Expanding Economic and Social Opportunities: A Community Development Approach

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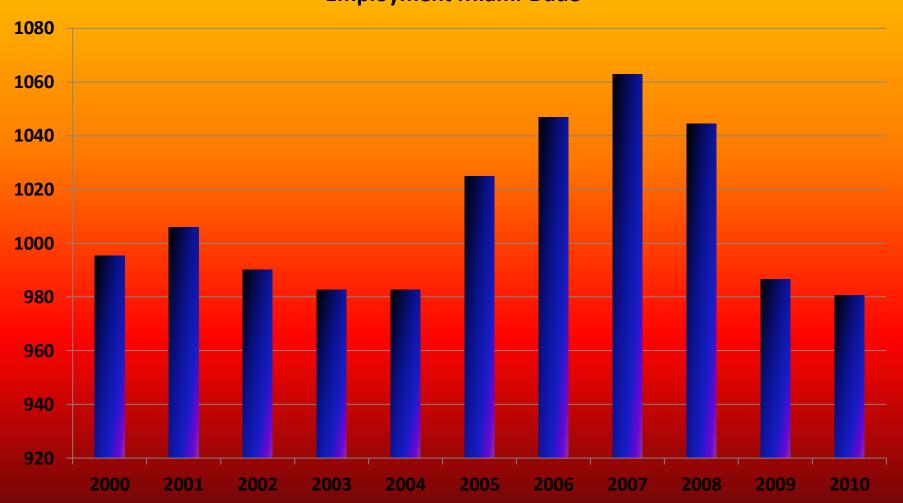


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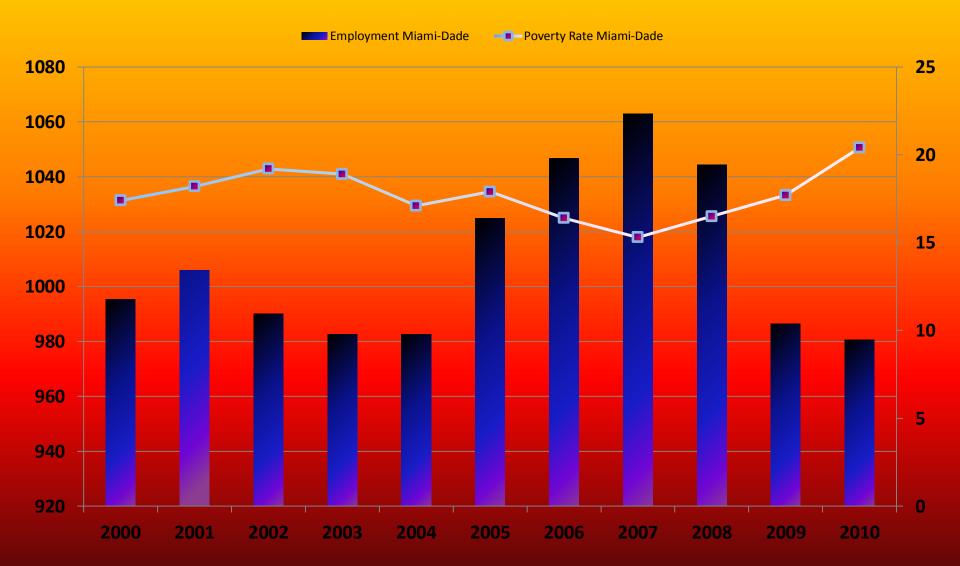


Employment and Poverty Rate Trends: Miami Dade County

Employment Miami-Dade



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Key Economic Trends in Miami-Dade County

- •Median HH Income:
 - > by 12% 2000-2010; < by 6% since 2005
- •Median Family Income:
 - > by 15% 2000-2010; <by 7% since 2005
- Per Capita Income:
 - > by 13% 2000-2010; < by 7% since 2005



Leading Occupations and Wages

Occupation	Median Hourly Wage
Retail Sales	\$9.38
Cashiers	\$8.77
Registered Nurses	\$33.13
Stock Clerks	\$10.23
Office Clerks	\$11.40



Key Economic Trends in Miami-Dade County

782,864 (31.8%):

Miami-Dade residents with NO health insurance

395,350 (38.6%):

Miami-Dade workers with NO health insurance



Key Housing Trends in Miami-Dade County

2000 to 2010 Period:

- •Median monthly owner costs with mortgage > by 48%: 59.3% of Miami-Dade owners now paying in EXCESS of 30% of income on housing costs
- Median gross rent > by 54%:
 65.3% of Miami-Dade renters now paying in EXCESS of 30% of income on housing costs



Key Housing Trends in Miami-Dade County

According to the "H+T AFFORDABILITY INDEX":

Miami-Dade County's **57.9**% median combined housing and transportation costs as a percentage of household income is far above the **45**% H+T Affordability Index threshold



Key Indicators: Educational Attainment Miami-Dade County

- ■20.9% of population 18-24 less than high school graduates (51,866 individuals)
- ■23% of population 25+ less than high school graduates (393,542 individuals)
- Median annual earnings of \$15,949 for population 25+ less than high school graduates
- Poverty rate of 32.2% for population 25+ less than high school graduates (126,720 individuals)



Key Indicators: Educational Attainment City of Miami

- **28.9%** of population **18-24** less than high school graduates
- **31.8%** of population 25+ less than high school graduates
- Median annual earnings of \$13,521 for population 25+ less than high school graduates
- Poverty rate of 41.6% for population 25+ less than high school graduates



Community Development Operational Principles

- Neighborhood-based Leadership
- Local Decision-making
- Holistic Planning Approach
- Coordinated and Integrated Delivery of Services



Key Considerations: The Economy

- Not enough well paying, quality jobs
- Low-wage occupations are projected to create the greatest number of jobs over the next 8 years
- •Too many workers lack health and other benefits that can lead to economic stability



Key Considerations: The Economy

- Stagnant and declining incomes resulting in loss of "self-sufficiency"
- •Increasingly, working families can't "make ends meet"



Key Considerations: Affordable Housing

- The post-bubble housing market is far more complex than what existed during the height of the residential boom period
- Increasing housing and transportation cost burden "crowding out" disposable income and forcing working families to consider outmigration to other, more affordable locations



Key Considerations: Education

- A skilled workforce is needed to drive individual advancement and economic growth
- State funding structure not conducive for skill intensive shortterm programs for low-income working adults
- Workforce and economic development strategies need to be implemented concurrently





THANK YOU

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