

FLORIDA 2060: A POPULATION DISTRIBUTION SCENARIO

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CENTRAL FLORIDA

(Brevard, Citrus, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lake, Manatee, Marion, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Seminole, St Lucie, Sumter, Volusia Counties)

	Population	Urban Acres	Total Urban Acres as % of Region Acres
Year 2005	6,594,259	2,763,927	24
Year 2060	15,478,239	5,982,337	51
Difference	8,883,980	3,218,410	27

- The urban area called Central Florida will expand dramatically to include continuous urban development from Ocala to Sebring, St. Petersburg to Daytona Beach. The I-75 and I-4 corridors are projected to be fully developed
- Several of the counties in this region (Seminole, Orange, Brevard, Indian River, Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Manatee) are expected to build out in the period 2020 to 2040, so population is projected to spill over into surrounding counties in the region.
- In 2060, the only undeveloped land will be small areas of Polk, Lake, Osceola and Sumter counties, mostly due to their distance from major transportation corridors or the presence of wetland conditions.
- Virtually all the natural systems and wildlife habitat corridors in this region will be fragmented, if not replaced, by urban development.
- The county projected to see the least change is Pinellas because more than 70 percent is already in urban use, the highest of any county in the state.
- This region is projected to have the largest percentage of urban land use (51%) of any region in the state by 2060.
- It is also projected to receive the greatest percent of new urban lands by 2060 of any region in the state – more than a quarter of the region will be transformed.

