



FACT SHEET

County Government is the Provider of Basic Quality of Life Services

County government in Florida works for all Floridians. The citizens of the Sunshine State know they can rely on their counties—the government closest to the people—to provide the basic services that keep their communities functioning.

The Florida Constitution establishes the same basic organizational structure for Florida's 67 counties and, depending on local circumstances and resources, many counties assume additional responsibilities to meet local needs.

Following is a range of some—but not all—services performed by Florida counties.

Maintaining an Effective Justice System

Constructing, maintaining and protecting the facilities for civil and criminal courts

Ensuring access and participation aids for the disabled to the justice system

Recording the official filing and outcome of legal disputes

Serving warrants and other legal papers

Providing legal services for indigent citizens

Assuring Quality Infrastructure

Road development and maintenance

Regional transportation planning

Solid waste management and disposal

Watershed planning and flood control

Ensuring adequate water supply

Maintaining Safe and Secure Communities

Funding the sheriffs, their deputies and their duties

Providing and maintaining county jails

Emergency medical services

Building inspections

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Evacuation shelters

Disaster response and recovery

Animal control

Juvenile justice detention and prevention programming

Providing a Hand to Those in Need

Indigent medical care

Workforce development and affordable housing

Community health services

Immunizations

Veterans services

Mental health assistance

Cleaning Up and Preventing Environmental Risks

Restaurant inspections

Measuring ozone and air pollutants

Disposing household hazardous waste

Assuring solid waste collection and recycling

Confronting neighborhood nuisances

Disease-carrying mosquito treatment

Wastewater treatment and disposal

Economic and Community Development

Tourism development

Open spaces/parks

Public libraries

Incentivizing economic development

Sports stadiums and convention facilities

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Functions That Bind Floridians Together

Registering all voters

Conducting elections

Issuing marriage licenses

Acceptance of passport applications

Registration of vehicles

Providing a record of child support payments

Recording deeds

Protecting Florida's Natural Resources

Wetlands protection

Beach access and parking

Beach renourishment

Crafting Livable Communities

Growth management planning

Affordable housing

Infrastructure concurrency

Land use permitting

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