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# Community Background Report

## Cutler Bay

### County

Miami-Dade

### Boundaries

North: Southwest 184 Street

South: Southwest 232 Street

East: Biscayne National Park

West: South Dixie Highway

### Community Type

Municipality

### History

Cutler Bay, Miami-Dade County's youngest city, was incorporated in 2005. Cutler Bay is a municipality of ten square miles in south Miami-Dade County with less than half a mile of its boundary meeting the coastline. The Town of Cutler Bay is a municipality of approximately 40,286 residents located in the southern portion of Miami-Dade County. The Municipality neighbors the Town of Palmetto Bay to the north and unincorporated Miami-Dade County to the west and south.

Single family residential development is the predominant land use, with commercial development concentrated along US-1 and Old Cutler Road. The guiding principles of the town's planning program are preservation and enhancement of existing residential neighborhoods, resource protection and enhancement, and redevelopment of commercial areas as mixed-use activity centers in accordance with adopted charrettes and special area plans. This suburban municipality has passed a resolution for civility in public discourse where public officials are committed to principles which include the avoidance of "rhetoric intended to humiliate or question the wisdom" of persons whose opinions differ.

### Community Dynamics

Cutler Bay aims to be recognized as one of the most desirable communities in South Florida. Its schools, homes, parks and cultural facilities offer an enriching environment for children, adults

and senior citizens alike, and its local economy encourages companies to want to do business in the city.

During the dedication of Cutler Bay's newest park, Lakes By the Bay Park, the town attempted to set a record for the world's longest ribbon-cutting. A 4.5 mile red ribbon encircled and weaved its way through a portion of the 49 acre park. The park has a lighted football/soccer fields, baseball/softball fields, a half-mile walking path with exercise stations, restrooms, concession stand, and parking. Councilmember Peggy Bell has been looking forward to the opening of the park for a very long time. "With this almost 50 acre park we will more than double our park space in the town. We have been working on this acquisition since the town began in 2005, and the community has been asking for it since it had been promised to us over 30 years ago", she said. Cutler Bay has also made major improvements to Bel Aire and Saga Bay parks in 2010, has an additional seven parks and has a Parks Master Plan. Over sixty percent of the city is located in a flood plain zone and it has entered into a flood plain mitigation program to address the issue.

Cutler Bay also has five public elementary schools, one private elementary school, and two public middle schools.

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