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# **Community Background Report**

# **Palmetto Bay**

### County

Miami-Dade

#### **Boundaries**

North: Southwest 136 Street South: Southwest 184 Street West: South Dixie Highway East: Biscayne National Park

## **Community Type**

Municipality

# History

Palmetto Bay is a municipality of comprised of 8.5 square miles in Southern Miami-Dade County. Since its incorporation in 2002, the municipality has focused on elevating the quality of life of its residents and the attractiveness of area schools. Palmetto Bay is the host community to 3 public elementary schools, 1 public middle school and, ten private schools. Village maintains 6 park facilities which offer active and passive recreation and hosts Deering Estate which has its own areas dedicated to preservation. The Village administers its own historic preservation program.

## **Community Dynamics**

The population of Palmetto Bay is estimated at 23,410 persons in 2010. Eighty-five percent of this populace is white and thirty-nine percent of the population is Hispanic. Sixty-five percent of the land use in Palmetto Bay is dedicated to residential land use. Sixty-three percent for single-family use and nearly 1% for multi-family use; this is one of the least dense municipalities in the County. Only 4% of the municipalities land use is reserved for commercial use, nearly all of these properties are along South Dixie Highway or Old Cutler Road. A large number of residents have home offices in this community.

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#### **Business Landscape**

Businesses in Palmetto Bay are a healthy mix of professional and service oriented firms. While there are beauty salons, cafeterias, restaurants and liquor stores there are also interior design services, professional offices, broadcasting studios and few religious institutions. This municipality has more commercial banks, educational institutions, and professional offices than many cities in the County. The Palmetto Bay Business Association meets regularly and is actively engaged.

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