3	38.7

Source: Bureau of Economic and Business Research, February 2002

The median age of all Region counties is projected to continue to increase over the next thirteen years, clearly outpacing the more modest increase in the State's median age. This aging of the population reflects a pattern of sustained net migration of elderly persons to the Treasure Coast Region.

TABLE 17
MEDIAN AGE: CENSUS 2000 AND PROJECTIONS
TREASURE COAST REGION
2000 - 2015

COUNTY	2000	2005	2010	2015
INDIAN RIVER	47.0	48.5	50.6	52.6
MARTIN	47.3	48.3	50.4	52.5
PALM BEACH	41.8	44.8	46.7	48.5
ST. LUCIE	42.0	44.6	46.8	48.7
STATE	38.7	41.1	42.4	43.5

Source: Bureau of Economic and Business Research, *Florida Statistical Abstract*, 2001 and Bureau of Economic and Business Research, February 2002

By 2015, Indian River and Martin Counties are projected to have a median age of 52.6 and 52.5, respectively – nine years higher than the State's projected median age.

f. Household Size

Households are defined as housing units occupied by permanent residents. Household size declined sharply in the 1970s and tended to stabilize in the 1980s and beyond due to an increase in birth rates, a leveling off of divorce rates and a slowing rate of increase of new, young-adult households. Average household size in 2000 remained fairly constant nationally, and in the State of Florida. Statistics indicate that, generally, household size is higher in rural than in urban areas, and higher in black than in white households.

In the last 40 years, the change in household size in the Region has closely paralleled that of the State, although household size is generally smaller in the Region than the State.

TABLE 18
AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE
1960 - 2000

COUNTY	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
INDIAN RIVER	3.1	2.9	2.5	2.3	2.3
MARTIN	2.9	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.2
PALM BEACH	2.9	2.8	2.4	2.3	2.3
ST. LUCIE	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.5	2.5
STATE	3.1	2.9	2.6	2.5	2.5

Source: Bureau of Economic and Business Research, February 2002

g. Race

Since 1970, the racial composition of the Treasure Coast Region has changed markedly in three important ways:

1. The black population proportionally has declined from 18.8% in 1970 to 12.9% in 2000.
2. While the proportion of the white population has remained steady at about just over eighty percent of the Region's population over this same period, the proportion of population that identified itself as belonging to two or more races has increased from 0.2% in 1970 to 5.4% in 2000.
3. The 2000 Census, for the first time, allowed persons to identify themselves as belonging to two or more races. This accounted for the dramatic increase in the Other population category (See Table 19).

**TABLE 19
RACE BY PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION 1970-2000**

2000	WHITE	BLACK	INDIAN	ASIAN	OTHER*
INDIAN RIVER	87.4	8.2	0.2	0.7	3.5
MARTIN	89.9	5.3	0.3	0.6	3.9
PALM BEACH	79.1	13.8	0.2	1.5	5.4
ST. LUCIE	79.1	15.4	0.2	0.9	4.4
REGION	80.5	12.9	0.2	1.3	5.1
STATE	78.0	14.6	0.3	1.7	5.5
1990					
INDIAN RIVER	90.3	8.5	0.2	0.5	0.6
MARTIN	91.3	6.0	0.2	0.5	2.0
PALM BEACH	84.8	12.5	0.1	1.0	1.5
ST. LUCIE	81.3	16.4	0.2	0.7	1.3
REGION	85.3	12.1	0.2	0.9	1.5
STATE	83.1	13.6	0.3	1.2	1.8
1980					
INDIAN RIVER	85.3	13.0	0.14	0.3	1.3
MARTIN	90.4	7.4	0.1	0.3	1.8
PALM BEACH	83.9	13.4	0.1	0.4	1.6
ST. LUCIE	77.0	21.8	0.2	0.4	0.6
REGION	83.8	13.8	0.1	0.3	1.5
STATE	83.9	13.8	0.2	0.6	1.5
1970					
INDIAN RIVER	81.7	18.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
MARTIN	84.6	15.0	0.1	0.2	0.2
PALM BEACH	82.1	17.5	0.1	0.1	0.2
ST. LUCIE	68.9	30.9	0.1	0.0	0.1
REGION	80.8	18.8	0.1	0.1	0.2
STATE	84.2	15.4	0.1	0.2	0.1

Source: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau

* "OTHER" category includes two or more races

2. LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

a. Labor Force

In 2000, the Treasure Coast Region's labor force numbered 691,131 persons comprising 44.2% of the total Region population. Over 75% of the Region's labor force is situated in Palm Beach County, which also has the lowest Regional unemployment rate. St. Lucie County, with the second largest share of the Regional labor force has the Region's highest unemployment rate at 7.7%.

**TABLE 20
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT
2000**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	RATE
INDIAN RIVER	45,001	42,117	2884	6.4
MARTIN	49,480	47,302	2,178	4.4
PALM BEACH	517,893	495,095	22,798	4.4
ST. LUCIE	78,757	72,731	6,026	7.7
REGION	691,131	657,245	33886	4.9
STATE	7,490,000	7,221,000	269,000	3.6

Source: Bureau of Economic and Business Research, *Florida Statistical Abstract*, 2001

b. Education

The education level of the Region's population is an important indicator of labor force quality. In 2000, a higher proportion of the Region's 25 years and over population had a post-secondary degree than the State or the Nation at 32.4% versus 29.4% and 30.7%, respectively. As one might expect, unemployment rates tend to be lower as the share of college educated residents increase.

TABLE 21
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES,
TREASURE COAST REGION
CENSUS 2000

COUNTY	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, 2000	PERCENT OF PERSONS 25 YEARS AND OVER WITH POST-SECONDARY DEGREE ¹ , 2000
INDIAN RIVER	6.4	29.3
MARTIN	4.4	32.9
PALM BEACH	4.4	34.3
ST. LUCIE	7.7	22.0
REGION	4.9	32.4
STATE	3.6	29.4
NATION	4.0	30.7

Source: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau

Florida Research and Economic Database, Labor Market Information 2000

1. Includes associate, bachelor, master, professional and doctoral degrees.

c. Per Capita Income

Historically, the Treasure Coast Region's per capita personal income has been substantially higher than the State's. Also, the Region's per capita income has outpaced the State in rate of growth over the last two decades. In 2000 the Region's per capita income was approximately \$38,372 compared to \$27,781 for the State.

In 1999 dollars, Palm Beach, Martin and Indian River Counties ranked 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the State.

TABLE 22
PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

COUNTY	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000
INDIAN RIVER	11,275	17,145	25,027	29,645	38,974
MARTIN	12,600	19,052	28,520	34,180	41,114
PALM BEACH	12,790	19,953	29,132	36,200	41,907
ST. LUCIE	9,266	11,412	15,032	17,307	22,189
REGION	12,269	18,669	27,011	33,141	38,372
STATE	9,835	14,243	18,802	22,841	27,781

Source: Bureau of Economic and Business Research, September 1997
Bureau of Economic and Business Research, February 2002
TCRPC 2002

d. Median Family Income

The median family income of the Treasure Coast Region's counties has increased markedly from 1980 to 2000. Altogether the Region has some of the wealthiest communities in the State in terms of median family income levels, it also has communities with income levels at or below the State average.

TABLE 23
MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME
1980 - 2000

COUNTY	1980	1990	2000	PERCENT CHANGE 1980-2000
INDIAN RIVER	17,607	33,569	35,895	38.2
MARTIN	15,884	37,732	40,161	41.1
PALM BEACH	18,311	38,539	37,045	39.3
ST. LUCIE	19,817	31,226	30,788	32.5
STATE	17,280	32,212	32,877	41.6

Source: 1990 U.S. Census Bureau
2000 U.S. Census Bureau
