

Table 3.1
Turnpike Service Area County Population
1980-2024

County	Turnpike Mainline Interchanges and System Facilities	Population (000)						Average Annual Growth ('80-'24)
		1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	2024	
Miami-Dade	Turnpike Mainline - SR 821 (0 through 35), 0X, 2X	1,626	1,937	2,253	2,496	2,702	2,775	1.2%
Broward	Turnpike Mainline - SR 821 (39, 43, 47), 49, 53, 54, 58, 62, 66, 67, 69, 71, Sawgrass Expressway	1,018	1,255	1,623	1,748	1,944	1,982	1.5
Palm Beach	75, 81, 86, 93, 97, 99, 107, 109, 116	577	864	1,131	1,320	1,492	1,546	2.3
Martin	133	64	101	127	146	158	165	2.2
St. Lucie	138, 142, 152	87	150	193	278	329	386	3.4
Osceola	193, 240, 242, 244, 249, SCE, Western Beltway, Part C	49	108	172	269	389	451	5.2
Orange	251, 254, 259, 265, 267, 272, Beachline West/East Expressways, SCE, Western Beltway, Part C	471	677	896	1,146	1,430	1,512	2.7
Lake	278, 285, 289, 296	105	152	211	297	384	433	3.3
Sumter	304, 309	24	32	53	93	130	157	4.4
Seminole	Seminole Expressway	180	288	365	423	471	493	2.3
Polk	Polk Parkway	322	405	484	602	725	826	2.2
Hillsborough	Veterans Expressway, Suncoast Parkway, I-4 Connector	647	834	999	1,229	1,460	1,560	2.0
Pasco	Suncoast Parkway	194	281	345	465	562	633	2.7
Hernando	Suncoast Parkway	45	101	131	173	195	211	3.6
Citrus	Suncoast Parkway	55	94	118	141	154	166	2.5
Okeechobee	Turnpike Mainline - SR 91 (MP 88 - MP 236)	20	30	36	40	40	40	1.6
Indian River	Turnpike Mainline - SR 91 (MP 88 - MP 236)	60	90	113	138	160	171	2.4
Brevard	Beachline East Expressway	273	399	476	543	607	654	2.0
Clay	First Coast Expressway	67	106	141	191	218	236	2.9
Duval	First Coast Expressway	571	673	779	866	996	1,063	1.4
Santa Rosa	Garcon Point Bridge	56	82	118	151	188	208	3.0
Turnpike Service Area		6,511	8,659	10,764	12,755	14,734	15,668	2.0
Total State (67 Counties)		9,747	12,938	15,982	18,801	21,538	23,015	2.0
Percent (21 of 67 Counties)		66.8%	66.9%	67.4%	67.8%	68.4%	68.1%	

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census and University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

Table 3.2
State and County Population
1990-2035 Forecast

Year	Turnpike Service Area (21 Counties)		Total State (67 Counties)		Percent (21 of 67 Counties)
	Population (000)	Average Annual Growth*	Population (000)	Average Annual Growth*	
1990 Census	8,659	—	12,938	—	66.9%
2000 Census	10,764	2.2%	15,982	2.1%	67.4
2010 Census	12,755	2.0	18,801	1.9	67.8
2020 Census	14,734	1.8	21,538	1.7	68.4
2025 Forecast	15,901	1.8	23,359	1.7	68.1
2030 Forecast	16,904	1.7	24,836	1.6	68.1
2035 Forecast	17,674	1.6	25,981	1.6	68.0

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census and University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR).

Forecast: BEBR Bulletin 201, August 2025.

* Growth is compounded annually based on the 1990 Census data.

The average annual growth in the Turnpike Service Area counties has exceeded the overall state average growth in the last four censuses. The Turnpike Service Area growth is forecasted to meet or exceed the state's growth through 2035.

Table 3.3
Comparison of Growth Indices

Index	Number (000)						Average Annual Growth (1980-2024)
	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	2024	
Total State Population	9,747	12,938	15,982	18,801	21,538	23,015	2.0%
Turnpike Service Area Population	6,511	8,659	10,764	12,755	14,734	15,668	2.0
Fuel Consumption (Highway Use)	5,246,579	7,031,708	8,906,286	9,611,976	10,255,101	11,698,092	1.8
Employment	4,026	6,061	7,569	8,141	9,328	10,783	2.3
Number of Tourists	20,046	40,970	72,800	82,300	79,338	142,997	4.6
Turnpike Traffic (Transactions)	55,463	121,378	379,132	639,426	860,569	1,337,442	7.5

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census and University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, Florida Commission on Tourism, Visit Florida, Florida Department of Transportation and Florida Research and Economic Database.

This table displays a comparison of major indices with the growth in Turnpike traffic for the historical 1980-2024 period. The number of tourists in 2020 decreased from 2010 due to the national economic downturn, but has since rebounded by over 80% in 2024. Turnpike traffic has been increasing at a rate exceeding the other indices.

Table 3.4
Comparison of Housing Units, Households, and Home Ownership Rate
Among the Five Most Populous States

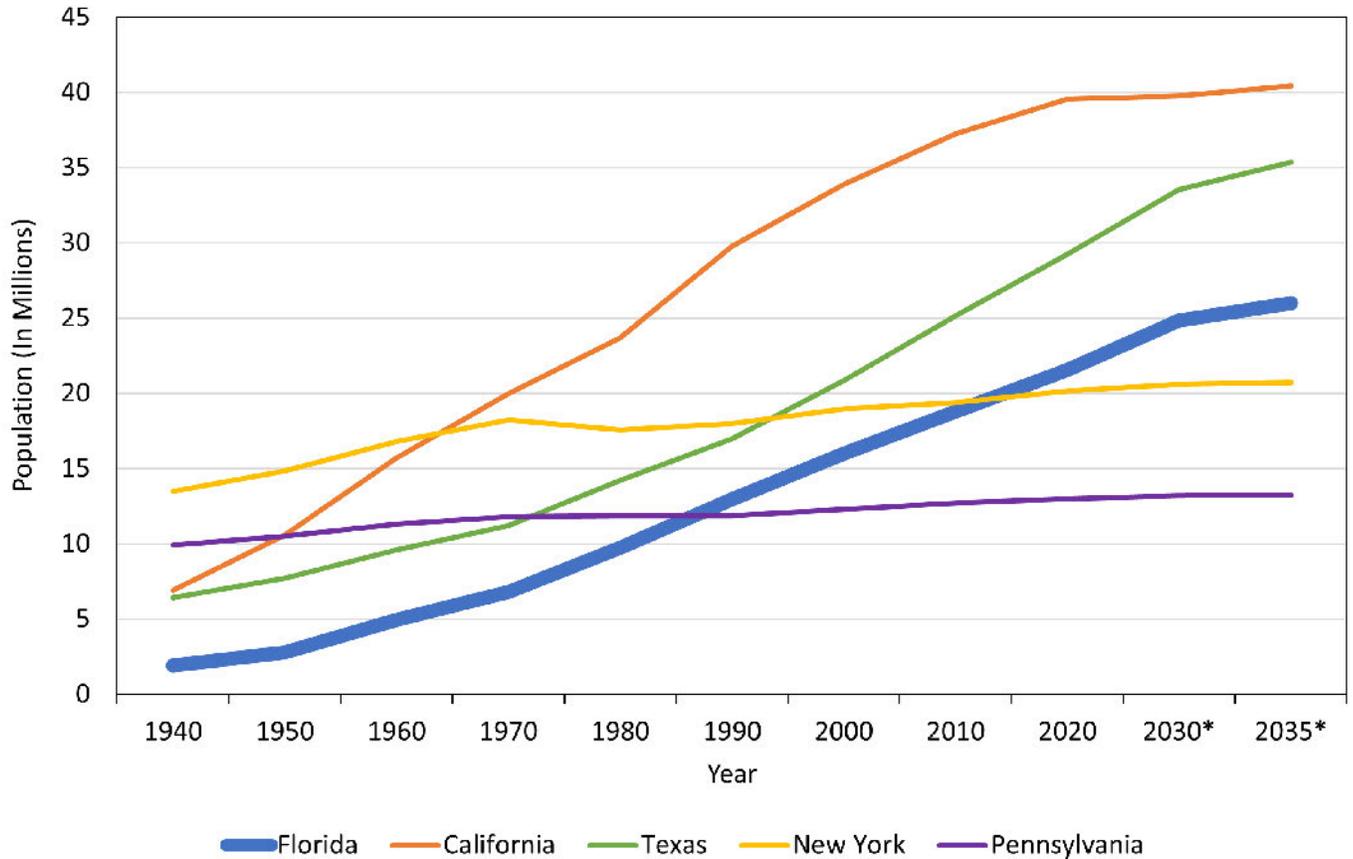
	Total Housing Units (Millions)	Total Households (Millions)	Home Ownership Rate* (Percent)
California	14.5	13.4	55.8%
Texas	11.9	10.7	62.6
Florida	10.1	8.6	67.3
New York	8.5	7.7	54.3
Pennsylvania	5.8	5.2	69.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2023.

* Reflects percent of occupied housing units that are owner-occupied.

As a result of the population growth, the number of households in Florida increased from about 7.0 million in 2010 to 8.6 million in 2023. Among the most populous states, Florida ranks near the top with respect to home ownership rates, and third in the number of housing units and the number of households.

Graph 3.1
Comparative Population Growth in Five Most Populous States
(In Millions)



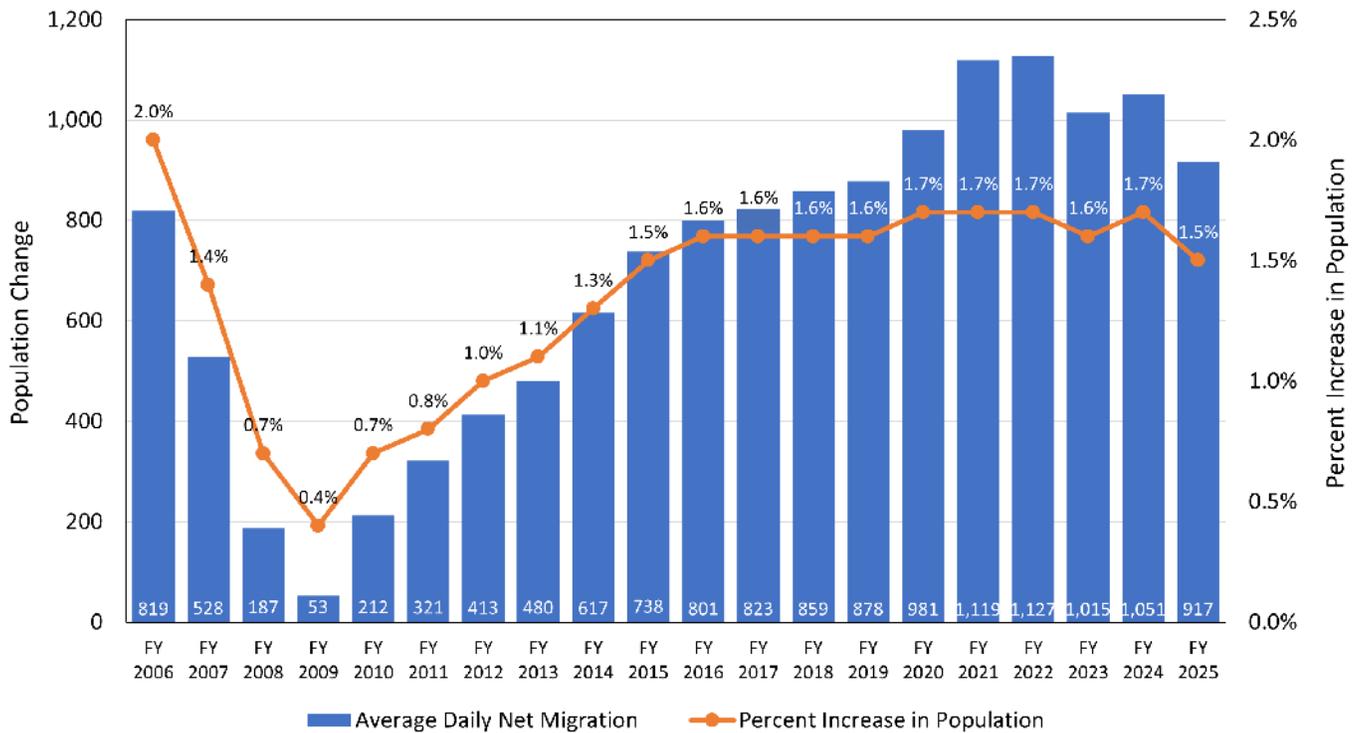
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census and University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) and individual state websites.

Florida Forecast: BEBR Bulletin 201, August 2025.

* Estimate

Between 1940 and 1980, Florida was the fifth most populous state. The accelerated growth rate of the state between 1990 and 2020 has pushed Florida’s population higher than both New York and Pennsylvania. In 2030, Florida is forecasted to continue to have the third highest population, behind California and Texas.

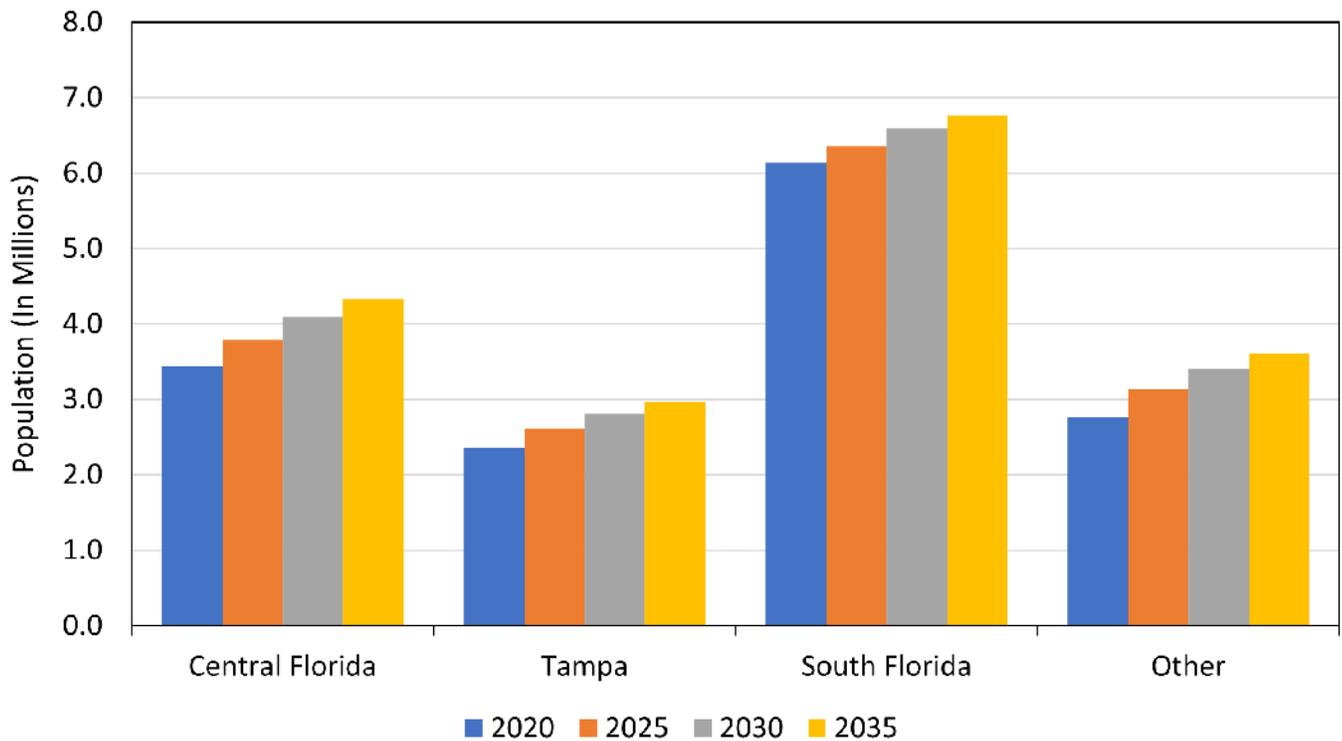
Graph 3.2
Florida Population Trend



Source: Florida Demographic Estimating Conference June 30, 2025.

Florida’s population is gradually increasing due in large part to a strengthening economy. As the graph shows, Florida’s annual population growth reached 1.5 percent in FY 2015 and remained mostly at that level through FY 2025, albeit a decline from the levels seen prior to the Great Recession. Since 2015, the percent increase in population has ranged from 1.5 percent and 1.7 percent, peaking at 1,127 average daily net migration in FY 2022.

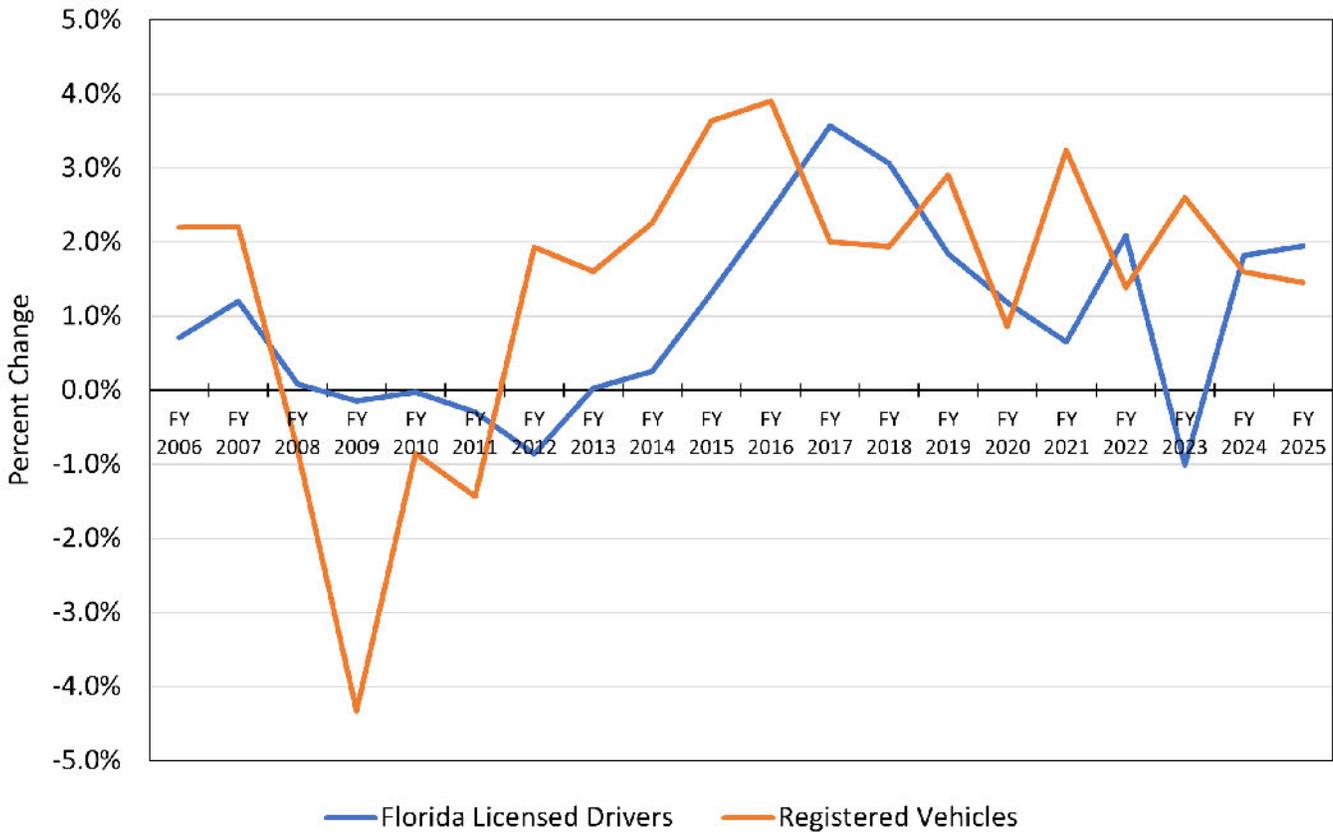
Graph 3.3
Current and Future Population Estimates of Regions Served By Turnpike
(In Millions)



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census and University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR).
 Forecast: BEBR Bulletin 201, August 2025.

The state’s population is expected to exceed 25 million in 2035. Furthermore, as the graph depicts, all the population centers that the Turnpike serves are expected to grow. The anticipated increase in population between 2035 and 2020 for the Central Florida region is 888 thousand, the Other region is 847 thousand, the South Florida region is 620 thousand, and the Tampa region is 606 thousand.

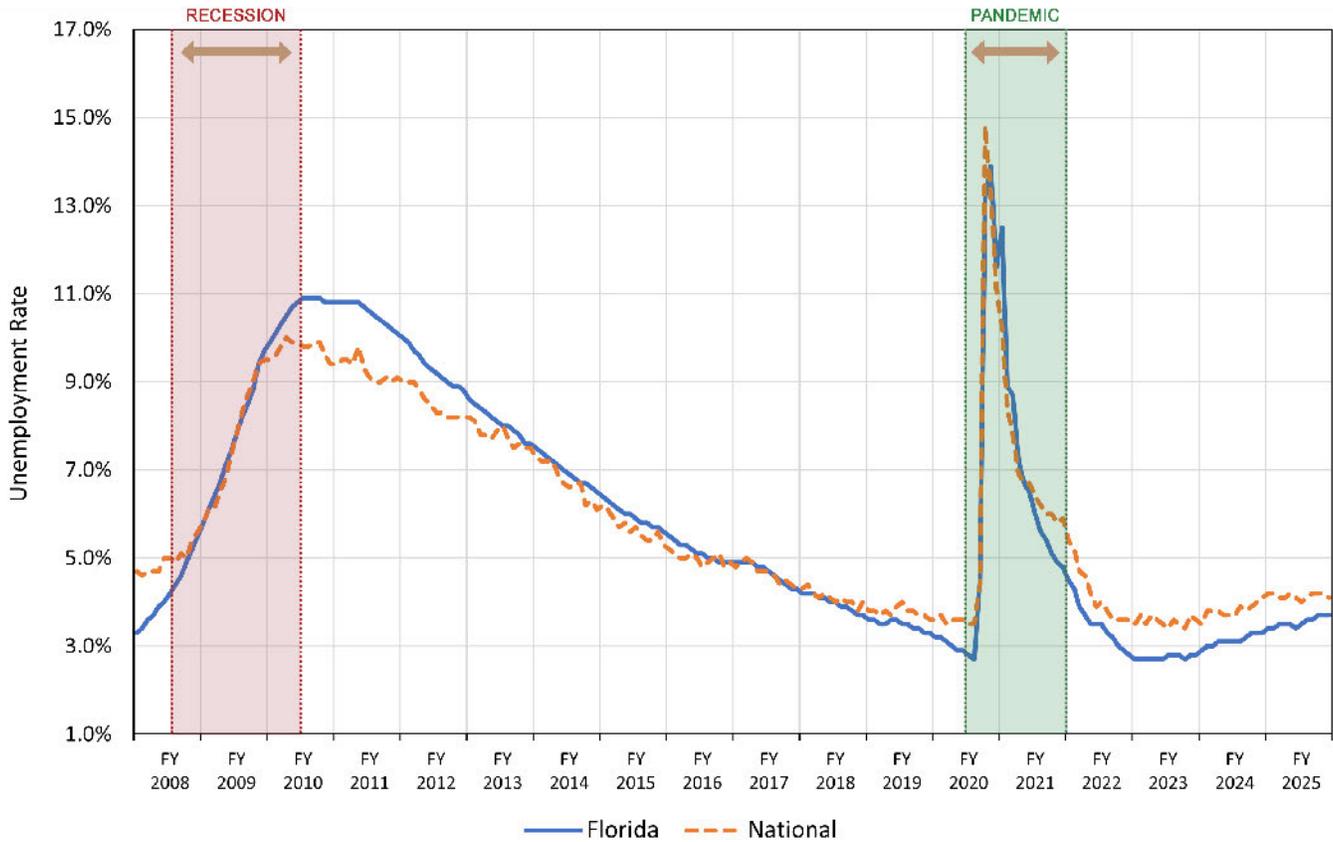
Graph 3.4
Year-Over-Year Percent Change: Florida Licensed Drivers and Registered Vehicles



Source: Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

Historically, population growth has had a direct impact on the number of driver’s licenses and vehicles registered in the state. After declines during the Great Recession due to a slow down in population, year-over-year growth rates of Florida licensed drivers increased through FY 2017. Apart from FY 2023 which experienced a negative one percent change, licensed drivers ranged from approximately one percent to two percent growth per year between FY 2019 and FY 2025. In this same span, registered vehicles have grown between approximately one percent and three percent per year.

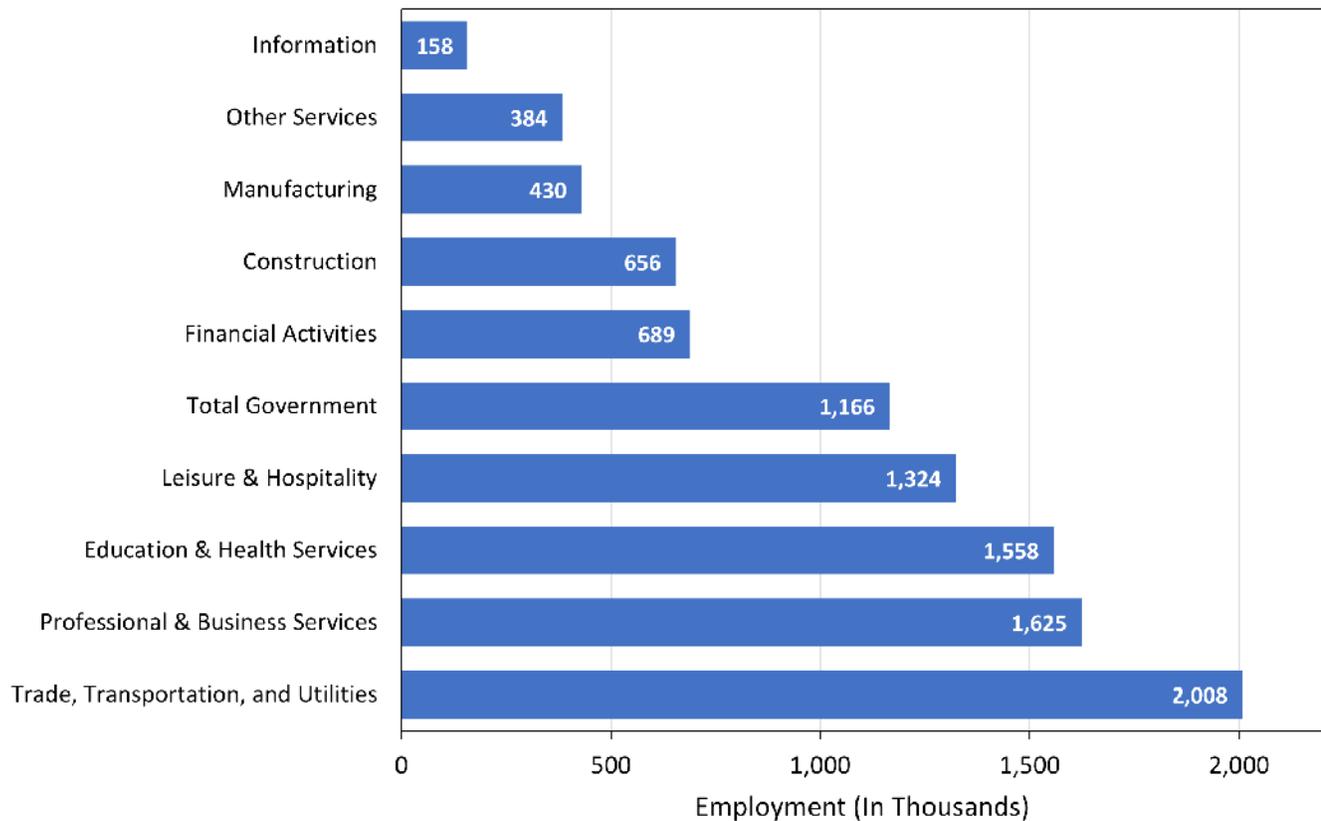
Graph 3.5
Unemployment Rate



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

This graph displays the change in the unemployment rate in Florida, along with the national rate since the beginning of FY 2008. After peaking at 10.9 percent in January 2010, Florida’s unemployment rate gradually declined to 2.7% in February 2020, lower than the national average of 3.5 percent. Due to the national economic downturn spanning 2020 to 2022, unemployment rose dramatically in Florida peaking at 13.9 percent in May 2020. Since the peak in 2020, the Florida unemployment rate continually decreased to a low of 2.7 percent in April 2023. In FY 2025 Florida’s unemployment rate has gradually increased to 3.7 percent compared to the national rate of 4.1 percent.

Graph 3.6
2025 Non-Agricultural Employment in Florida
(In Thousands)

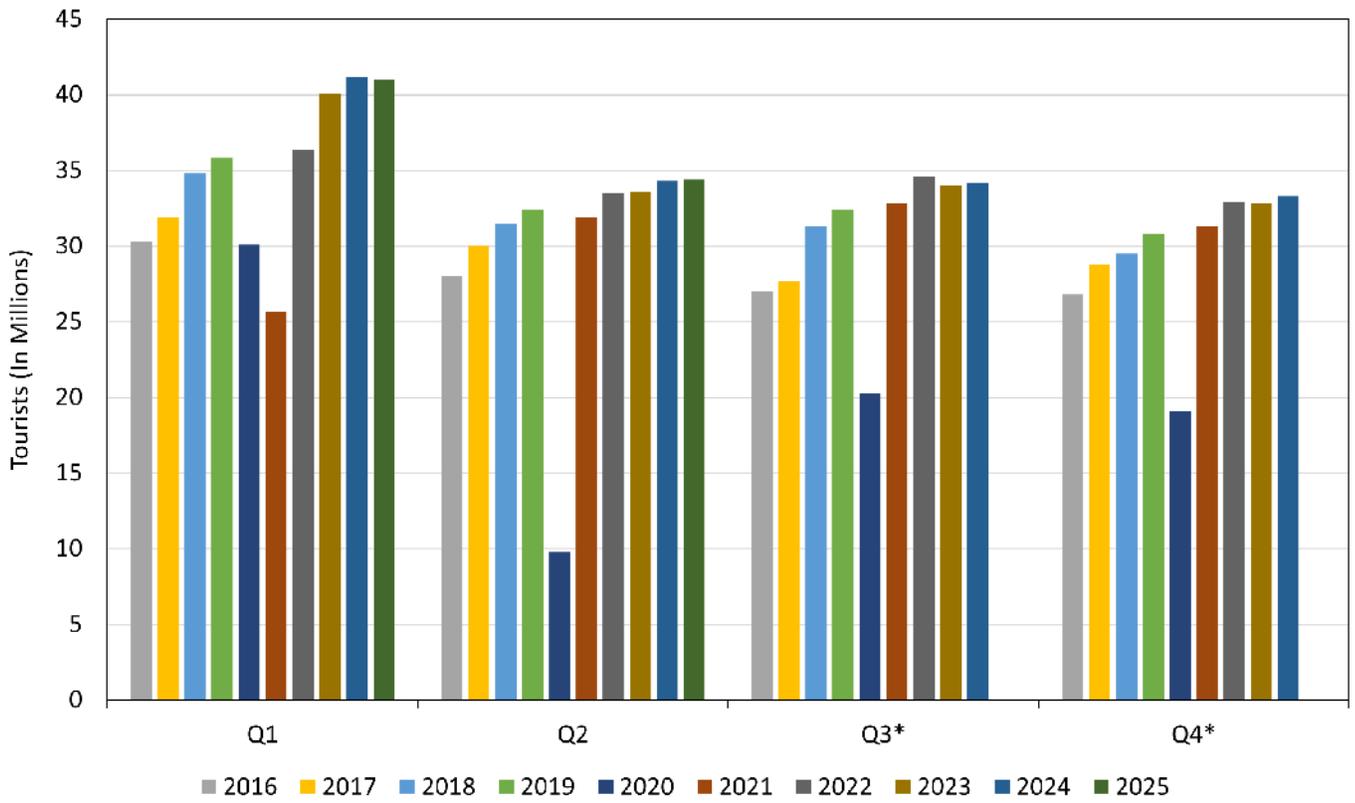


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Florida has a diverse industry base, which to some extent, mitigates the impact from economic downturns in certain industry sectors. It has a vibrant leisure and hospitality industry, and professional and business services industry, complemented by international trade.

The graph above presents the Non-Agricultural Employment in the state by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). In FY 2025, the trade, transportation and utilities industries employed approximately 2.0 million of the workforce and 20 percent of the total employment; followed by professional and business services; education and health services; and leisure and hospitality. All sectors experienced year-over-year increases, except for the information sector, which remained constant from last year.

Graph 3.7
Florida Tourists
(in Millions)

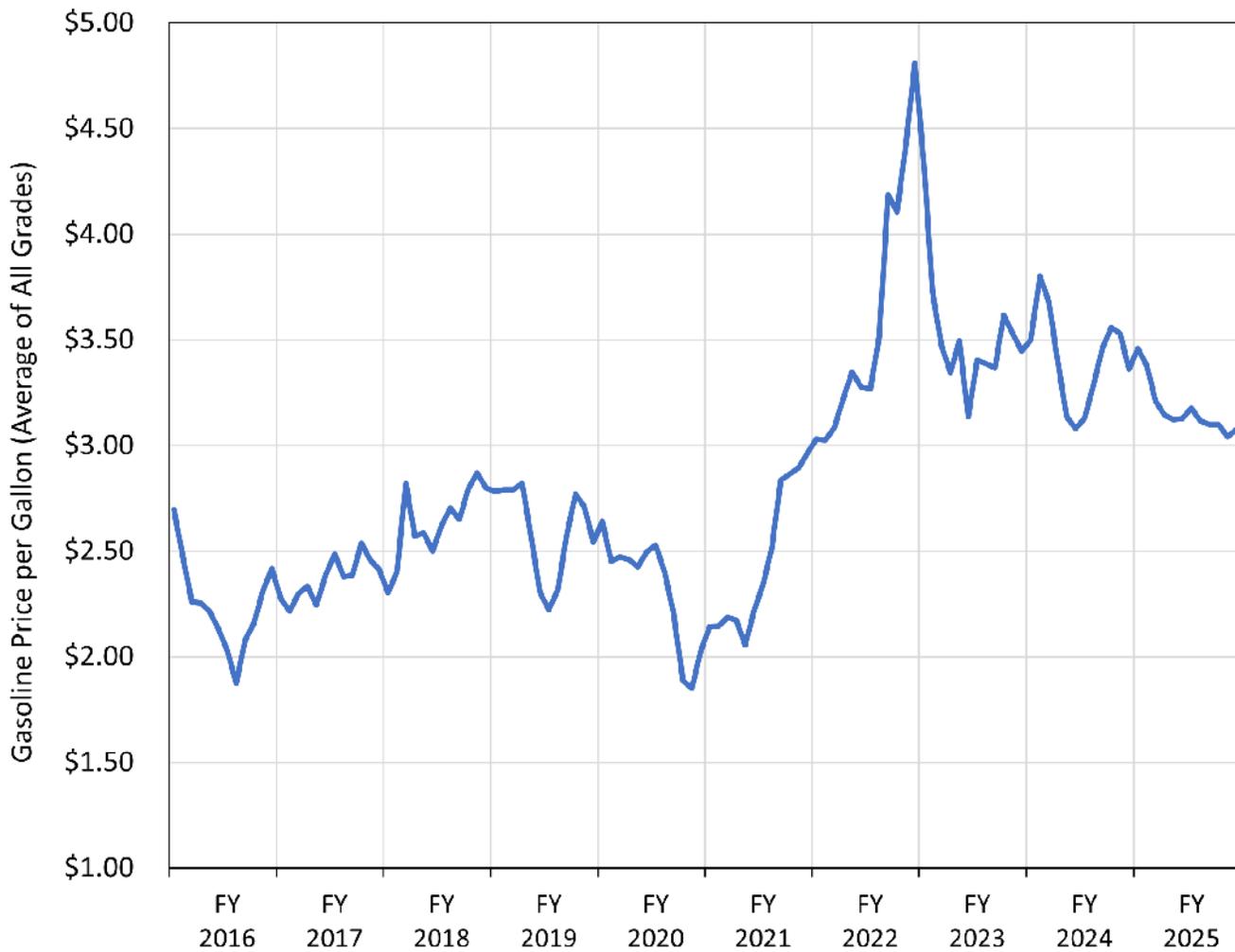


Source: visitflorida.org

* 2025 Q3 and Q4 data not yet available.

Tourism is a vital component of Florida’s economy. This graph shows the number of Florida visitors by quarter over the past ten calendar years. All quarters show an increasing trend except for 2020, reflecting the economic downturn, and the third and fourth quarters of 2023. The 2020 economic downturn recovery started in the second quarter of 2021 and has continued to increase year-over-year through the second quarter of 2023. Tourism increased in all four quarters of 2024 vs. 2023. The number of visitors decreased slightly over the prior year in the first quarter and increased slightly over the prior year in the second quarter of 2025.

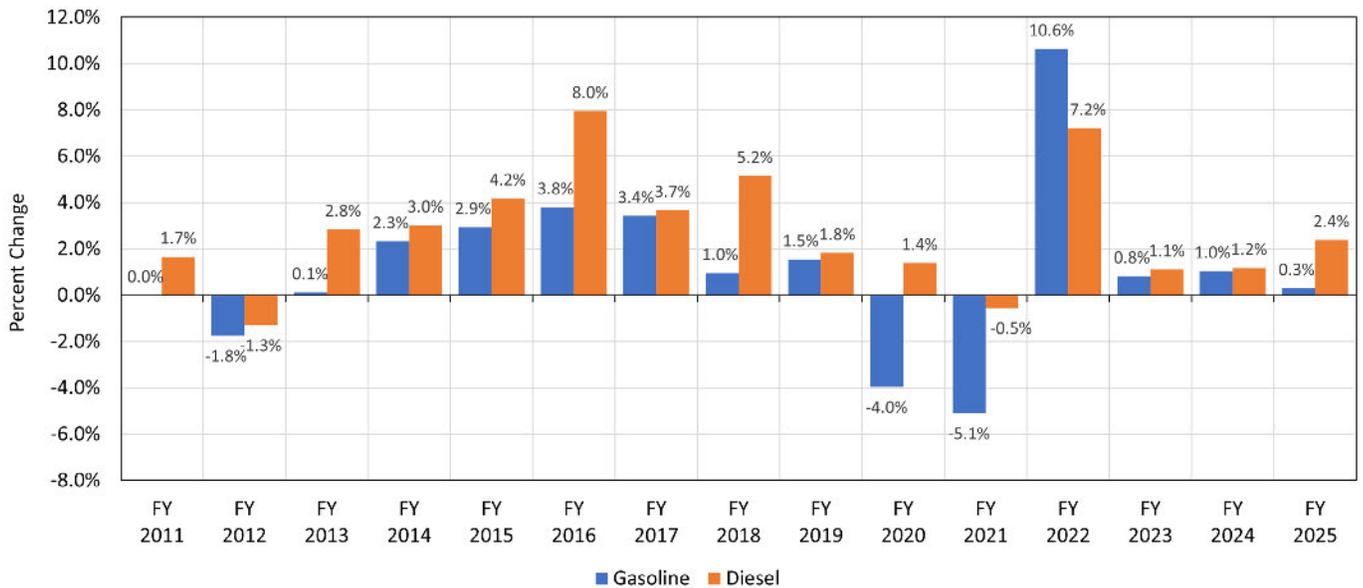
Graph 3.8
Florida Gasoline Prices (Average of All Grades)



Source: Energy Information Administration, U.S. Department of Energy.

This graph portrays the historical trend of gas prices in Florida (average of all grades) over the past ten years. Historically, prices per gallon fluctuated between \$2 and \$4. Gas prices grew consistently from 2021 to a peak of \$4.81 in June of FY 2022, with a sharp decrease to \$3.14 in FY 2023. During FY 2025 gas prices have oscillated between \$3.04 and \$3.46.

Graph 3.9
Year-Over-Year Percent Change:
Highway Fuel Consumption in Florida



Source: Florida Department of Transportation.

The decline in fuel consumption in FY 2012 reflects the continued impact of the economic recession at that time. The consumption rate rebounded starting in FY 2013 and continued through FY 2019. The decline in gasoline consumption in FY 2020 and FY 2021 is largely attributed to the decrease in travel resulting from the economic downturn. The consumption rebound in FY 2022 reflects the increase in traffic following the State’s recovery. The trends in FY 2023 through FY 2025 convey a modest growth rate for both gasoline and diesel consumption in comparison to the high growth rates in FY 2022. Recently, the increased deployment of more fuel-efficient vehicles has contributed to the diminished growth in the highway fuel consumption rate in the state.

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