# 2021 International Homebuyer Transactions of Miami Association of REALTORS® Members



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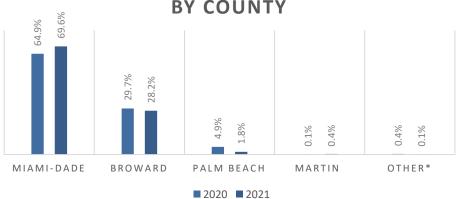


# About the 2021 Miami Association of REALTORS® (MIAMI) Survey

#### **Objective**

The 2021 survey provides information on the international residential transactions of the Miami Association of REALTORS® (MIAMI) members during August 2020–July 2021. In this report, the year 2021 refers to this period and previous years refer to the prior 12-month periods.

# DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONDENTS' PRIMARY BUSINESS AREA BY COUNTY



#### Respondents

The association sent the online survey to its approximately 52,000 members, of which 2,146 responded during the survey period August 10–September 13, 2021. Among these respondents, 530 reported they had a foreign buyer.

Among respondents who provided information:

- 70% of the respondents were from Miami-Dade County
- 4% reported a CIPS designation (among 1,151 respondents)
- 86% have been in business for over one year (among 1,146 respondents)

To adjust for over- or under-responses of MIAMI members across counties, NAR used a factor that aligns the sample distribution of MIAMI respondents to the MIAMI membership distribution.





# 2021 Profile of International Homebuyer Transactions of Miami Association of REALTORS® Members

### \$5.1 billion

Dollar volume of foreign buyer residential purchases during August 2020–July 2021 (9% decrease from 2020 volume; nationally, dollar volume of foreign buyer purchases fell by 27%)

#### 14%

Foreign buyer share to MIAMI dollar sales volume (lower than the 32% share in 2020, but higher than 3% share nationally)

### 74%

Fraction of MIAMI foreign buyers who primarily resided abroad (higher than 42% nationally)

### \$386,200

MIAMI foreign buyer median purchase price (higher than \$359,600 MIAMI median sales price)





# 2021 Profile of International Homebuyer Transactions of Miami Association of REALTORS<sup>®</sup> Members

### 63%

Share of all-cash purchases (compared to 39% nationally)

### Top Foreign Buyers

Argentina (13%), Colombia (12%), Venezuela (10%), Mexico (7%), Brazil (6%), Chile (6%) Foreign buyers came from 43 countries

### Destination of Foreign Buyers

Miami-Dade County (65%), Broward County (27%), Palm Beach County (3%), Other counties (5%)

#### 72%

Fraction of MIAMI foreign buyers who purchased for vacation and/or rental use (compared to 42% nationally)





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61%

Fraction of MIAMI foreign buyers who purchased condominiums (compared to 14% nationally)

93%

Fraction of MIAMI foreign buyers who visited Florida at least once before buying a property

50%

Fraction of respondents who had an international customer (lower share than the 57% share in 2020 but higher than the national share of 15%)

85%

Fraction of leads/referrals/customers from personal/business contacts or former customers

83%

Fraction of respondents who are fluent in a language other than English





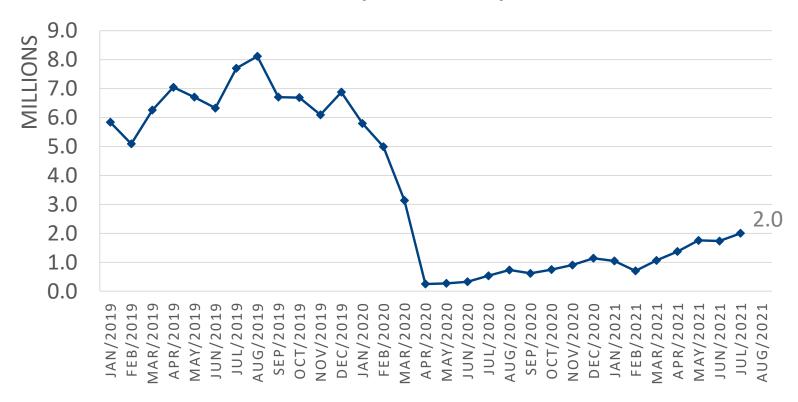
#### **ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT**

- Economic Conditions
- Florida Real Estate Home Prices



### **Tourist Arrivals: Still Severely Down But Increasing**

# MONTHLY TOURIST ARRIVALS TO THE UNITED STATES (MILLIONS)



Source: National Travel and Tourism Office





### Tourist Arrivals to the United States by Region of Origin

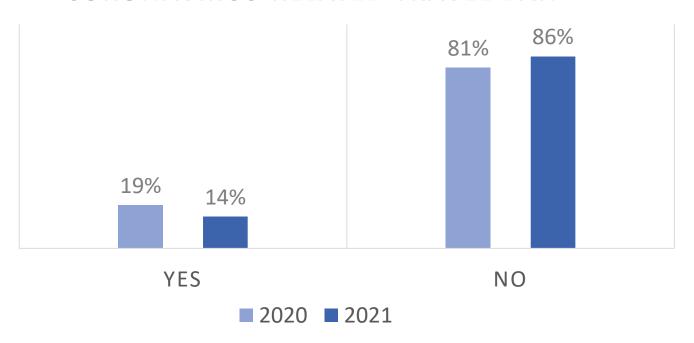
Tourist Arrivals to the United States									
	August 2018-	August 2019 -	August 2020-	% Chg,					
	July 2019	July 2020	July 2021	2019-2021					
From all countries	79,013,166	49,781,687	13,816,326	-83%					
From Asia and Oceania	13,631,796	8,082,099	674,903	-95%					
From Canada	20,859,946	13,241,539	963,619	-95%					
From Latin America	7,238,818	4,257,966	725,373	-90%					
From Argentina	861,135	480,743	184,073	-79%					
From Brazil	2,164,099	1,274,496	72,756	-97%					
From Colombia	974,732	541,941	730,946	-25%					
From Venezuela	461,830	227,834	144,159	-69%					
From Europe	15,659,222	9,196,637	228,235	-99%					
Source: NTTO									





# 14% of MIAMI Realtors® Reported an International Transaction Did Not Close Due to the Travel Ban

# THEY HAD AN INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTION THAT DID NOT CLOSE DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS-RELATED TRAVEL BAN

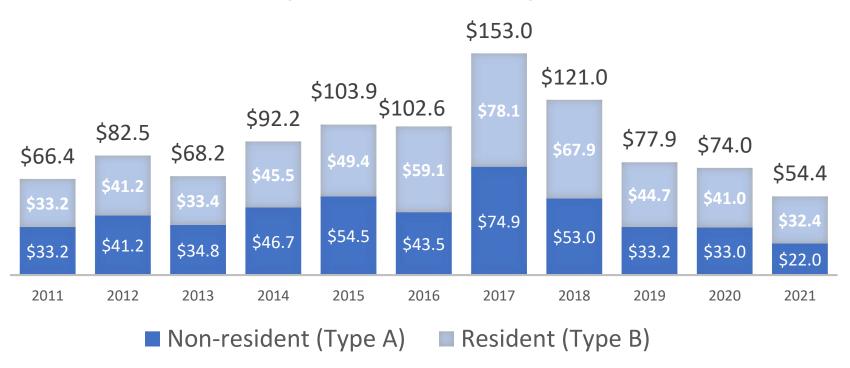






# 27% Decline in U.S. Foreign Buyer Purchases During April 2020-March 2021\* to \$54.4 Billion

# FOREIGN BUYERS IN THE UNITED STATES (BILLION DOLLARS)



<sup>\*</sup>Based on transactions in the 12 months ending March of each year.





# Florida: #1 Destination Among U.S. Foreign Buyers

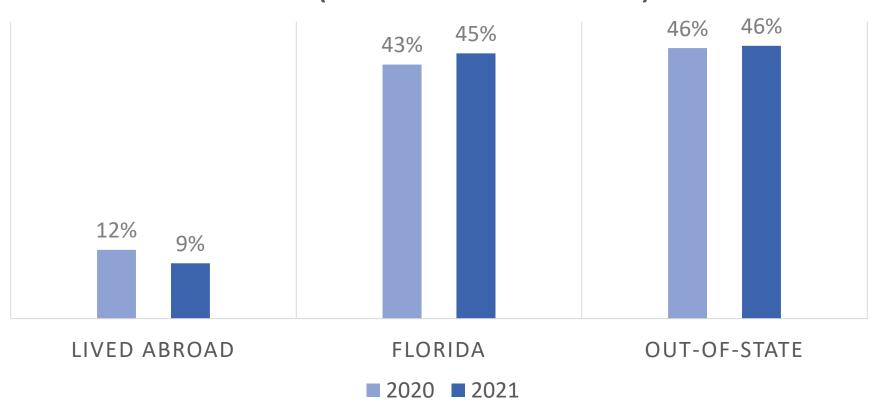
Share of Top States to Total Foreign Buyer Purchases								
	FL	CA	TX	AZ	NJ	NY		
2009	23%	13%	11%	7%	1%	2%		
2010	22%	12%	8%	11%	2%	4%		
2011	31%	12%	9%	6%	3%	3%		
2012	26%	11%	7%	7%	1%	4%		
2013	23%	17%	9%	9%	2%	3%		
2014	23%	14%	12%	6%	3%	3%		
2015	21%	16%	8%	5%	3%	3%		
2016	22%	15%	10%	4%	4%	4%		
2017	22%	12%	12%	4%	4%	3%		
2018	19%	14%	9%	5%	4%	5%		
2019	20%	12%	10%	5%	4%	3%		
2020	22%	15%	9%	3%	4%	5%		
2021	21%	16%	9%	5%	4%	4%		





### More In-State Buyers in MIAMI Area in 2021\*

### WHERE BUYERS (DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN) LIVED IN



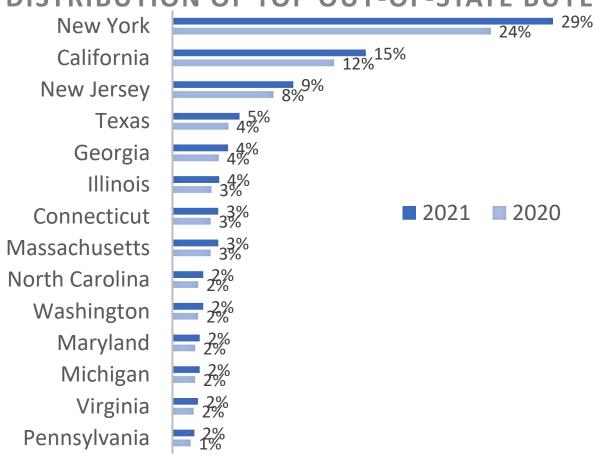
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# New York, New Jersey, and California: 53% of Out-of-State Buyers in MIAMI Area in 2021, Higher 9% than 2020\*

#### DISTRIBUTION OF TOP OUT-OF-STATE BUYERS



\*NY, CA, NJ accounted for 44% of out-of-state buyers in 2020 survey



# **Strong Price Growth in Florida's Metro Areas**

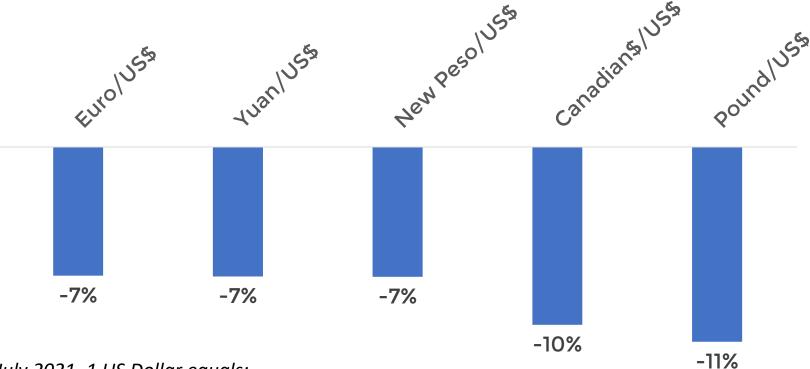
Metropolitan Statistical Area	August 2019-July 2020	August 2020-July 2021	% Change
Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island, FL	\$358,000	\$436,000	22%
Crestview-Fort Walton Beach-Destin, FL	\$315,000	\$381,000	21%
Homosassa Springs, FL	\$170,000	\$205,000	21%
Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL	\$245,000	\$294,950	20%
North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton, FL	\$285,000	\$340,000	19%
Port St. Lucie, FL	\$247,500	\$289,000	17%
Ocala, FL	\$172,000	\$200,745	17%
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	\$300,000	\$350,000	17%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	\$240,000	\$280,000	17%
Panama City, FL	\$249,075	\$290,000	16%
Punta Gorda, FL	\$232,000	\$270,000	16%
Sebastian-Vero Beach, FL	\$245,000	\$285,000	16%
Sebring, FL	\$155,000	\$180,000	16%
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach, FL	\$230,000	\$266,000	16%
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent, FL	\$231,000	\$263,275	14%
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL	\$240,000	\$272,000	13%
Jacksonville, FL	\$252,000	\$285,000	13%
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL	\$214,447	\$242,000	13%
Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	\$267,000	\$301,000	13%
Tallahassee, FL	\$210,000	\$235,000	12%
The Villages, FL	\$255,000	\$279,900	10%
Gainesville, FL	\$224,900	\$245,200	9%
Source: Florida Realtors®			
All counties			





### Weaker Dollar Partly Offset the Price Appreciation

Year-over-Year Percent Change in the Value of the Dollar as of July 2021 Against Other Currency



As of July 2021, 1 US Dollar equals: 0.84 Euro; 6.47 Yuan; 19.96 New Peso; 1.25 Canadian Dollar; 0.724 Pound





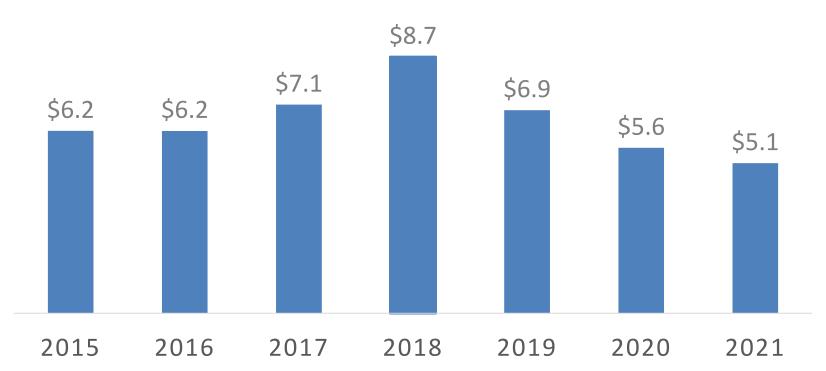
#### **FOREIGN BUYER PURCHASES**

- Dollar Volume
- Origin and Destination
- Foreign Buyer Preferences



# 9% Decline in Dollar Volume of Foreign Buyer Residential Purchases in 2021\*— Less than 27% Decline Nationally

# MIAMI FOREIGN BUYER DOLLAR VOLUME (IN BILLION DOLLARS)



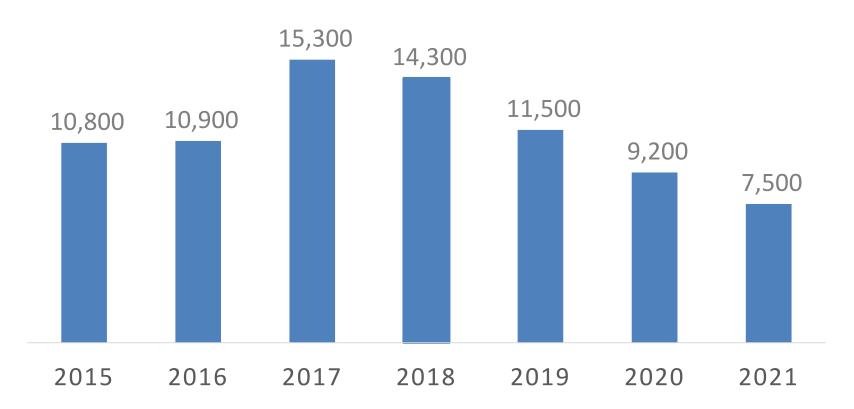
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# 18% Decline in Number of Foreign Buyer Residential Purchases in 2021\*— Less than 31% Decline Nationally

#### MIAMI FOREIGN BUYER PURCHASES



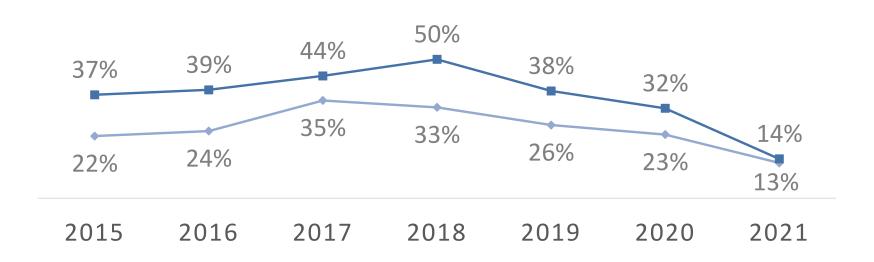
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### Foreign Buyer Market Share Decreased in 2021

# FOREIGN BUYERS AS A PERCENT OF MIAMI CLOSED SALES



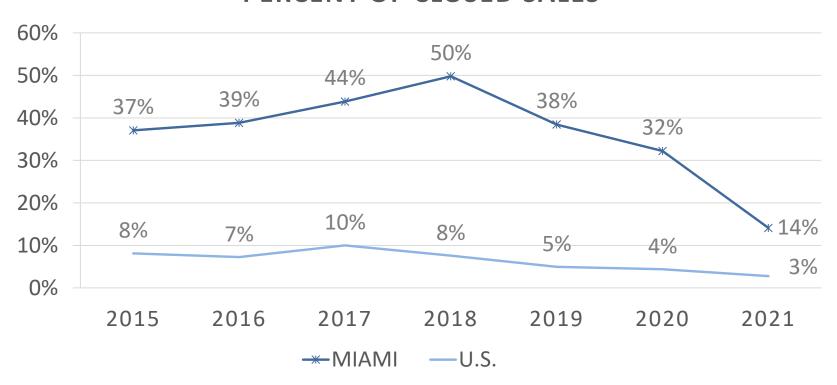
- → Foreign Buyer Purchases as a Percent of MIAMI Closed Sales
- --- Foreign Buyer Dollar Volume as a Percent of MIAMI Sales Dollar Volume





# Higher Foreign Buyer Market Share in MIAMI Market Compared to Nationally

# FOREIGN BUYER RESIDENTIAL PURCHASES AS A PERCENT OF CLOSED SALES

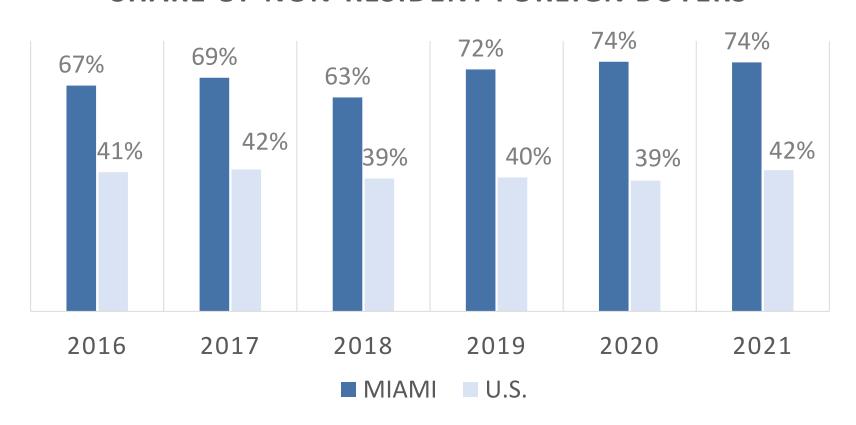






# 74% of MIAMI Foreign Buyers Primarily Resided Abroad— A Higher Share Compared to Nationally

#### SHARE OF NON-RESIDENT FOREIGN BUYERS

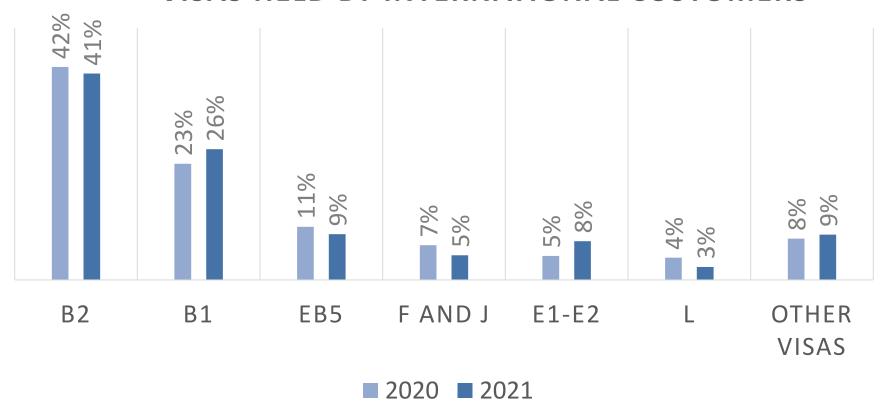






### 67% of Foreign Buyers Held B1-B2 Visas

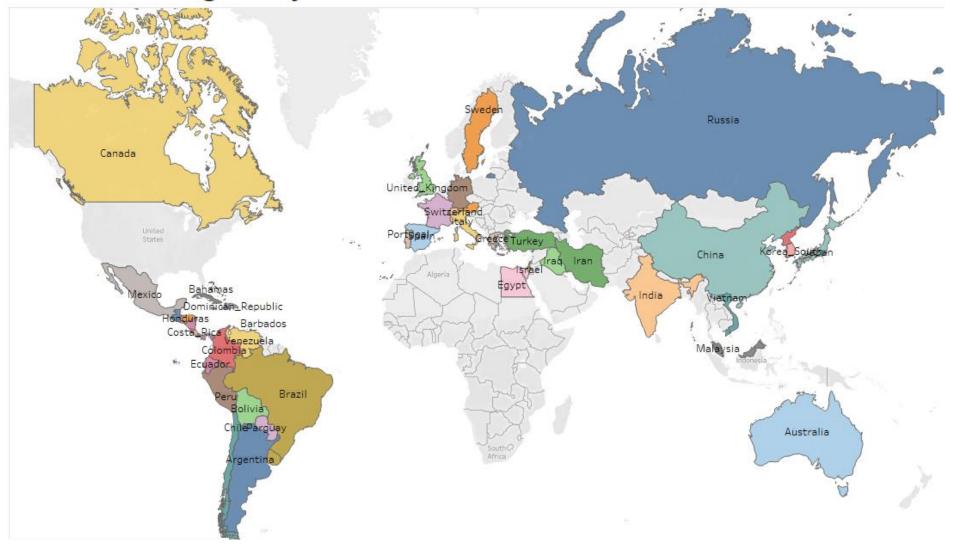
#### VISAS HELD BY INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMERS







# MIAMI Foreign Buyers Came from 43 Countries

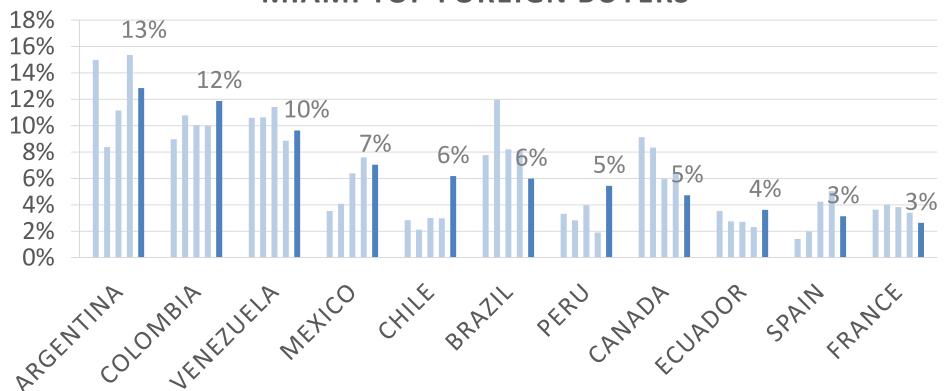






# Top Tier Countries of Origin: Mainly from Latin America

#### MIAMI TOP FOREIGN BUYERS

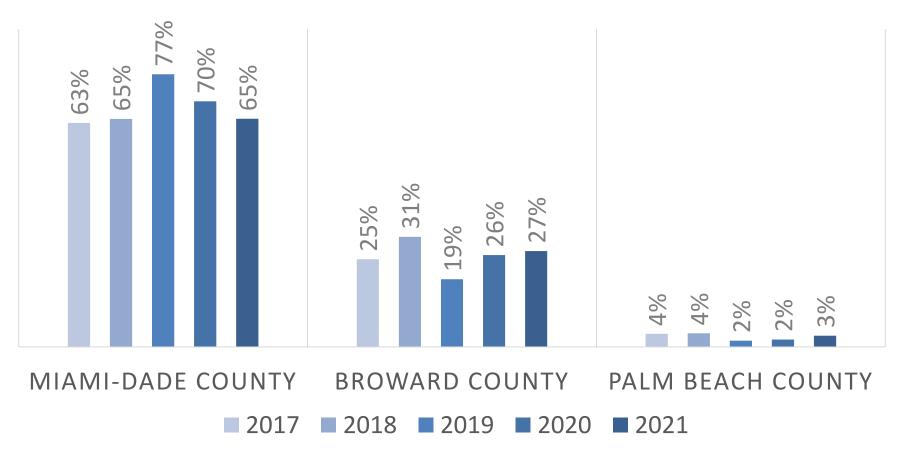






### Miami-Dade County: 65% of MIAMI Foreign Buyers

#### **DESTINATION OF FOREIGN BUYERS**



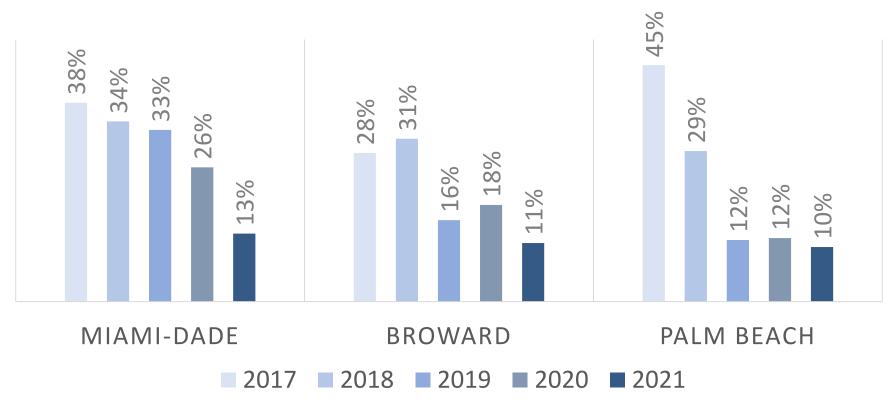
<sup>\*</sup>Remaining 5% of MIAMI foreign buyers purchased properties in other Florida counties





### Foreign Buyers Share by County 2017-2021

# FOREIGN BUYERS AS A PERCENT OF MIAMI MEMBERS' CLOSED SALES\* PER COUNTY



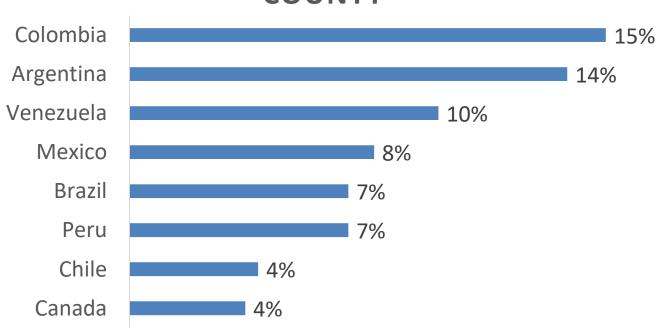
<sup>\*</sup>Single-family homes, townhouses, condominiums





### Miami-Dade County: Latin Americans Were Major Buyers

# MAJOR FOREIGN BUYERS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY



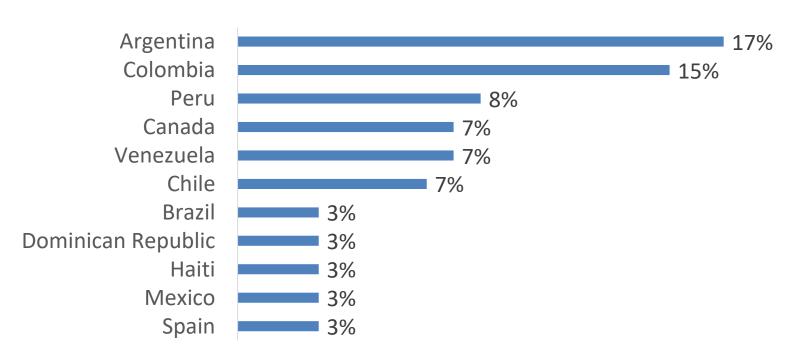
Other buyers were from Ecuador, Italy, Spain, Turkey, Costa Rica, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, France, China, Cuba, Panama, Russia





# Broward County: Latin Americans Were Major Buyers

# MAJOR FOREIGN BUYERS IN BROWARD COUNTY



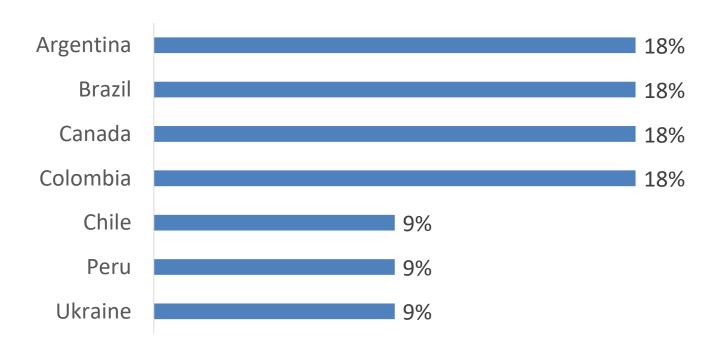
Other buyers were Bolivia, Ecuador, Bahamas, China, Czech Republic, India, Iran, Italy, Jamaica, Singapore, South Africa, United Kingdom, Uruguay





### Palm Beach County: Latin Americans Were Major Buyers

# MAJOR FOREIGN BUYERS IN PALM BEACH COUNTY

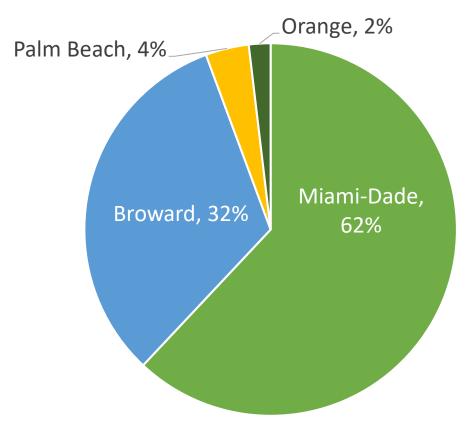






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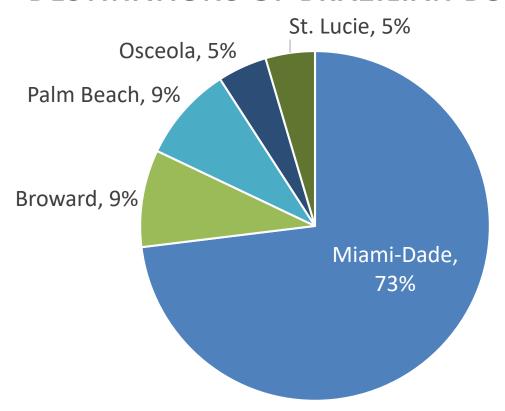






### **Destinations of Brazilian Buyers**

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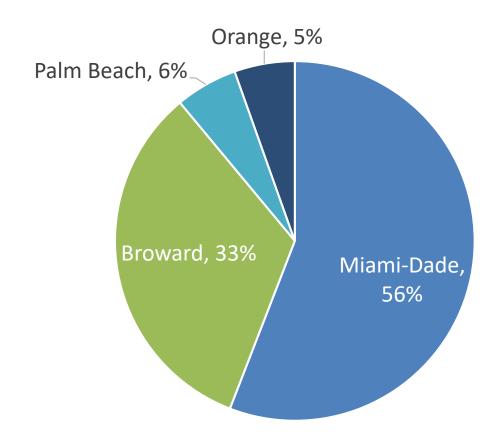






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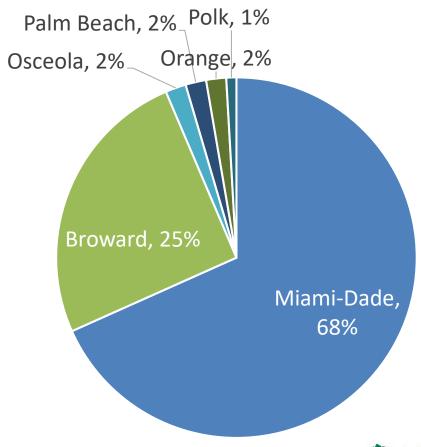






### **Destinations of Colombian Buyers**

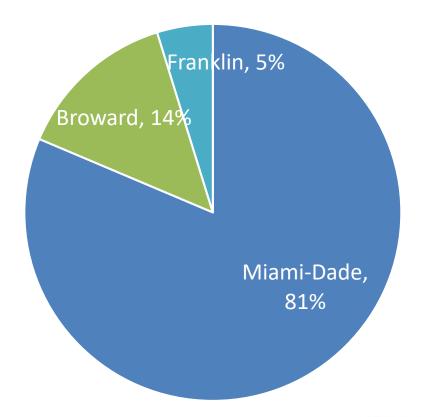
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### **Destinations of Mexican Buyers**

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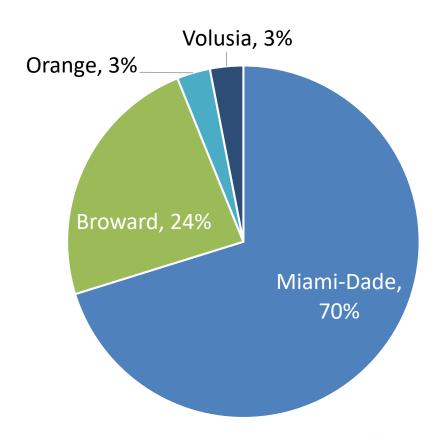






### Destinations of Venezuelan Buyers

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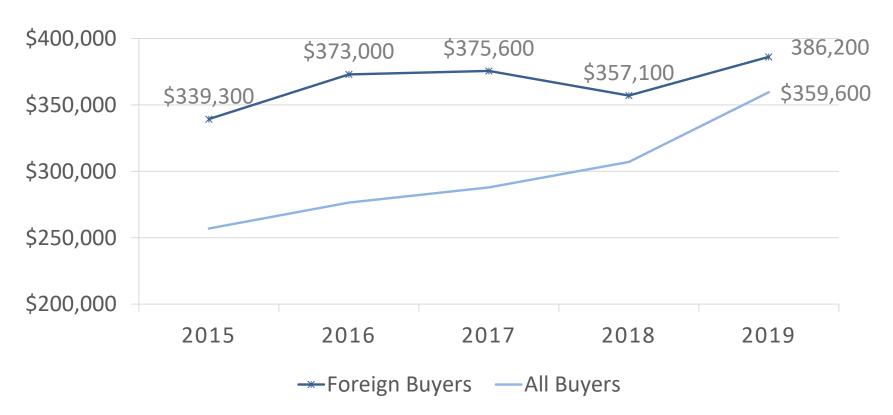






#### Foreign Buyer Median Purchase Price: \$386,200— Higher than Median Price in MIAMI Area

### MEDIAN PURCHASE PRICE AMONG FOREIGN AND ALL BUYERS

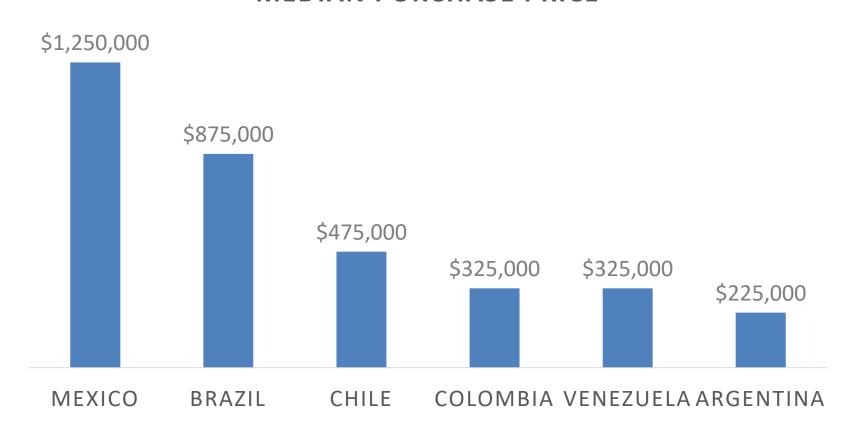






## Mexicans and Brazilians Typically Purchased More Expensive Properties

#### **MEDIAN PURCHASE PRICE**

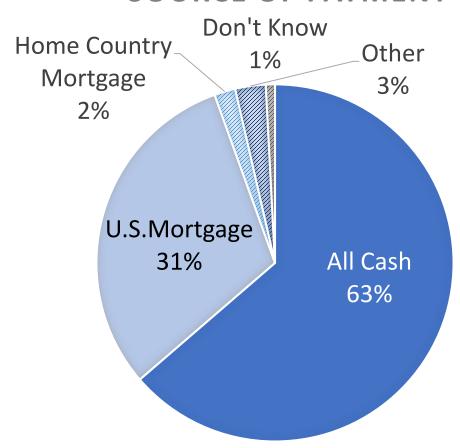






#### 63% of Foreign Buyers Paid Cash— A Higher Fraction than Among U.S. Foreign Buyers\*

#### **SOURCE OF PAYMENT**



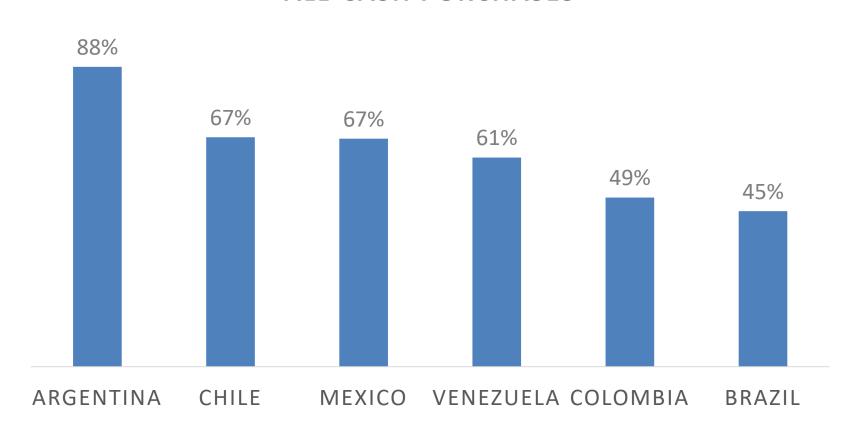
\*39% of all U.S. foreign buyers made an all-cash purchase





# Argentine Buyers — Highest Fraction Among Top Foreign Buyers Who Paid Cash

#### **ALL-CASH PURCHASES**

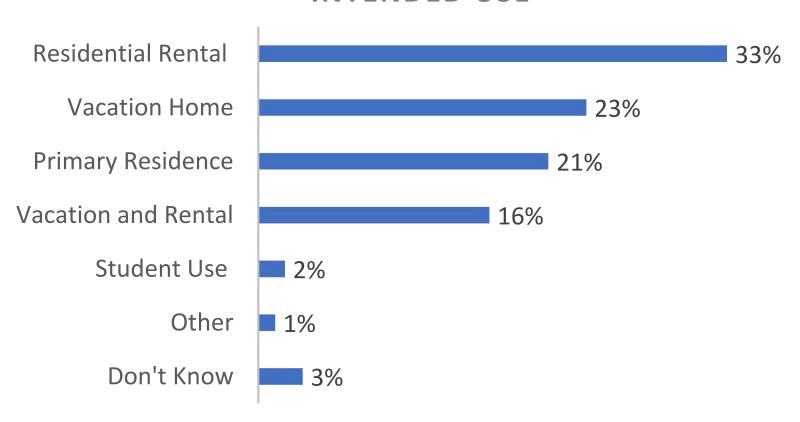






### 72% of Foreign Buyers Purchased for Vacation and/or Rental —A Higher Fraction than Among U.S. Foreign Buyers\*

#### **INTENDED USE**



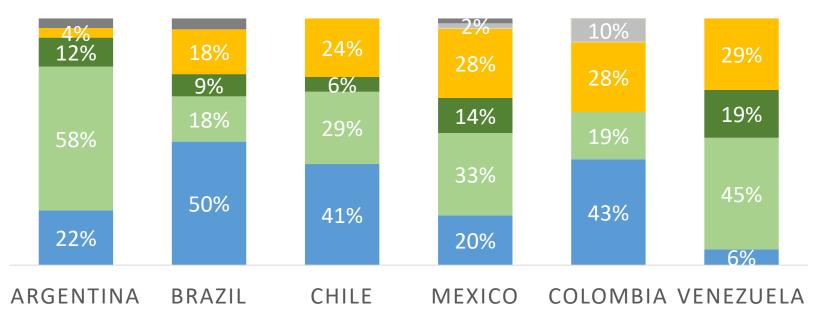
<sup>\*42%</sup> of all foreign buyers intended to use the property for vacation and/or rental





## Argentinians — Highest Fraction Who Intend to Rent Out Property

#### **USE FOR VACATION OR INVESTMENT RENTAL**



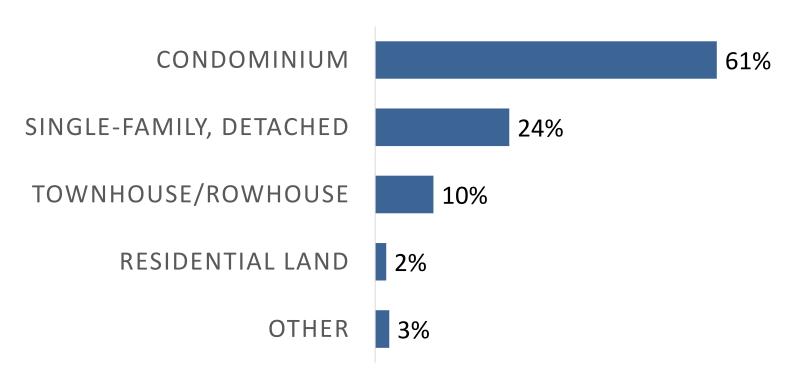
- Other
  - Student use
  - Primary residence
  - Both of the above
  - Residential rental property for investment
  - Vacation home for family and friends





# 61% of Foreign Buyers Purchased Condominiums — A Higher Fraction than Among U.S. Foreign Buyers\*

#### TYPE OF PROPERTY



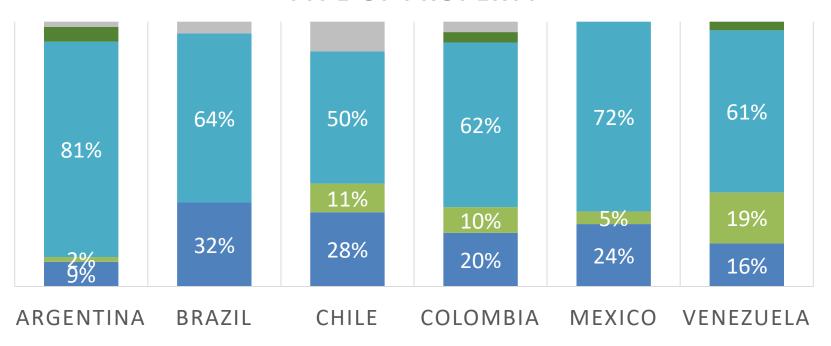
<sup>\*14%</sup> of all U.S. foreign buyers purchased





### Argentinians—Highest Fraction than Among Top Foreign Buyers Who Purchased Condominiums





■ Detached single-family

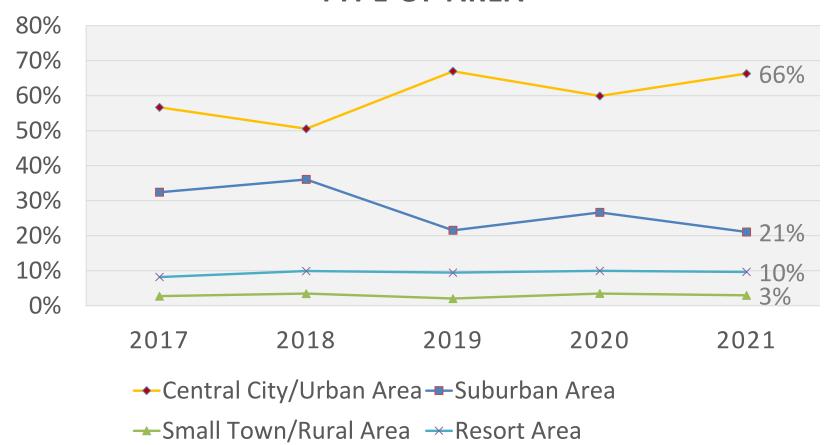
- Townhouse/row house/duplex
- Condominium or Cooperative
- Land





## 66% Purchased in Central City/Urban Area— A Higher Share Compared to 2020



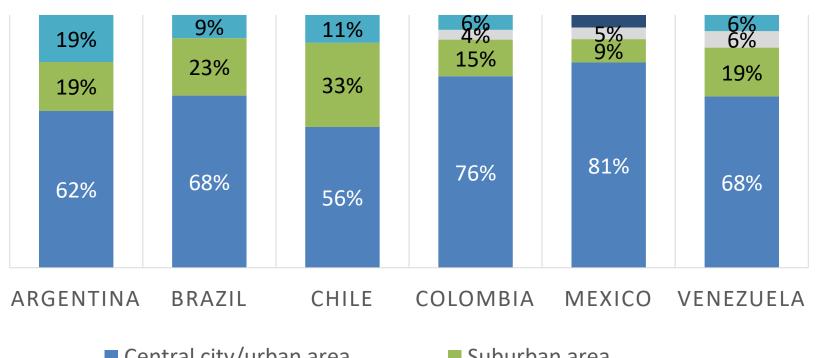






#### **Mexicans— Highest Fraction Among Top Foreign Buyers** Who Purchased Property in a City/Urban Area

#### AREA WHERE MAJOR FOREIGN BUYERS **PURCHASED PROPERTY**



- Central city/urban area
- Small town
- Resort area

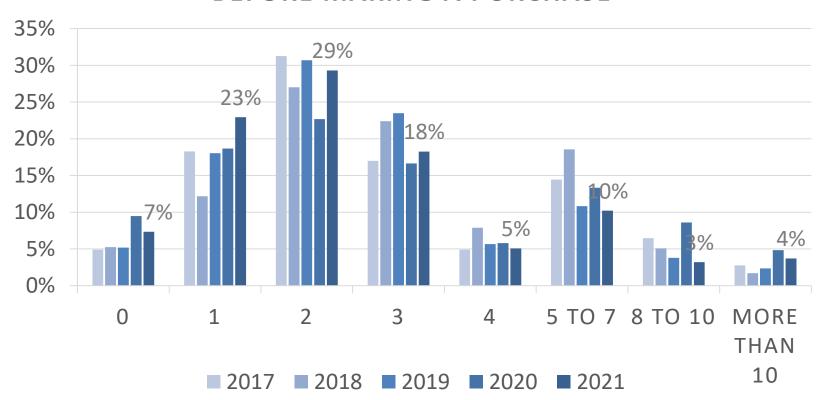
- Suburban area
- Rural area





# 93% of Foreign Buyers Visited Florida at Least Once Before Purchasing a Property

#### NUMBER OF TIMES BUYER VISITED FLORIDA BEFORE MAKING A PURCHASE







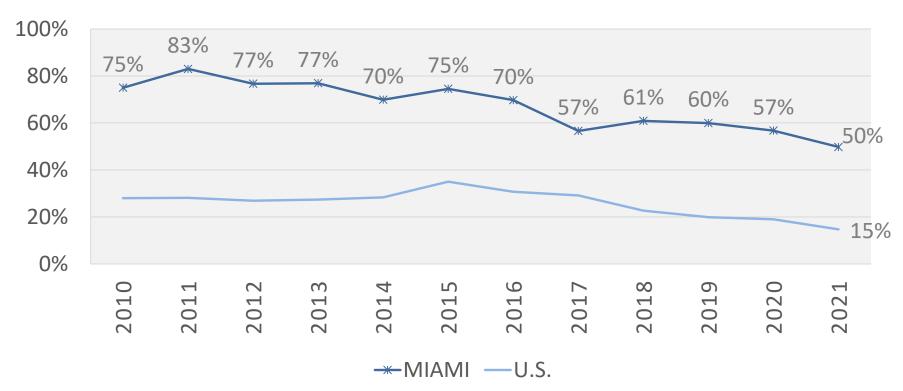
### WORKING WITH INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMERS

- International Business Trends
- Factors Affecting Decision to Purchase Property
- Leads and Referrals
- Customer Interaction



#### 50% of MIAMI REALTORS® Had an International Customer\*— But Still Higher than National Share of 15%

# PERCENT OF REALTORS® WHO WORKED WITH AN INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMER IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS



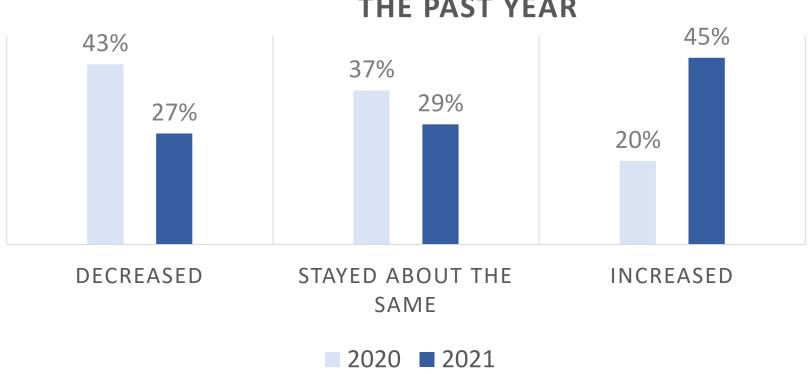
\*Whether customer purchased property or not





# 45% of MIAMI REALTORS® Reported an Increase in International Business in the Past Year — An Increase from the Past Year\*

### CHANGE IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS IN THE PAST YEAR



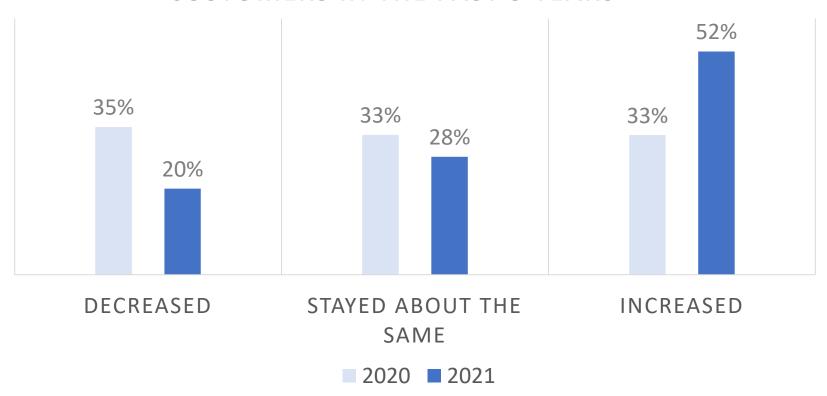
<sup>\*</sup>Among respondents who worked with an international customer





# 52% of MIAMI REALTORS® Reported an Increase in International Business Over the Past 5 Years — An Increase from the Past Year\*

### CHANGE IN PERCENTAGE OF INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMERS IN THE PAST 5 YEARS



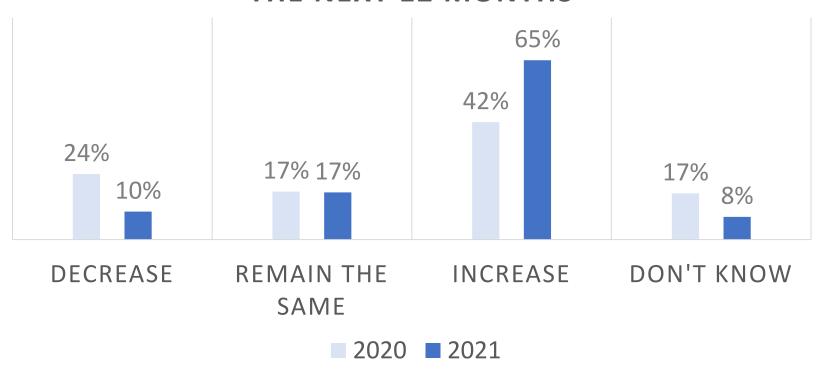
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# 65% of MIAMI REALTORS® Expect an Increase in International Business in Next 12 Months—An Increase from the Past Year\*

### OUTLOOK ON INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS



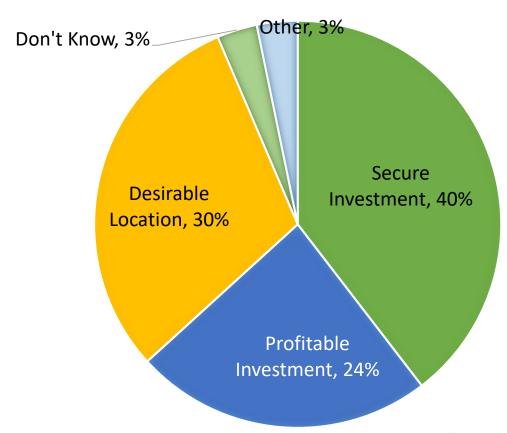
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# Profitability and Security of Investment: Main Reasons Foreign Buyers Purchase Property in MIAMI Area

### WHY FOREIGN BUYERS PURCHASE PROPERTY IN FLORIDA

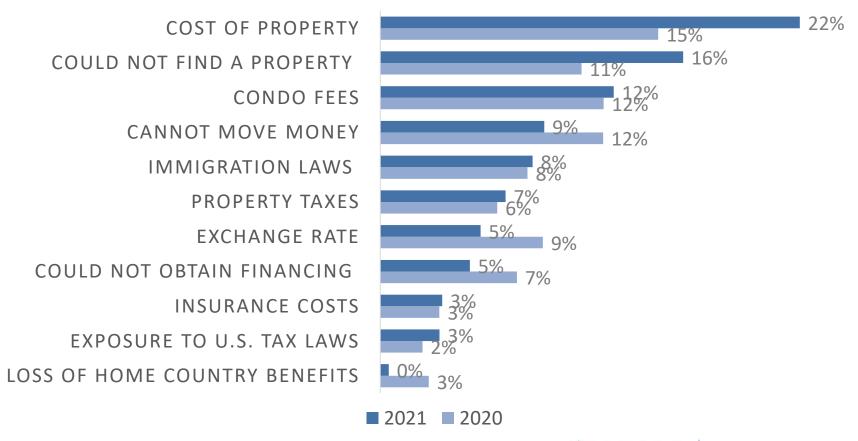






# Major Reasons Customers Did Not Purchase Property: Cost, Could Not find Property, Condo Fees

### REASONS CUSTOMERS DECIDED NOT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY

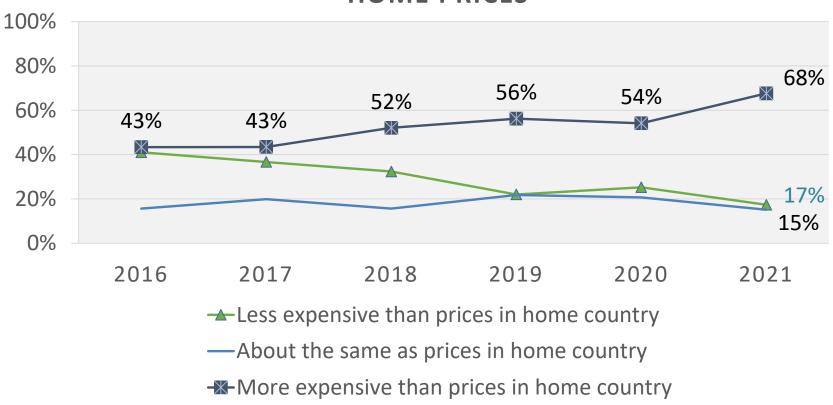






# 68% of MIAMI REALTORS® Reported Customers Found U.S. Prices to be More Expensive than in Home Country – An Increase from the Past Year\*

### HOW INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMERS VIEWED U.S. HOME PRICES



<sup>\*</sup>Among respondents who worked with an international customer





#### 85% of Foreign Buyer Leads/Referrals Were Personal/Business Contacts and Previous Customers

#### SOURCE OF LEAD OR REFERRAL

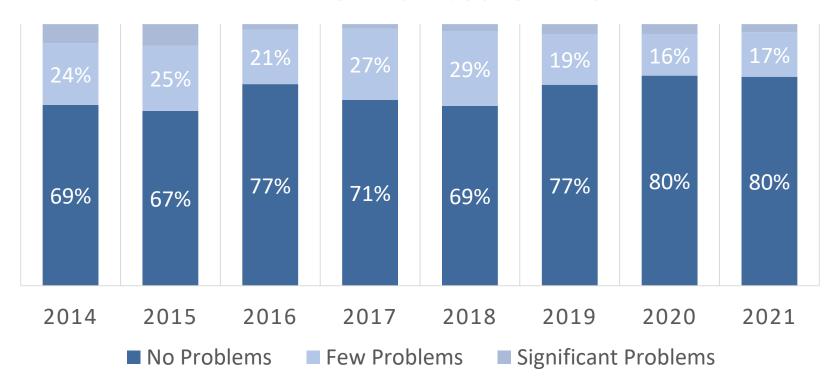






### 80% of MIAMI REALTORS® Reported No Problem Working with International Customers – An Increase from Past Years\*

### CULTURAL OR LANGUAGE BARRIERS WORKING WITH FOREIGN CUSTOMERS



<sup>\*</sup> Among respondents who worked with an international customer



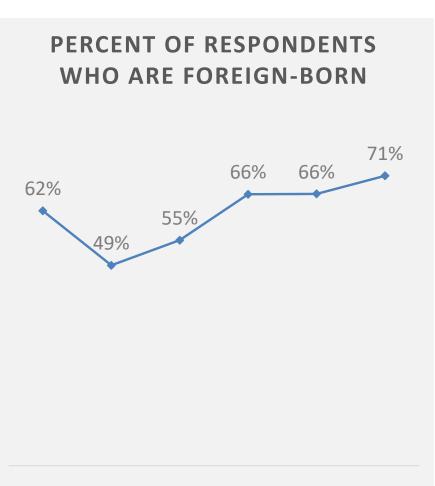


#### 81% of MIAMI REALTORS® are Fluent in Another Language





2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021



2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021





### APPENDIX 1: FOREIGN BUYER RESIDENTIAL PURCHASES IN FLORIDA\*



### Florida's Foreign Buyer Purchases — A Slight Decline from Past Years

#### **DOLLAR VOLUME OF INTERNATIONAL SALES (BILLIONS)**

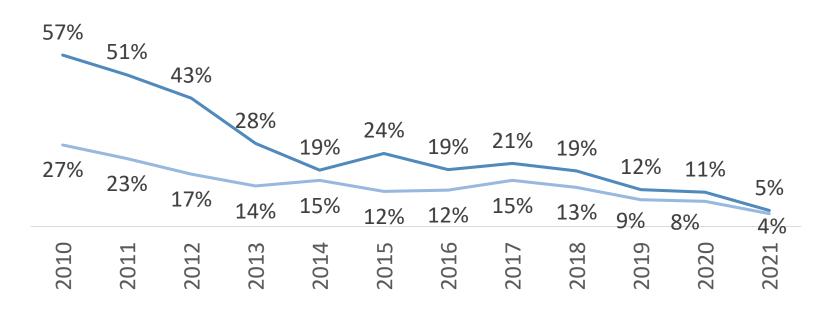






# Florida's Foreign Buyer Market Share — A Slight Decline from Past Years

#### FOREIGN BUYER SHARE OF EXISTING HOME SALES



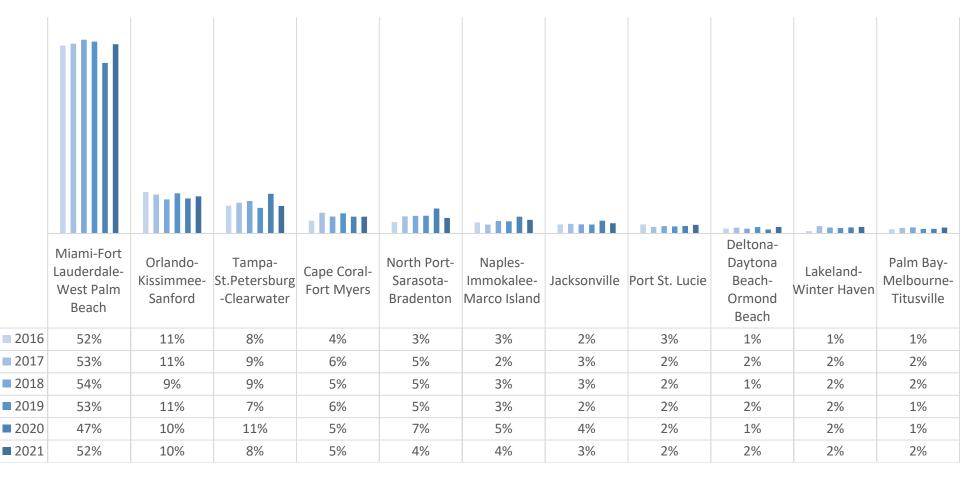
As Percent of Florida's Home Sales
 As Percent of Dollar Volume





### 52% of Florida's Foreign Buyers are in MIAMI Region— An Increase from the Past Year

#### TOP DESTINATION OF FLORIDA'S FOREIGN BUYERS

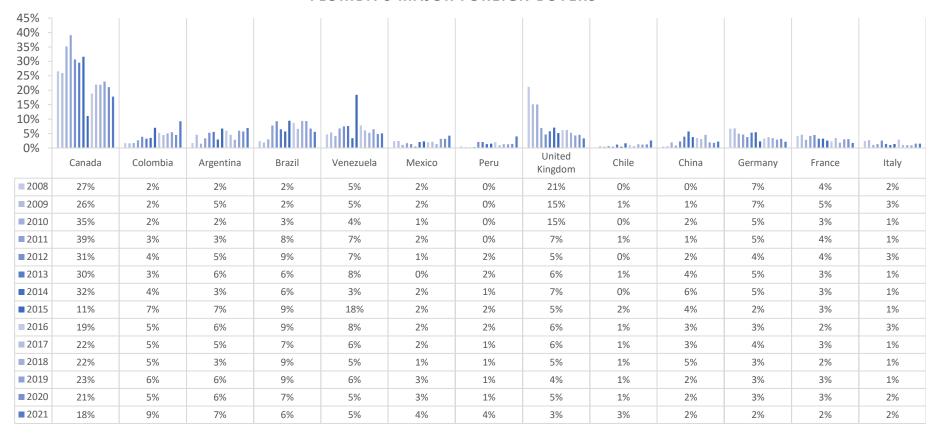






#### Florida's Major Foreign Buyers— Higher Share from Latin American Buyers

#### FLORIDA'S MAJOR FOREIGN BUYERS

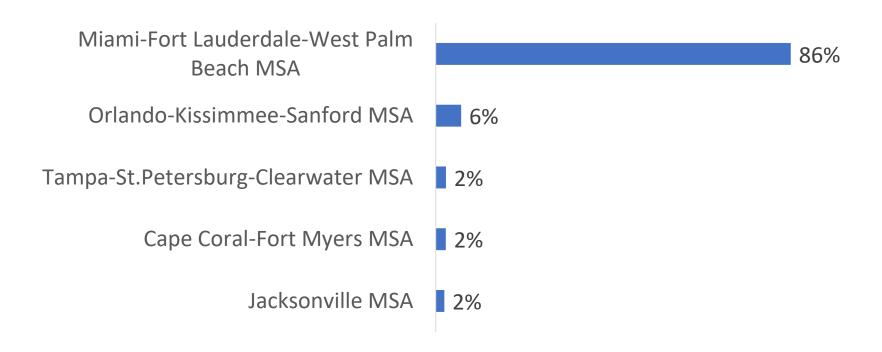






# Florida Destinations of Argentinian Buyers: MIAMI Region is #1

#### **DESTINATIONS OF ARGENTINE BUYERS**

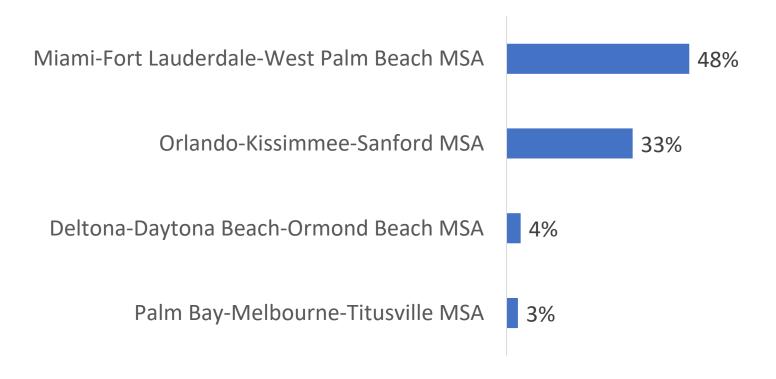






# Florida Destinations of Brazilian Buyers: MIAMI Region is #1

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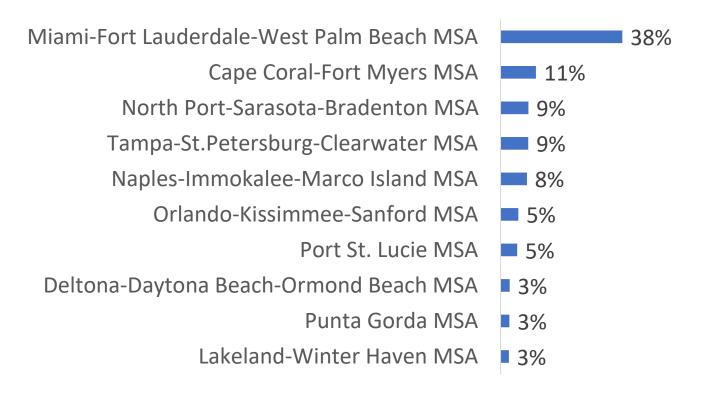






# Florida Destinations of Canadian Buyers: MIAMI Region is #1

#### **DESTINATIONS OF CANADIAN BUYERS**

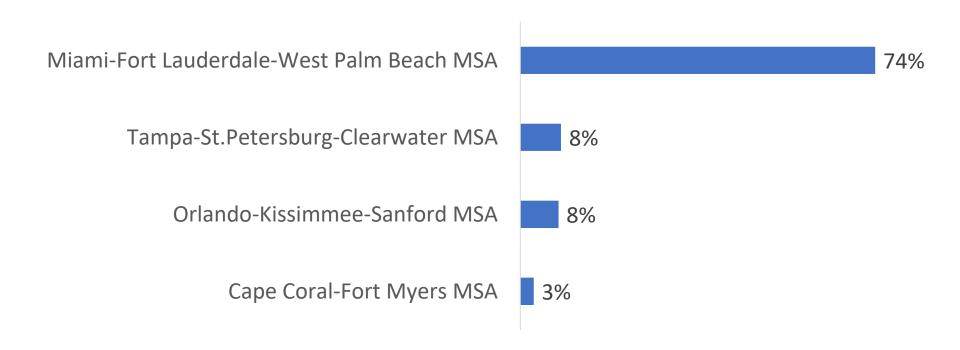






## Florida Destinations of Colombian Buyers: MIAMI Region is #1

#### **DESTINATIONS OF COLOMBIAN BUYERS**

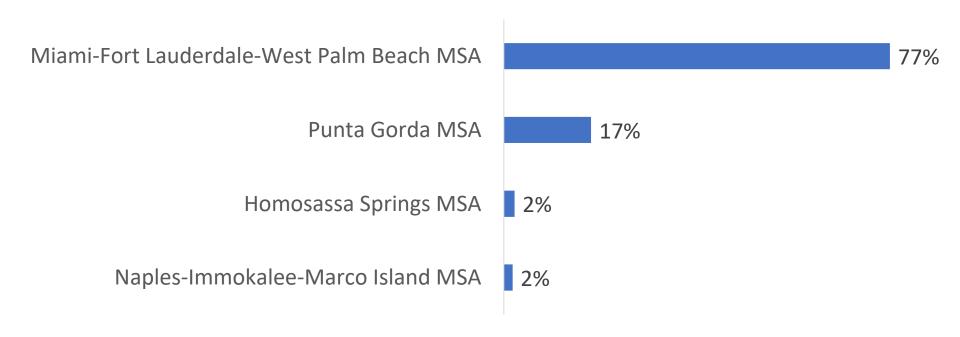






# Florida Destinations of Venezuelan Buyers: MIAMI Region is #1

#### **DESTINATIONS OF VENEZUELAN BUYERS**









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