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County	Please provide us with any additional information about databases, estimations or inventories.
Alachua	Its all about relationships with County Agencies. We could not have done it without their response to our requests for data. This includes the cooperation with the DEP permittees.
Baker	
Bay	
Bradford	
Brevard	The best (current) estimation for the number of onsite systems in Brevard County is 89,984, located at: http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Environment/ostds/statistics/newInstallations.pdf . The only exception to this is that the data for 2002-2003 is incorrect. More than 142 systems were installed during that permit year. Our county began using Centrax for electronic record keeping that year and some of the data from Saturn was not incorporated into this total. Reporting features for the Saturn database are no longer available for our use.
Broward	This link indicates the sewer service areas of Broward county. From this page scroll down to "sewer service areas" for the pdf (http://www.broward.org/emd/moi00613.pdf) http://www.broward.org/emd/moi00600.htm It is a bit dated, March 2000.
Calhoun	
Charlotte	
Citrus	
Clay	
Collier	Number of permits issued does not always indicate that all were installed. When abandonments take place this may not remove a system from being on septic. Many utility controlled abandonments are not documented and may still be in use.
Columbia	
DeSoto	We have a total of 2034 permits available in our data base Centrax & Rehost (2000-2009). We have a total of 7768 permit in the office log books which contain limited information from Manuary 1973 - December 1999. Combined total 9802 permits, excluding 1982.
Dixie	
Duval	Please contact Danny Turner for GIS shapefile information pertaining to OSTDS estimation: Danny Turner WSEA 904.665.5569
Escambia	EAP program data base (septic inspections when properties are sold in the county) - already uploaded data.
Flagler	Again, the easiest method of obtaining a fairly accurate estimate of existing septic systems would be to use the county property appraiser data for "improved" lots and subtract the total number of current or past sewer service customers countywide. To do this, you would need a cooperative county property appraiser's office that can provide a number (actual or good estimate) of properties with homes/buildings. In addition, sewer service providers within each county would need to be able to provide numbers on current or past customers. One problem with this method is that you would need to account or adjust for condominiums and other communities that have one parcel of property and numerous customers.
Franklin	
Gadsden	
Gilchrist	We only maintain a paper log annually to track total number of permits both existing, new and repair. We do have an old excel file that would contain skeletal information of permits from 1974 - 1997 that we may be able to retrieve from IT.
Glades	
Gulf	No additional information exists.
Hamilton	sorry I can't be more specific.
Hardee	
Hendry	
Hernando	
Highlands	
Hillsborough	
Holmes	
Indian River	Wish I could provide you with better data.
Jackson	We have just recently obtained IRR approval to purchase equipment and services from E-Bridge Solutions and are planning on imaging our paper records storing them electronically beginning in the next month or so.
Jefferson	
Lafayette	n/a
Lake	
Lee	

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Bradford	
Brevard	
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Calhoun	
Charlotte	
Citrus	
Clay	
Collier	When calling the local utility serving an area they can provide meter readings for water use but they can not confirm that sewer has replaced septic without a visual inspection. Some renovations are when the connection to sewer is found to not be in place. When failure of the septic does not take place there is no easy indication of non compliance.
Columbia	
DeSoto	
Dixie	
Duval	
Escambia	
Flagler	
Franklin	
Gadsden	
Gilchrist	
Glades	
Gulf	As currently staffed, the person with the most experience has 4 years. The next longest employee has approximately 2 1/2 years of experience.
Hamilton	
Hardee	
Hendry	
Hernando	
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Holmes	
Indian River	Comparing number of properties developed to number of service connections?
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Levy	
Liberty	
Madison	
Manatee	
Marion	I believe that an inventory will be very helpful to our County as they begin work on Springs Protection. I look forward to seeing the results.
Martin	the 1994 estimation was conducted with a grant from SFWMD's Swim Project. THE PROJECT LASTED ONE YEAR AND AN ESTIMATE LONG WITH PRIORITY AREA ON SEPTIC FOR SEWER CONNECTION WAS DETERMINED. IN 1994 WE STARTED USING THE HRS OSTDS DATA BASE SYSTEM. THIS WAS USED TO ISSUE NEW AND REPAIR CONSTRUCTION PERMITS. IT WAS USED UNTIL WE BEGAN CENTRAX IN 1998. CENTRAX WAS USED UNTIL MIGRATION WAS CONDUCTED ON JULY 2007.
Miami Dade	
Monroe	
Nassau	
Okaloosa	
Okeechobee	
Orange	
Osceola	We currently have a data storage program that we pay monthly for, but I don't have the man power or funds to scan and store all of our records. Currently we scan all new permits issued and our plans was to scan all records back to 1998 electronically but that has not worked out due to staffing and funds.
Palm Beach	In my experience, the level of detail tracked and maintained on systems, locations, etc is largely dependent on the individual in charge of the OSTDS program locally and the value that person places on having the information accessible. Counties have widely varying volumes of data, and some do not consider the cost/benefit ratio to be sufficient to justify the time it takes to record detailed information, while others place high value and have very organized systems in place. Due to limited resources, often times all that can get done is what is required by rule or policy - if there is not a requirement to perform an activity (not an essential function) then no resources are allotted. The implementation and requirement to use statewide databases (Centrax) was an important step in standardizing the information now available to be retrieved.
Pasco	
Pinellas	We could require septic contractors to submit septic manifests to determine the inventory and locations of septic systems throughout the county.
Polk	in providing the estimation we looked at 2000 census data and estimated that approx 75% of homes in Polk use septic due to the rural nature of the county demographics.
Putnam	
Santa Rosa	n/a
Sarasota	
Seminole	
St Lucie	
St. Johns	
Sumter	
Suwannee	
Taylor	Based on 2000 census data. County households - city households. Very rough estimate. Don't have any record of any permits prior to 1974, and only very few up to 1980 or so. So all old systems are found at time of new applications.
Union	
Volusia	
Wakulla	
Walton	Our guess is based on the old Access database and permits issued since 1998. Some of these systems have probably been abandoned because of sewer availability. A lot of systems were installed without permits in the past.
Washington	

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Levy	
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Marion	
Martin	THANK YOU
Miami Dade	
Monroe	
Nassau	
Okaloosa	
Okeechobee	
Orange	
Osceola	
Palm Beach	
Pasco	
Pinellas	We have considered using USF students in the future to go through our old plat book system and determine whether the systems are still in operation. Current policies by local building departments allow for septic tanks to be left in place when the dwellings are connected to the sewer system. We are in the process of working with local building departments to have them require clients to obtain an abandon permit PRIOR to receiving a permit to connect to the sewer system.
Polk	
Putnam	
Santa Rosa	n/a
Sarasota	
Seminole	
St Lucie	
St. Johns	
Sumter	
Suwannee	
Taylor	
Union	
Volusia	
Wakulla	Good luck with your tasks. Please don't give me any more questionnaires.
Walton	
Washington	