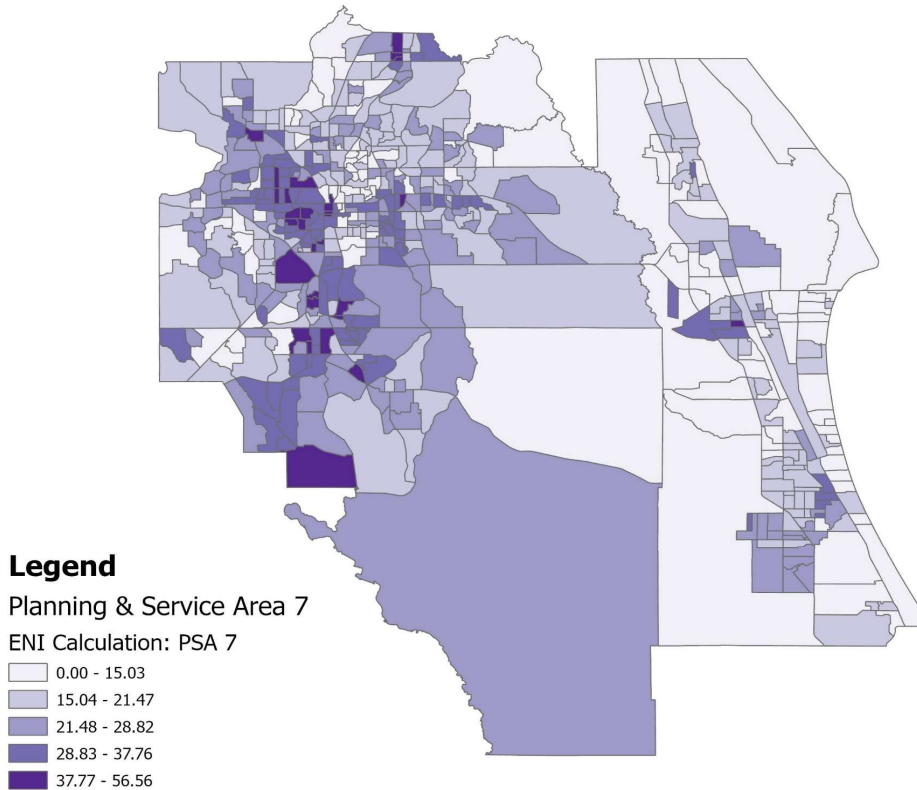


2025 Profile of Older Floridians

Planning and Service Area (PSA) 7

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

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) 7 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	3,059,788	100%
Under 18	653,504	21%
Under 60	2,349,831	77%
18-59	1,696,327	55%
60+	709,957	23%
65+	517,488	17%
70+	350,979	11%
75+	222,481	7%
80+	126,613	4%
85+	64,360	2%

Source: BEBR, 2024

Gender	Value	Percent
Male	321,736	45%
Female	388,221	55%

Source: BEBR, 2024

Living Alone (65+)	Value	Percent
Male Living Alone	34,220	34%
Female Living Alone	67,380	66%

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

Educational Attainment (65+)	Value	Percent
Less than High School	62,095	12%
High School Diploma	124,005	24%
Some College, No Degree	84,995	16%
Associates Degree or Higher	161,924	31%

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

Marital Status	Male	Female
Never Married	19,855	17,735
Percentage Never Married	7%	5%
Married	193,640	158,225
Percentage Married	70%	48%
Widowed	21,610	85,885
Percentage Widowed	8%	26%
Divorced	42,490	66,275
Percentage Divorced	15%	20%

Source: AGID 2017-21 ACS

Race and Ethnicity	Value	Percent
White	582,615	82%
Black	97,205	14%
Other Race	30,137	4%
Total Hispanic	149,135	21%
White Hispanic	133,774	19%
Non-White Hispanic	15,361	2%
Total Non-Hispanic	560,822	79%
Total Minority	261,116	37%

The minority population includes black, other, and Hispanic.

Source: BEBR, 2024

Driver License Holders	Value	Percent
Drivers	663,525	26%

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

Registered Voters	Value	Percent
Registered Voters	662,233	32%

Source: Florida Department of State, 2024

Percentage calculation is based on total registered voters.

Veterans	Value	Percent
Age 45-64	61,862	44%
Age 65-84	67,517	48%
Age 85+	11,902	8%

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

Grandparents	Value	Percent
Living With Grandchildren	45,850	6%
Grandparent Responsible for Grandchildren	8,980	1%
Grandparent Not Responsible for Grandchildren	36,880	5%
Not Living With Grandchildren	551,510	78%

Grandchildren are defined as being under the age of 18.

Source: AGID 2017-21 ACS

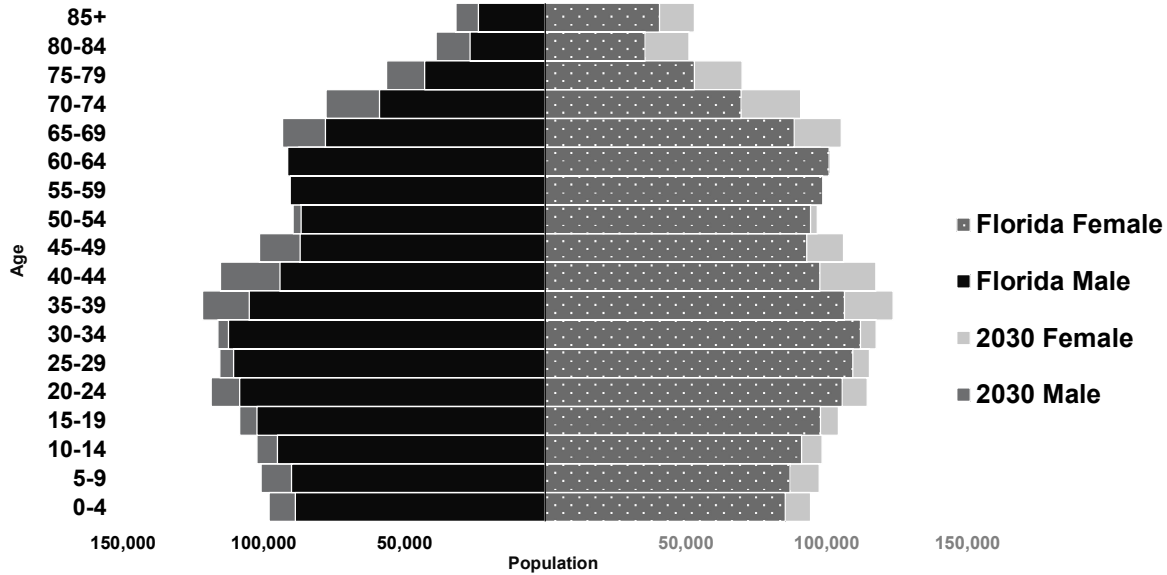
English Proficiency	Value	Percent
With Limited English Proficiency (65+)	38,650	7%

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

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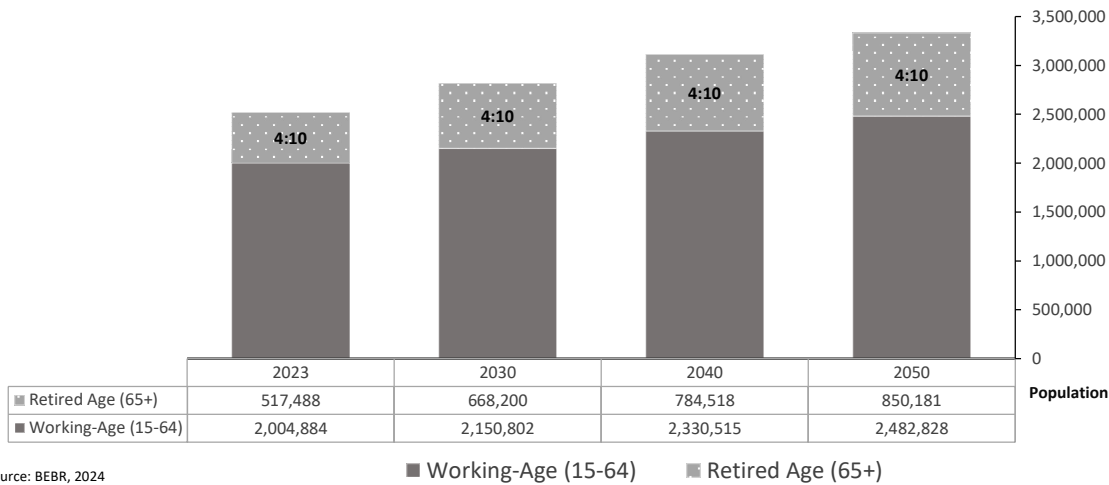
The population pyramid below compares the projected older adult population by gender between 2023 and 2030, demonstrating the changes expected in the next decade. As a whole, Florida is expected to experience population growth, with some areas expecting notable growth in the proportion of those age 65 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) 7 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.

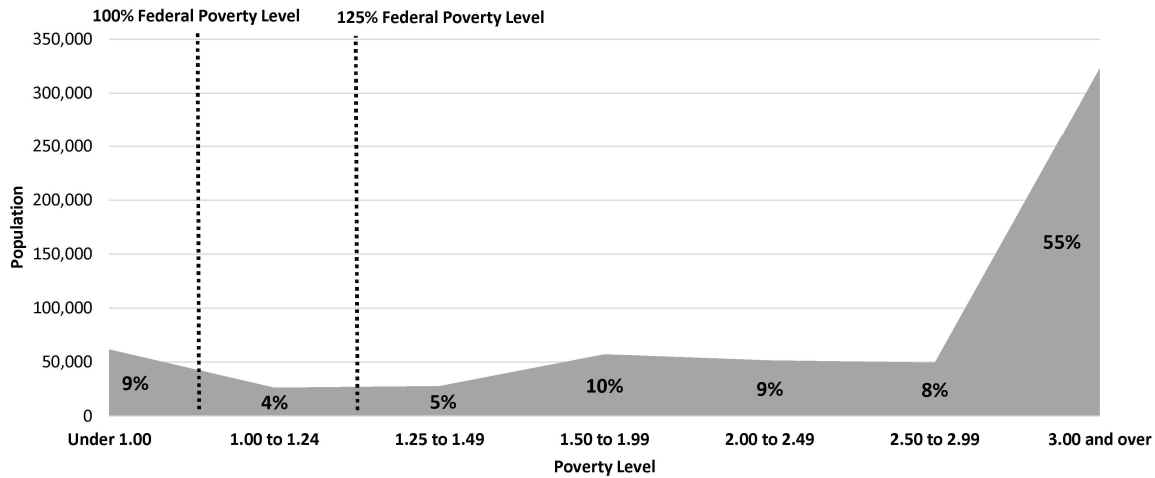
Federal Poverty Level	Value
Single-Person Household	\$15,650
Two-Person Household	\$21,150
125% Single-Person Household	\$19,563
125% Two-Person Household	\$26,438

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

Poverty (65+)	Value	Percent
At Poverty Level	46,455	9%
Below 125% of Poverty Level	66,504	13%
Minority At Poverty Level	16,009	3%
Minority Below 125% of Poverty Level	22,627	4%

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

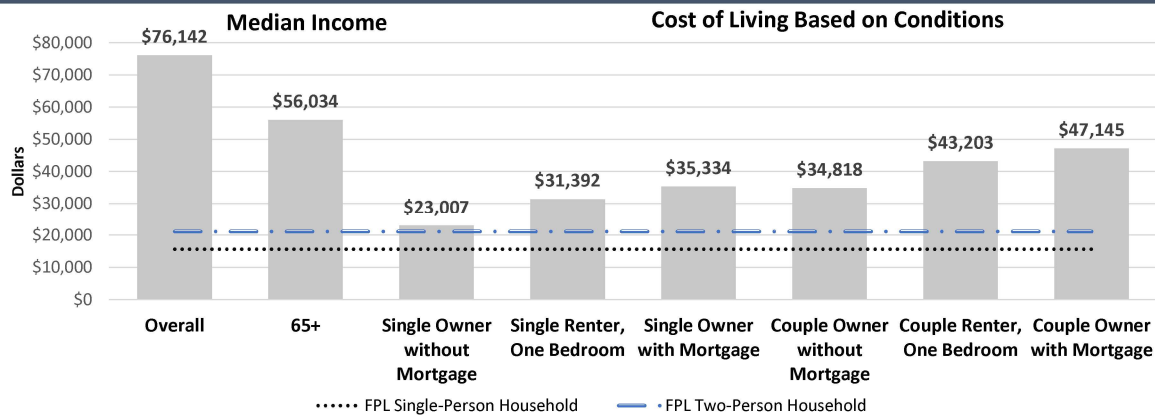
Ratio of Income to Poverty Level



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 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) 7 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 21%

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 11

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 1

Number of Counties 4

The following counties have received the designation: Orange

Source: Florida DOEA Livable Communities, 2021

Food Resource Centers Value

SNAP Access Sites 4

Fresh Access Bucks Outlet 6

Farmer's Market 19

Food Distribution (No Cost) 35

SNAP Retailers 1,976

Congregate Meal Sites 38

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 4

Rail Operations at least at the County 1

Public Transit Service Area (sq. mi.) 4,500

Public Transit Service Area Population 3,167,771

Annual Unlinked Trips 20,243,448

Vehicles Operated in Maximum Service (VOMS) 1,875

Total Miles of Bike Lanes 857

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 10

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 0%

Census Tracts Urban 100%

Number of Census Tracts 405

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2019

Households With High Cost Burden (65+) Value

Owner-Occupied Households 92,331

Percent of Owners with High Cost Burden 16%

Renter-Occupied Households 118,638

Percent of Renters with High Cost Burden 21%

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 95

Properties Ready for Occupancy 95

Total Units 11,740

Units with Rent and/or Income Restrictions 11,445

Units Receiving Monthly Rental Assistance 2,694

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 43%

Renter-Occupied Housing Units 18%

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) 76%

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

Employment Status (65+) Value Percent

Number of Seniors Employed 320,697 62%

Number of Seniors Unemployed 12,796 2%

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

Retirement (65+) Value Percent

Social Security Beneficiaries 437,990 79%

SSI Recipients 18,512 31%

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 66,504

Annual Participants 98,499

Current Beneficiaries as of Dec-24 76,952

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 89%

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

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Planning and Service Area (PSA) 7 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	68
Operating Rooms	190
Recovery Beds	659

Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

Hospitals	Value
Hospitals	45
Hospitals with Skilled Nursing Units	0
Hospital Beds	9,086
Skilled Nursing Unit Beds	0

Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

Medical Professionals	Value
Medical Doctors	
Licensed	8,410
Limited License	7
Critical Need Area License	307
Restricted	0
Medical Faculty Certification	0
Public Health Certificate	0

Other Professionals	
Licensed Podiatric Physicians	194
Licensed Osteopathic Physicians	1,081
Dentists	1,838
Licensed Registered Nurses	43,648
Pharmacies	766

Source: Florida Department of Health, 2025

Assisted Living Facility	Value
Total ALF Beds	12,059
Optional State Supplementation (OSS) Beds	776
Non-OSS Beds	11,283
Total ALF Facilities	322
Facilities with Extended Congregate Care License	19
Facilities with Limited Mental Health License	28
Facilities with Limited Nursing Service License	56

Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

Medically Underserved	Value	Percent
Total Medically Underserved	3,564	1%
Living in Areas Defined as Having Medically Underserved Populations	2,995	0%
Living in Medically Underserved Areas	569	0%

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

Health Insurance 65+	Value	Percent
Insured	448,403	98%
Uninsured	6,963	2%

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

Disability Status (65+)	Value	Percent
With One Type of Disability	76,472	15%
With Two or More Disabilities	80,101	15%

Total With Any Disability	Value	Percent
Hearing	56,271	11%
Vision	29,340	6%
Cognitive	38,303	7%
Ambulatory	97,016	19%
Self-Care	31,320	6%
Independent Living	60,873	12%
With No Disabilities	332,448	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	95,753	17%
60+ Dual Eligible	85,757	80%

Source: Florida AHCA, 2024

Adult Day Care (ADC)	Value
ADC Facilities	19
Capacity	1,305

Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

Home Health Agencies	Value
Agencies	242
Medicaid Certified Agencies	5
Medicare Certified Agencies	45
Homemaker and Companion Service Companies	246

Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

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Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Use	Value
SNFs With Beds	78
Community Beds	77
Sheltered Beds	4
Veterans Administration Beds	1
Other Beds	0
SNF Beds	9,853
Community Beds	9,805
Sheltered Beds	396
Veterans Administration Beds	112
Other Beds	0
SNFs With Community Beds	77
Community Bed Days	3,522,202
Community Patient Days	3,075,535
Medicaid Patient Days	1,866,512
Occupancy Rate	87%
Percent Medicaid	61%

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)	Value
Providers	39
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	30
Beds	140
Source: Florida AHCA, 2025	

Memory Disorder Clinics	Value
Total	3
Source: Florida DOEA's Department Overview, 2024	

Dialysis	Value
End-Stage Renal Disease Centers	66
Source: Florida AHCA, 2024	

Planning and Service Area (PSA) 7 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	21,485
Medicaid Beneficiary	554

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
Number of General Shelters	247
General Shelter Max Capacity in People	134,425
Number of Special Needs Shelters	23
Special Needs Shelters Max Capacity in People	6,692
Source: FDEM, 2024	

Evacuation Zones	Value	Percent
DOEA HCBS Clients	6,743	100%
Zone A	176	3%
Zone B	3	0%
Zone C	57	1%
Zone D	108	2%
Zone E	302	4%
Lives in an Evac Zone and Has Memory Problems*	82	1%
Lives in an Evac Zone and Lives Alone*	283	4%

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.

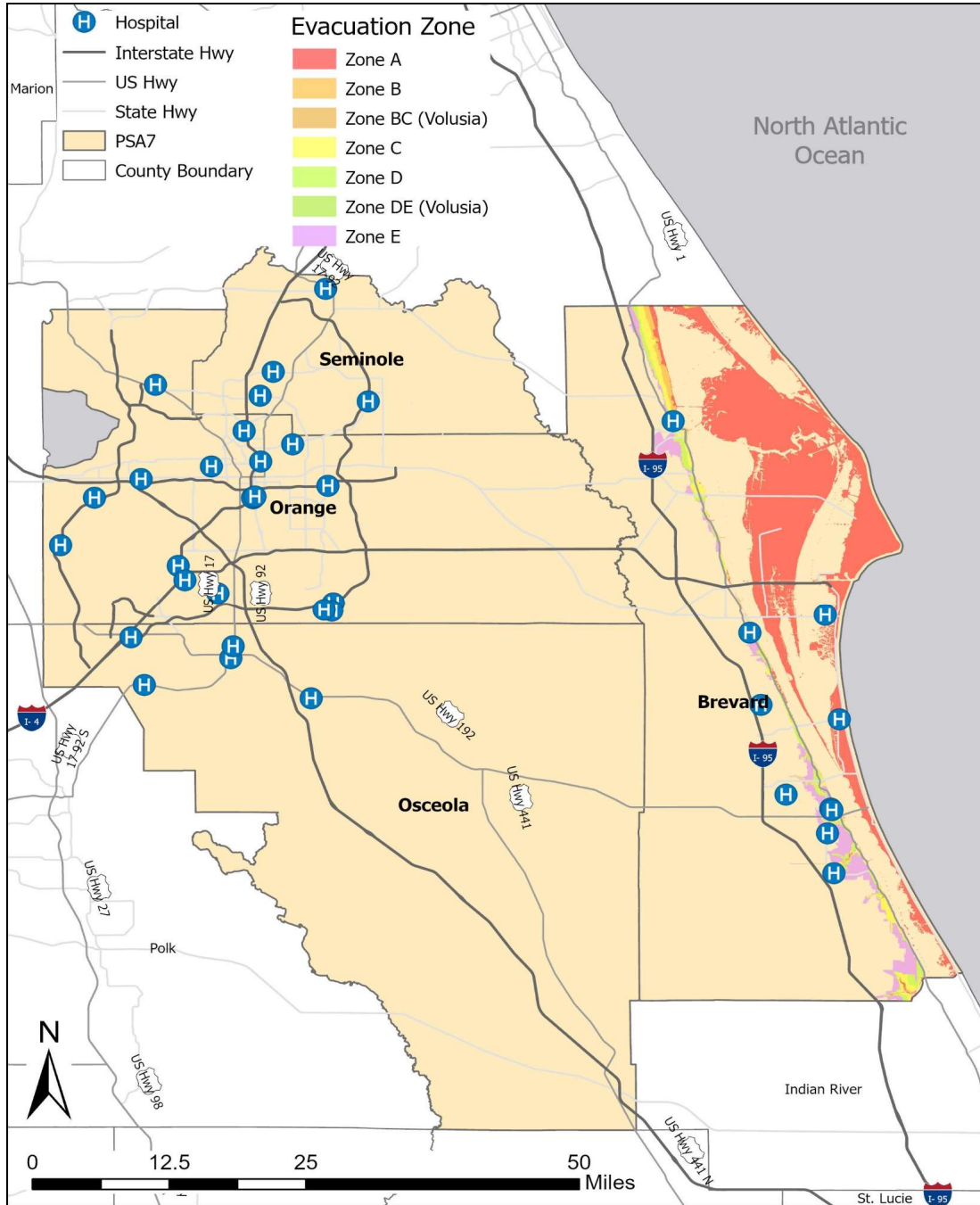
*Note: There are additional county-specific evacuation zones not listed on this table.

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

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Source: FDEM, 2024