

# 2025 Profile of Older Floridians

## Planning and Service Area (PSA) 8

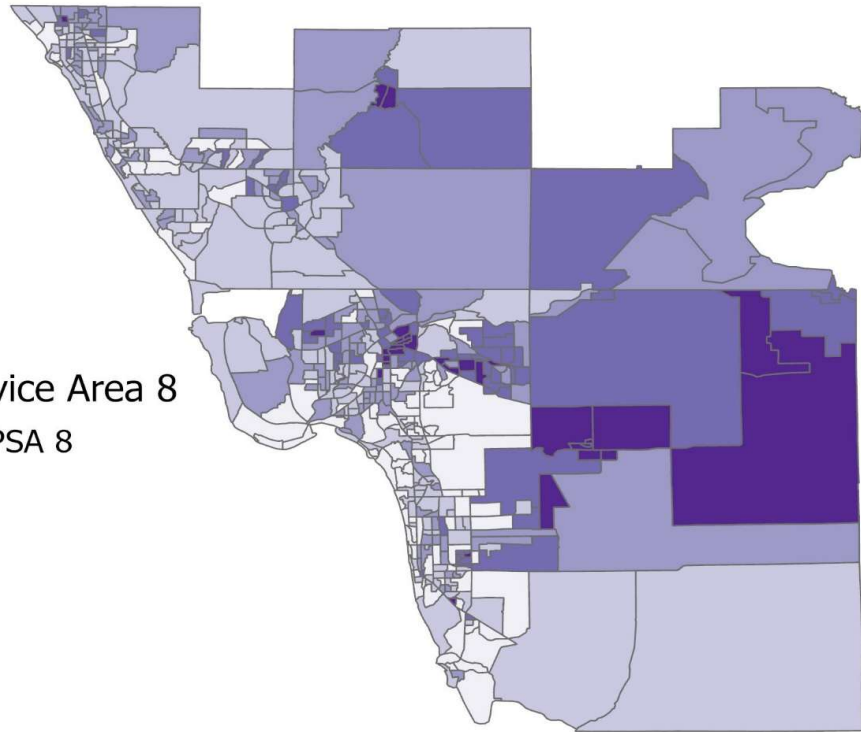
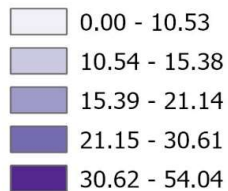
This profile of older Floridians is a source of current information related to older adults in the Planning and Service Area. Topics include the current and future population of older adults, the prevalence of older adults who experience financial and housing issues, the array of health and medical resources, 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

### Legend

#### Planning & Service Area 8

#### ENI Calculation: PSA 8



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) 8 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	1,957,278	100%
Under 18	320,911	16%
Under 60	1,186,299	61%
18-59	865,388	44%
60+	770,979	39%
65+	613,784	31%
70+	452,428	23%
75+	304,820	16%
80+	176,597	9%
85+	86,050	4%

Source: BEBR, 2024

Gender	Value	Percent
Male	357,460	46%
Female	413,519	54%

Source: BEBR, 2024

Living Alone (65+)	Value	Percent
Male Living Alone	48,438	35%
Female Living Alone	89,109	65%

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

Educational Attainment (65+)	Value	Percent
Less than High School	46,564	8%
High School Diploma	160,610	26%
Some College, No Degree	118,670	19%
Associates Degree or Higher	253,659	41%

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

Marital Status	Male	Female
<b>Never Married</b>	15,910	13,025
Percentage Never Married	5%	3%
<b>Married</b>	249,705	218,845
Percentage Married	73%	58%
<b>Widowed</b>	29,670	89,800
Percentage Widowed	9%	24%
<b>Divorced</b>	45,055	57,115
Percentage Divorced	13%	15%

Source: AGID 2017-21 ACS

Race and Ethnicity	Value	Percent
White	730,296	95%
Black	31,542	4%
Other Race	9,141	1%
<b>Total Hispanic</b>	54,064	7%
White Hispanic	50,462	7%
Non-White Hispanic	3,602	0%
Total Non-Hispanic	716,915	93%
Total Minority	91,145	12%

The minority population includes black, other, and Hispanic.

Source: BEBR, 2024

Driver License Holders	Value	Percent
Drivers	737,864	43%

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

Registered Voters	Value	Percent
Registered Voters	743,168	51%

Source: Florida Department of State, 2024

Percentage calculation is based on total registered voters.

Veterans	Value	Percent
Age 45-64	26,749	23%
Age 65-84	68,299	60%
Age 85+	19,416	17%

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

Grandparents	Value	Percent
<b>Living With Grandchildren</b>	19,650	3%
Grandparent Responsible for Grandchildren	5,313	1%
Grandparent Not Responsible for Grandchildren	14,345	2%
<b>Not Living With Grandchildren</b>	690,625	90%

Grandchildren are defined as being under the age of 18.

Source: AGID 2017-21 ACS

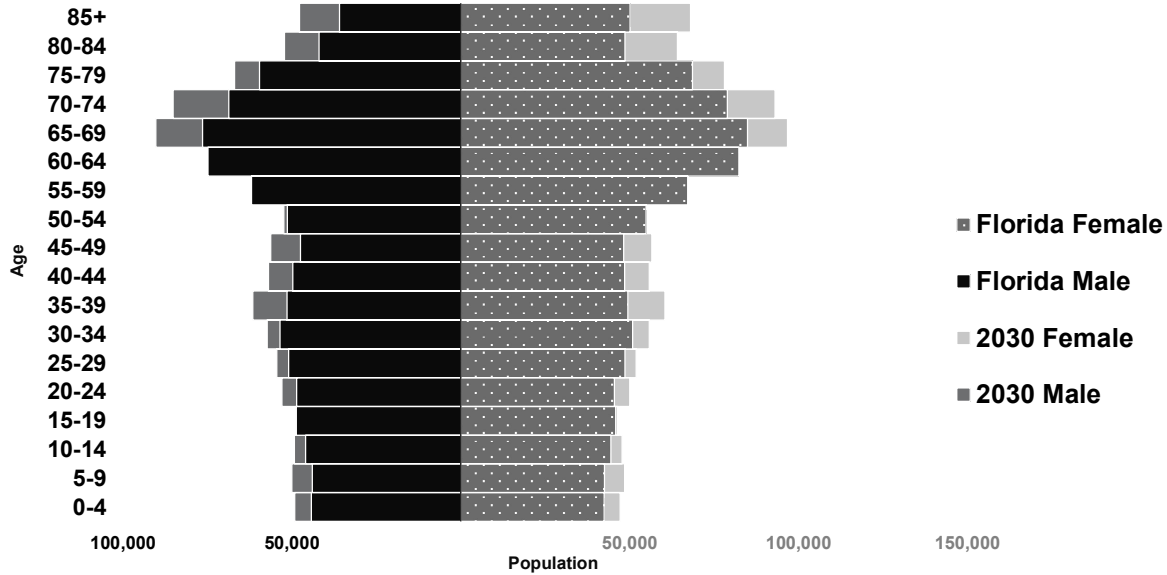
English Proficiency	Value	Percent
With Limited English Proficiency (65+)	17,849	3%

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

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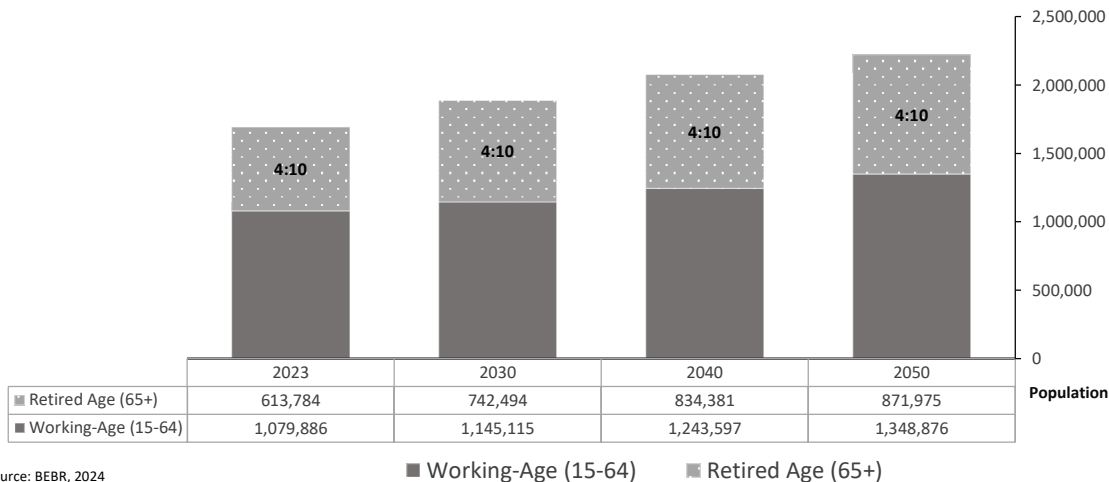
The population pyramid below compares the projected older adult population by gender between 2023 and 2030, demonstrating the changes expected in the next decade. As a whole, Florida is expected to experience population growth, with some areas expecting notable growth in the proportion of those age 65 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) 8 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.

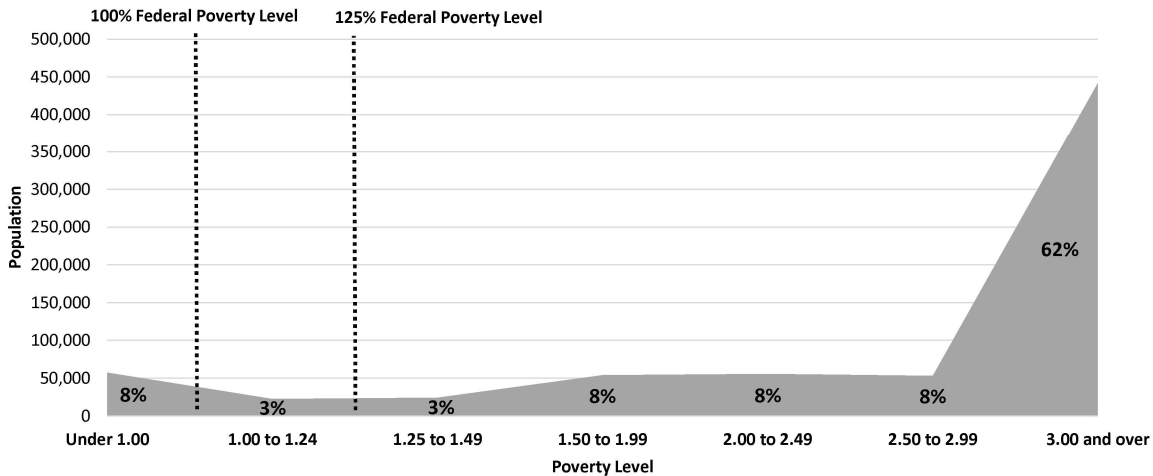
Federal Poverty Level	Value
Single-Person Household	\$15,650
Two-Person Household	\$21,150
125% Single-Person Household	\$19,563
125% Two-Person Household	\$26,438

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

Poverty (65+)	Value	Percent
At Poverty Level	50,940	8%
Below 125% of Poverty Level	68,860	11%
Minority At Poverty Level	5,279	1%
Minority Below 125% of Poverty Level	7,072	1%

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

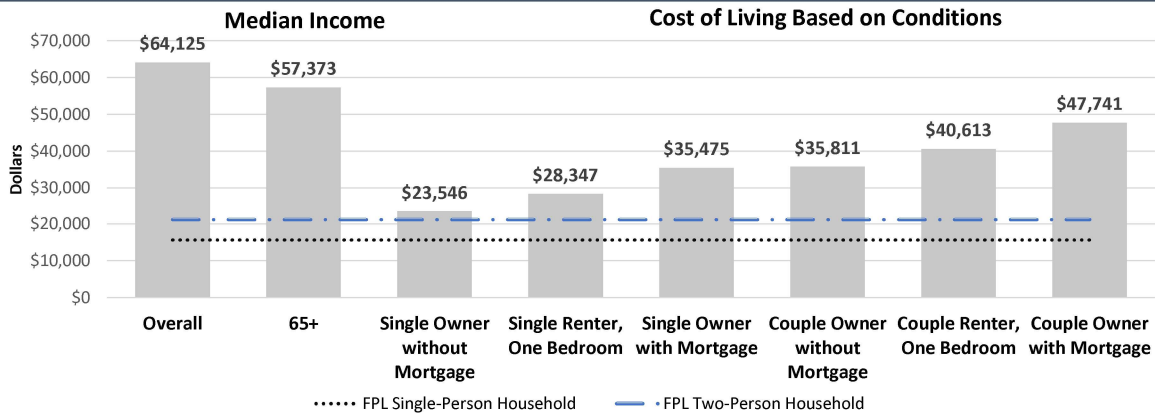
## Ratio of Income to Poverty Level



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) 8 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	41%

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	16

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	2
Number of Counties	7

The following counties have received the designation: Collier, Sarasota

Source: Florida DOEA Livable Communities, 2021

Food Resource Centers	Value
SNAP Access Sites	3
Fresh Access Bucks Outlet	13
Farmer's Market	17
Food Distribution (No Cost)	42
SNAP Retailers	1,239
Congregate Meal Sites	21

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	0
Public Transit Service Area (sq. mi.)	4,172
Public Transit Service Area Population	3,357,163
Annual Unlinked Trips	3,321,366
Vehicles Operated in Maximum Service (VOMS)	324
Total Miles of Bike Lanes	1,233

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	15

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	25%
Census Tracts Urban	75%
Number of Census Tracts	338

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2019

Households With High Cost Burden (65+)	Value
Owner-Occupied Households	79,608
Percent of Owners with High Cost Burden	17%
Renter-Occupied Households	53,571
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	69
Properties Ready for Occupancy	69
<b>Total Units</b>	<b>6,025</b>
Units with Rent and/or Income Restrictions	5,447
Units Receiving Monthly Rental Assistance	2,018

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	64%
Renter-Occupied Housing Units	34%

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

Vehicle Access (65+)	Percent
Owner-Occupied Households with Access to Vehicle(s)	97%
Renter-Occupied Households with Access to Vehicle(s)	75%

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

Employment Status (65+)	Value	Percent
Number of Seniors Employed	251,046	41%
Number of Seniors Unemployed	9,551	2%

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

Retirement (65+)	Value	Percent
Social Security Beneficiaries	505,945	87%
SSI Recipients	10,109	39%

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
<b>Potentially Eligible</b>	<b>68,860</b>
Annual Participants	51,061
Current Beneficiaries as of Dec-24	39,640
Percent of Total Population Receiving Benefits	4%

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) 8 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	74
Operating Rooms	180
Recovery Beds	524

Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

Hospitals	Value
<b>Hospitals</b>	29
Hospitals with Skilled Nursing Units	2
<b>Hospital Beds</b>	5,699
Skilled Nursing Unit Beds	93

Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

Medical Professionals	Value
<b>Medical Doctors</b>	
Licensed	5,369
Limited License	21
Critical Need Area License	28
Restricted	0
Medical Faculty Certification	3
Public Health Certificate	0

<b>Other Professionals</b>	
Licensed Podiatric Physicians	167
Licensed Osteopathic Physicians	953
Dentists	1,280
<b>Licensed Registered Nurses</b>	27,974
<b>Pharmacies</b>	486

Source: Florida Department of Health, 2025

Assisted Living Facility	Value
<b>Total ALF Beds</b>	15,652
Optional State Supplementation (OSS) Beds	459
Non-OSS Beds	15,193
<b>Total ALF Facilities</b>	225
Facilities with Extended Congregate Care License	30
Facilities with Limited Mental Health License	12
Facilities with Limited Nursing Service License	63

Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

Medically Underserved	Value	Percent
<b>Total Medically Underserved</b>	2,715	0%
Living in Areas Defined as Having Medically Underserved Populations	2,715	0%
Living in Medically Underserved Areas	0	0%

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

Health Insurance 65+	Value	Percent
Insured	608,972	99%
Uninsured	3,949	1%

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

Disability Status (65+)	Value	Percent
With One Type of Disability	94,763	15%
With Two or More Disabilities	78,627	13%

Total With Any Disability	Value	Percent
Hearing	75,181	12%
Vision	25,364	4%
Cognitive	34,424	6%
Ambulatory	93,642	15%
Self-Care	27,053	4%
Independent Living	55,603	9%
With No Disabilities	459,255	75%

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	50,981	17%
60+ Dual Eligible	44,587	81%

Source: Florida AHCA, 2024

Adult Day Care (ADC)	Value
ADC Facilities	23
Capacity	1,334

Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

Home Health Agencies	Value
<b>Agencies</b>	255
Medicaid Certified Agencies	5
Medicare Certified Agencies	53
Homemaker and Companion Service Companies	133

Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

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Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Use	Value
<b>SNFs With Beds</b>	71
Community Beds	68
Sheltered Beds	9
Veterans Administration Beds	1
Other Beds	0
<b>SNF Beds</b>	7,806
Community Beds	7,662
Sheltered Beds	697
Veterans Administration Beds	120
Other Beds	0
<b>SNFs With Community Beds</b>	68
Community Bed Days	2,660,956
Community Patient Days	2,133,382
Medicaid Patient Days	1,191,053
Occupancy Rate	80%
Percent Medicaid	56%

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	35

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	26
Beds	119

Source: Florida AHCA, 2025

Memory Disorder Clinics	Value
Total	2

Source: Florida DOEA's Department Overview, 2024

Dialysis	Value
End-Stage Renal Disease Centers	49

Source: Florida AHCA, 2024

## Planning and Service Area (PSA) 8 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	18,894
Medicaid Beneficiary	299

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>	81
General Shelter Max Capacity in People	42,957
<b>Number of Special Needs Shelters</b>	6
Special Needs Shelters Max Capacity in People	3,024

Source: FDEM, 2024

Evacuation Zones	Value	Percent
<b>DOEA HCBS Clients</b>	2,190	100%
Zone A	390	18%
Zone B	404	18%
Zone C	335	15%
Zone D	345	16%
Zone E	144	7%
Lives in an Evac Zone and Has Memory Problems*	323	15%
Lives in an Evac Zone and Lives Alone*	762	35%

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.

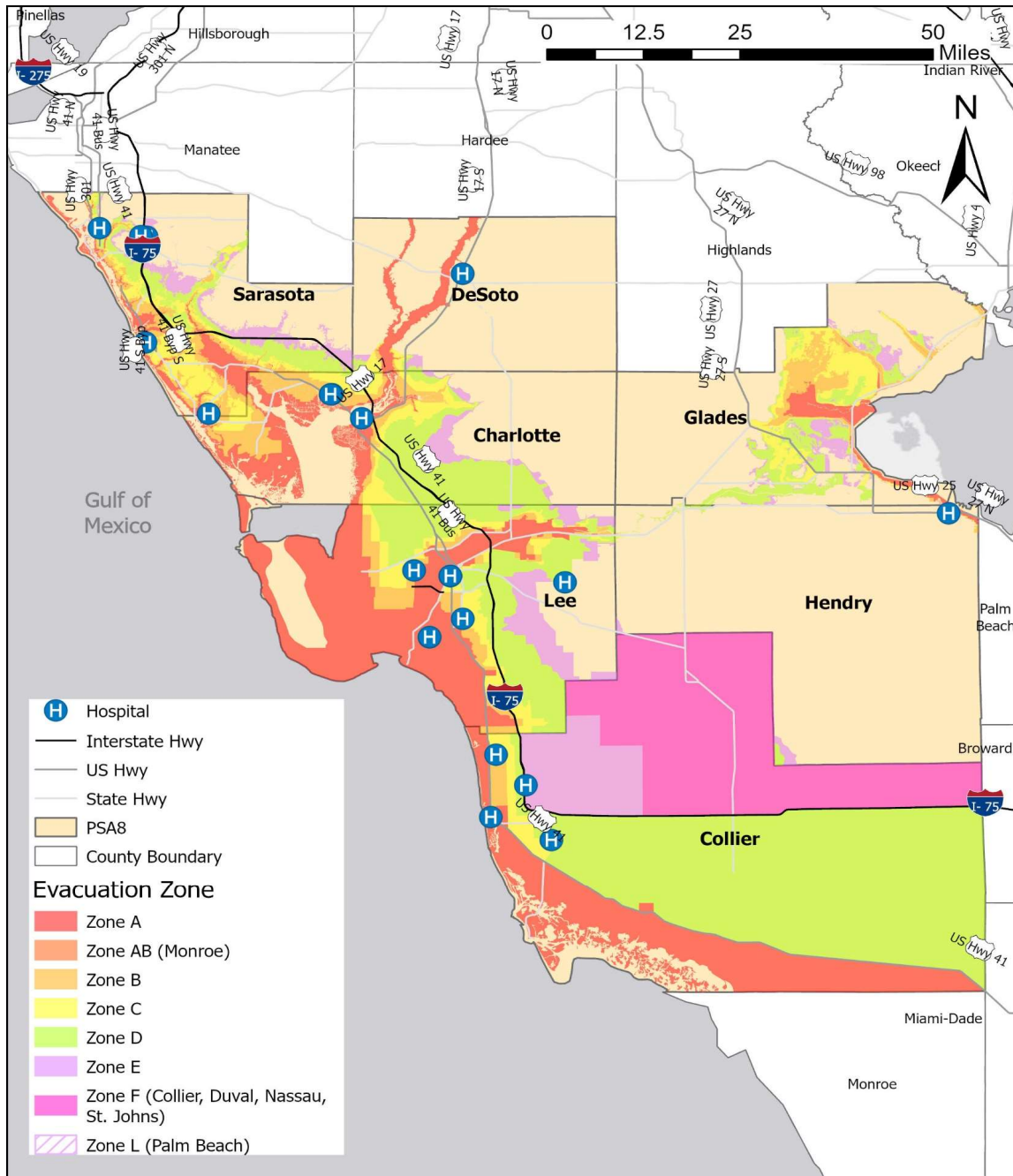
\*Note: There are additional county-specific evacuation zones not listed on this table.

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

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### Evacuation Zones



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 Source: FDEM, 2024