

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## General Information Regarding Brevard

### Geography

Brevard County, Florida, encompasses 1,557 square miles on the Atlantic Coast near the mid-point of the Florida peninsula. Of the total area, 1,018 square miles is land, with the remaining 539 square miles representing inland waterways. The County is approximately 72 miles from north to south and approximately 20 miles from the east (the Atlantic coastline) to the west (the St. Johns River). The County is bordered on the north by Volusia County, on the west by Orange and Osceola Counties and on the south by Indian River County. The County is located approximately halfway between Jacksonville and Miami, Florida. The City of Titusville, the County seat, is 40 miles east of Orlando.

One of the most recognizable landmarks in the County is the Kennedy Space Center located northeast of the County's geographic center. The Indian River separates the mainland portion of the County from the barrier islands. The St. Johns River forms a part of the County's western boundary.

### Form of Government

Brevard County was established by an act of the state legislature in 1854, incorporating all of what had been St. Lucie County and became the 25th of the 67 counties in the State of Florida. The Constitution of Florida gives the power of home rule to chartered local governments. A charter gives to a community the direct constitutional power to pass its own local laws, and to restructure and establish a government responsive to the needs and wishes of its citizens without the permission of the State Legislature. In November, 1994, the voters of Brevard County adopted the County's Home Rule Charter. On January 1, 1995, all authority of the Charter became effective.

The five-member Board of County Commissioners is the legislative and governing body of the County. Each County Commissioner is elected on a district basis to represent the district in which he or she resides. The Commission itself elects a Chairman who serves as a presiding officer.

The Board of County Commissioners appoints a County Manager and a County Attorney. The County Manager is responsible for the administration of the County government. The County Attorney is responsible for the legal services for County government.

In addition, the Charter provides for the offices of: the Sheriff, the Property Appraiser, the Tax Collector, the Clerk of the Courts, and the Supervisor of Elections.

### Services Funded

The County funds a wide range of services. Almost all services normally provided by a large urban county government are funded by Brevard County including, but not limited to, the following services:

Affordable Housing	Law Library with Public Access
Agriculture and Extension Services	Legislative Services
Airports	Mosquito Control
Circuit and County Courts	Parks and Recreation Facilities/Services
Comprehensive Planning/Control	Protective Inspections
Conservation and Resource Management	Public Communications Services
Consumer Protection Services	Public Elections
Court Alternative Services	Public Library System
Economic Development Services	Public Records Management
Emergency 9-1-1 Communications	Public Transportation
Emergency Management	Road Construction and Maintenance
Emergency Medical and Ambulance Services	Solid Waste Management Services
Facilities Support	Surface Water Quality Improvement
Fire Protection	Tax Collections
Geographic Research Services	Tourism Development
Health and Social Services	Urban Redevelopment
Law Enforcement	Water/Wastewater Utilities

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In addition to providing support for its own direct service agencies, the County's Facilities Construction program, Facilities Management program, Human Resources Office, Purchasing Services, Risk Management and Self-Insurance program, Information Technology, and Fleet Services provide services to other governmental agencies on a fee-for-services basis.

### Service Contracts to Private Sector or Not-For-Profit Agencies

In order for Brevard County to reduce costs, the County has looked to the private sector and community-based organizations to purchase services from them. This has enabled the County to save money and to re-allocate resources in an effort to meet the growing demands of the community. The following services are currently being purchased by the County:

- Garbage Collection
- Mulching of Lawn Trash
- Recycling Collection
- Road Design and Construction
- Radio Maintenance
- Traffic Signal Installation
- Traffic Striping
- Right-of-Way Mowing
- Engineering Materials Testing
- SCATS Vehicle Maintenance
- SCATS Van Pooling
- Medicaid Public Transit
- Countywide Non-Emergency Ambulance Services
- Printing and Publications
- Golf Course Maintenance
- Landscaping and Lawn Maintenance
- Janitorial Services
- Mail Courier Service
- Library System Courier Services
- Building Security Service
- Spouse Abuse Shelter Operation
- Alcohol-Drug Abuse Treatment Services
- 24-Hour Crisis Line
- Developmental Disabled Services
- Services for Elderly and Alzheimer's Patients (Meals, Chore Service, Home Repair)
- Indigent Dental and Primary Health Care
- Recreation Instruction
- Animal Shelter Services
- Laboratory Analysis of Water Quality
- Tourism Development Promotional Services
- Contractor Licensing Testing
- Processing of Library Materials

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### Population

The County is the tenth most populous of Florida's 67 counties with approximately 2.9% of the State's total population. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, during the period 1990 through 2008, Brevard County's population increased from 398,978 to 536,521, a 34% increase, somewhat less than the 41% growth the State experienced in the same period. For the past two years, the County and the State have had growth rates of less than 1%.

The primary cause of growth in Brevard County in the past two decades is the development of the Space Center, peripheral services, and aerospace and high technology industries. Tourism services and an influx of retired persons have also contributed to the population growth. While the County continues to grow, the increase is at a decreasing rate, consistent with the trend at the state level. Between 1980 and 1990 Brevard County experienced a 47% growth rate, between 1990 and 2000, the growth rate slowed to 19% and since the year 2000, the rate has been 13%. The County's historical population growth:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Brevard County Population</u>	<u>Rates of Increase Brevard County</u>	<u>Florida Population</u>	<u>Rates of Increase Florida</u>
2000	476,230	.46%	15,982,378	4.5%
2001	485,966	2.0%	16,396,515	2.6%
2002	494,593	1.8%	16,713,149	1.9%
2003	503,436	1.8%	17,019,068	1.8%
2004	516,503	2.6%	17,397,161	2.2%
2005	526,805	2.0%	17,768,191	2.1%
2006	531,959	1.0%	18,089,888	1.8%
2007	536,161	.79%	18,251,243	.88%
2008	536,521	.07%	18,328,340	.42%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

### Economic Summary

A population base in excess of 536,000 spread across 72 miles is the significant factor in the delivery of services to the public by the Brevard County government. Other significant economic factors include the growth of the tourism industry in Brevard County and Central Florida.

The economic focal point for Brevard County continues to be the John F. Kennedy Space Center, where employees celebrated the first 50 years of NASA in 2008, and the nearby Air Force installations. During FY 2008, NASA and Kennedy Space Center activities resulted in \$4.1 billion in output, and total KSC/NASA direct spending of \$1.82 billion in Brevard County. The total workforce at KSC was 14,865. The economic impact of NASA in Florida was \$2.1 billion in household income and 40,802 jobs. In addition, \$246 million of federal taxes and \$103 million of state and local taxes were generated.

Tourism and travel continue to heavily impact Brevard County, with over 2.2 million overnight visitors and an additional 2.6 million day visitors to the Space Coast each year. The total impact of tourism on the Brevard County economy for the year 2008 was \$2 billion. The Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex had over 1.6 million out-of-state visitors in 2008 injecting \$35 million into the Brevard's economy, and – in fiscal year 2006 – 4.6 million cruise passengers passed through Port Canaveral, the second largest cruise line port in the world. Directly, or indirectly, tourism accounted for more than \$378 million in wages for Brevard County.

Port Canaveral, as of FY2006, generated more than \$3 billion in output in the County representing approximately 10% of the County's output. Locally, the Port is responsible for more than 22,000 jobs paying \$9 billion in wages with an economic impact of more than \$1.3 billion while generating \$130 million in local and state taxes. Port Canaveral is also the first quadramodal port in the world, serving air, land, sea and space transportation.

The County's economy includes electronic, scientific and other high technology equipment manufacturing. Brevard is now known as the high-tech center of the Southeast. In 2008 manufacturing made up 11.4% of total non-agricultural employment in the County, wholesale and retail trade represented 15.6%, educational and health services 14.7%, while professional and business services represent 16.9% and government employment was 14% of Brevard's non-agricultural workforce.

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According to the 2009 Economic Profile compiled by the Economic Commission of Florida's Space Coast the following are Brevard County's Major private Employers:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Approximate Number of Employees</u>
Harris Corporation	Communication Equipment, Satellite Systems, Integrated Circuits and Electric Utility Monitor Control Systems	6,700
Health First, Inc	Integrated Healthcare Delivery System	6,420
United Space Alliance, LLC	Facilities Support Services	5,890
Wuesthoff Health System, Inc.	Integrated Healthcare Delivery System	2,430
Northrop Grumman Corporation	Search, Detection and Navigation Instruments	1,640
Rockwell Collins, Inc.	Avionics Manufacturing	1,430
Parrish Medical Center	Integrated Healthcare Delivery System	1,040
The Boeing Company	Guided Missile and Space Vehicle Manufacturing	1,010
MIMA	Offices of Physicians	970
DRS Optronics, Inc.	Optical Instrument Manufacturer	910
MC Assembly	Electronic Computer Manufacturing	890
Lockheed Martin Corporation	Guided Missile and Space Vehicle Manufacturing	810
United Launch Alliance	Guided Missile and Space Vehicle Manufacturing	800
Computer Sciences Raytheon	Facilities Support Services	790
Sea Ray Boats	Boat Manufacturer	780
Florida Institute of Technology	Higher Education	740
Indyne, Inc.	Facilities Support Services	690
Intersil Corporation	Semi-Conductors	690
Delaware North Park Services of Spaceport, Inc.	Visitor Services	670
Mercedes Homes	New Residential Construction	570
Florida Today (Gannett Co., Inc.)	Newspaper Publishers	520
ITT Corporation	Engineering Services	510
Omni Healthcare	Offices of Physicians	500

### Property Values

The County's taxable assessed valuations for countywide tax purposes for the last ten years have been as follows:

<u>Jan 1 Year</u>	<u>Total Taxable Property Values</u>	<u>Change from Prior Year</u>	<u>New Construction in Current Year</u>
2000	\$16,924,946,890	\$1,014,675,269	\$686,369,011
2001	\$18,291,203,593	\$1,366,256,703	\$622,278,127
2002	\$19,695,633,660	\$1,404,430,067	\$715,182,314
2003	\$22,061,374,161	\$2,365,740,501	\$984,807,121
2004	\$25,292,514,430	\$3,231,140,269	\$1,040,159,441
2005	\$31,028,487,900	\$5,735,973,470	\$1,468,613,417
2006	\$39,311,747,501	\$8,283,259,601	\$1,693,993,577
2007	\$40,927,287,793	\$1,615,540,292	\$1,840,520,354
2008	\$38,127,656,504	(\$2,799,631,289)	\$1,225,240,705
2009	\$33,707,855,551	(\$4,419,800,953)	\$444,401,981