

Polling Location Notes

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1 Note on Updates

- Previous iterations of these notes had links + notes for each individual county. That section has been paired down since the web-scraped links can be easily re-constructed from the web-scraper rmd file and. Notes are now diminished to look at what was found, what wasn't and where to go from here.

2 Entire State

- As far as historical polling locations, I was not able to find dataset or source for polling locations across the state that is not current. I am working on getting these through public records request(s).
- This find polling location page for the state of Florida has a search function which navigates to individual SoE websites for polling location. Because of the non-uniformity in destinations it is not easily web-scraped and all data would only be current
- While also current, voterfocus.com has lists of current voting locations by precinct for each county in florida (linked to by most SOE sites) but you're redirected if you don't go to the specific county address (eg only going to voterfocus.com). I've used these links for the webscraper and only a couple counties are missed in for loop I wrote.

3 Individual Counties

Because most of the state is addressed through the voterfocus website used in the web-scraper file this section is now lists of when precincts were last drawn for each county when data was last collected (8/3/2020). If we assume polling locations only change when precincts are redrawn this may be useful in determining historical polling locations in some counties

3.1 Precincts drawn before 2016 or undated

Bradford County

- Precincts updated June 2014, based on map linked here
- Based on this link it seems there may have been a change to polling locations in September 2019. May want to reach out to SoE if looking farther back than 2019

Broward County

- Did not find when precincts were last drawn or polling location history, assume polling locations are current unless told otherwise by SoE

Calhoun County

- Precincts updated 2011, see this link.

Charlotte County

- Any precinct changes not clear because the maps here are undated. Assume current unless contacting SoE directly confirms otherwise.

Clay County

- Any precinct changes not clear because the interactive map here is undated. Assume current unless contacting SoE directly confirms otherwise.

Collier County

- Any precinct changes not clear because the interactive map here is undated. Assume current unless contacting SoE directly confirms otherwise.

DeSoto County

- No map that I could find or date of last precinct update. Assume current unless contacting SoE directly confirms otherwise.

Dixie County

- Precincts updated 2012, see map [here](#).

Escambia County

- Precincts updated 2012, see map [here](#).
- Emergency polling location change for 2020 primary at [this link](#)
- May be able to look at polling locations that were not changed in an emergency historically

Franklin County

- Because the interactive map here does not show when precincts were last drawn or polling location history assume polling locations are only current.

Gadsden County

- Precincts updated 2013, see map [here](#).

Gilchrist County

- Because the pdf map here does not show when precincts were last drawn or polling location history, assume polling locations are only current.

Glades County

- Because there are no maps or pages that show when precincts were last drawn or polling location history, assume polling locations are only current.

Gulf County

- Because there are no maps or pages that show when precincts were last drawn or polling location history, assume polling locations are only current.

Hamilton County

- Because there are no maps or pages that show when precincts were last drawn or polling location history, assume polling locations are only current.

Hardee County

- Because there are no maps or pages that show when precincts were last drawn or polling location history, assume polling locations are only current.

Holmes County

- Precincts updated 2014, see map [here](#).
- It appears polling locations are same on map as the ones webscraped so this more certainly able to be used historically.

Indian River County

- Because there are no maps or pages that show when precincts were last drawn or polling location history, assume polling locations are only current.

Jefferson County

- Because there are no maps or pages that show when precincts were last drawn or polling location history, assume polling locations are only current.

Lafayette County

- Because there are no maps or pages that show when precincts were last drawn or polling location history, assume polling locations are only current.

Lee County

- Because the interactive map does not show when precincts were last drawn or polling location history, assume polling locations are only current.

Manatee County

- Precincts updated 2013, see map [here](#).
- It appears polling locations are same on map as were scraped so these are more certainly historical.

3.2 Precincts drawn in 2016

Alachua County

- Precincts updated March or May 2016, see [this link](#).
- Polling location changes for 2020 clearly stated here, could use other precincts' polling locations historically

Pinellas County

- Precincts updated April 2016, see [this link](#).

3.3 Precincts drawn in 2017

Bay County

- Precincts updated in July 2017 and special "Mega" polling locations for 2018, see maps at this link.

Hendry County

- Precincts updated 2017, see map at this link.

Hillsborough County

- It seems precincts updated June 2017, see maps at this link.

Jackson County

- It seems precincts updated July 2017, see fine print of the precinct map at this link.
- Seems like the polling locations on map match what was scraped so should be more certainly historical.

3.4 Precincts drawn in 2018

Baker County

- Precincts updated 2018, see pdf map at [this link](#) (date in title).

Flagler County

- Precincts updated 2018, see [this link](#).

Highlands County

- Precincts updated October 2018, see [this link](#).

Lake County

- Precincts updated July 2018, see [this link](#).

Liberty County

- Precincts updated 2018, see [this link](#).

3.5 Precincts drawn in 2019

Leon County

- Precincts maps dated 2019 but pdf link has 2016, see this link. Go with 2019 to be safe.

3.6 Precincts drawn in 2020

Brevard County

- Many individual maps of precincts and polling locations, see [this link](#).
- District maps show that there were updates as recently as 2020 available [here](#).

Citrus County

- Some historical pdf maps of precincts but not polling locations, for 2020 precinct map see [this link](#).

Columbia County

- For 2020 precinct map see [this link](#).

Dixie County

- Maps have varying dates, see dates on maps [here](#).

Hernando County

- 2020 precinct maps [here](#).

4 Current Recommendations

Most of this data should be useable for the upcoming 2020 election (re-scrape the day before and day of just to be sure). It may be worthwhile to expand this webscraper to other states in the future. It would also be useful to compare these locations to ones obtained through public records requests to ensure they are accurate. It would also be worthwhile to keep a record of previous and current polling locations in some regularity going forward to create a database.