



# FLORIDA CITIES BY INCORPORATION YEAR WITH INCORPORATION & DISSOLUTION INFO

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Municipality	County	Year Inc.
Indiantown	Martin	2017
Westlake	Palm Beach	2016
Estero	Lee	2014
Grant-Valkaria	Brevard	2006
Loxahatchee Groves	Palm Beach	2006
West Park	Broward	2005
Cutler Bay	Miami-Dade	2005
Doral	Miami-Dade	2003
Miami Gardens	Miami-Dade	2003
Palmetto Bay	Miami-Dade	2002
Southwest Ranches	Broward	2000
Miami Lakes	Miami-Dade	2000
Palm Coast	Flagler	1999
Bonita Springs	Lee	1999
Marathon	Monroe	1999
Marco Island	Collier	1997
Sunny Isles Beach	Miami-Dade	1997
Islamorada, Village of Islands	Monroe	1997
Weston	Broward	1996
Pinecrest	Miami-Dade	1996
Fort Myers Beach	Lee	1995
Aventura	Miami-Dade	1995
Wellington	Palm Beach	1995
Deltona	Volusia	1995
DeBary	Volusia	1993
Key Biscayne	Miami-Dade	1991
Midway	Gadsden	1986
Destin	Okaloosa	1984
Jacob City	Jackson	1983
Noma	Holmes	1977
Sanibel	Lee	1974
Lake Mary	Seminole	1973
Raiford	Union	1971
Westville	Holmes	1970
Cape Coral	Lee	1970
Seminole	Pinellas	1970
Otter Creek	Levy	1969

Municipality	County	Year Inc.
Mexico Beach	Bay	1967
Parker	Bay	1967
Coconut Creek	Broward	1967
Bay Lake	Orange	1967
Lake Buena Vista	Orange	1967
Ebro	Washington	1967
Weeki Wachee	Hernando	1966
Fanning Springs	Gilchrist, Levy	1965
Orchid	Indian River	1965
Caryville	Washington	1965
Callaway	Bay	1963
Cape Canaveral	Brevard	1963
Coral Springs	Broward	1963
North Lauderdale	Broward	1963
Parkland	Broward	1963
Tamarac	Broward	1963
Horseshoe Beach	Dixie	1963
Esto	Holmes	1963
Ponce De Leon	Holmes	1963
Layton	Monroe	1963
Briny Breezes	Palm Beach	1963
Belleair Bluffs	Pinellas	1963
Worthington Springs	Union	1963
Ponce Inlet	Volusia	1963
St. Marks	Wakulla	1963
Freeport	Walton	1963
Wausau	Washington	1963
Malabar	Brevard	1962
Davie	Broward	1961
Lauderdale Lakes	Broward	1961
Margate	Broward	1961
Pembroke Pines	Broward	1961
Sunrise	Broward	1961
Bascom	Jackson	1961
Gulf Breeze	Santa Rosa	1961
Port St. Lucie	St. Lucie	1961
St. Lucie Village	St. Lucie	1961



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Branford	Suwannee	1961
Palm Bay	Brevard	1960
Ocean Breeze	Martin	1960
Daytona Beach Shores	Volusia	1960
Panama City Beach	Bay	1959
Palm Shores	Brevard	1959
West Melbourne	Brevard	1959
Cooper City	Broward	1959
Lauderhill	Broward	1959
Sea Ranch Lakes	Broward	1959
Wewahitchka	Gulf	1959
Alford	Jackson	1959
Atlantis	Palm Beach	1959
Haverhill	Palm Beach	1959
Jupiter Inlet Colony	Palm Beach	1959
Palm Beach Gardens	Palm Beach	1959
Royal Palm Beach	Palm Beach	1959
North Port	Sarasota	1959
Winter Springs	Seminole	1959
St. Augustine Beach	St. Johns	1959
Bristol	Liberty	1958
La Crosse	Alachua	1957
Glen Saint Mary	Baker	1957
Melbourne Village	Brevard	1957
Satellite Beach	Brevard	1957
Pembroke Park	Broward	1957
Sewall's Point	Martin	1957
Key Colony Beach	Monroe	1957
Golf	Palm Beach	1957
Lake Clarke Shores	Palm Beach	1957
Palm Springs	Palm Beach	1957
Tequesta	Palm Beach	1957
Kenneth City	Pinellas	1957
St. Pete Beach	Pinellas	1957
Webster	Sumter	1957
Lighthouse Point	Broward	1956
Inglis	Levy	1956
North Palm Beach	Palm Beach	1956
Indian Rocks Beach	Pinellas	1956

Indian Harbour Beach	Brevard	1955
Miramar	Broward	1955
Beverly Beach	Flagler	1955
Longboat Key	Manatee,Sarasota	1955
Hypoluxo	Palm Beach	1955
South Palm Beach	Palm Beach	1955
Belleair Shore	Pinellas	1955
Redington Shores	Pinellas	1955
South Pasadena	Pinellas	1955
Treasure Island	Pinellas	1955
Sopchoppy	Wakulla	1955
Lazy Lake	Broward	1953
Plantation	Broward	1953
Everglades City	Collier	1953
Indian River Shores	Indian River	1953
Jupiter Island	Martin	1953
Laurel Hill	Okaloosa	1953
Juno Beach	Palm Beach	1953
North Redington Beach	Pinellas	1953
Brooker	Bradford	1952
Indialantic	Brevard	1952
Bradenton Beach	Manatee	1952
Paxton	Walton	1952
Grand Ridge	Jackson	1951
Bronson	Levy	1951
Palm Beach Shores	Palm Beach	1951
Jay	Santa Rosa	1951
South Daytona	Volusia	1951
Holmes Beach	Manatee	1950
Cinco Bayou	Okaloosa	1950
Belleair Beach	Pinellas	1950
Medley	Miami-Dade	1949
Highland Beach	Palm Beach	1949
Indian Shores	Pinellas	1949
Hialeah Gardens	Miami-Dade	1948
Cloud Lake	Palm Beach	1948
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	Broward	1947
Pompano Beach	Broward	1947
Wilton Manors	Broward	1947



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Bay Harbor Islands	Miami-Dade	1947
Virginia Gardens	Miami-Dade	1947
West Miami	Miami-Dade	1947
Hilliard	Nassau	1947
Shalimar	Okaloosa	1947
Glen Ridge	Palm Beach	1947
Mangonia Park	Palm Beach	1947
Madeira Beach	Pinellas	1947
Altha	Calhoun	1946
Bal Harbour	Miami-Dade	1946
Mary Esther	Okaloosa	1946
Century	Escambia	1945
Madison	Madison	1945
North Bay Village	Miami-Dade	1945
Belle Glade	Palm Beach	1945
Redington Beach	Pinellas	1944
Sweetwater	Miami-Dade	1941
Fort Walton Beach	Okaloosa	1941
South Bay	Palm Beach	1941
Marineland	Flagler, St. Johns	1940
Casselberry	Seminole	1940
Macclenny	Baker	1939
Hillsboro Beach	Broward	1939
Indian Creek	Miami-Dade	1939
Niceville	Okaloosa	1938
El Portal	Miami-Dade	1937
Oldsmar	Pinellas	1937
Springfield	Bay	1935
Surfside	Miami-Dade	1935
Biscayne Park	Miami-Dade	1933
Miami Shores	Miami-Dade	1932
Neptune Beach	Duval	1931
Manalapan	Palm Beach	1931
Ocean Ridge	Palm Beach	1931
Oakland Park	Broward	1929
Sebring	Highlands	1929
Williston	Levy	1929
Golden Beach	Miami-Dade	1929
Pierson	Volusia	1929

Hallandale Beach	Broward	1927
Penney Farms	Clay	1927
Bowling Green	Hardee	1927
Lake Placid	Highlands	1927
Greenwood	Jackson	1927
Astatula	Lake	1927
Fruitland Park	Lake	1927
Highland Park	Polk	1927
Oak Hill	Volusia	1927
Atlantic Beach	Duval	1926
Minneola	Lake	1926
Miami Springs	Miami-Dade	1926
North Miami	Miami-Dade	1926
North Miami Beach	Miami-Dade	1926
Opa-locka	Miami-Dade	1926
South Miami	Miami-Dade	1926
Greenacres	Palm Beach	1926
Venice	Sarasota	1926
Vernon	Washington	1926
Cocoa Beach	Brevard	1925
Deerfield Beach	Broward	1925
Hollywood	Broward	1925
Keystone Heights	Clay	1925
Naples	Collier	1925
Flagler Beach	Flagler, Volusia	1925
Clewiston	Hendry	1925
LaBelle	Hendry	1925
Temple Terrace	Hillsborough	1925
Campbellton	Jackson	1925
Howey-in-the-Hills	Lake	1925
Lady Lake	Lake	1925
Mascotte	Lake	1925
Montverde	Lake	1925
Tavares	Lake	1925
Yankeetown	Levy	1925
Reddick	Marion	1925
Coral Gables	Miami-Dade	1925
Hialeah	Miami-Dade	1925
Windermere	Orange	1925



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Boca Raton	Palm Beach	1925
Gulf Stream	Palm Beach	1925
Jupiter	Palm Beach	1925
Port Richey	Pasco	1925
Belleair	Pinellas	1925
Dundee	Polk	1925
Lake Hamilton	Polk	1925
Polk City	Polk	1925
Oviedo	Seminole	1925
Center Hill	Sumter	1925
Cross City	Dixie	1924
Sebastian	Indian River	1924
Belle Isle	Orange	1924
Edgewood	Orange	1924
New Port Richey	Pasco	1924
Edgewater	Volusia	1924
Melbourne Beach	Brevard	1923
Cedar Key	Levy	1923
Anna Maria	Manatee	1923
Ocoee	Orange	1923
Riviera Beach	Palm Beach	1923
Hillcrest Heights	Polk	1923
Winter Haven	Polk	1923
Groveland	Lake	1922
Pahokee	Palm Beach	1922
Chattahoochee	Gadsden	1921
Valparaiso	Okaloosa	1921
Lake Park	Palm Beach	1921
Lantana	Palm Beach	1921
Eagle Lake	Polk	1921
Frostproof	Polk	1921
Boynton Beach	Palm Beach	1920
Altamonte Springs	Seminole	1920
Inverness	Citrus	1919
Vero Beach	Indian River	1919
Moore Haven	Glades	1917
Safety Harbor	Pinellas	1917
Lake Wales	Polk	1917
Crestview	Okaloosa	1916

Miami Beach	Miami-Dade	1915
Okeechobee	Okeechobee	1915
Clearwater	Pinellas	1915
Pinellas Park	Pinellas	1915
Davenport	Polk	1915
Lake Alfred	Polk	1915
Stuart	Martin	1914
Florida City	Miami-Dade	1914
Zephyrhills	Pasco	1914
Haines City	Polk	1914
Lynn Haven	Bay	1913
Bunnell	Flagler	1913
Port St. Joe	Gulf	1913
Avon Park	Highlands	1913
Chiefland	Levy	1913
McIntosh	Marion	1913
Homestead	Miami-Dade	1913
Lake Worth Beach	Palm Beach	1913
Port Orange	Volusia	1913
Fort Lauderdale	Broward	1911
Greensboro	Gadsden	1911
Trenton	Gilchrist	1911
Fellsmere	Indian River	1911
Malone	Jackson	1911
Marianna	Jackson	1911
Callahan	Nassau	1911
St. Cloud	Osceola	1911
Delray Beach	Palm Beach	1911
Palm Beach	Palm Beach	1911
Auburndale	Polk	1911
Bushnell	Sumter	1911
Mount Dora	Lake	1910
Gulfport	Pinellas	1910
Panama City	Bay	1909
Gretna	Gadsden	1909
Lee	Madison	1909
Newberry	Alachua	1908
Coleman	Sumter	1908
Waldo	Alachua	1907



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Jacksonville Beach	Duval	1907
Havana	Gadsden	1907
Wauchula	Hardee	1907
Greenville	Madison	1907
Alachua	Alachua	1905
Lawtey	Bradford	1905
Cottondale	Jackson	1905
Largo	Pinellas	1905
Dania Beach	Broward	1904
Zolfo Springs	Hardee	1904
Umatilla	Lake	1904
Blountstown	Calhoun	1903
Crystal River	Citrus	1903
Bell	Gilchrist	1903
Mayo	Lafayette	1903
Bradenton	Manatee	1903
Winter Garden	Orange	1903
St. Petersburg	Pinellas	1903
Perry	Taylor	1903
Graceville	Jackson	1902
Sarasota	Sarasota	1902
Mulberry	Polk	1901
Fort Pierce	St. Lucie	1901
Holly Hill	Volusia	1901
DeFuniak Springs	Walton	1901
Chipley	Washington	1901
Jennings	Hamilton	1900
Dunedin	Pinellas	1899
Palmetto	Manatee	1897
Miami	Miami-Dade	1896
Cocoa	Brevard	1895
Sneads	Jackson	1894
West Palm Beach	Palm Beach	1894
Pomona Park	Putnam	1894
Carrabelle	Franklin	1893
Lake Butler	Union	1893
High Springs	Alachua	1892
Clermont	Lake	1891
Dunnellon	Marion	1891

San Antonio	Pasco	1891
St. Leo	Pasco	1891
Dade City	Pasco	1889
Wildwood	Sumter	1889
Melbourne	Brevard	1888
Interlachen	Putnam	1888
Lake Helen	Volusia	1888
Rockledge	Brevard	1887
Titusville	Brevard	1887
Punta Gorda	Charlotte	1887
Eatonville	Orange	1887
Oakland	Orange	1887
Winter Park	Orange	1887
Tarpon Springs	Pinellas	1887
Welaka	Putnam	1887
New Smyrna Beach	Volusia	1887
Arcadia	DeSoto	1886
Bonifay	Holmes	1886
Fort Myers	Lee	1886
White Springs	Hamilton	1885
Plant City	Hillsborough	1885
Belleview	Marion	1885
Ocala	Marion	1885
Maitland	Orange	1885
Fort Meade	Polk	1885
Lakeland	Polk	1885
Fort White	Columbia	1884
Eustis	Lake	1883
Kissimmee	Osceola	1883
Crescent City	Putnam	1883
Apopka	Orange	1882
Bartow	Polk	1882
DeLand	Volusia	1882
Orange City	Volusia	1882
Hawthorne	Alachua	1881
Ormond Beach	Volusia	1880
Orange Park	Clay	1879
Live Oak	Suwannee	1878
Sanford	Seminole	1877



Baldwin	Duval	1876
Daytona Beach	Volusia	1876
Leesburg	Lake	1875
Orlando	Orange	1875
Longwood	Seminole	1875
Green Cove Springs	Clay	1874
Hampton	Bradford	1870
Starke	Bradford	1870
Gainesville	Alachua	1869
Monticello	Jefferson	1861
Lake City	Columbia	1859
Jasper	Hamilton	1858
Brooksville	Hernando	1856
Tampa	Hillsborough	1855
Palatka	Putnam	1853
Archer	Alachua	1850
Milton	Santa Rosa	1844
Micanopy	Alachua	1837
Jacksonville	Duval	1832
Apalachicola	Franklin	1831
Quincy	Gadsden	1828
Key West	Monroe	1828
Tallahassee	Leon	1825
Fernandina Beach	Nassau	1825
Pensacola	Escambia	1822
St. Augustine	St. Johns	1822

### How a Municipality Incorporates

Prior to establishment of municipal Home Rule in 1973, Florida cities were incorporated in a variety of ways. From the territorial days of 1822 through Statehood in 1845 and into the modern era, all of those methods involved some type of state act in the Legislature. Chapter 165, Florida Statutes, was revised after the ratification of Home Rule and new cities incorporating since that time have done so under the revised law. Please note, the process is completely different for new municipalities in Miami-Dade County; these are not done through Chapter 165, Florida Statutes.

Chapter 165 outlines a Feasibility Study that is required for any incorporation to be considered as a special act of the Legislature. This study contains fiscal estimates, intergovernmental relationships, a draft charter, estimates of service delivery and other elements to ensure that the community has fully explored its options and completed its due diligence. Most communities that undertake this study use university students and/or consultants to complete the work. This study is first reviewed by the community's House and Senate members (the local delegation), and if approval is received, the study and special act are filed with the Florida House and Senate. If the special act is heard and acted upon by both bodies, the usual course since the 1970s has been for the special act to establish a date for the community's referendum vote. If it passes, the municipality has an effective date to begin its governing. If it fails, the community may choose to try again or not. A model feasibility study was approved by the Legislature (it is the Palm Coast study) and both electronic and print copies are available through the League.

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## How a Municipality Dissolves

Just as a city, town or village can be formed, it can also be dissolved. Since Home Rule was ratified by the Florida Legislature in 1973 in the Home Rule Powers Act, these actions are done by special act of the Legislature, or by referendum vote of the citizens in the process outlined in Chapter 165, Florida Statutes. Since the ratification of Home Rule, the following municipalities have been incorporated or dissolved.

Municipality	County	Year Disslvd.
Hastings	St. Johns	2018
Islandia	Miami-Dade	2012
Cedar Grove	Bay	2008
Golfview	Palm Beach	1998
Ward Ridge	Gulf	1987
Pennsuco	Dade	1986
Hacienda Village	Broward	1984
North Key Largo Beach	Monroe	1982/83
Painters Hill	Flagler	1981
Munson Island	Monroe	1977
Bayview	Bay	1977