

**The total population of Palm Beach County grew by 31.0 percent (267,666) people from 1990 to 2000.** This is both a smaller number and a much slower rate of growth than that experienced in the 1980s when the county grew by 49.8 percent and 286,760 people. Palm Beach County however, remained the fastest growing large county in South Florida. The only counties growing at a faster rate are those that had a much smaller base population in 1990 such as Collier, Glades, and Hendry counties. The University of Florida's Bureau of Business and Economic Research estimates that Palm Beach County's population has grown by an additional 80,257 individuals between 2000 and 2003. Population in Palm Beach County is estimated to have reached 1,211,448 an increase of 7.1 percent from the 2000 level of 1,131,191.

### **Population Growth Trends for Palm Beach County--1980-2015**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Number Change</u>	<u>% of Change</u>
1980	578,593	n/a	n/a
1981	613,033	34,440	5.62%
1982	640,242	27,209	4.25%
1983	661,848	21,606	3.26%
1984	686,849	25,001	3.64%
1985	715,597	28,748	4.02%
1986	745,669	30,072	4.03%
1987	776,973	31,304	4.03%
1988	807,847	30,874	3.82%
1989	835,230	27,383	3.28%
1990	863,518	28,288	3.28%
1991	887,890	24,372	2.74%
1992	907,389	19,499	2.15%
1993	932,537	25,148	2.70%
1994	960,497	27,960	2.91%
1995	988,747	28,250	2.86%
1996	1,013,515	24,768	2.44%
1997	1,044,460	30,945	2.96%
1998	1,071,009	26,549	2.48%
1999	1,098,859	27,850	2.53%
2000	1,131,184	32,325	2.86%
2001	1,165,000	33,816	2.90%
2002	1,177,840	12,840	1.09%
2003	1,203,716	25,876	2.15%
2004	1,230,957	27,241	2.21%
2005	1,258,138	27,181	2.16%
2006	1,284,373	26,235	2.04%
2007	1,309,715	25,342	1.93%
2008	1,334,571	24,856	1.86%
2009	1,359,113	24,542	1.81%
2010	1,383,745	24,632	1.78%
2011	1,408,726	24,981	1.77%
2012	1,434,113	25,387	1.77%
2013	1,459,721	25,608	1.75%
2014	1,485,534	25,813	1.74%
2015	1,511,496	25,962	1.72%