

REDI List

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RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) program eligible communities are defined in Sections 288.0656(2)(d), F.S., Rural Areas of Opportunity (RAO), and 288.0656(2)(e), F.S., Rural Community. A community is eligible if they are on this list in effect at the time of application.

Rural Areas of Opportunity

Section 288.0656(2)(d), F.S. – Rural Areas of Opportunity (RAO)* communities and municipalities.

- Three (3) Areas designated by Governor
 - Northwest - Executive Order 25-141
 - South Central - Executive Order 21-149
 - North Central - Executive Orders 23-132 and 26-56

*RAOs encompass rural communities and municipalities.

Rural Communities

Section 288.0656(2)(e), F.S. - Rural communities*

- Rural Counties
- Rural Municipalities
- Municipalities in Nonrural Counties

*Rural communities overlap with RAO communities; a rural community is likely a RAO as well.

RURAL AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY

Rural Areas of Opportunity (RAO) are defined as rural communities, or a region composed of rural communities, that have been adversely affected by extraordinary economic events or natural disasters. The Governor, by executive order designated three RAOs, which establish priority assignments for Rural and Economic Development Initiative (REDI) agencies and allows the Governor to waive criteria of any economic development incentive.

- **Northwest RAO** – re-designated by [Executive Order 25-141](#): Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Wakulla, and Washington; the area in Walton County north of the Choctawhatchee Bay and Intercoastal Waterway; the area in Okaloosa County that is contiguous with Walton County, within the area east of State Road 85 and north of Interstate 10 and all unincorporated areas therein, including the City of Laurel Hill and the unincorporated areas of Auburn, Deerland, and Svea; and the area in Bay County that is contiguous with Calhoun, Jackson, and Washington Counties, within the area north of Scotts Ferry Road and east of Highway 231 and the area north of Highway 388, lying west of Highway 231 and east of Highway 79, are designated as a RAO.
- **South Central RAO** – re-designated by [Executive Order 21-149](#): DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee Counties, and the Cities of Pahokee, Belle Glade, and South Bay (Palm Beach County), and Immokalee (Collier County)
- **North Central RAO** – re-designated by [Executive Order 23-132](#) and [Executive Order 26-56](#): Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Nassau, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union

RURAL COUNTIES

Population < 75,000

Baker County

Bradford County

Calhoun County

Columbia County

DeSoto County

Dixie County

Franklin County

Gadsden County

Gilchrist County

Glades County

Gulf County

Hamilton County

Hardee County

Hendry County

Holmes County

Jackson County

Jefferson County

Lafayette County

Levy County

Liberty County

Madison County

Okeechobee County

Suwannee County

Taylor County

Union County

Wakulla County

Washington County

Population <125,000

Highlands County

Nassau County

Putnam County

Walton County

RURAL MUNICIPALITIES*

County	Municipality	County	Municipality
Baker County	Glen St. Mary	Jackson County	Cottondale
Baker County	Macclenny	Jackson County	Graceville
Bradford County	Brooker	Jackson County	Grand Ridge
Bradford County	Hampton	Jackson County	Greenwood
Bradford County	Lawtey	Jackson County	Jacob City
Bradford County	Starke	Jackson County	Malone
Calhoun County	Altha	Jackson County	Marianna
Calhoun County	Blountstown	Jackson County	Sneads
Columbia County	Fort White	Jefferson County	Monticello
Columbia County	Lake City	Lafayette County	Mayo
DeSoto County	Arcadia	Levy County	Bronson
Dixie County	Cross City	Levy County	Cedar Key
Dixie County	Horseshoe Beach	Levy County	Chiefland
Franklin County	Apalachicola	Levy County	Inglis
Franklin County	Carrabelle	Levy County	Otter Creek
Gadsden County	Chattahoochee	Levy County	Williston
Gadsden County	Greensboro	Levy County	Yankeetown
Gadsden County	Gretna	Liberty County	Bristol
Gadsden County	Havana	Madison County	Greenville
Gadsden County	Midway	Madison County	Lee
Gadsden County	Quincy	Madison County	Madison
Gilchrist County	Bell	Nassau County	Callahan
Gilchrist/Levy County	Fanning Springs	Nassau County	Fernandina Beach
Gilchrist County	Trenton	Nassau County	Hilliard
Glades County	Moore Haven	Okeechobee County	Okeechobee
Gulf County	Port St. Joe	Putnam County	Crescent City
Gulf County	Wewahitchka	Putnam County	Interlachen
Hamilton County	Jasper	Putnam County	Palatka
Hamilton County	Jennings	Putnam County	Pomona Park
Hamilton County	White Springs	Putnam County	Welaka
Hardee County	Bowling Green	Suwannee County	Branford
Hardee County	Wauchula	Suwannee County	Live Oak
Hardee County	Zolfo Springs	Taylor County	Perry
Hendry County	Clewiston	Union County	Lake Butler
Hendry County	LaBelle	Union County	Raiford
Highlands County	Avon Park	Union County	Worthington Springs
Highlands County	Lake Placid	Wakulla County	St. Marks
Highlands County	Sebring	Wakulla County	Sopchoppy
Holmes County	Bonifay	Walton County	DeFuniak Springs
Holmes County	Esto	Walton County	Freeport
Holmes County	Noma	Walton County	Paxton
Holmes County	Ponce de Leon	Washington County	Caryville
Holmes County	Westville	Washington County	Chipley
Jackson County	Alford	Washington County	Ebro
Jackson County	Bascom	Washington County	Vernon
Jackson County	Campbellton	Washington County	Wausau

**These are Municipalities within Rural Counties*

RURAL COMMUNITIES IN NONRURAL COUNTIES*

County	Municipality	County	Municipality
Alachua	Archer	Pasco	Dade City
Broward	West Park	Polk	Bartow
Clay	Keystone Heights	Polk	Dundee**
Duval	Baldwin	Polk	Eagle Lake
Escambia	Century**	Polk	Fort Meade
Indian River	Fellsmere	Polk	Frostproof
Lake	Astatula	Polk	Lake Hamilton
Lake	Tavares	Polk	Lake Wales
Manatee	Palmetto	Polk	Mulberry
Marion	Bellevue	Santa Rosa	Jay
Marion	Dunnellon	Sumter	Bushnell
Marion	McIntosh	Sumter	Center Hill
Marion	Reddick	Sumter	Coleman
Martin	Indiantown	Sumter	Webster
Martin	Stuart	Volusia	Orange City
Miami-Dade	Florida City	Volusia	Pierson
Miam-Dade	West Miami		

**These are municipalities that meet rural characteristics criteria in s. 288.0656(e)4, F.S., including having three (3) or more economic distress factors.*

*** The Town of Century in Escambia County and the Town of Dundee in Polk County requested and received Rural Community designation prior to the 2025-2026 analysis. The special designation expires 12/31/2026*

FLORIDA COMMERCE

REDI program information is managed by the Florida Department of Commerce, Office of Rural Initiatives. Visit the [Office of Rural Initiatives - FloridaJobs.org](https://www.floridajobs.org/rural) for more information on REDI community designation and eligibility determination.