

CONSUMPTION BY AGE

Annual per capita fish and seafood consumption in Florida was analyzed by age group with the following results: 35-49 totalled 18.37 kilograms; 18-34 equalled 18.25 kilograms; 50-64 consumed 16.03 kilograms; and, 65+ had annual consumption totalling 14.22 kilograms. With regard to consumption of finfish, differences between age groups were as follows: 18-34 consumed 14.15 kilograms; 35-49 equalled 14.12 kilograms; 50-64 consumed 12.69 kilograms; and, 65+ totalled 11.89 kilograms per capita. With regard to consumption of shellfish, differences between age groups were as follows: 35-49 consumed 4.25 kilograms; 18-34 equalled 4.1 kilograms; 50-64 totalled 3.34 kilograms; and, 65+ equalled 2.34 kilograms of shellfish per annum. Total annual per capita fish and seafood consumption in Florida was analyzed by mode for each age group with the following statistical results: 18-34 {away-from-home 9.85 kilograms; at-home 8.41 kilograms}; 35-49 {away-from-home 9.95 kilograms; at-home 8.42 kilograms}; 50-64 {away-from-home 8.25 kilograms; at-home 7.78 kilograms}; and, 65+ {away-from-home 6.89 kilograms; at-home 7.34 kilograms}. In addition, for all age groups, more shellfish is consumed away-from-home than is consumed at-home; and, for all age groups more finfish was consumed at-home than away-from-home.

Annual Floridian Consumption By Age

Age Group	Mode	Finfish	Shellfish
18-34	Away-from-Home	7.02	2.83
	At-Home	7.13	1.28
35-49	Away-from-Home	7.02	2.93
	At-Home	7.10	1.33
50-64	Away-from-Home	5.97	2.28
	At-Home	6.72	1.06
65+	Away-from-Home	5.28	1.61
	At-Home	6.61	0.73

Source: University of Florida, Florida Agricultural Market Research Center.

CONSUMPTION BY INCOME LEVEL

Based on the previously cited University of Florida study, consumption of fish and seafood in Florida is positively-related to income level at all levels, such that as income rises annual per capita consumption increases. Specific totals for each income level were found to be as follows: Under \$20,000 consumed 14.8 kilograms; \$20,000 to \$35,000 equalled 17.1 kilograms; \$35,001 to \$50,000 consumed 18.6 kilograms; and, Over \$50,000 consumed 21.3 kilograms per capita annually. Consumption of finfish is positively-related to income, differences between income levels were as follows: Under \$20,000 consumed 12.3 kilograms; \$20,000 to \$35,000 equalled 13.7 kilograms; \$35,001 to \$50,000 consumed 14.3 kilograms; and, Over \$50,000 consumed 15.9 kilograms per capita annually. Consumption of shellfish is also positively-related to income at all levels, differences between income levels were as follows: Under \$20,000 consumed 2.5 kilograms; \$20,000 to \$35,000 equalled 3.4 kilograms; \$35,001 to \$50,000 consumed 4.3 kilograms; and, Over \$50,000 consumed 5.4 kilograms per capita annually. Consumption of fish and seafood in Florida showed trends with regard to mode when analyzed with regard to differences in income level. Away-from-home consumption increased steadily as income increased, however, at-home fish and seafood consumption was constant across income levels. Similarly, the amount of shellfish consumed away-from-home also increased steadily as income increased, whereas at-home consumption of shellfish only exhibited slight increases for increasing levels of income. Thus, increases in fish and seafood consumption in Florida related to income are accounted for by increases only in away-from-home consumption.

SALTWATER & FRESHWATER SPECIES

The majority of finfish and shellfish consumption by Florida residents was of saltwater origin. For example, of the 16.8 kilograms of finfish and shellfish consumed by Florida residents, 15.36 kilograms {91 percent} was comprised of various saltwater species, while 1.46 kilograms {9 percent} was comprised of various freshwater species. Of the total per capita Floridian consumption, 11.79 kilograms per annum represented saltwater finfish consumption; 3.57 kilograms represented consumption of saltwater shellfish; 1.27 kilograms freshwater finfish; and, 0.02 kilograms represented freshwater Floridian shellfish consumption.