

Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners



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JANUARY 2021 SPECIAL EDITION

Division Director's Message



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Alas! We welcome the arrival of 2021. Our first edition for the year is a "Special Edition," focusing on Miami-Dade County. We take the opportunity to showcase the County's elected officials, the 13 Districts, as well as a brief history of the County. We hope you will find the information about the Mayor and the Board of County Commissioners, Home Rule Charter, and some of the salient social and demographical statistics, valuable.

We also provided links to Florida's 29 Congressional Delegation and Florida's League of Cities (FLC) - the voice of municipal government since 1922.

Lastly, we take this opportunity to salute the nations celebrating their independence or national days in January. We look forward with great enthusiasm to returning to the next normal way of life, and to a world of in-person meetings and events.

We appreciate your support and your feedback always. Please be safe.

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Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz (District 12)

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[Cities/Municipalities in District 2](#): Portions of the City of Miami, North Miami, North Miami Beach, Opa-Locka, City of Hialeah and unincorporated areas of Liberty City, Biscayne Gardens and North Dade Central.

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Commissioner Sally A. Heyman (District 4)

[Cities/Municipalities in District 4](#): Golden Beach, Aventura, North Miami Beach, North Miami, Sunny Isles Beach, Surfside, Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, Biscayne Park, Indian Creek, Miami Beach, Miami Shores and North Bay Village.

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Commissioner Eileen Higgins (District 5)

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Commissioner Rebeca Sosa (District 6)

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AT-A-GLANCE

Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter

Dade County was created on January 18, 1836, under the Territorial Act of the United States. The county was named after Major [Francis L. Dade](#), a soldier killed in 1835 in the [Second Seminole War](#), at what has since been named the [Dade Battlefield](#). At the time of its creation, Dade County included the land that now contains [Palm Beach](#) and [Broward](#) counties, together with the [Florida Keys](#) from [Bahia Honda Key](#) north and the land of present-day Miami-Dade County. The county's seat was originally at [Indian Key](#) in the Florida Keys; then in 1844, the County seat was moved to [Miami](#). The Florida Keys from [Key Largo](#) to [Bahia Honda](#) were returned to [Monroe County](#) in 1866. In 1888 the county seat was moved to Juno, near present-day [Juno Beach, Florida](#), returning to Miami in 1899. In 1909, Palm Beach County was formed from the northern portion of what was Dade County, and then in 1915, Palm Beach County and Dade County contributed nearly equal portions of land to create what is now Broward County. There have been no significant boundary changes to the county since 1915.



Map of Miami-Dade County

In 1956, the Florida State Constitution was amended to make Miami-Dade County a home rule County. In 1957, the [Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter](#) was adopted - essentially becoming the "constitution" for Miami-Dade County. The Home Rule Charter establishes the name of the County and the rules by which the county operates. It begins with a Citizens' Bill of Rights. There are sections that establish the power of the Mayor, Board of County Commissioners, method for election of County Commissioners, Administrative Organization and Procedure for the County, powers of municipalities, initiatives, referendum and recall, and other general provisions.

On November 13, 1997 voters changed the name of the county from Dade to Miami-Dade to acknowledge the international name recognition of Miami. The Mayor is elected through a countywide vote and is not a member of the Board of County Commission. No one elected as Mayor may serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The Board of County Commissioners is comprised of 13 County Commissioners. One County Commissioner is elected from each of Miami-Dade County's 13 districts to serve two four-year terms. Voters from the district in which the commission candidate lives choose commissioners in non-partisan elections. The Commissioners elect a Chairperson, and the Chairperson appoints the members, chairperson, and vice chairperson of all standing committees.

Miami-Dade County is the most populous of the 67 Counties in Florida, and 7th most populous County in the U.S. It has two national parks - Everglades National Park and Biscayne National Park, and it is the Gateway of the Americas and Global Trade and Logistics Hub.

Selected Characteristics (Social & Demographic)	2019	2018	% of Total Pop (2019)	2018-2019 % Change
Total Population	2,716,940	2,761,581		-1.6%
Male	1,319,187	1,339,698	48.6%	-1.5%
Female	1,397,753	1,421,883	51.4%	-1.7%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	1,888,364	1,907,130	69.5%	-1.1%
Black or African American alone	416,126	427,194	15.3%	-2.6%
White alone	347,010	355,253	12.8%	-2.3%
Asian alone	39,907	42,283	1.5%	-5.6%
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders alone	986	307	0.04%	221.2%
Population in Households	2,675,285	2,716,712	98.5%	-1.5%
Average household size	2.9	3		-3.3%
Average family size	3.5	3.7		-3.6%
Foreign-born population	1,483,944	1,493,209	54.6%	-0.6%



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Stats Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 American Community Survey 1-year Estimates. Prepared by the Miami-Dade County Regulatory and Economic Analysis Section.

BRIEFS & NOTES

Florida's 29 Congressional Delegation



[Florida House site](#) lists the Congressional Delegation from Florida. It contains contact information for Florida's two (2) senators and the 27 members of the House of Representatives, by their respective Districts.

Florida's League of Cities provides Information on Florida's 411 Cities



[The Florida League of Cities site](#) contains municipal directory with the names of municipal officials, addresses, phone and fax numbers, email addresses and web addresses (where available) for Florida's 411 cities, towns, and villages.

January is National Mentoring and Human Trafficking Month!



January is **National Mentoring Month**. In 2008, [President George W. Bush signed a proclamation declaring January as National Mentoring Month](#), to honor millions of Americans who lend their time, talent, and energy to become mentors and make a difference in children's lives. During National Mentoring Month, the nation also honors these caring individuals for their dedication to changing the country one heart and soul at a time.

By sharing their knowledge and experiences, mentors serve as examples for young people and help teach them the skills they need to succeed in life. They also provide stability, instill important values, and build confidence in those they assist. Mentors are soldiers in the armies of compassion, and they encourage children to set goals and achieve their dreams.

According to AmeriCorps, National Mentoring Month is an annual campaign that aims to recruit volunteer mentors to help America's youth achieve their full potential. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, visit www.Mentoring.org.



January 2021 is **National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month**, [as decreed by presidential proclamation](#). It is a key time for individuals to educate themselves about human trafficking and crucially learn to spot the signs of trafficking. It is also a time to inform friends and colleagues at workplaces, churches, schools, our representatives and everywhere else about the horrific practice of human trafficking that plagues innocent victims around the world. [Click to learn more about Human Trafficking.](#)



In recognition of **National Human Trafficking Awareness Day**, Miami International Airport (MIA) announced a formal partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to fight human trafficking through the Blue Lightning Initiative (BLI) program. [MIA is the first airport in Florida to join this training initiative](#) to help ensure that the millions of Americans who travel each year, even during these new normal circumstances, are better informed and able to assist in this fight.



Miami International Airport voted Best Airport for Shopping and Layovers by Global Traveler readers. Airport named best in retail offerings for second consecutive year. For the second consecutive year, Miami International Airport won Best Airport Shopping honors from the GT Tested Reader Survey awards, based on votes by readers of *Global Traveler*, one of the leading industry publications for frequent business and luxury travelers. MIA was also recognized with the magazine's Leisure Lifestyle award for Best Airport for Layovers. The full award results, can be found in the December 2020 issue of *Global Traveler* and on www.globaltravelerusa.com. Both awards are based on the results of open-ended reader surveys available in the magazine's print issue and website.

Survey ballots for the 17th Annual GT Tested Reader Survey awards, which recognizes airlines, hotels, airports, travel providers, destinations and credit card companies, were available from January to August 2020. Survey ballots for the eighth annual Leisure Lifestyle Awards, which celebrate the best in leisure travel, were provided from October 2019 to January 2020.

DIPLOMATIC & CONSULAR RELATIONS



THE WORLD FEDERATION OF CONSULS
TOGETHER, WE ARE STRONGER



Fédération Internationale des Corps et Associations Consulaires (FICAC) also called World Federation of Consuls, was founded in Copenhagen on October 2, 1982 by a small group of visionaries led by Consul General Vagn Jespersen of Denmark. Countries present at the meeting and first signatories were Finland, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. This body gave Consular Associations and Corps worldwide a much-needed forum to share experiences and expertise, while at the same time allowing them to coordinate their efforts to enhance the status and effectiveness of the Consul, the oldest institution serving international bilateral relations.

FICAC is a global network of Consular Associations created to support and improve the status, legitimacy, and effectiveness of all consular officers in all receiving States. FICAC's aims are to promote and strengthen mutual understanding between Honorary Consuls and Career Consuls worldwide; develop a framework and basis for exchange of current information, ideas and suggestions regarding matters related to the office of Honorary Consuls and Career Consuls; promote at national level and international for a better understanding of duties and responsibilities, rights and privileges of Honorary Consuls and Career Consuls.

The World Federation of Consuls has United Nations recognition as an NGO with the UN ECOSOC Status. It is recognized as an NGO by the Organization of American States. It is also recognized as an NGO at the European Union. On September 17, 2010, the World Federation of Consuls signed a partnership agreement with the Prince Albert II Foundation of Monaco, a Foundation created by His Serene Highness Prince Albert II to work in the fields of environment and climate change. To learn more about [FICAC](http://www.Ficacworld.org) visit www.Ficacworld.org.

Countries celebrating Independence and National Days in January

Brunei Darussalam: Jan. 1, 1984; Brunei Darussalam had been a British protectorate since 1888 and gained full independence from the United Kingdom on Jan 1, 1984.

Cameroon: Jan. 1, 1960; French Cameroun gained independence from France, and the Republic of Cameroon was proclaimed. After an UN-supervised plebiscite in February 1961 in British Cameroons, the south decided to join Cameroon, creating the Federal Republic of Cameroon, while the north joined the Federation of Nigeria.

Haiti: Jan. 1, 1804; Two months after beating the French forces, Jean-Jacques Dessalines proclaimed the independence of Saint-Domingue, and renamed it Haiti after its original Arawak name.

Myanmar: Jan. 4, 1948; Burma declared independence from British rule. The military controlled government renamed the country Myanmar in 1989. This name originated from "Mranma", the name of the Bamar people who first started migrating from China to the Irrawaddy River during the 7th century.

Australia: Jan. 26, 1788; Australia Day commemorates the landing of the First Fleet in Port Jackson, New South Wales, on Jan 26, 1788, and the first time the British flag was raised, signaling both the beginning of the colony and the founding of Australia.

Nauru: Jan. 31, 1968; A 1919 agreement placed the island under joint British-Australian-New Zealand rule. Nauru was granted self-rule in 1966 and achieved full independence in 1968, making it the smallest island country on Earth, and third smallest in landmass behind only Vatican City and Monaco.

Samoa: Jan. 1, 1962; On this date, Samoa gained full independence from New Zealand, becoming the first pacific nation to gain independence. The date of the holiday was moved to June 1 so that it would not conflict with New Year's Day.

Sudan: Jan. 1, 1956; On this date, Sudan gained independence from Egypt and Great Britain.

ABOUT US

The core mission of MDAD's Protocol and International Affairs Division is -

To facilitate the movement of official guests, delegations, dignitaries and VIPs through MIA and support the airport's international programs and initiatives.

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