



Greater Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) Fact Sheet

LOCATION & MILES:

Broward County encompasses 1,197 square miles (766,016 acres), with 24 miles of Atlantic Ocean beach, stretching between Palm Beach County on the northern perimeter and Miami-Dade County on the southern perimeter. It has a resident population of over 1.95 million, with over 180,000 residing in Fort Lauderdale, the largest municipality and the seat of county government. Broward County is bounded on the west by 505,600 acres of Everglades (occupying about 2/3 of the county). With 300+ miles of navigable inland waterways within Broward County, it has earned the nickname "Venice of America." An extensive Water Taxi service provides fun and efficient transportation for visitors and residents between hotels, restaurants, beaches, bars and attractions. The area is also known as the "Yachting Capital of the World," supporting a thriving marine industry and home to the annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show.

31 MUNICIPALITIES:

Oceanside: Dania Beach, Deerfield Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Hallandale Beach, Hillsboro Beach, Hollywood, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Lighthouse Point, Pompano Beach, Sea Ranch Lakes.

Inland: Coconut Creek, Cooper City, Coral Springs, Davie, Lauderdale Lakes, Lauderhill, Lazy Lakes, Margate, Miramar, North Lauderdale, Oakland Park, Parkland, Pembroke Park, Pembroke Pines, Plantation, Southwest Ranches, Sunrise, Tamarac, West Park, Weston and Wilton Manors.

LGBT+ VISITOR CENTER:

The Visitor Center showcases attractions of interest to LGBT+ visitors. It is located at 2300 NE Seventh Ave in Wilton Manors.

CLIMATE:

Broward's climate is tropical with an average year-round temperature of 76°F / 25°C and 3,000 hours of sunshine. Winter temperatures average a mean of 66° F / 19° C; summer, a mean of 84° F / 29° C. January is the coolest month of the year and August is the warmest. The heaviest rainfalls occur during August and September.

ATTRACTIONS:

ANNE KOLB NATURE CENTER -- a 1,430-acre wetland and habitat for native wildlife; climb (or ride the elevator up) the five-level observation tower, explore boardwalks and trails

B-CYCLE -- bike sharing program

BEACH PLACE -- a 100,000 square foot entertainment, retail and dining complex on A1A in Fort Lauderdale, near the ocean

BONNET HOUSE MUSEUM & GARDENS -- one of the few remaining ocean-front estates, this historic estate includes tropical gardens and an extensive artwork collection

BUTTERFLY WORLD at TRADEWINDS PARK -- a three-acre park with a screened habitat to showcase live butterflies and hummingbirds from five different continents

DOWNTOWN HOLLYWOOD MURAL PROJECT – a collection of curated outdoor murals by local, national, and internationally-recognized artists. Free guided tour third Saturday of each month.

EVERGLADES HOLIDAY PARK -- gateway to 750,000 acres of unspoiled Everglades; airboat rides, tours and fishing

FATVILLAGE -- located in the heart of downtown Fort Lauderdale, FATVillage (Flagler, Arts and Technology Village) acts as the hub for local creative businesses and artists and hosts an ArtWalk along with the adjoining MASS District on the last Saturday of each month

FLAMINGO GARDENS -- offers free flight aviary museums, a flock of flamingos, free range peacocks, native Florida wildlife sanctuary including Florida panther, tram tours of orange groves, nature walks and gift shops

FORT LAUDERDALE ANTIQUE CAR MUSEUM -- permanent displays of pre-war Packard Motorcars and memorabilia

GOODYEAR BLIMP BASE -- one of only four bases in the world

HILLSBORO INLET LIGHT STATION -- historic lighthouse marks the northern limit of the Florida Reef

HOLLYWOOD OCEANFRONT BROADWALK -- 2.2-mile oceanfront pedestrian promenade which parallels the beach

IFLY – indoor skydiving

LAS OLAS BOULEVARD -- bustles with energy day and night and is home to chic boutiques, galleries and eateries, also known as Greater Fort Lauderdale's 'Style Mile'

MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE/3D IMAX – a museum that inspires science, MODS features guided tours, exhibits, IMAX movies and hosted family-friendly activities and camps for children

NSU ART MUSEUM FORT LAUDERDALE-- the 83,000 square-foot building contains 25,000 square feet of exhibition space, a 256-seat auditorium, Museum Store and Cafe. Its acclaimed 11,000 square-foot studio school, the AutoNation Academy of Art + Design, offers art instruction for children, teens and adults year-round

SAWGRASS MILLS -- world's largest single-story discount, outlet mall featuring more than 350 specialty stores and the Colonnade Outlets, an outdoor, high-end shopping district

SAWGRASS RECREATION PARK -- offers Everglades airboat rides, Indian village, live alligator, reptile and birds of prey exhibit plus camping, boating and fishing

SEA EXPERIENCE GLASS BOTTOM BOAT -- offers scuba diving, snorkeling

STONEWALL NATIONAL MUSEUM & ARCHIVES– the largest LGBTQ library circulating in the US, holding over 270,000 books and DVDs; the archives contain more than 30,000 items, documenting a century of LGBTQ cultural and social history; the museum presents exhibitions and events

STRANAHAN HOUSE -- Broward's oldest existing structure, now a historic house museum listed on the National Register of Historic Places

SWAP SHOP -- largest indoor/outdoor flea market in the South

TIGERTAIL LAKE AQUA CHALLENGE -- water obstacle course and playground

XTREME ACTION PARK -- the largest indoor entertainment venue in Florida, featuring go kart racing, escape rooms, bowling lanes, indoor ropes course

WORLD AIDS MUSEUM -- the world's first AIDS museum

SIGHTSEEING TOURS: CARRIE B SIGHTSEEING CRUISES -- Sightseeing cruises through downtown Fort Lauderdale waterways on double decker paddlewheel boat

BALEARIA CARIBBEAN—Passenger and cargo ferry service to Grand Bahama Island and Bimini from Port Everglades
LAS OLAS GONDOLA -- cruise through the heart of the “Venice of America” on an authentic Venetian gondola
JUNGLE QUEEN RIVERBOAT -- offers old-time sightseeing cruise along the canals with dinner and entertainment
POMPANO BEACH WATER TAXI – 9 stops including at waterfront restaurants and Hillsboro Inlet Park
SEGWAY FORT LAUDERDALE -- offers sightseeing tours on Segway in Fort Lauderdale and on the Hollywood Boardwalk
TROPICAL SAILING -- 2-hour ocean sightseeing and snorkeling cruises on a catamaran
WATER TAXI -- the perfect way to tour the Intracoastal or take a "Historic Cruise" of the New River through Fort Lauderdale and Hollywood

**NATURAL
 ATTRACTIONS:**

In addition to beautiful beaches and waterways, Broward County has 288 parks, 69 miles of live coral reef in a three-tier natural reef system, and the Everglades. Its 100+ artificial reefs and 18 major shipwrecks provide divers with a unique mix of tropical underwater experiences.

**PERFORMING
 ARTS:**

Theater --
ASHANTI CULTURAL ARTS -- this historic theater (renovated circa-1932 building) has housed great artists including Duke Ellington and Billie Holiday
BAILEY HALL -- features concerts and ballets
BB&T CENTER -- features top named stars and NHL hockey with the Florida Panthers
BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS -- state-of-the-art complex featuring two theatres
CORAL SPRINGS CENTER FOR THE ARTS -- features music, dance and concerts
CINEMA PARADISO -- home to the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival
FORT LAUDERDALE CHILDREN'S THEATRE -- features classes and performances for youth and adults
HARD ROCK LIVE -- the 7,000-seat indoor arena at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood regularly hosts top musical guests and major sporting events
HOLLYWOOD BEACH THEATER -- Hollywood’s beachside theater hosts free performances
HOLLYWOOD CENTRAL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER -- this venue hosts family- Friendly performances
MIRAMAR CULTURAL CENTER -- hosts community dance, music, and cultural arts performances
PARKER PLAYHOUSE -- pre-and post-Broadway productions
POMPANO BEACH AMPHITHEATER -- hosts a variety of cultural performances from free movie nights to symphonies
THEATRE UNDER THE STARS -- open-air bandshell in Hollywood; additionally, there are a number of neighborhood theaters located in Fort Lauderdale and Pompano Beach

2021 MAJOR EVENTS: Fort Lauderdale Air Show – May 8-9
Brazilian Festival – September 18-19
Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show – October 27-31
Tortuga Music Festival – rescheduled to November 12-14
Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade – December 11

ANNUAL MAJOR EVENTS: Orange Bowl (Dec/Jan)
Las Olas Art Festival (Jan/Mar/Oct)
Hollywood CanadaFest (Jan)
Art Fort Lauderdale (Jan)
Live Racing at Gulfstream Park (Jan-Apr)
A1A Marathon (Feb)
Davie Pro Rodeo (Feb)
Pride Fort Lauderdale (Feb)
Sistrunk Parade & Street Festival (Feb)
Florida Renaissance Festival (Feb-Mar)
Dania Beach Arts & Seafood Festival (March)
Greater Fort Lauderdale Wine & Food Festival (March)
Big Cypress Shootout (March)
Jazz in the Gardens (March)
Florida Derby (March)
St. Patrick's Parade & Festival (March)
Tortuga Music Festival (returning to April in 2022)
Las Olas Wine & Food Festival (April)
Pompano Beach Seafood Festival (April)
Taste of The Islands Experience (April)
Pompano Beach Fishing Rodeo (May)
Fort Lauderdale Air Show (May)
Great American Beach Party (May)
Sea Turtle Walks (June-September)
BugFest-By-The-Sea (July)
Fort Lauderdale Family Fun Beachfront Celebration (July 4)
Hollywood 4th of July Celebration (July 4)
LauderDeals (including Dine Out & Spa Month (June-Sept)
Hollywood Beach Latin Festival (Aug)
Florida Panthers Hockey Season (Oct-Apr)
Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival (Nov)
Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (Oct/Nov)
Exotics on Las Olas (Nov)
Broward County Fair (Nov)
Riptide Music Festival (Nov)
Christmas on Las Olas (Dec)
Hollywood Beach Candy Cane Parade (Dec)
Pompano Beach Holiday Boat Parade (Dec)
Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade (Dec)
City of Fort Lauderdale Light Up the Holidays (Dec)
City of Fort Lauderdale Downtown Countdown (Dec)

SHOPPING: Sawgrass Mills, the world's largest single-story discount mall, features the high-end Colonnade Outlets. Find more discount shopping at Festival Flea Market Mall and Fort Lauderdale Swap Shop, the largest indoor/outdoor flea

market in the South. The Galleria at Fort Lauderdale, an upscale shopping mall with stores including Dillard's and Michael Kors, is complemented by traditional Florida shopping avenues such as Las Olas Boulevard and Dania Beach's Antique Row and beach boutiques. Other shopping stops include the new Dania Pointe, the Village at Gulfstream Park, MASS District and the SistrunKollective, a co-op style retail boutique featuring merchandise by local artisans.

DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT:

More than 4,000 dining establishments and 132 nightclubs are located in Broward County. The culinary scene is filled with rising star chefs, exciting restaurants, breweries and pubs, coffee houses and scenic dock-and-dine eateries along with many great hotel restaurants. Explore Greater Fort Lauderdale's Ale Trail featuring more than 60 nanobreweries, industrial microbreweries, beer gardens and brewpubs.

SPORTS:

Water Sports: There are 24 miles of beaches in Broward County that are perfect for sailing, swimming, kite surfing, windsurfing, water skiing, boating, deep-sea fishing, parasailing, paddle boarding, kayaking, wakeboarding, snorkeling and scuba diving.

Boating: The Atlantic Ocean and Intracoastal Waterway, along with more than 300 miles of canals and waterways throughout the area are perfect for any kind of boating. There are several sailing schools throughout Broward plus 148 marinas and 35 boat repair yards that provide boat fuel, services and supplies.

Cricket: Central Broward Park & Broward County Stadium in Lauderhill is the only cricket stadium in the United States.

Fishing: This is one of the few areas in the world where both freshwater and saltwater fishing are within 20 minutes of the angler. In addition to numerous freshwater species including peacock and largemouth bass that can be caught in the Everglades as well as area lakes and canals, there are deep water fishing fleets located in each of the cities that line the Atlantic coast, along with four municipal piers stretching out into the Atlantic Ocean.

Football: The Miami Dolphins play at Hard Rock Stadium.

Hockey: The NHL Florida Panthers play at BB&T stadium in Sunrise, just west of downtown Fort Lauderdale

Major League Soccer: Inter Miami CF trains and plays at Inter Miami CF Stadium in Fort Lauderdale (pending construction of a new Miami stadium in 2+ years).

Golf: There are more than 56 courses in Broward ranging from the exclusive Grande Oaks Club to a par 3.

Biking: Get in shape or just cruise on Greater Fort Lauderdale's many bike routes including State Road A1A along Fort Lauderdale Beach, the Hollywood Broadwalk, along El Mar Drive in Lauderdale-By-The Sea and streets in neighborhoods like Rio Vista and Coral Ridge. Go fast around the

track at Brian Piccolo Park & Velodrome or cruise the paved, two-mile loop at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park. Find mountain bike trails at Markham Park and Quiet Waters Park.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Broward offers more than 560 lodging establishments, with more than 35,000 hotel rooms, ranging from luxurious high-rises to many charming small boutique hotels. The diverse mix of Greater Fort Lauderdale accommodations encompasses oceanfront and inland properties, specialized spa resorts, business, meeting and convention facilities.

CONVENTION CENTER: The highly anticipated expansion of the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center is underway, including 350,000 square feet of contiguous exhibit space opening fall 2021.

ACCESSIBILITY: **International Airport:** Broward County is served by the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. The airport offers nonstop service to over 100 U.S. and international cities.

Rental Cars: Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport's Rental Car Center brings most of the major rental car companies under one roof. At more than 4 million square feet, the nine-level structure is the largest consolidated rental car facility in the United States and one of the largest parking garages in Florida. Levels 1 through 4 are the new home of Advantage Rent A Car, Alamo, Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, E-Z Rent A Car, Hertz, National, Payless, Royal and Thrifty. Levels 5 through 9 are public parking.

Local Transportation -- The Broward County Mass Transit bus system connects all municipalities and interconnects with Palm Beach and Dade Counties. Discounted weekly visitor passes for unlimited transportation are available. Taxis and limousine companies operate throughout the county; the Water Taxi system provides transportation to shops, attractions and restaurants. The Sun Trolley operates a free hop-on, hop-off service with a total of seven routes, including the free Riverwalk Water Trolley. Along each of the routes, you will find transfer points to connect to one or more of the other routes, as well as direct connections to Tri-Rail, Broward County Transit, as well as the Brightline Fort Lauderdale Station. Brightline is a high-speed train service connecting downtown Fort Lauderdale to downtown Miami and downtown West Palm Beach.

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