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Bureau of Economic and Business Research

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Dear Sir or Madam:

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Planning Department
Hernando County, Florida

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Enclosed is the preliminary estimate of the permanent population of your jurisdiction as of **April 1, 2022**. This estimate was produced by our office under contractual agreement with the Florida Legislature, and it is one factor used in determining the distribution of state revenue sharing funds (Section 186.901, Florida Statutes, Revenue Sharing Act, 1972). We ask that you evaluate this estimate carefully and make the appropriate response on the enclosed form. Please complete the enclosed form and email it in PDF format to RichardLDoty@ufl.edu (preferred method), or mail it back in the postage-paid envelope. If future correspondence to your office should be directed toward a different person or address than the one listed, please indicate that change on the form.

These 2022 estimates are based on the April 1, 2020 Census population counts. BEBR has estimated population change between the Census counts and April 1, 2022. Any challenges to the 2020 Census counts must be filed with the U.S. Census Bureau through either the 2020 Census Count Question Resolution (CQR) program¹, 2020 Post-Census Group Quarters Review (PCGQR)², or through a Special Census³.

You have the right to challenge the population change from the 2020 Census count to the 2022 estimate if you believe that change is not reasonably accurate. You may do so by providing an alternative estimate, along with information to support the revision. This challenge must be received by our office by **September 9, 2022**. We will review your challenge thoroughly and objectively, and we will notify you of our response to your challenge.

Thank you very much; your assistance is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding the preliminary estimate or the challenge process, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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¹ The CQR operation allows governmental units the opportunity to request that the Census Bureau review their boundaries and/or housing counts to identify errors that may have occurred while processing their 2020 Census counts. The deadline for filing is June 30, 2023. See <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/decade/2020/planning-management/evaluate/cqr.html>.

² The PCGQR is a new and one-time operation that allows governmental units to request that the U.S. Census Bureau review the population counts of group quarters they believe were not correctly counted as of April 1, 2020. The deadline for filing is June 30, 2023. See <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/decade/2020/planning-management/evaluate/pcgqr.html>.

³ A Special Census is a basic enumeration of population, housing units, group quarters and transitory locations, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau at the request of a governmental unit. They are conducted on a cost-reimbursable basis, and applications for this begin in 2023. See <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/specialcensus/about.html>.

Have You Had an Annexation Lately? If So, Your Population Estimate Needs Your Help

Your population estimate is important because it determines the amount of state and federal dollars that your community receives. It is essential that the state knows of your annexation in order to incorporate that area's population into your estimate.

Where to Report:

Report your annexation to the Florida Governor's Office and the Legislative Office of Economic and Demographic Research in order to ensure that the University of Florida knows that you had an annexation and that you qualify for all benefits available under the law.

Report to:

Azhar Khan
Executive Office of the Governor
RE: Annexations
The Capitol, Room 1702
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001
Phone: 850-717-9524
Email: Azhar.Khan@laspbs.state.fl.us

Pam Schenker
Florida Legislative Office of Economic and
Demographic Research
111 W. Madison Street, Suite 574
Tallahassee, FL 32399-6588
Phone: 850-487-1402
Email: DenseUrbanLandArea@leg.state.fl.us

What to Send:

- Annexation ordinance including:
 - Ordinance number
 - Legal description
 - Map with acreage denoted
 - Annexed land area (acres)
 - Effective date of the annexation
- Number of housing units by type of unit (single-family, multifamily, or mobile home) at the time of annexation

Population estimates are typically based on the number of active residential electric meters in your area. So, please remember to **let your electric utility company(ies) know of the annexation** to ensure the data that drive your population estimate will correctly reflect your current boundaries, both today and in the future.

Statutory Authority:

FS186.901(3): *In cases of annexation or consolidation, local governments shall be required to submit to the Executive Office of the Governor, within 30 days following annexation or consolidation, a statement as to the population census effect of the action.*

FS171.091: **Recording.**--*Any change in the municipal boundaries through annexation or contraction shall revise the charter boundary article and shall be filed as a revision of the charter with the Department of State within 30 days. A copy of such revision must be submitted to the Office of Economic and Demographic Research along with a statement specifying the population census effect and the affected land area.*

In addition to the above, please remember to file your annexation in accordance with Florida Statutes 171.044(3): *An ordinance adopted under this section shall be filed with the clerk of the circuit court and the chief administrative officer of the county in which the municipality is located and with the Department of State within 7 days after the adoption of such ordinance. The ordinance must include a map which clearly shows the annexed area and a complete legal description of that area by metes and bounds.*

Official Population Estimate (Permanent Residents): April 1, 2022

Prepared by the University of Florida, Bureau of Economic & Business Research

JURISDICTION: **Unincorporated**COUNTY: **Hernando County**

CENSUS POPULATION 4/1/2020	TOTAL POPULATION CHANGE	PRELIMINARY POPULATION ESTIMATE 4/1/2022	INMATE POPULATION 4/1/2022	PRELIMINARY POPULATION ESTIMATE LESS INMATES 4/1/2022
185,609	4,117	189,726	447	189,279

185,609 ← Your 2020 Census count from the U.S. Census Bureau (CANNOT be challenged here)**4,117** ← Your preliminary estimate of population change since 2020 (CAN be challenged)**189,726** ← Your preliminary population estimate for 2022 (including any inmates)**189,279** ← The preliminary population estimate for state revenue-sharing use (FY 2023-2024)

Please mark the appropriate response below and return a copy of this form in time to be received by our office by **September 9, 2022** and retain a copy for your files. Please return this form via **one** of the following methods:

- Email PDF to **RichardLDoty@ufl.edu** (preferred method), or
- Postal mail using the postage paid envelope.

_____ I have reviewed this preliminary population estimate and consider the estimated population **change** since the 2020 Census to be reasonably accurate. (Unless new information is presented to us which would affect your jurisdiction, this will become your official estimate on October 14, 2022.)

_____ I have reviewed this preliminary population estimate and do not consider the estimated population **change** since the 2020 Census to be reasonably accurate. I believe a more accurate estimate of population **change from 4/1/2020 to 4/1/2022** would be _____. I request that you reconsider your estimate, and I am **providing data, information, and/or documentation** supporting the requested revision.

Name_____
Signature_____
Date_____
Title_____
Email_____
Phone

We mail these estimates to titles rather than names. If it should be mailed to a **different contact title or address** in the future, please print that information below. **Otherwise, please leave this blank.**

Title: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

**THIS DATA SHEET PROVIDES PRELIMINARY COUNTY POPULATION TOTALS.
IT IS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY AND CANNOT BE CHALLENGED**

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JURISDICTION: **Hernando County**

COUNTY: **Hernando County**

CENSUS POPULATION 4/1/2020	TOTAL POPULATION CHANGE	PRELIMINARY POPULATION ESTIMATE 4/1/2022	INMATE POPULATION 4/1/2022	PRELIMINARY POPULATION ESTIMATE LESS INMATES 4/1/2022
194,515	4,692	199,207	447	198,760

194,515 ← Your 2020 Census count from the U.S. Census Bureau

4,692 ← Your preliminary estimate of population change since 2020

199,207 ← Your preliminary population estimate for 2022 (including any inmates)

198,760 ← The preliminary population estimate for state revenue-sharing use (FY 2023-2024)

This is the county total preliminary population estimate. It is for information purposes only and **cannot be challenged**. If the preliminary estimates of any of the cities, towns, villages or unincorporated area within the county change, the county total will change accordingly. You do **not** need to return this page to us.