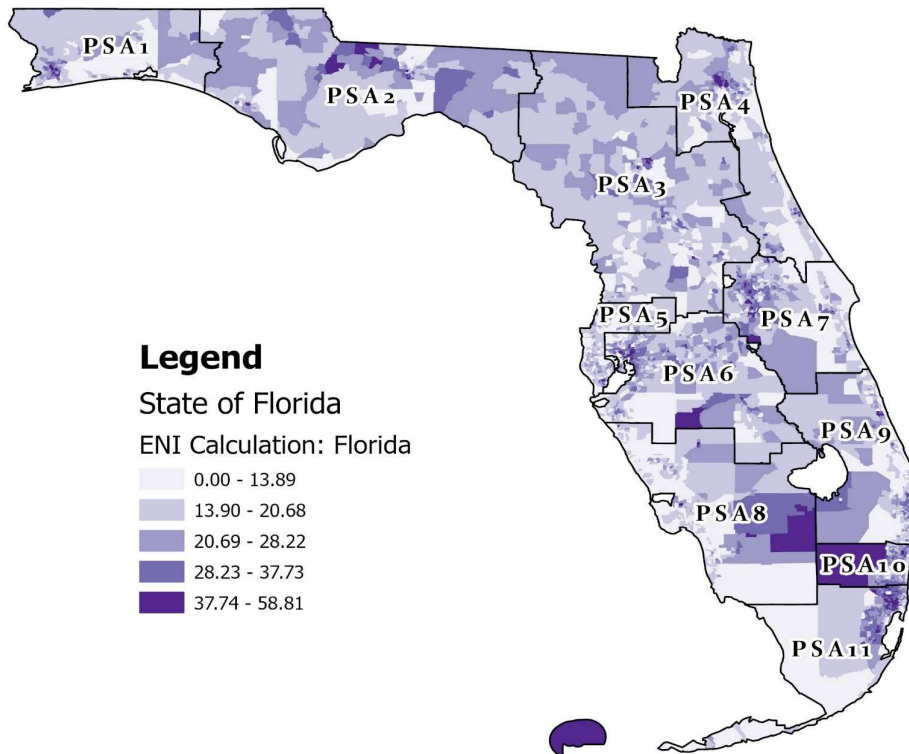


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## Florida

This profile of older Floridians is a source of current information related to older adults in the State of Florida. Topics include the current and future population of older adults, the prevalence of older adults who experience financial and housing issues, the array of health and medical resources, and information related to disasters. As Florida's older adult population grows, awareness of these issues is needed to ensure that older people continue to be vital participants in their communities.

## Elder Needs Index



The Elder Needs Index (ENI) is a measure that includes: (1) the percentage of the 60 and older population that is age 85 and older; (2) the percentage of the 55 and older population that are members of racial or ethnic minority groups; (3) the percentage of the 65 and older population with one or more disability; and (4) the percentage of the 55 and older population living below 125 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. ENI is an averaged score indicating older adults who may need social services within a geographic area. **It is not a percentage of the area's population.** The green areas of the map represent bodies of land such as national parks, state forests, wildlife management areas, and local and private preserves. The blue areas of the map represent bodies of water such as lakes, streams, rivers, and coastlines. Interactive maps, viewing software, and a detailed user's guide are available at [http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/does/eni\\_home.php](http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/does/eni_home.php)

Source: Florida Department of Elder Affairs using U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

## Useful Websites

Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR)  
U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS)  
U.S. Census Bureau, Quick Facts  
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA)  
Florida Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA)  
How to Become an Age Friendly Community

Florida Division of Emergency Management (Shelters)  
Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse  
County Chronic Disease Profile  
Aging Integrated Database (AGID)  
Florida DOEA ENI Maps

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## Florida Demographic Profile

The demographics section presents the population characteristics of those age 60 and older and examines traits about older Floridians, such as the number of veterans, voters, and drivers.

Age Category	Value	Percent
All Ages	22,634,867	100%
Under 18	4,433,950	20%
Under 60	16,104,652	71%
18-59	11,670,702	52%
60+	6,530,215	29%
65+	4,964,356	22%
70+	3,509,507	16%
75+	2,289,064	10%
80+	1,314,248	6%
85+	660,123	3%

Source: BEBR, 2024

Gender	Value	Percent
Male	2,978,610	46%
Female	3,551,605	54%

Source: BEBR, 2024

Living Alone (65+)	Value	Percent
Male Living Alone	384,034	34%
Female Living Alone	730,478	66%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 ACS

Educational Attainment (65+)	Value	Percent
Less than High School	568,032	11%
High School Diploma	1,293,290	26%
Some College, No Degree	853,244	17%
Associates Degree or Higher	1,632,291	33%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 ACS

Marital Status	Male	Female
<b>Never Married</b>	182,345	174,684
Percentage Never Married	7%	6%
<b>Married</b>	1,831,430	1,546,440
Percentage Married	69%	50%
<b>Widowed</b>	233,465	802,175
Percentage Widowed	9%	26%
<b>Divorced</b>	406,575	585,660
Percentage Divorced	15%	19%

Source: AGID 2017-21 ACS

Race and Ethnicity	Value	Percent
White	5,622,958	86%
Black	746,192	11%
Other Race	161,065	2%
<b>Total Hispanic</b>	1,123,921	17%
White Hispanic	1,045,557	16%
Non-White Hispanic	78,364	1%
Total Non-Hispanic	5,406,294	83%
Total Minority	1,952,814	30%

The minority population includes black, other, and Hispanic.

Source: BEBR, 2024

Driver License Holders	Value	Percent
Drivers	6,014,868	32%

Source: Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, 2024

Registered Voters	Value	Percent
Registered Voters	6,098,678	39%

Source: Florida Department of State, 2024

Percentage calculation is based on total registered voters.

Veterans	Value	Percent
Age 45-64	435,484	39%
Age 65-84	573,594	51%
Age 85+	117,949	10%

Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 2023

Grandparents	Value	Percent
<b>Living With Grandchildren</b>	300,623	5%
Grandparent Responsible for Grandchildren	73,947	1%
Grandparent Not Responsible for Grandchildren	226,685	3%
<b>Not Living With Grandchildren</b>	5,367,165	82%

Grandchildren are defined as being under the age of 18.

Source: AGID 2017-21 ACS

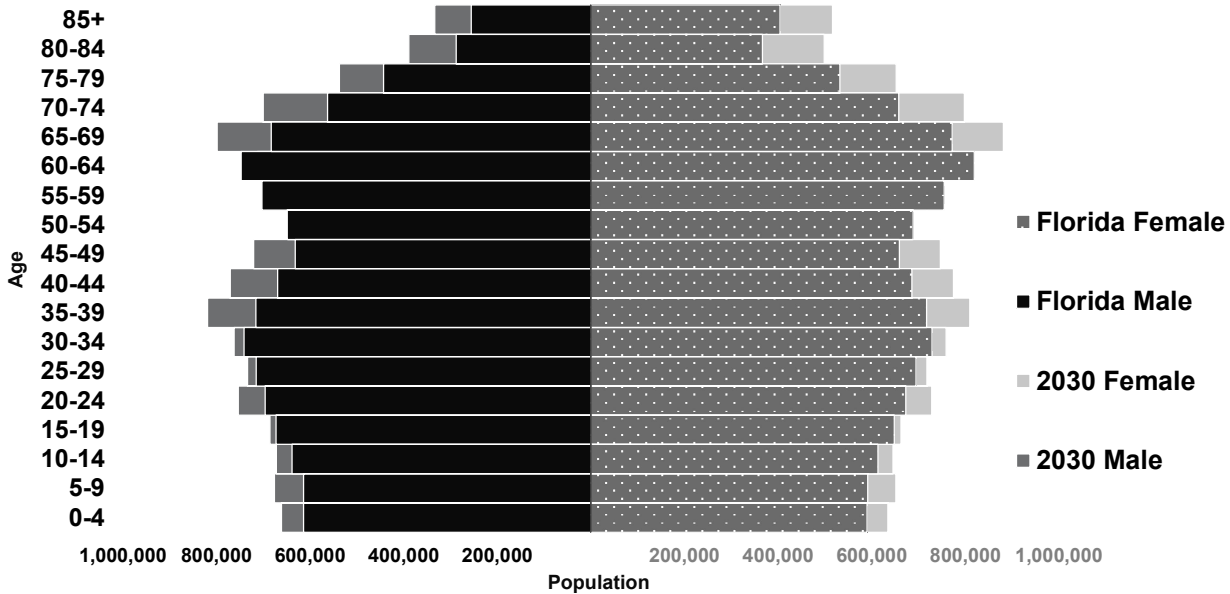
English Proficiency	Value	Percent
With Limited English Proficiency (65+)	368,940	7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 ACS

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## Florida Demographic Profile

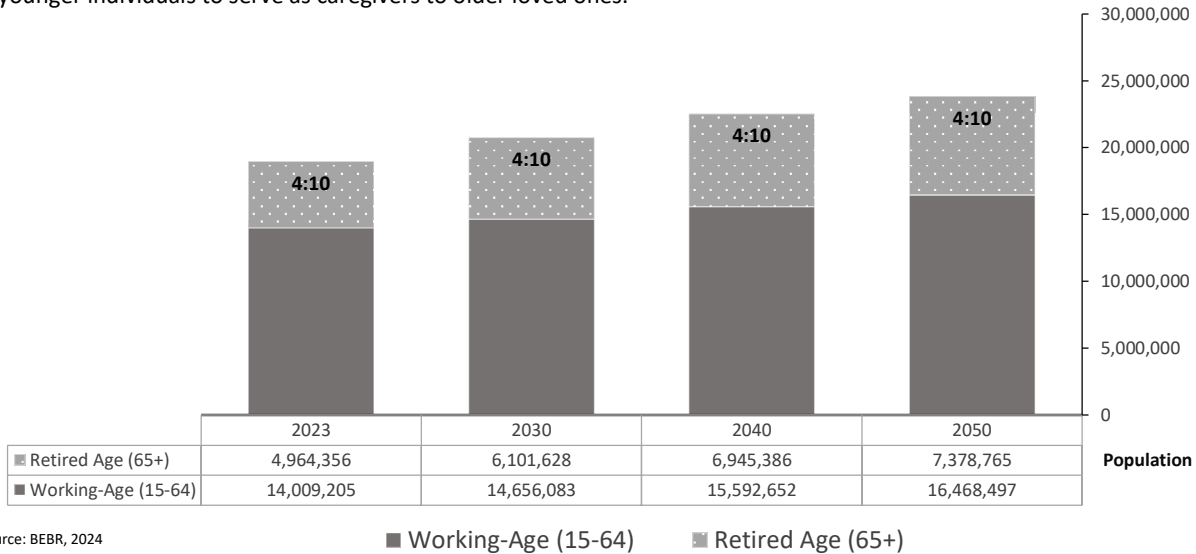
The population pyramid below compares the projected older adult population by gender between 2023 and 2030, demonstrating the changes expected in the next decade. As a whole, Florida is expected to experience population growth, with some areas expecting notable growth in the proportion of those age 65 and older.



Source: BEBR, 2024

## Older Adult Dependency Ratio

The dependency ratio contrasts the number of working-age (15-64) individuals compared to the number of individuals age 65 and older who are likely retired from the workforce. This ratio reflects the ongoing contributions of taxes and wages to support the health care and retirement systems used by retirees, as well as the availability of younger individuals to serve as caregivers to older loved ones.



Source: BEBR, 2024

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## Florida Financial Profile

This section examines financial conditions, poverty rates, and the cost of living for older Floridians. The ratio of income to poverty level graphic below shows the distribution of older adults relative to the poverty level to show the proportion of the senior population who fall below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). The portrayal of the financial conditions of older adults is detailed in the final graphic, which includes information about income relative to rates of homeownership and partnership status in the consideration of cost of living.

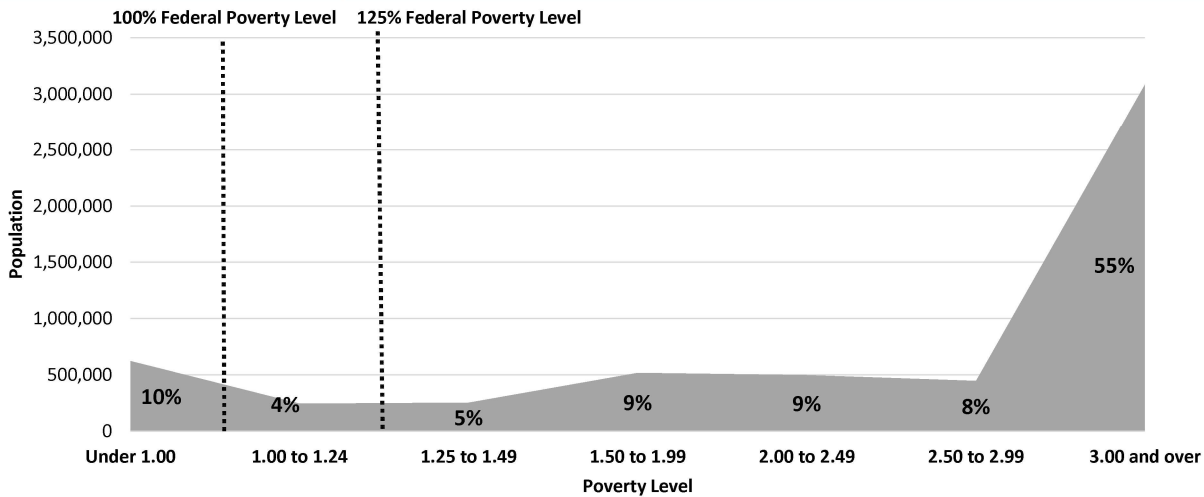
Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	Value
Single-Person Household	\$15,650
Two-Person Household	\$21,150
125% Single-Person Household	\$19,563
125% Two-Person Household	\$26,438

Source: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, 2025

Poverty (65+)	Value	Percent
At Poverty Level	514,775	10%
Below 125% of Poverty Level	707,244	14%
Minority At Poverty Level	151,149	3%
Minority Below 125% of Poverty Level	204,783	4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 ACS

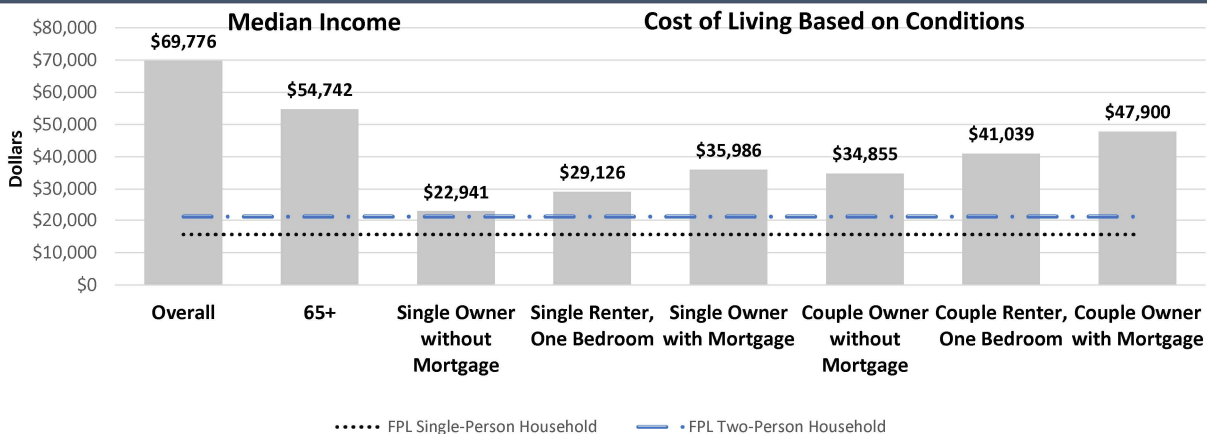
## Ratio of Income to Poverty Level



Value is expressed as the percentage of the 60+ population, with the dotted lines representing the Federal Poverty Level.

Source: AGID 2017-21 ACS

## Financial Conditions



Cost of living is an index of how much income retired older adults require to meet their basic needs to live in their community without assistance.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 ACS, AGID 2017-21 ACS, and Elder Index, (2024). The Elder Index™ [Public Dataset]. Boston, MA: Gerontology Institute, University of Massachusetts I

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## Florida Livability Profile

The livability section presents new elements, such as available affordable housing for older adults. Many essential community elements are also included below, such as sidewalk safety, the safety of roadways, and availability of green spaces. The rates of older Floridians who have access to a vehicle or public transportation, as well as the availability of internet access and various food resources, are also provided. These provide estimates of older adults' ability to access community resources.

### Pedestrian Safety Percent

Sidewalks with Barriers	29%
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Physical barriers are those that separate motorized vehicle lanes from sidewalks or shared path (e.g. areas for parking lots, guardrail, trees, etc.).

Source: Florida Department of Transportation, 2025

### Road Incidents Value

Total Involved in Fatal Car Crashes per 100,000	14
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This figure includes occupants and non-occupants involved in a crash.

Source: Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, 2024

### Volunteering Value

Number of Volunteers	1,297,439
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Total Hours	111,747,802
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Average Number of Hours per Volunteer	86
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2023. CPS-Volunteer Supplemental and Civic Life

### Food Resource Centers Value

SNAP Access Sites	41
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Fresh Access Bucks Outlet	115
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Farmer's Market	147
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Food Distribution (No Cost)	393
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SNAP Retailers	15,106
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Congregate Meal Sites	382
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Food Distribution (No Cost) is the number of food pantries, soup kitchens, and food banks in the area.

Source: Feeding Florida, USDA, Food-Banks, DCF, FDACS, 2025;

### Public Transportation Options Value

Bus Operations at least at the County	33
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Rail Operations at least at the County	11
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Public Transit Service Area (sq. mi.)	22,048
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Public Transit Service Area Population	25,523,397
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Annual Unlinked Trips	184,421,497
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Vehicles Operated in Maximum Service (VOMS)	10,483
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Total Miles of Bike Lanes	10,444
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Information on service area is not reported by rural and intercity public transit.

VOMS are the number of vehicles operated to meet the annual max service, and unlinked trips are the number of passengers boarding public transit.

Source: Federal Transit Administration, 2023, and FDOT, 2023-2024

### Green Space Value

Number of Nearby State Parks	226
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Nearby refers to the park that has the shortest distance from the center of the county.

Source: Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 2025

### Rural-Urban Designation Value

Census Tracts Rural	19%
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Census Tracts Urban	81%
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Number of Census Tracts	4,209
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Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2019

### Households With High Cost Burden (65+) Value

Owner-Occupied Households	775,326
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Percent of Owners with High Cost Burden	18%
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Renter-Occupied Households	802,429
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Percent of Renters with High Cost Burden	23%
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Households with a high cost burden have occupants age 65+ paying more than 30% of income for housing costs and having an income below 50% of the area median income.

Source: The Shimberg Center for Housing Studies, 2022, U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 ACS

### Affordable Housing Inventory Value

Properties	918
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Properties Ready for Occupancy	918
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Total Units	99,351
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Units with Rent and/or Income Restrictions	94,803
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Units Receiving Monthly Rental Assistance	35,310
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Affordable housing inventory receives funding from HUD, Florida Housing Financing Corp., and the USDA. The inventory above includes older adults as its target population.

Source: The Shimberg Center for Housing Studies, 2022-2023

### Housing Units by Occupancy (65+) Percent

Owner-Occupied Housing Units	51%
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Renter-Occupied Housing Units	24%
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 ACS

### Vehicle Access (65+) Percent

Owner-Occupied Households with Access to Vehicle(s)	95%
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Renter-Occupied Households with Access to Vehicle(s)	72%
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 ACS

### Employment Status (65+) Value Percent

Number of Seniors Employed	2,593,166	52%
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Number of Seniors Unemployed	98,969	2%
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 ACS

### Retirement (65+) Value Percent

Social Security Beneficiaries	4,149,920	82%
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SSI Recipients	230,876	43%
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SSI stands for Supplemental Security Income. To qualify, a person must be at least age 65

OR be blind or disabled. Also, the person must have limited income and resources.

Source: U.S. Social Security Administration, 2023

### SNAP or Food Stamps Value

Potentially Eligible	707,244
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Annual Participants	891,151
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Current Beneficiaries as of Dec-24	720,398
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Percent of Total Population Receiving Benefits	11%
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Potentially Eligible are individuals below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level

Source: Florida Department of Children and Families, 2024

### Internet Access (65+) Percent

Have Internet Access	84%
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 ACS

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## Florida Health Profile and Medical Resources

The health and medical section presents the variety and availability of different types of facilities, medical professionals, and treatment services in the community. This includes complex estimates based on probable usage by older adults. For example, the "Medically Underserved" are areas designated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as having too few primary care providers, high infant mortality, high poverty, or a high elderly population. Likewise, the number of Silver Alerts is provided, which is the number of reported missing persons 60 and older, with a verified cognitive impairment known to law enforcement, such as dementia or Alzheimer's disease. Medical access and health support services information is an important area for community planners to ensure that support is in place to accommodate an older population.

Silver Alerts	Value
Number of Silver Alerts	8

Source: Florida Department of Law Enforcement, 2024

Ambulatory Surgical Centers	Value
Facilities	540
Operating Rooms	1,412
Recovery Beds	4,640

Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

Hospitals	Value
Hospitals	341
Hospitals with Skilled Nursing Units	7
Hospital Beds	72,607
Skilled Nursing Unit Beds	356

Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

Medical Professionals	Value
<b>Medical Doctors</b>	
Licensed	61,659
Limited License	83
Critical Need Area License	1,027
Restricted	0
Medical Faculty Certification	70
Public Health Certificate	0
<b>Other Professionals</b>	
Licensed Podiatric Physicians	1,577
Licensed Osteopathic Physicians	9,419
Dentists	14,675

<b>Licensed Registered Nurses</b>	345,064
<b>Pharmacies</b>	6,646

Source: Florida Department of Health, 2025

Assisted Living Facility	Value
<b>Total ALF Beds</b>	117,147
Optional State Supplementation (OSS) Beds	16,161
Non-OSS Beds	100,986
<b>Total ALF Facilities</b>	2,965
Facilities with Extended Congregate Care License	170
Facilities with Limited Mental Health License	702
Facilities with Limited Nursing Service License	415

Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

Medically Underserved	Value	Percent
<b>Total Medically Underserved</b>	56,628	1%
Living in Areas Defined as Having Medically Underserved Populations	44,205	1%

Living in Medically Underserved Areas	12,423	0%
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Source: Calculated using U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration and U.S. Census Bureau

Health Insurance 65+	Value	Percent
Insured	4,479,733	99%
Uninsured	49,110	1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 ACS

Disability Status (65+)	Value	Percent
With One Type of Disability	718,210	14%
With Two or More Disabilities	739,722	15%

Total With Any Disability	Value	Percent
Hearing	569,772	11%
Vision	261,694	5%
Cognitive	349,385	7%
Ambulatory	891,177	18%
Self-Care	292,622	6%
Independent Living	545,211	11%
With No Disabilities	3,229,335	65%
Probable Alzheimer's Cases, 2023 Projection (65+)	512,725	10%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 ACS, 2023 One-Year Estimate

Medicaid & Medicare Beneficiaries	Value	Percent
60+ Medicaid Eligible	875,614	20%
60+ Dual Eligible	777,801	83%

Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

Adult Day Care (ADC)	Value
ADC Facilities	448
Capacity	27,616

Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

Home Health Agencies	Value
<b>Agencies</b>	2,637
Medicaid Certified Agencies	54
Medicare Certified Agencies	566
Homemaker and Companion Service Companies	2,349

Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

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## Florida Medical Resources

Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Use	Value
<b>SNFs With Beds</b>	696
Community Beds	683
Sheltered Beds	48
Veterans Administration Beds	8
Other Beds	3
<b>SNF Beds</b>	85,646
Community Beds	84,749
Sheltered Beds	4,026
Veterans Administration Beds	952
Other Beds	432
<b>SNFs With Community Beds</b>	683
Community Bed Days	30,219,754
Community Patient Days	25,922,372
Medicaid Patient Days	16,060,768
Occupancy Rate	86%
Percent Medicaid	62%

The day the patient is admitted is a patient day. A bed day is a day during which a person is confined to a bed and in which the patient stays overnight in a hospital.  
Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Providers	Value
Providers	324

EMS providers include air ambulances and ambulances with Basic Life Support (BLS) or Advanced Life Support (ALS).  
Source: Florida Department of Health, 2025

Adult Family Care Homes	Value
Homes	215
Beds	1,004

Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

Memory Disorder Clinics	Value
Total	17

Source: Florida DOEA's Department Overview, 2024

Dialysis	Value
End-Stage Renal Disease Centers	543

Source: Florida AHCA, 2024

## Florida Disaster Preparedness

The disaster preparedness section presents the count and percentage of people age 60 or older living in the legislative district that fall within particular storm surge evacuation zones, as well as the number of DOEA Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) clients who reside in these zones. The estimate of electricity-dependent individuals is presented by insurance type to show the number of people who use electricity-dependent medical equipment necessary for things such as survival or mobility. This information can also be used to evaluate the sufficiency of shelters, generators, and evacuation route roadways to handle the needs of seniors and medically fragile adults in emergencies.

Electricity-Dependent	Value
Medicare Beneficiary	194,686
Medicaid Beneficiary	4,804

Medicare beneficiary includes the entire Medicare population (65+ and SSI Recipients).

Medicaid beneficiaries are individuals age 60 to 64.

Source: Florida AHCA, U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2024, and U.S. Department of Health

Shelter Resources	Value
<b>Number of General Shelters</b>	1,991
General Shelter Max Capacity in People	977,070
<b>Number of Special Needs Shelters</b>	189
Special Needs Shelters Max Capacity in People	45,171

Source: FDEM, 2024

Evacuation Zones	Value	Percent
<b>DOEA HCBS Clients</b>	69,914	100%
Zone A	3,637	5%
Zone B	5,116	7%
Zone C	4,458	6%
Zone D	5,773	8%
Zone E	5,475	8%
Lives in an Evac Zone and Has Memory Problems*	4,261	6%
Lives in an Evac Zone and Lives Alone*	10,666	15%

Zones are associated with the following surge heights: Zone A up to 11 feet, Zone B up to 15 feet, Zone C up to 20 feet, Zone D up to 28 feet, and Zone E up to 35 feet.

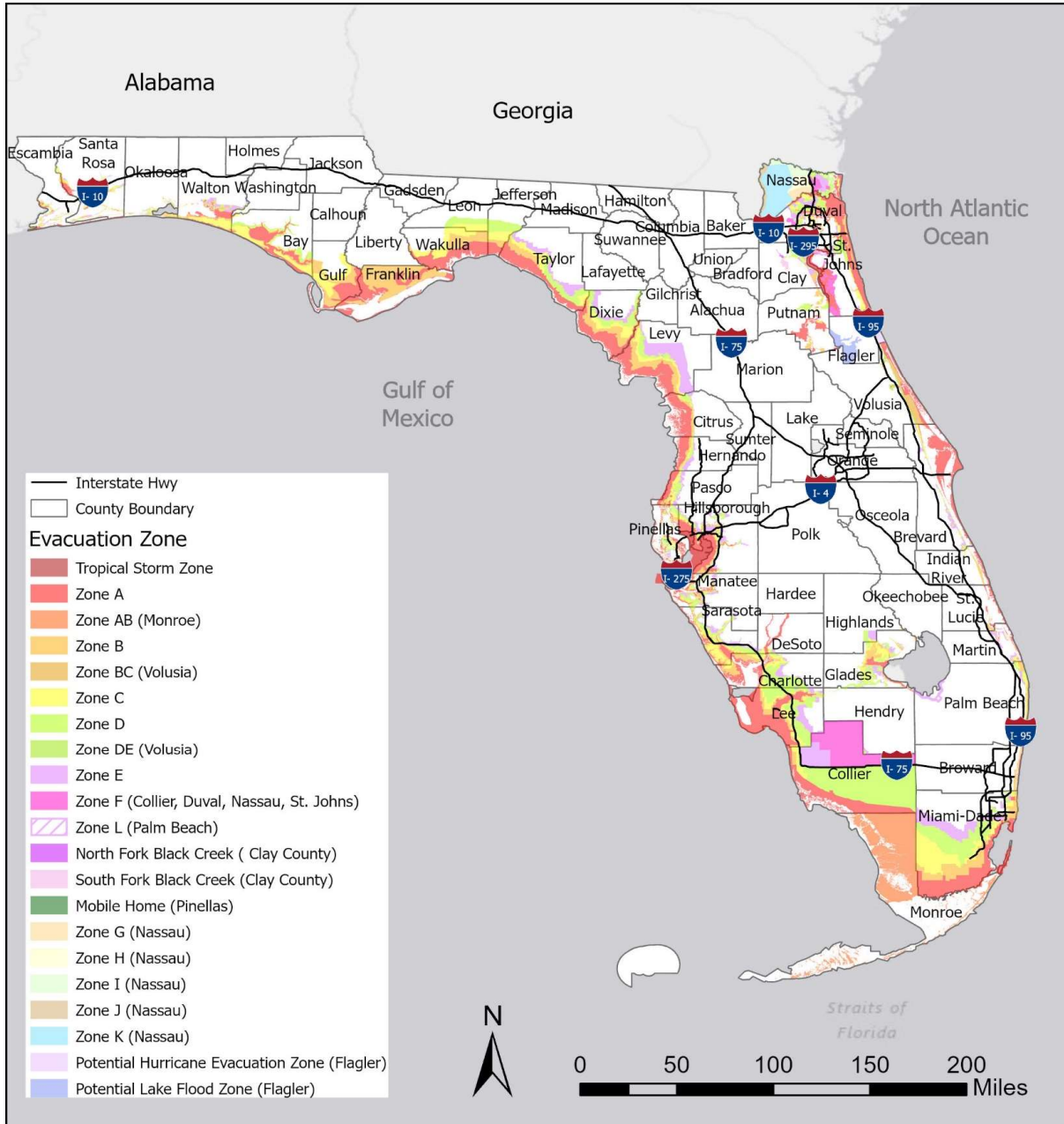
\*Note: There are additional county-specific evacuation zones not listed on this table.

Source: Florida DOEA eCIRTS, 2025; Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), 2024

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## Florida Disaster Preparedness

### Evacuation Zones



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