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The State of Florida

The U.S. Census Bureau reports that Florida's population rose from 12,937,926 in 1990 to 15,982,378 in the year 2000, The increase of 3,044,452 persons comprises a 23.5% growth rate over 1990's population, and represents a 2.14% annual geometric growth rate.

Rapid population growth remained the most significant factor in Florida's economy during the past decade. Population growth was accompanied by growth in the work force and in employment. The Local Area Employment Statistics program (LAUS) estimates Florida's labor force increased 15.8% during the decade and employment grew by 18.6%.

Population growth is associated with increasing output and employment in many industries. Over the decade of the 1990s utilities transportation & communications, trade, financial services, personal services and business services, and public administration have responded to population growth.

Industry division	Employment Change (%) December 1990-2000
Agriculture	5.0%
Mining/Construction	6.4%
Manufacturing	-10.0%
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	25.9%
Trade	15.9%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	17.3%
Services	41.2%
Public Administration & Other	26.2%

Florida's Metropolitan Areas

Population continues to rise in Florida's 20 metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs). Table 1 reports that Florida's MSAs added 2,814,122 additional residents during the 1990s. This represents 92% of total population growth in Florida during the decade. Most growth occurred in the six largest MSAs. The six largest MSAs comprised 63.7% of Florida's population in 1990. The same six MSAs experienced a combined population increase of 1,892,975—62% of total state population growth during the 1990s. These figures demonstrate that most new residents moved into large metropolitan areas. These areas possess diversified industrial bases and broad ranges of employment opportunity. Figure 1 reports population change by Florida MSAs from 1990-2000.

Florida's Largest Six MSAs, Population Change and Percent Growth

MSA	1990-2000	
	Population Growth	Percent Change
Orlando	419,709	34.3%
Ft. Lauderdale	367,530	29.3%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater	328,038	15.9%
Miami	316,268	16.3%
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton	267,666	31.0%
Jacksonville	193,764	21.4%

Labor force and employment growth in central and north Florida MSAs mirrors population growth. Labor force in the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA rose by 23.3%, in Orlando, by 33.0%, and in Jacksonville by 21.9%. LAUS figures for south Florida, however, indicate much lower ratios of labor force and employment growth to population growth. Labor force in Miami increased by 5.2% and in Ft. Lauderdale by 19.4%. Both percentages are well below the respective population growth rates.

MSA	Percent Growth:1990-2000	
	Labor Force	Employment
Orlando	33.0%	37.8%
Ft. Lauderdale	19.4%	22.4%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater	23.3%	26.7%
Miami	5.2%	8.3%
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton	23.9%	25.4%
Jacksonville	21.9%	24.8%

The largest county population changes occurred within the boundaries of the state's largest MSAs. The top six counties, by population growth from 1990-2000 are part of the largest six MSAs in the state:

County	Population Growth 1990-2000
Ft. Lauderdale	367,530
Dade	316,268
Palm Beach	267,666
Orange	218,853
Hillsborough	164,894
Duval	105,908
Lee	105,775
Collier	99,278
Polk	78,542
Seminole	77,667

While the largest MSAs experienced the most rapid growth in population, growth as a percent of 1990 population was largest in Naples. Ranked by growth rates, Naples grew by 65%, followed by Orlando, Ocala, Ft. Meyers-Cape Coral, and West Palm Beach. The following nine MSAs experienced population growth at or above the state average:

Top MSAs: in Percent Population Growth, 1990-2000

MSAs	Population Growth Rate
Naples	65.3%
Orlando	34.3%
Ocala	32.9%
Ft. Meyers-Cape Coral	31.6%
West Palm Beach	31.0%
Ft. Lauderdale	29.3%
Punta Gorda	27.6%
Ft. Pierce-Port St. Lucie	27.2%
Daytona Beach	23.5%

Figure 3 shows MSA population growth rates from 1990-2000.

Regional Population and Population Growth

Figure 4 reports year 2000 population by county. Population is concentrated in southeast Florida and along the interstate 4 corridor that connects Tampa Bay in the west and the Space Coast in the east. Population concentrations extend along the east coast of Florida and northward up the west coast through Pasco County. Population density is also high in the far-western panhandle region, from Bay County west to Escambia County. Figure 5, which shows the change in population from 1990 through 2000 reports that the highest levels of population growth occurred in those areas with the highest population concentration in 1990. The east coast and the west coast from Tampa Bay south, and the far western panhandle area continue to attract new residents. By contrast, the seven interior counties of south Florida—Osceola, Okeechobee, Highlands, Hardee, DeSoto, Glades, and Hendry Counties—had between them only 401,702 residents in 2000, and had grown only 119,187 persons during the decade of the 1990s.

With the exceptions of Bay County (location of Panama City), Leon County (the state capitol and site of Florida State University), and Alachua County (site of the University of Florida), counties in Florida's eastern panhandle continue to have lower population densities and to experience lower population growth than the remainder of the state. The 22 counties that lie between Jacksonville and Okaloosa County in the western Panhandle had only 510,722 residents in 2000, and grew by only 147,236 persons from 1990-2000.^{1/}

^{1/} Baker, Bradford, Calhoun, Columbia, Dixie, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwanee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla, Walton, and Washington Counties.

Table 1

Florida Population by Metropolitan Statistical Area

	1990 Total Population	2000 Total Population	Total 10 Year Population Growth	10 Year Growth Rate
Florida	12,937,926	15,982,378	3,044,452	23.53%
Daytona Beach MSA				
Flagler County	28,701	49,832	21,131	
Volusia County	370,712	443,343	72,631	
TOTAL Daytona Beach MSA	399,413	493,175	93,762	23.47%
Ft. Lauderdale MSA				
Broward County	1,255,488	1,623,018	367,530	
TOTAL Ft. Lauderdale MSA	1,255,488	1,623,018	367,530	29.27%
Ft. Myers - Cape Coral MSA				
Lee County	335,113	440,888	105,775	
TOTAL Ft. Myers - Cape Coral MSA	335,113	440,888	105,775	31.56%
Ft. Pierce - Port St. Lucie MSA				
Martin County	100,900	126,731	25,831	
St. Lucie County	150,171	192,695	42,524	
TOTAL Ft. Pierce - Port St. Lucie MSA	251,071	319,426	68,355	27.23%
Ft. Walton Beach MSA				
Okaloosa County	143,776	170,498	26,722	
TOTAL Ft. Walton Beach MSA	143,776	170,498	26,722	18.59%
Gainesville MSA				
Alachua County	181,596	217,955	36,359	
TOTAL Gainesville MSA	181,596	217,955	36,359	20.02%
Jacksonville MSA				
Clay County	105,986	140,814	34,828	
Duval County	672,971	778,879	105,908	
Nassau County	43,941	57,663	13,722	
St. Johns County	83,829	123,135	39,306	
TOTAL Jacksonville MSA	906,727	1,100,491	193,764	21.37%
Lakeland - Winter Haven MSA				
Polk County	405,382	483,924	78,542	
TOTAL Lakeland - Winter Haven MSA	405,382	483,924	78,542	19.37%
Melbourne - Titusville - Palm Bay MSA				
Brevard County	398,978	476,230	77,252	
TOTAL Melbourne - Titusville - Palm Bay MSA	398,978	476,230	77,252	19.36%
Miami MSA				
Miami-Dade	1,937,094	2,253,362	316,268	
TOTAL Miami MSA	1,937,094	2,253,362	316,268	16.33%
Naples MSA				
Collier County	152,099	251,377	99,278	
TOTAL Naples MSA	152,099	251,377	99,278	65.27%

Ocala MSA				
Marion County	194,833	258,916	64,083	
TOTAL Ocala MSA	194,833	258,916	64,083	32.89%
Orlando MSA				
Lake County	152,104	210,528	58,424	
Orange County	677,491	896,344	218,853	
Osceola County	107,728	172,493	64,765	
Seminole County	287,529	365,196	77,667	
TOTAL Orlando MSA	1,224,852	1,644,561	419,709	34.27%
Panama City MSA				
Bay County	126,994	148,217	21,223	
TOTAL Panama City MSA	126,994	148,217	21,223	16.71%
Pensacola MSA				
Escambia County	262,798	294,410	31,612	
Santa Rosa County	81,608	117,743	36,135	
TOTAL Pensacola MSA	344,406	412,153	67,747	19.67%
Punta Gorda MSA				
Charlotte County	110,975	141,627	30,652	
TOTAL Punta Gorda MSA	110,975	141,627	30,652	27.62%
Sarasota - Bradenton MSA				
Manatee County	211,707	264,002	52,295	
Sarasota County	277,776	325,957	48,181	
TOTAL Sarasota - Bradenton MSA	489,483	589,959	100,476	20.53%
Tallahassee MSA				
Gadsden County	41,105	45,087	3,982	
Leon County	192,493	239,452	46,959	
TOTAL Tallahassee MSA	233,598	284,539	50,941	21.81%
Tampa - St. Petersburg - Clearwater MSA				
Hernando County	101,115	130,802	29,687	
Hillsborough County	834,054	998,948	164,894	
Pasco County	281,131	344,765	63,634	
Pinellas County	851,659	921,482	69,823	
TOTAL Tampa - St. Petersburg - Clearwater MSA	2,067,959	2,395,997	328,038	15.86%
West Palm Beach - Boca Raton MSA				
Palm Beach County	863,518	1,131,184	267,666	
TOTAL West Palm Beach - Boca Raton MSA	863,518	1,131,184	267,666	31.00%

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Redistricting Data (P.L. 94-171)
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Table 2

Florida Population by County

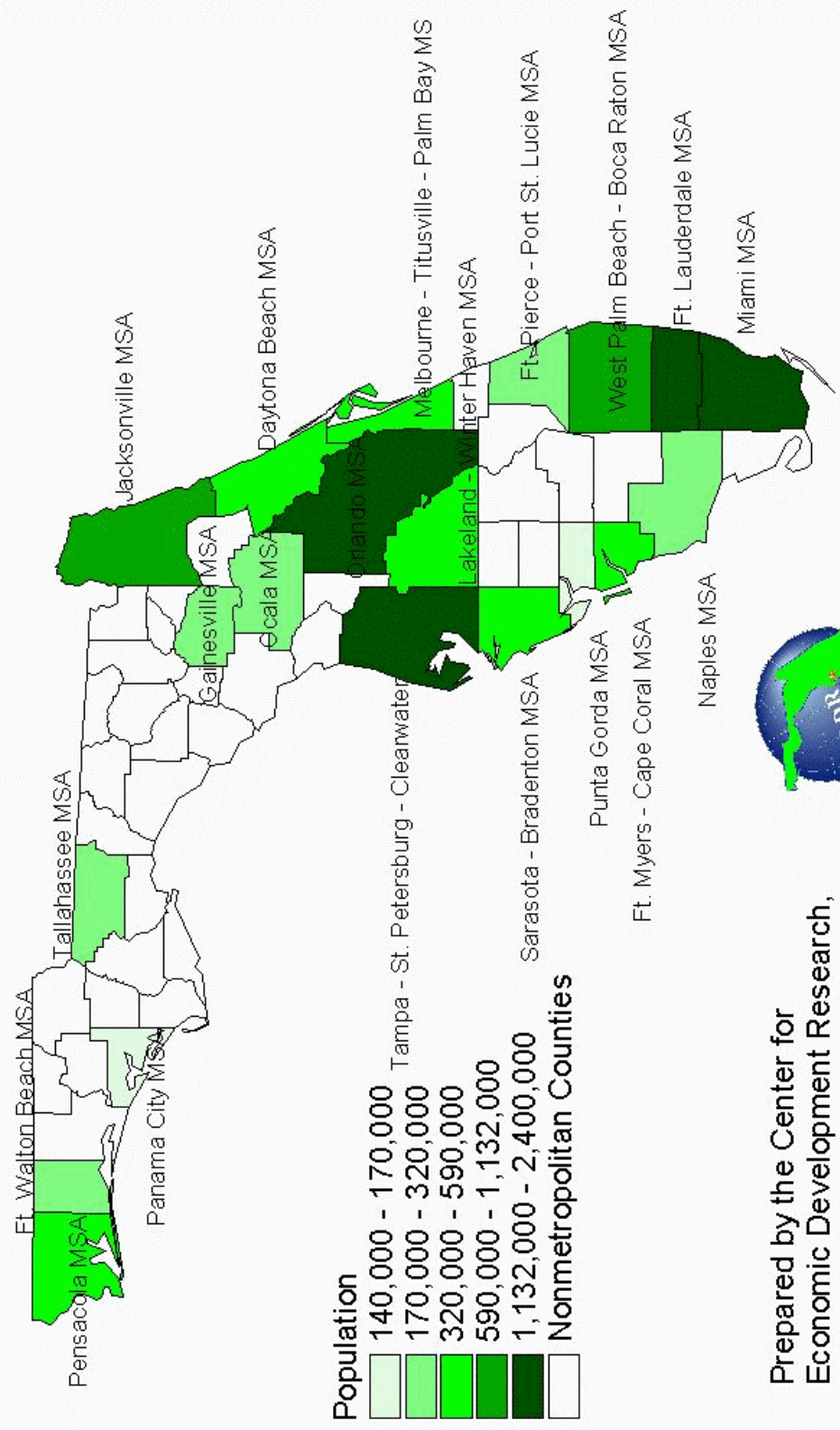
	1990 Total Population	2000 Total Population	Total 10 Year Population Change	10 Year Growth Rate
Florida	12,937,926	15,982,378	3,044,452	23.53%
Alachua County	181,596	217,955	36,359	20.02%
Baker County	18,486	22,259	3,773	20.41%
Bay County	126,994	148,217	21,223	16.71%
Bradford County	22,515	26,088	3,573	15.87%
Brevard County	398,978	476,230	77,252	19.36%
Broward County	1,255,488	1,623,018	367,530	29.27%
Calhoun County	11,011	13,017	2,006	18.22%
Charlotte County	110,975	141,627	30,652	27.62%
Citrus County	93,515	118,085	24,570	26.27%
Clay County	105,986	140,814	34,828	32.86%
Collier County	152,099	251,377	99,278	65.27%
Columbia County	42,613	56,513	13,900	32.62%
DeSoto County	23,865	32,209	8,344	34.96%
Dixie County	10,585	13,827	3,242	30.63%
Duval County	672,971	778,879	105,908	15.74%
Escambia County	262,798	294,410	31,612	12.03%
Flagler County	28,701	49,832	21,131	73.62%
Franklin County	8,967	11,057	2,090	23.31%
Gadsden County	41,105	45,087	3,982	9.69%
Gilchrist County	9,667	14,437	4,770	49.34%
Glades County	7,591	10,576	2,985	39.32%
Gulf County	11,504	13,332	1,828	15.89%
Hamilton County	10,930	13,327	2,397	21.93%
Hardee County	19,499	26,938	7,439	38.15%
Hendry County	25,773	36,210	10,437	40.50%
Hernando County	101,115	130,802	29,687	29.36%
Highlands County	68,432	87,366	18,934	27.67%
Hillsborough County	834,054	998,948	164,894	19.77%
Holmes County	15,778	18,564	2,786	17.66%
Indian River County	90,208	112,947	22,739	25.21%
Jackson County	41,375	46,755	5,380	13.00%
Jefferson County	11,296	12,902	1,606	14.22%
Lafayette County	5,578	7,022	1,444	25.89%
Lake County	152,104	210,528	58,424	38.41%
Lee County	335,113	440,888	105,775	31.56%

Leon County	192,493	239,452	46,959	24.40%
Levy County	25,923	34,450	8,527	32.89%
Liberty County	5,569	7,021	1,452	26.07%
Madison County	16,569	18,733	2,164	13.06%
Manatee County	211,707	264,002	52,295	24.70%
Marion County	194,833	258,916	64,083	32.89%
Martin County	100,900	126,731	25,831	25.60%
Dade	1,937,094	2,253,362	316,268	16.33%
Monroe County	78,024	79,589	1,565	2.01%
Nassau County	43,941	57,663	13,722	31.23%
Okaloosa County	143,776	170,498	26,722	18.59%
Okeechobee County	29,627	35,910	6,283	21.21%
Orange County	677,491	896,344	218,853	32.30%
Osceola County	107,728	172,493	64,765	60.12%
Palm Beach County	863,518	1,131,184	267,666	31.00%
Pasco County	281,131	344,765	63,634	22.63%
Pinellas County	851,659	921,482	69,823	8.20%
Polk County	405,382	483,924	78,542	19.37%
Putnam County	65,070	70,423	5,353	8.23%
Santa Rosa County	81,608	117,743	36,135	44.28%
Sarasota County	277,776	325,957	48,181	17.35%
Seminole County	287,529	365,196	77,667	27.01%
St. Johns County	83,829	123,135	39,306	46.89%
St. Lucie County	150,171	192,695	42,524	28.32%
Sumter County	31,577	53,345	21,768	68.94%
Suwannee County	26,780	34,844	8,064	30.11%
Taylor County	17,111	19,256	2,145	12.54%
Union County	10,252	13,442	3,190	31.12%
Volusia County	370,712	443,343	72,631	19.59%
Wakulla County	14,202	22,863	8,661	60.98%
Walton County	27,760	40,601	12,841	46.26%
Washington County	16,919	20,973	4,054	23.96%

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Redistricting Data (P.L 94-171)
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2000 Population by Metropolitan Statistical Area



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Figure 2

1990 to 2000 Population Change by Metropolitan Statistical Area

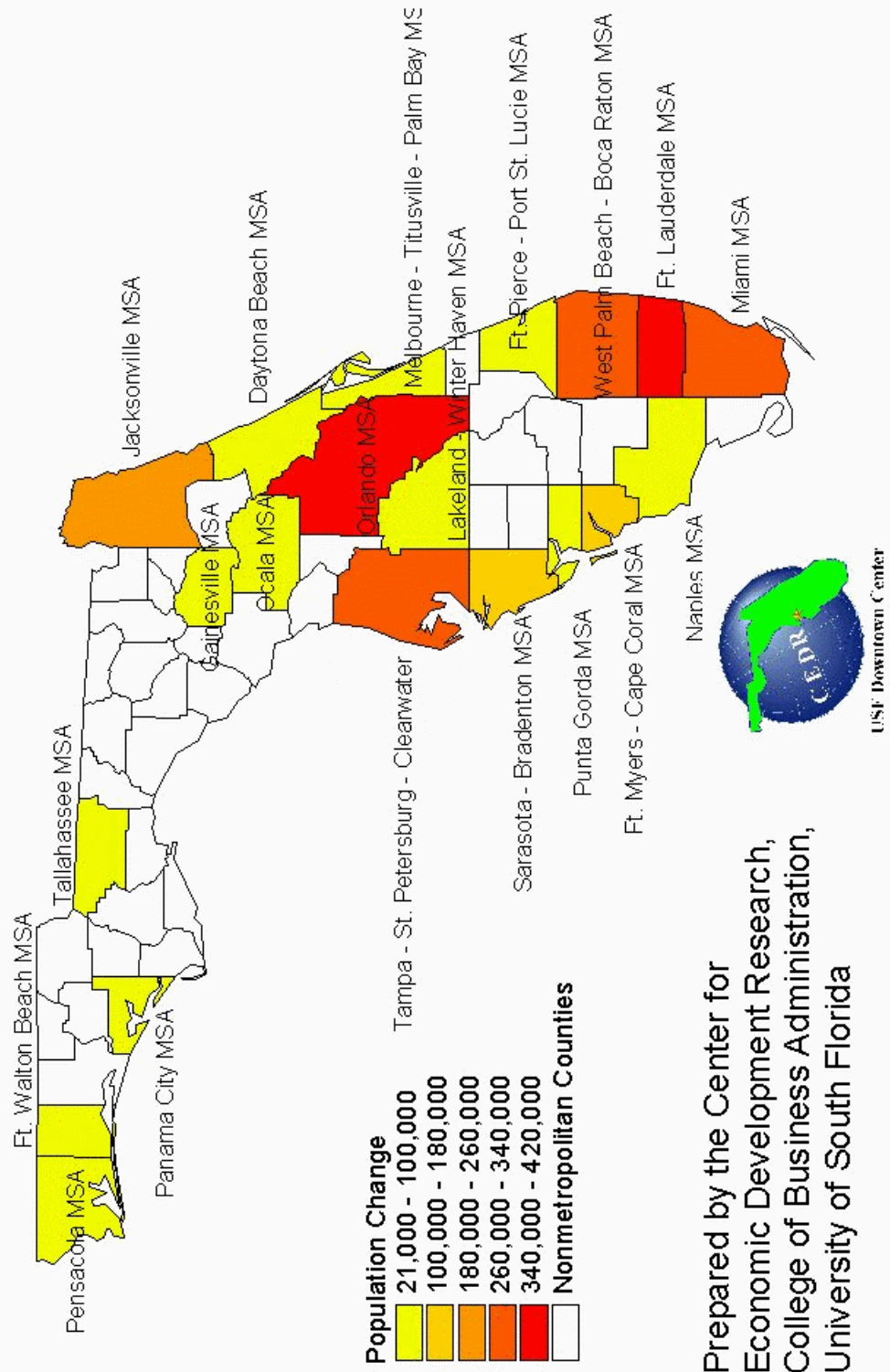
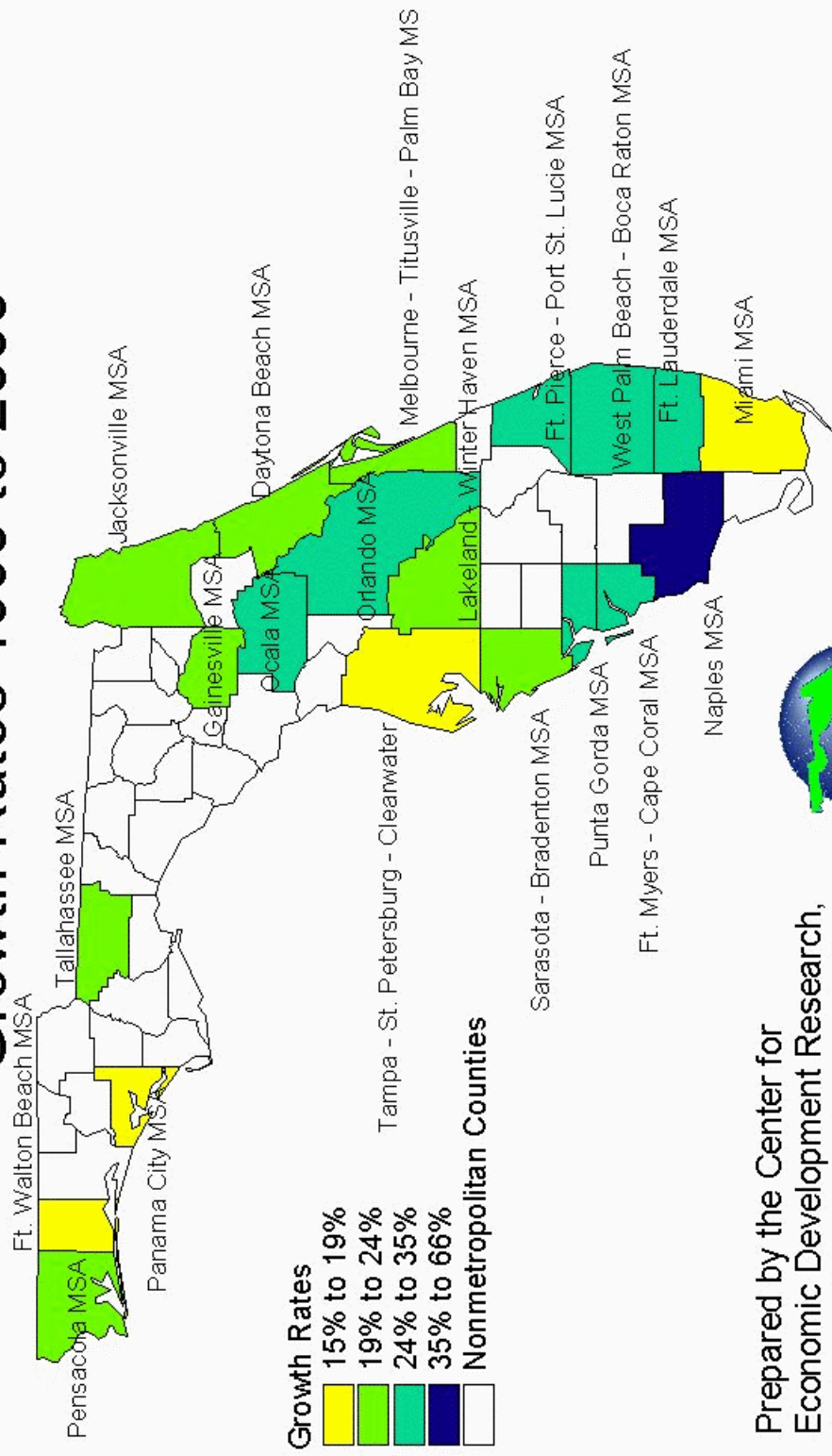


Figure 3 Metropolitan Statistical Area Population Growth Rates 1990 to 2000

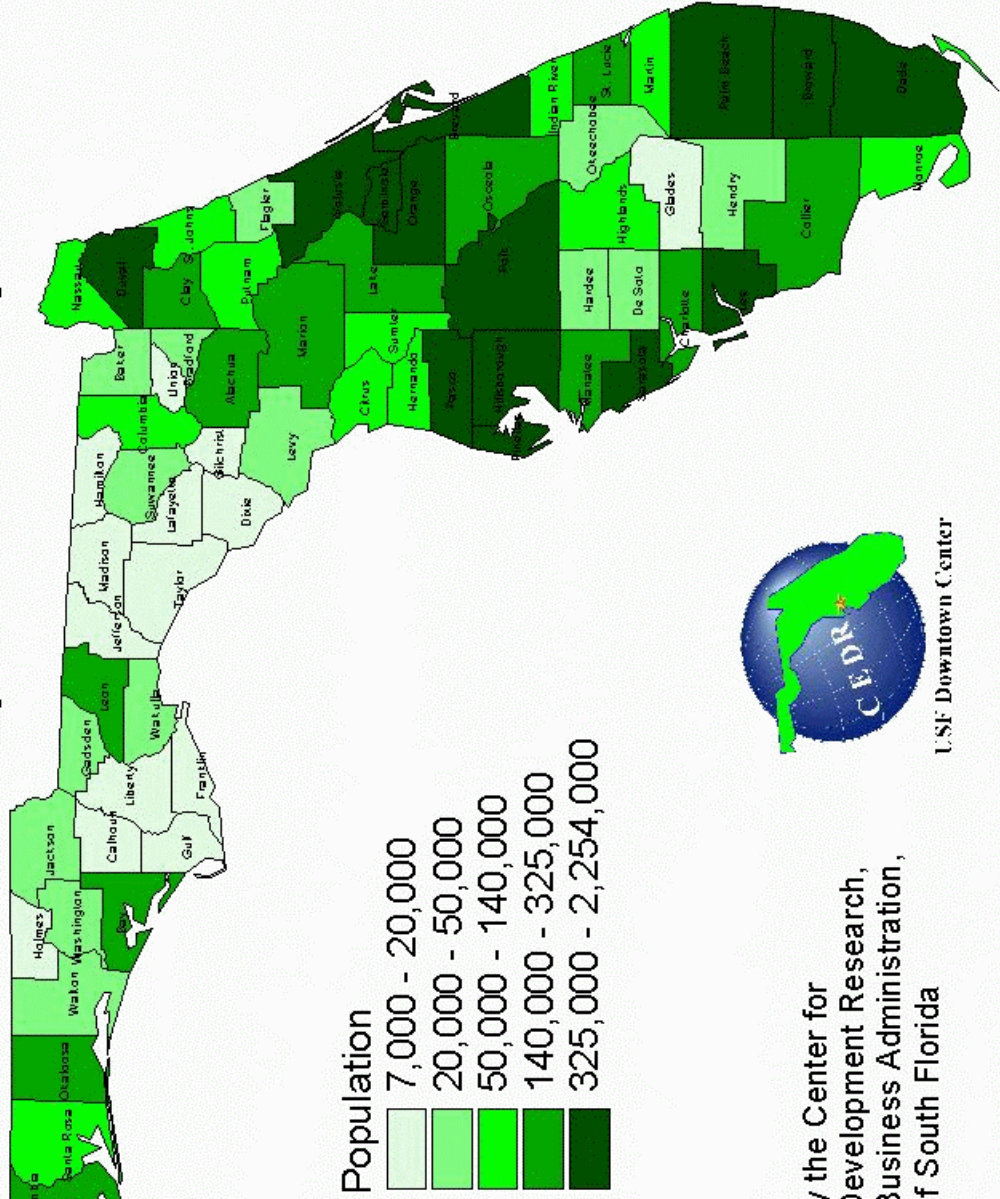


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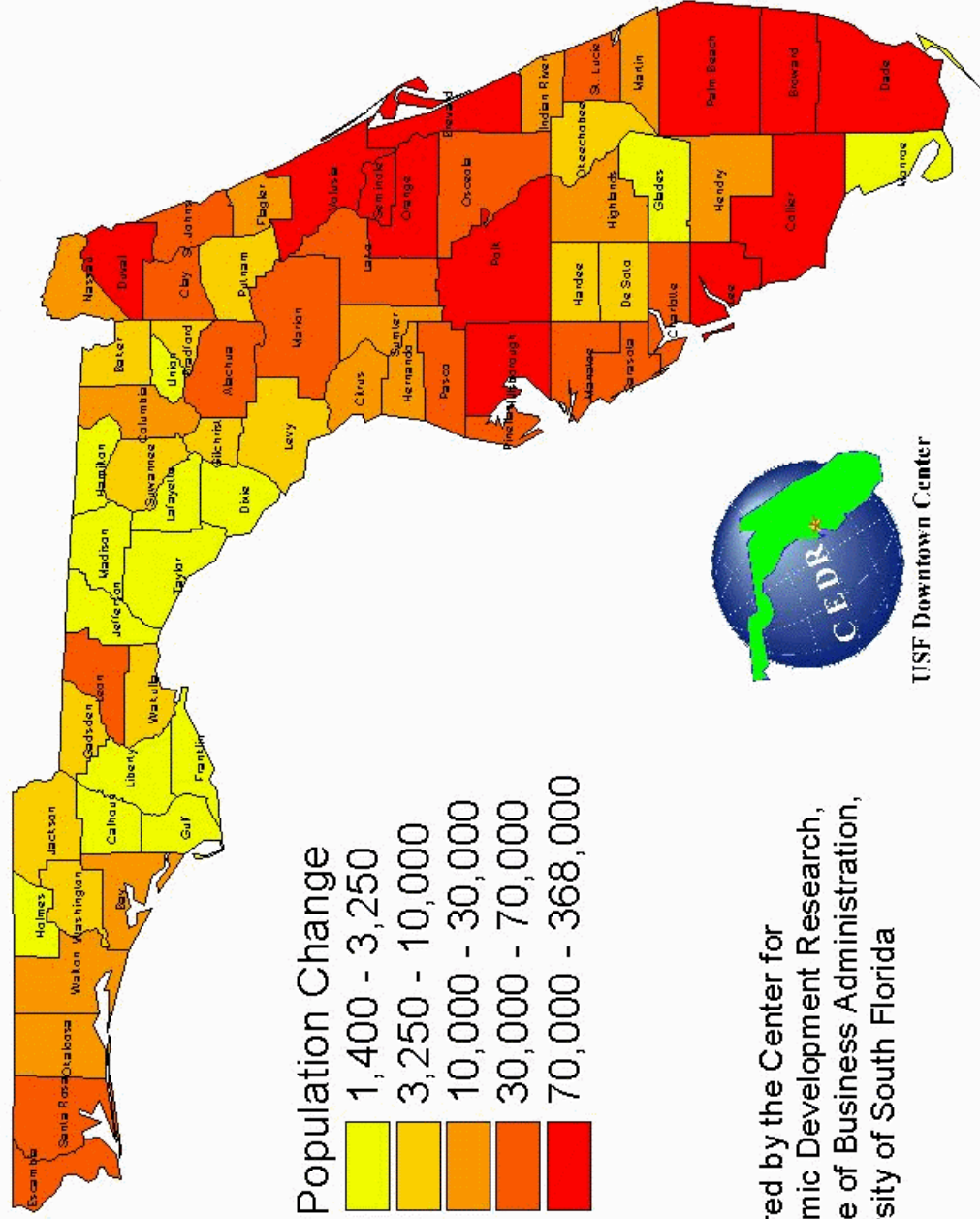
Figure 4
2000 Total Population by County



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Figure 5
1990 to 2000 Population Change by County



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