



2020 URBAN AREA BOUNDARY

AND FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION UPDATE

Urban Areas represent densely developed areas based on population density. The U.S. Census Bureau revises these urban areas every 10 years based on population counts from the decennial census. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) gives state DOTs the opportunity to adjust and revise these boundaries to be more consistent with transportation planning needs. Along with the Urban Area Boundary (UAB) review and adjustment process, FHWA also recommends that states review the functional classification of their roadway system. This one-pager provides a timeline, roles, and responsibilities for FDOT and Local Entities in adjusting Urban Boundaries and Functional Classification.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2020

IMPORTANCE

UAB designations are critical to many federal transportation and funding programs and support the determination of Federal-Aid eligibility for roadways, bridge, and transit funding. Key programs impacted by UAB designations include:

- Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG), formerly STP
- Local Agency Programs (LAP)
- Federal Transit Administration Apportionments (FTA)
- National Highway System
- Transportation Management Areas (TMAs)
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)

FINALIZED U.S. CENSUS BUREAU URBAN AREA CRITERIA CHANGES

The U.S. Census Bureau published **Federal Register, Vol 87, No. 57** proposing new criteria for defining urban areas based on the results of the 2020 decennial census. Major changes to 2020 criteria are highlighted below:

Change minimum threshold for an urban area from 2.5k people to 5k people or 2k housing units.	Adoption of housing unit density instead of population density.	No distinction between types of urban areas (urban cluster vs. urban area). All qualifying areas are "urban areas."
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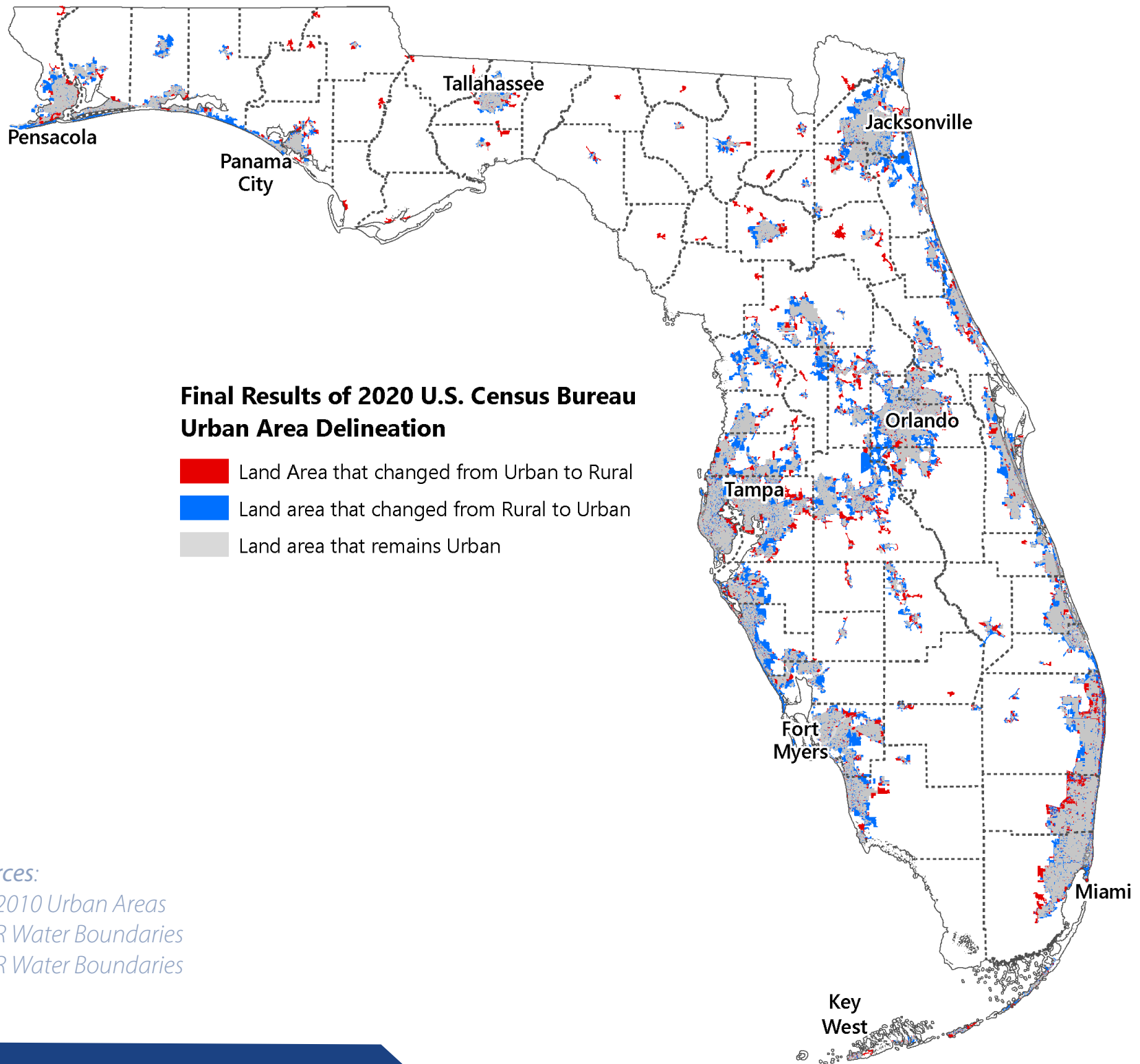
PROCESS TIMELINE

- 2022**
 - March 2022: U.S. Census released final criteria
 - December 2022: U.S. Census Bureau releases Urban Areas
- 2023**
 - January - February 2023: FHWA provides DOTs with U.S. Census Urban Area files
 - Summer 2023: USDOT publishes list of Transportation Management Areas (TMAs)
 - May 2023 - May 2024: Coordination of 2020 UAB adjustments and Functional Classification reviews
 - Before October 1, 2023: Revisit Metropolitan Planning Funds (PL) formula
- 2024**
 - May 2024: FDOT and FHWA finalize adjustments to UABs
 - December 2024: Adjusted UABs and Updated Functional Classification integrated with FDOT Business Systems
 - January 2024: MPOs submit Apportionment Plan and MPO Boundary Maps
 - Late 2024/Early 2025: New TMAs must have a Congestion Management Process (CMP) within 18 months of designation
- 2025**
 - April 2025: FDOT CO submits final data to FHWA
- 2026**
 - December 2026: 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Transportation Improvement Plans (TIPS) Submissions

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Urban Area Boundary (UAB) and Functional Classification (FC) update process is conducted in coordination with FHWA, FDOT, MPOs and local entities. The roles and responsibilities are outlined below:

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)**
 - Provides UAB-FC guidance and list of TMAs.
 - Reviews and approves final adjusted UABs and FC updates made by FDOT and local entities.
- FDOT Central Office (CO)**
 - Provides finalized 2020 UABs from FHWA to Districts.
 - Provides guidance, procedures and training on UAB-FC update process and policy planning to Districts, MPOs and local entities.
 - Coordinates reviews of UAB adjustments and FC updates with FHWA/Districts and submits final approved changes to FHWA.
- FDOT Districts**
 - Receives UAB and FC data from FDOT CO.
 - Coordinates with local agency partners and hosts regional workshops with MPOs.
 - Coordinates proposed UAB adjustments and FC updates with planning partners and acquires signatures from local agencies.
 - Delivers proposed changes of UAB maps, data, and FC updates to FDOT CO for review.
- Metropolitan/Transportation Planning Organizations (MPO/TPO)**
 - Updates its Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary map in consultation with District.
 - Updates its Apportionment Plan, which is the MPO's voting membership structure.
 - Coordinates with local governments and the District on the process to adjust the FC of roadways within the MPO area.



Final Results of 2020 U.S. Census Bureau Urban Area Delineation

- Land Area that changed from Urban to Rural
- Land area that changed from Rural to Urban
- Land area that remains Urban

Data Sources:

2020 and 2010 Urban Areas
 2020 TIGER Water Boundaries
 2010 TIGER Water Boundaries

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2021 ROADWAY MILEAGE STATISTICS

123.6k
 Total Public Roadway

12.1k
 State Highway System

8.84k
 Principal Arterial

6.42k
 Minor Arterial

15.6k
 Total Collector

Source: www.fdot.gov/statistics/mileage-rpts/default.shtm

2020 CENSUS URBAN AREA STATISTICS

6,808

Land area (sq. miles) that remains Urban

1,160

Land area (sq. miles) that changed from Rural to Urban

600

Land area (sq. miles) that changed from Urban to Rural

33

Urban Areas with population >= 50,000 (30 in 2010)

18

Urban Areas with population >= 200,000 (15 in 2010)

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If you should have any questions, comments or suggestions regarding the 2020 Census Roadway Data Updates, please contact the: **FDOT Census User Group**

