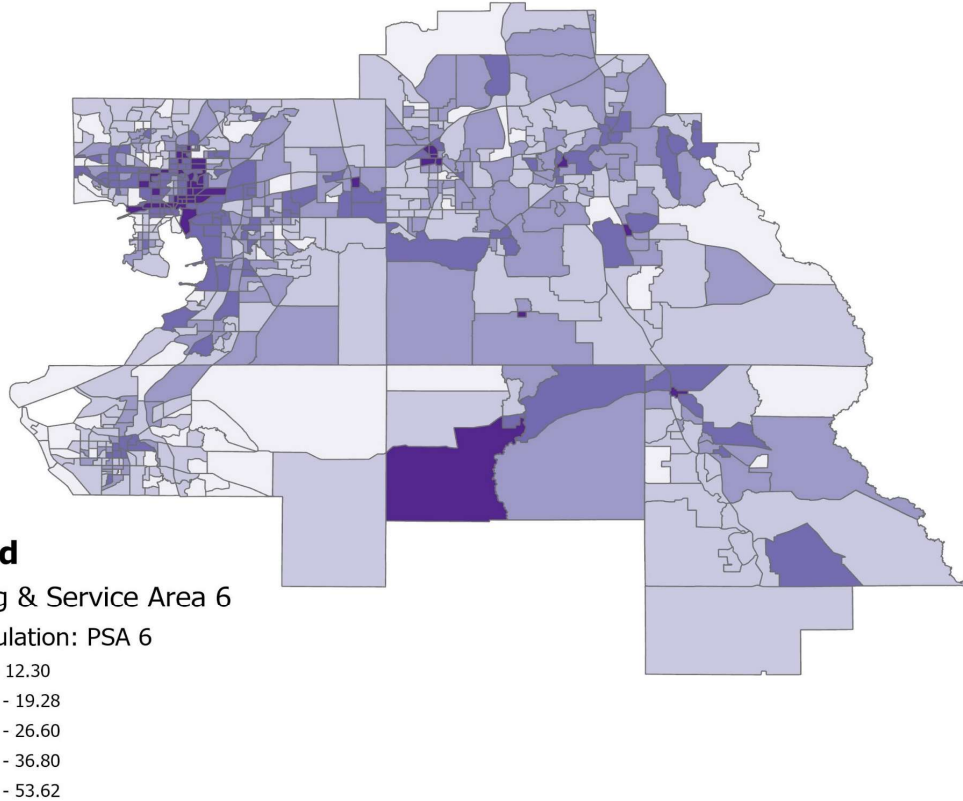


# 2025 Profile of Older Floridians

## Planning and Service Area (PSA) 6

This profile of older Floridians is a source of current information related to older adults in the Planning and Service Area. 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/doea/eni\\_home.php](http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/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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## Planning and Service Area (PSA) 6 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	2,908,743	100%
Under 18	628,283	22%
Under 60	2,150,255	74%
18-59	1,521,972	52%
60+	758,488	26%
65+	572,478	20%
70+	400,275	14%
75+	256,917	9%
80+	143,108	5%
85+	69,018	2%

Source: BEBR, 2024

Gender	Value	Percent
Male	349,299	46%
Female	409,189	54%

Source: BEBR, 2024

Living Alone (65+)	Value	Percent
Male Living Alone	43,846	35%
Female Living Alone	80,700	65%

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

Educational Attainment (65+)	Value	Percent
Less than High School	62,730	11%
High School Diploma	163,195	29%
Some College, No Degree	97,965	17%
Associates Degree or Higher	171,704	30%

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

Marital Status	Male	Female
<b>Never Married</b>	19,470	17,675
Percentage Never Married	6%	5%
<b>Married</b>	212,485	179,555
Percentage Married	69%	51%
<b>Widowed</b>	28,420	90,280
Percentage Widowed	9%	25%
<b>Divorced</b>	47,145	67,195
Percentage Divorced	15%	19%

Source: AGID 2017-21 ACS

Race and Ethnicity	Value	Percent
White	652,469	86%
Black	85,815	11%
Other Race	20,204	3%
<b>Total Hispanic</b>	113,264	15%
White Hispanic	103,440	14%
Non-White Hispanic	9,824	1%
Total Non-Hispanic	645,224	85%
Total Minority	209,459	28%

The minority population includes black, other, and Hispanic.

Source: BEBR, 2024

Driver License Holders	Value	Percent
Drivers	682,990	30%

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

Registered Voters	Value	Percent
Registered Voters	679,371	35%

Source: Florida Department of State, 2024

Percentage calculation is based on total registered voters.

Veterans	Value	Percent
Age 45-64	60,514	41%
Age 65-84	71,874	49%
Age 85+	14,707	10%

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

Grandparents	Value	Percent
<b>Living With Grandchildren</b>	35,250	5%
Grandparent Responsible for Grandchildren	10,670	1%
Grandparent Not Responsible for Grandchildren	24,580	3%
<b>Not Living With Grandchildren</b>	617,505	81%

Grandchildren are defined as being under the age of 18.

Source: AGID 2017-21 ACS

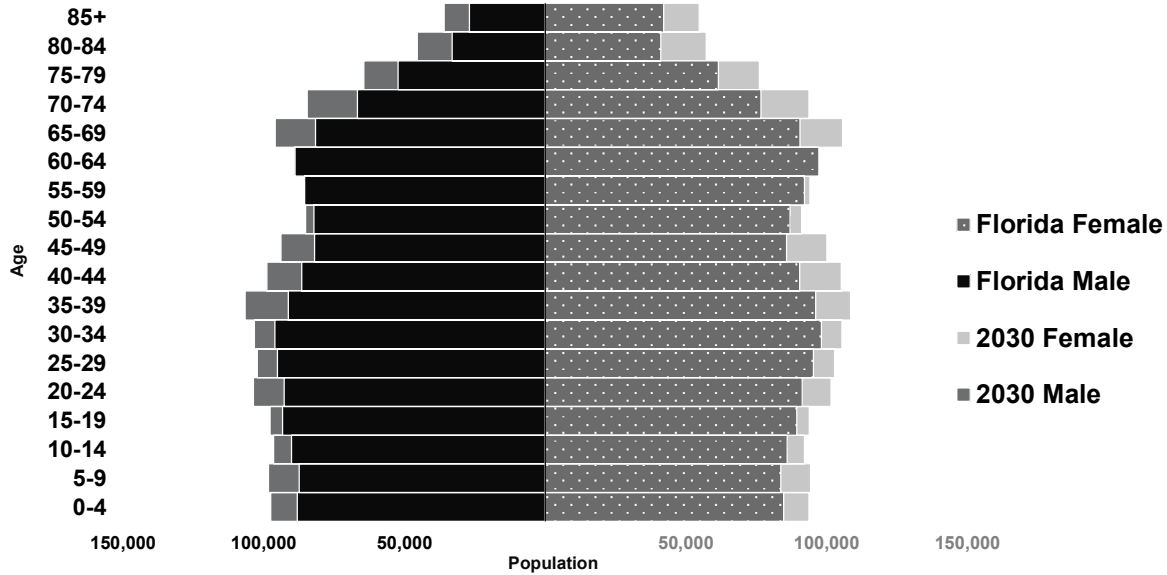
English Proficiency	Value	Percent
With Limited English Proficiency (65+)	30,071	5%

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

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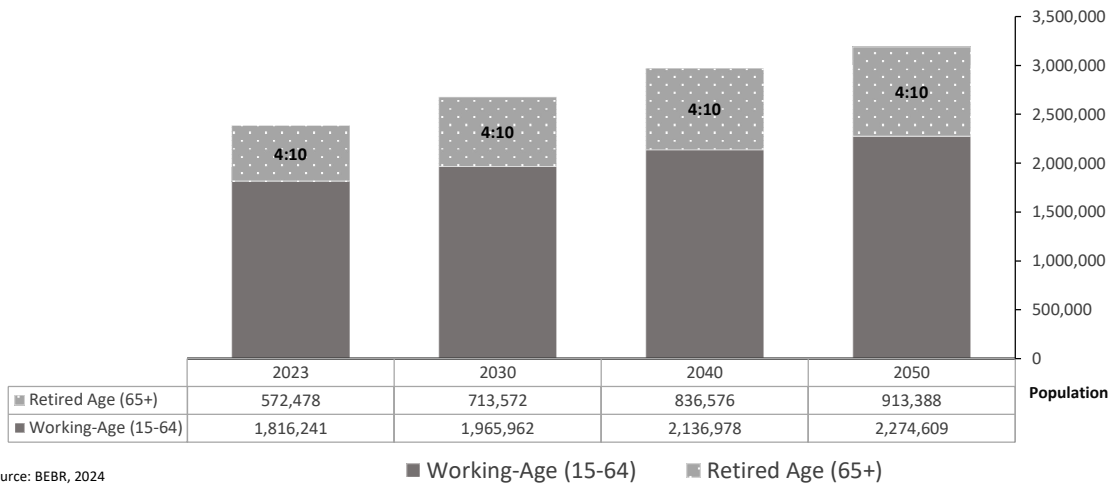
The population pyramid below compares the projected older adult population by gender between 2023 and 2030, demonstrating the changes expected in the next decade. As a whole, Florida is expected to experience population growth, with some areas expecting notable growth in the proportion of those age 65 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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## Planning and Service Area (PSA) 6 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.

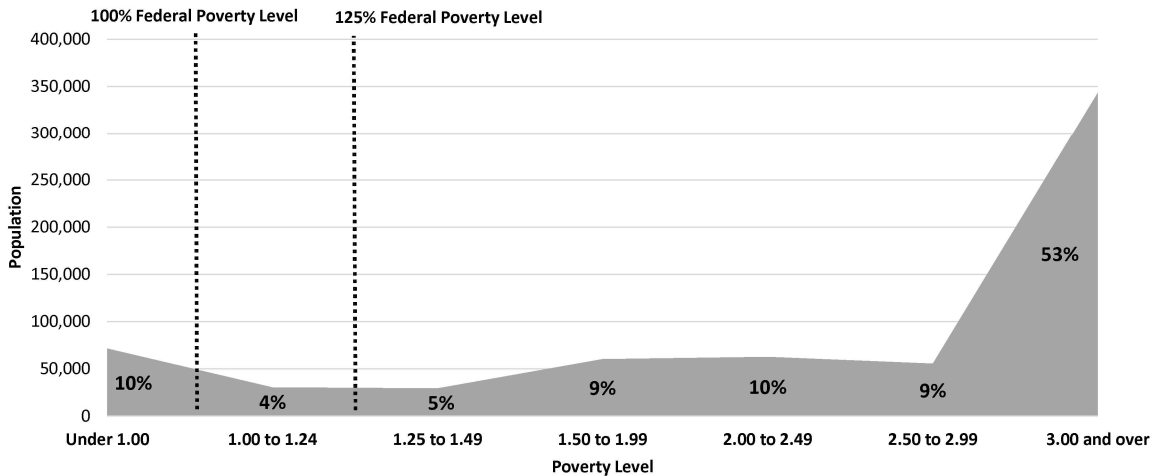
Federal Poverty Level	Value
Single-Person Household	\$15,650
Two-Person Household	\$21,150
125% Single-Person Household	\$19,563
125% Two-Person Household	\$26,438

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

Poverty (65+)	Value	Percent
At Poverty Level	60,083	10%
Below 125% of Poverty Level	82,536	14%
Minority At Poverty Level	14,403	3%
Minority Below 125% of Poverty Level	19,689	3%

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

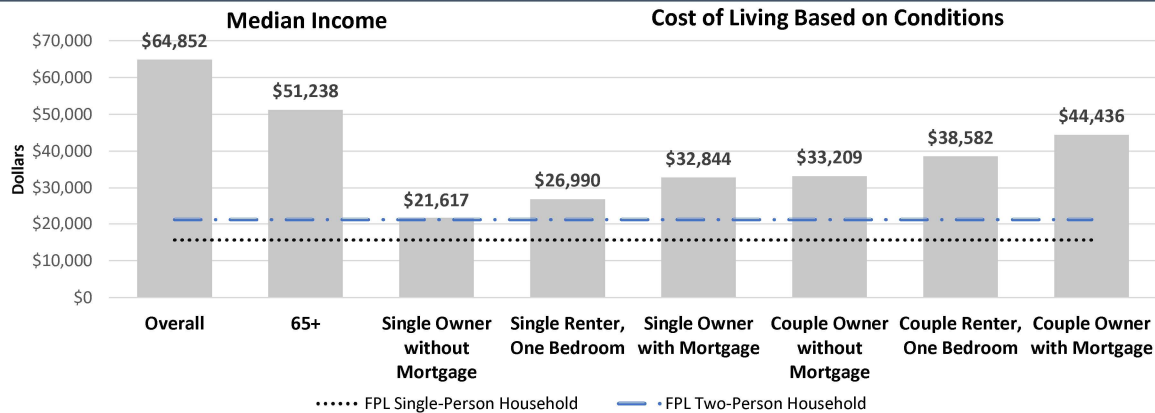
## Ratio of Income to Poverty Level



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 and Elder Index, (2024). The Elder Index™ [Public Dataset]. Boston, MA: Gerontology Institute, University of Massachusetts Boston. Retrieved from E

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## Planning and Service Area (PSA) 6 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 35%

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 13

This figure includes occupants and non-occupants involved in a crash.

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

### Age Friendly Designation Value

Age Friendly 0

Number of Counties 5

No counties have received the designation

Source: Florida DOEA Livable Communities, 2021

### Food Resource Centers Value

SNAP Access Sites 4

Fresh Access Bucks Outlet 15

Farmer's Market 13

Food Distribution (No Cost) 59

SNAP Retailers 2,082

Congregate Meal Sites 46

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 3

Rail Operations at least at the County 1

Public Transit Service Area (sq. mi.) 2,863

Public Transit Service Area Population 5,995,070

Annual Unlinked Trips 22,860,725

Vehicles Operated in Maximum Service (VOMS) 1,085

Total Miles of Bike Lanes 1,377

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 23

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 24%

Census Tracts Urban 76%

Number of Census Tracts 585

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2019

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

Owner-Occupied Households 88,517

Percent of Owners with High Cost Burden 17%

Renter-Occupied Households 98,412

Percent of Renters with High Cost Burden 24%

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

### Affordable Housing Inventory Value

Properties 112

Properties Ready for Occupancy 112

Total Units 12,601

Units with Rent and/or Income Restrictions 11,480

Units Receiving Monthly Rental Assistance 4,965

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 47%

Renter-Occupied Housing Units 21%

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

### Vehicle Access (65+) Percent

Owner-Occupied Households with Access to Vehicle(s) 96%

Renter-Occupied Households with Access to Vehicle(s) 74%

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

### Employment Status (65+) Value Percent

Number of Seniors Employed 288,649 50%

Number of Seniors Unemployed 11,205 2%

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

### Retirement (65+) Value Percent

Social Security Beneficiaries 482,095 79%

SSI Recipients 22,652 32%

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 82,536

Annual Participants 105,793

Current Beneficiaries as of Dec-24 84,719

Percent of Total Population Receiving Benefits 9%

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 83%

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

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## Planning and Service Area (PSA) 6 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. 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.

Ambulatory Surgical Centers	Value
Facilities	62
Operating Rooms	179
Recovery Beds	617

Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

Hospitals	Value
<b>Hospitals</b>	36
Hospitals with Skilled Nursing Units	0
<b>Hospital Beds</b>	8,180
Skilled Nursing Unit Beds	0

Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

Medical Professionals	Value
<b>Medical Doctors</b>	
Licensed	7,693
Limited License	8
Critical Need Area License	164
Restricted	0
Medical Faculty Certification	4
Public Health Certificate	0

<b>Other Professionals</b>	
Licensed Podiatric Physicians	165
Licensed Osteopathic Physicians	1,257
Dentists	1,712
<b>Licensed Registered Nurses</b>	43,702
<b>Pharmacies</b>	1,580

Source: Florida Department of Health, 2025

Assisted Living Facility	Value
<b>Total ALF Beds</b>	14,405
Optional State Supplementation (OSS) Beds	2,182
Non-OSS Beds	12,223
<b>Total ALF Facilities</b>	349
Facilities with Extended Congregate Care License	17
Facilities with Limited Mental Health License	54
Facilities with Limited Nursing Service License	29

Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

Medically Underserved	Value	Percent
<b>Total Medically Underserved</b>	8,646	1%
Living in Areas Defined as Having Medically Underserved Populations	7,418	1%
Living in Medically Underserved Areas	1,228	0%

Source: Calculated using U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration and U.S. Census Bureau

Health Insurance 65+	Value	Percent
Insured	513,315	99%
Uninsured	5,557	1%

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

Disability Status (65+)	Value	Percent
With One Type of Disability	88,083	15%
With Two or More Disabilities	99,237	17%

Total With Any Disability	Value	Percent
Hearing	69,297	12%
Vision	32,465	6%
Cognitive	42,016	7%
Ambulatory	107,941	19%
Self-Care	34,890	6%
Independent Living	66,716	12%
With No Disabilities	364,756	64%

Probable Alzheimer's Cases, 2023 Projection (65+)

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

Medicaid & Medicare Beneficiaries	Value	Percent
60+ Medicaid Eligible	99,242	16%
60+ Dual Eligible	87,236	79%

Source: Florida AHCA, 2024

Adult Day Care (ADC)	Value
ADC Facilities	27
Capacity	1,938

Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

Home Health Agencies	Value
<b>Agencies</b>	336
Medicaid Certified Agencies	2
Medicare Certified Agencies	78
Homemaker and Companion Service Companies	353

Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

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Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Use	Value
<b>SNFs With Beds</b>	74
Community Beds	73
Sheltered Beds	6
Veterans Administration Beds	0
Other Beds	0
<b>SNF Beds</b>	9,397
Community Beds	9,277
Sheltered Beds	594
Veterans Administration Beds	0
Other Beds	0
<b>SNFs With Community Beds</b>	73
Community Bed Days	3,363,199
Community Patient Days	2,942,810
Medicaid Patient Days	1,813,959
Occupancy Rate	88%
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	34

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	51
Beds	233

Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

Memory Disorder Clinics	Value
Total	1

Source: Florida DOEA's Department Overview, 2024

Dialysis	Value
End-Stage Renal Disease Centers	65

Source: Florida AHCA, 2024

## Planning and Service Area (PSA) 6 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	25,855
Medicaid Beneficiary	677

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>	299
General Shelter Max Capacity in People	145,733
<b>Number of Special Needs Shelters</b>	23
Special Needs Shelters Max Capacity in People	10,423

Source: FDEM, 2024

Evacuation Zones	Value	Percent
<b>DOEA HCBS Clients</b>	5,661	100%
Zone A	583	10%
Zone B	301	5%
Zone C	385	7%
Zone D	422	7%
Zone E	793	14%
Lives in an Evac Zone and Has Memory Problems*	552	10%
Lives in an Evac Zone and Lives Alone*	1,138	20%

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; ACS, Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), 2024

