

The 25 counties with the highest median age (head of household)

Only counties with at least 50,000 households in 2007 are included. The twelve oldest counties in the nation, and 16 of the top 25, are in Florida. Although most of the counties on the list are retirement havens, including those in New Jersey, Delaware, and Massachusetts, the three Pennsylvania counties at the bottom of the list simply represent stable, aging populations.

Rank	County	MSA	Median Age, Head of Household
1	Charlotte, FL	Punta Gorda, FL	62.6
2	Citrus, FL	Homosassa Springs, FL	61.3
3	Hernando, FL	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	60.8
4	Sarasota, FL	Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice, FL	59.8
5	Indian River, FL	Vero Beach, FL	58.5
6	Martin, FL	Port St. Lucie-Fort Pierce, FL	58.0
7	Lake, FL	Orlando, FL	57.0
8	Marion, FL	Ocala, FL	56.9
9	Pasco, FL	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	56.4
10	Collier, FL	Naples-Marco Island, FL	56.4
11	Lee, FL	Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL	56.2
12	Manatee, FL	Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice, FL	55.2
13	Mohave, AZ	Lake Havasu City-Kingman, AZ	54.9
14	Yavapai, AZ	Prescott, AZ	54.4
15	Ocean, NJ	New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA	54.4
16	Barnstable, MA	Barnstable Town, MA	54.3
17	St. Lucie, FL	Port St. Lucie-Fort Pierce, FL	54.2
18	Volusia, FL	Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach, FL	53.8
19	Palm Beach, FL	Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach, FL	53.6
20	Pinal, AZ	Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	53.1
21	Sussex, DE	Seaford, DE	53.1
22	Cambria, PA	Johnstown, PA	53.0
23	Pinellas, FL	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	52.8
24	Schuylkill, PA	Pottsville, PA	52.7
25	Luzerne, PA	Scranton-Wilkes-Barre, PA	52.4

The 25 counties with the lowest median age (head of household)

Only counties with at least 50,000 households in 2007 are included. Most of the nation's youngest counties encompass either college towns or military bases. But the list also includes some rapidly growing suburban counties, such as Collin, TX; Clayton, GA; and Loudon, VA.

Rank	County	MSA	Median Age, Head of Household
1	Brazos, TX	College Station-Bryan, TX	36.1
2	Lee, AL	Auburn-Opelika, AL	40.6
3	Utah, UT	Provo-Orem, UT	41.0
4	Travis, TX	Austin-Round Rock, TX	41.1
5	Johnson, IA	Iowa City, IA	41.3
6	Onslow, NC	Jacksonville, NC	41.6
7	Denton, TX	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	41.8
8	Tippecanoe, IN	Lafayette, IN	42.2
9	Monroe, IN	Bloomington, IN	42.2
10	Montgomery, TN	Clarksville, TN-KY	42.3
11	Collin, TX	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	42.4
12	Bell, TX	Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood, TX	42.6
13	Alexandria city, VA	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	42.6
14	Clayton, GA	Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA	42.7
15	Boone, MO	Columbia, MO	42.7
16	Champaign, IL	Champaign-Urbana, IL	42.7
17	Leon, FL	Tallahassee, FL	42.7
18	Arlington, VA	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	42.7
19	Cass, ND	Fargo, ND-MN	42.9
20	Alachua, FL	Gainesville, FL	42.9
21	Loudoun, VA	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	43.2
22	Rutherford, TN	Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro, TN	43.2
23	Gwinnett, GA	Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA	43.2
24	Wake, NC	Raleigh-Cary, NC	43.2
25	Cumberland, NC	Fayetteville, NC	43.3