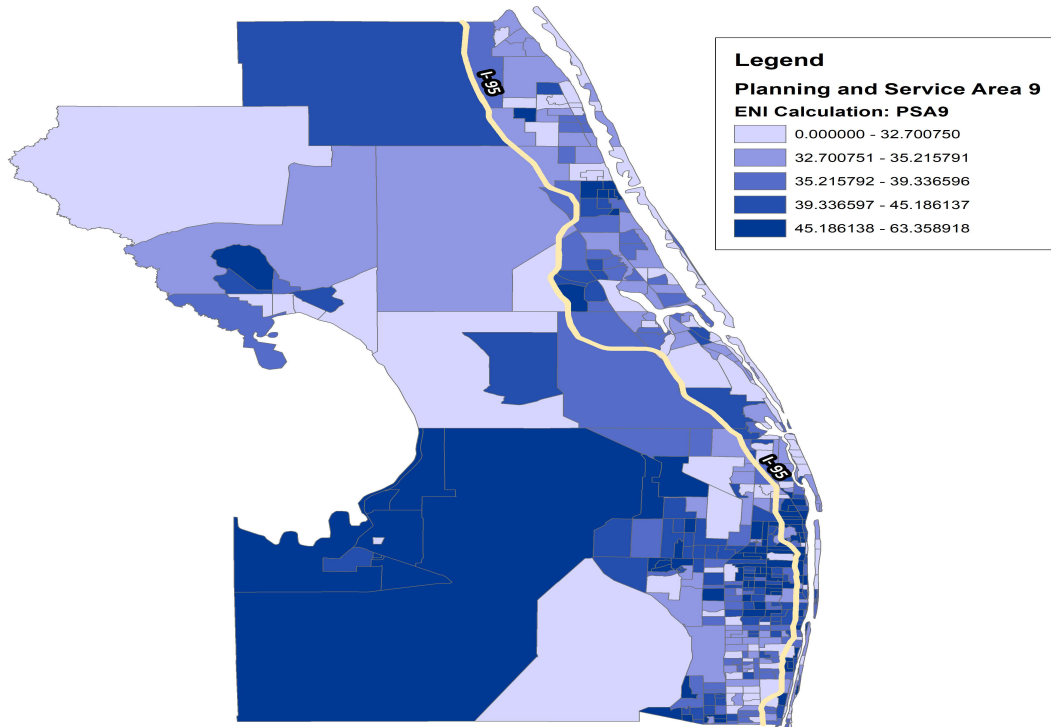# 2021 Profile of Older Floridians

Planning and Service Area (PSA) 9

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. Areas are color coded by their level of need, with light purple/blue areas representing areas with comparatively less need while the darker blue areas represent areas with high levels of need. The boundaries of Census Tracts correspond to the shape of each area on these maps.

Interactive maps, viewing software, and a detailed user's guide are available at http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/eni_home.php

The index cutpoints in the ENI is scaled at the PSA-level for the PSA and County Profiles Maps, and at the State-Level for the State of Florida map.

Source: Florida Department of Elder Affairs using U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 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

Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this Profile refer to populations in Florida age 60 and older.

Planning and Service Area (PSA) 9 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	2,151,006	100%
Under 18	415,876	19%
Under 60	1,469,084	68%
18-59	1,053,208	49%
60+	681,922	32%
65+	508,777	24%
70+	372,050	17%
75+	248,790	12%
80+	150,956	7%
85+	84,178	4%

Source: BEBR, 2021

Gender	Value	Percent
Male	298,896	44%
Female	359,878	53%

Source: BEBR, 2021

Living Alone	Value	Percent
Male Living Alone	52,640	33%
Female Living Alone	105,015	67%

Source: AGID 2014-18 ACS

Educational Attainment (65+)	Value	Percent
Less than High School	58,896	12%
High School Diploma	143,872	28%
Some College, No Degree	105,019	21%
Associates Degree or Higher	219,111	43%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 ACS

Marital Status	Male	Female
Never Married	18,615	17,745
Percentage Never Married	6%	5%
Married	205,840	172,215
Percentage Married	70%	49%
Widowed	29,265	104,050
Percentage Widowed	10%	29%
Divorced	41,045	59,820
Percentage Divorced	14%	17%

Source: AGID 2014-18 ACS

Race and Ethnicity	Value	Percent
White	601,883	88%
Black	67,801	10%
Other Minorities	12,238	2%
Total Hispanic	60,586	9%
White Hispanic	55,569	8%
Non-White Hispanic	5,017	1%
Total Non-Hispanic	621,336	91%
Total Minority	140,625	21%

The minority population is the summation of black, other, and Hispanic
Source: BEBR, 2021

Driver License Holders	Value	Percent
Drivers	441,465	30%

Source: Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, 2019

Registered Voters	Value	Percent
Registered Voters	657,082	42%

Source: Florida Department of State, 2018

Veterans	Value	Percent
Age 45-64	35,767	25%
Age 65-84	69,186	49%
Age 85+	19,923	14%

Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Grandparents	Value	Percent
Living With Grandchildren	28,980	4%
	7,145	
Grandparent Responsible for Grandchildren		1%
Grandparent Not Responsible for Grandchildren	21,840	3%
Not Living With Grandchildren	610,425	90%

Grandchildren are defined as being under the age of 18.
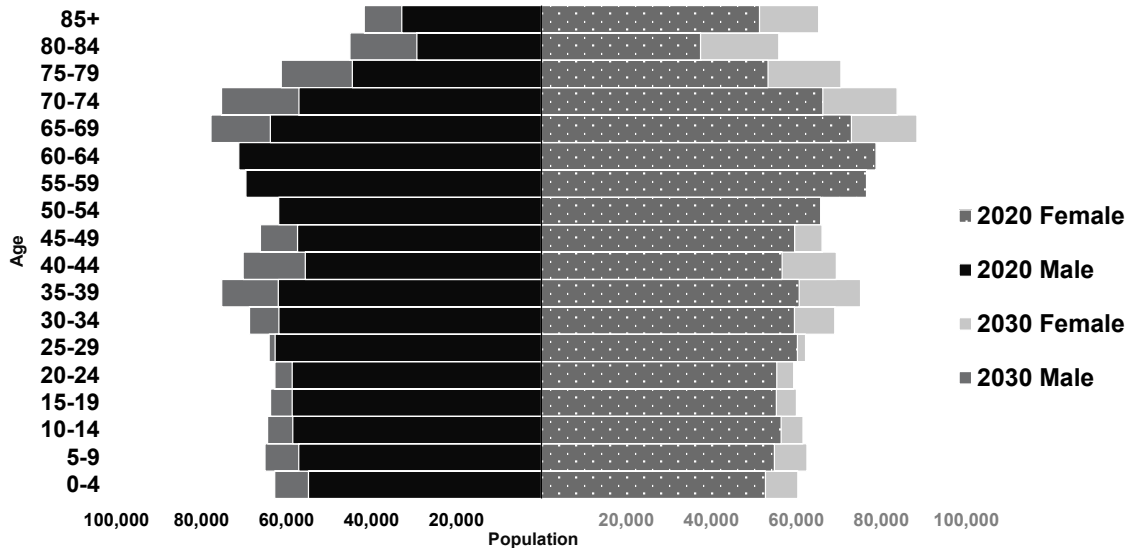Source: AGID 2014-18 ACS

English Proficiency	Value	Percent
With Limited English Proficiency	34,605	5%

Source: AGID 2014-18 ACS

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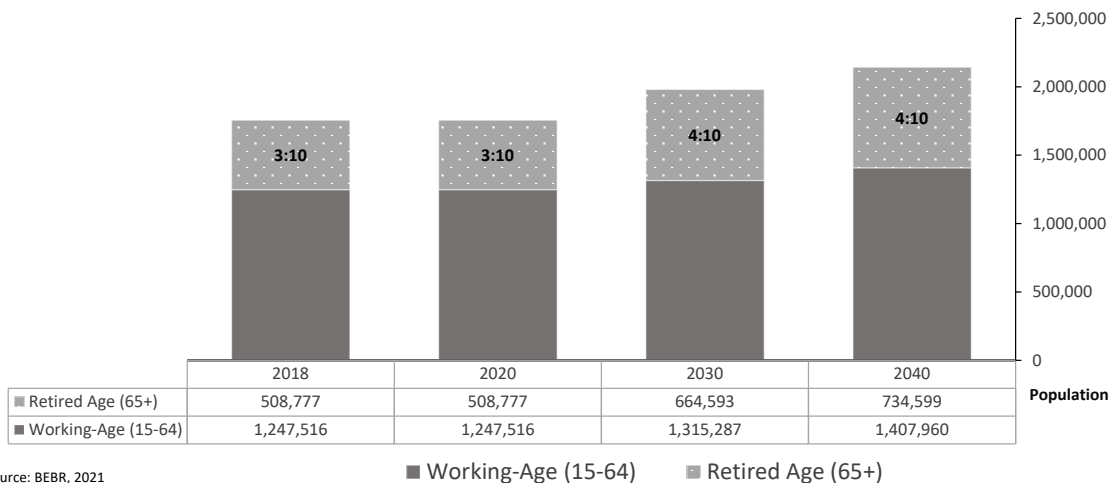## Planning and Service Area (PSA) 9 Demographic Profile

The population pyramid below compares the projected older adult population by gender between 2018 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, 2021

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.

	2018	2020	2030	2040
■ Retired Age (65+)	508,777	508,777	664,593	734,599
■ Working-Age (15-64)	1,247,516	1,247,516	1,315,287	1,407,960

■ Working-Age (15-64)   ■ Retired Age (65+)

Source: BEBR, 2021

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Planning and Service Area (PSA) 9 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.
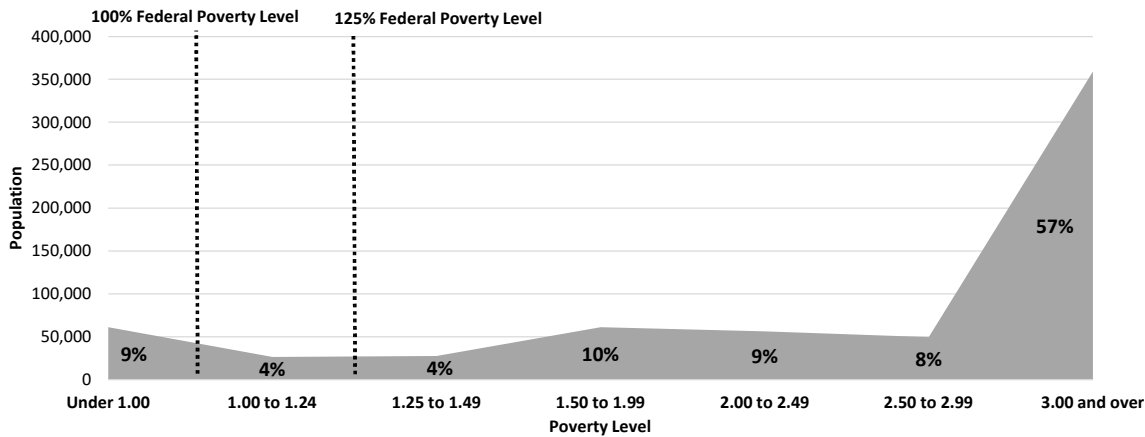
Federal Poverty Level	Value
Single-Person Household	$12,140
Two-Person Household	$16,460
125% Single-Person Household	$15,175
125% Two-Person Household	$20,575

Source: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, 2021

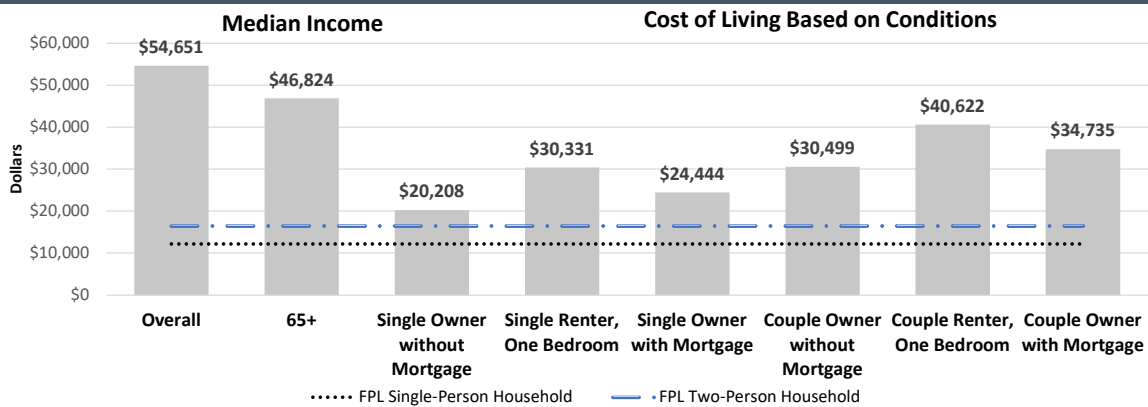| Poverty	Value	Percent
At Poverty Level	60,880	9%
Below 125% of Poverty Level	87,405	13%
Minority At Poverty Level	19,878	3%
Minority Below 125% of Poverty Level	27,662	4%

Source: AGID 2014-18 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 2014-18 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, 2015-2019 ACS and Elder Index. (2020). The Elder Index™ [Public Dataset]. Boston, MA: Gerontology Institute, University of Massachusetts Boston. Retrieved from

Planning and Service Area (PSA) 9 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	30%

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, 2021

Road Incidents	Value
Total Involved in Fatal Car Crashes per 100,000	41

This figure includes occupants and non-occupants involved in a crash.
Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 2020

Age Friendly Designation	Value
Age Friendly	1
Number of Counties	5

The following counties have received the designation: Indian River
Source: Florida DOEA Livable Communities, 2021

Food Resource Centers	Value
SNAP Access Sites	33
Fresh Access Bucks Outlet	5
Farmer's Market	9
Food Distribution (No Cost)	51
SNAP Retailers	1,272
Congregate Meal Sites	14

Food Distribution (No Cost) is the number of food pantries, soup kitchens, and food banks in the area.
Source: Feeding Florida.org, USDA, FDACS and 2021, and Florida DOEA, 2019

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.)	4,772
Public Transit Service Area Population	3,477,492
Annual Unlinked Trips	11,046,196
Vehicles Operated in Maximum Service (VOMS)	92
Total Miles of Bike Lanes	1,191

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, 2017, and FDOT, 2018

Green Space	Value
Number of Nearby State Parks	14

Nearby refers to the park that has the shortest distance from the center of the county.
Source: Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 2021

Rural-Urban Designation	Value
Census Tracts Rural	4%
Census Tracts Urban	96%
Number of Census Tracts	512

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2019

Households With High Cost Burden (65+)	Value
Owner-Occupied Households	142,209
Percent of Owners with High Cost Burden	13%
Renter-Occupied Households	56,473
Percent of Renters with High Cost Burden	32%

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, 2018

Affordable Housing Inventory	Value
Properties	67
Properties Ready for Occupancy	63
Total Units	7,386
Units with Rent and/or Income Restrictions	7,198
Units Receiving Monthly Rental Assistance	1,500

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, 2018

Housing Units by Occupancy (65+)	Percent
Owner-Occupied Housing Units	45%
Renter-Occupied Housing Units	20%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 ACS

Vehicle Access (65+)	Percent
Owner-Occupied Households with Access to Vehicle(s)	95%
Renter-Occupied Households with Access to Vehicle(s)	74%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 ACS

Employment Status (65+)	Value	Percent
Number of Seniors Employed	144,985	28%
Number of Seniors Unemployed	7,890	2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 ACS

Retirement (65+)	Value	Percent
Social Security Beneficiaries	438,995	75%
SSI Recipients	11,501	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, 2019

SNAP or Food Stamps	Value
Potentially Eligible	60,889
Annual Participants	63,713
Current Beneficiaries as of Dec-20	52,676
Percent of Total Population Receiving Benefits	8%

Potentially Eligible are individuals below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level
Source: Florida Department of Children and Families, 2018

Internet Access (65+)	Percent
Have Internet Access	87%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 ACS

Planning and Service Area (PSA) 9 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	66
Operating Rooms	162
Recovery Beds	493

Source: Florida AHCA, 2021

Hospitals	Value
Hospitals	29
Hospitals with Skilled Nursing Units	1
Hospital Beds	6,387
Skilled Nursing Unit Beds	178

Source: Florida AHCA, 2021

Medical Professionals	Value
Medical Doctors	
Licensed	2,399
Limited License	34
Critical Need Area License	38
Restricted	0
Medical Faculty Certification	2
Public Health Certificate	0
Other Professionals	
Licensed Podiatric Physicians	236
Licensed Osteopathic Physicians	914
Dentists	1,616
Licensed Registered Nurses	29,247
Pharmacies	585

Source: Florida Department of Health, 2021

Assisted Living Facility	Value
Total ALF Beds	12,901
Optional State Supplementation (OSS) Beds	428
Non-OSS Beds	15,591
Total ALF Facilities	319
Facilities with Extended Congregate Care License	26
Facilities with Limited Mental Health License	31
Facilities with Limited Nursing Service License	55

Source: Florida AHCA, 2021

Medically Underserved	Value	Percent
Total Medically Underserved	93,919	14%
Living in Areas Defined as Having Medically Underserved Populations	69,145	10%
Living in Medically Underserved Areas	5,958	1%

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

Health Insurance 65+	Value	Percent
Insured	513,711	99%
Uninsured	6,161	1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 ACS

Disability Status	Value	Percent
With One Type of Disability	86,805	13%
With Two or More Disabilities	92,090	14%
Total With Any Disability		
Hearing	72,480	11%
Vision	30,850	5%
Cognitive	43,990	6%
Ambulatory	112,335	16%
Self-Care	39,645	6%
Independent Living	68,440	10%
With No Disabilities	462,015	68%
Probable Alzheimer's Cases (65+)	112,468	22%

Source: AGID 2014-18 ACS

Medicaid & Medicare Beneficiaries	Value	Percent
60+ Medicaid Eligible	69,734	16%
60+ Dual Eligible	61,731	78%

Source: Florida AHCA, 2021

Adult Day Care (ADC)	Value
ADC Facilities	38
Capacity	2,340

Source: Florida AHCA, 2021

Home Health Agencies	Value
Agencies	303
Medicaid Certified Agencies	6
Medicare Certified Agencies	99
Homemaker and Companion Service Companies	320

Source: Florida AHCA, 2021

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Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Use	Value
SNFs With Beds	79
Community Beds	75
Sheltered Beds	10
Veterans Administration Beds	1
Other Beds	0
SNF Beds	9,066
Community Beds	8,531
Sheltered Beds	535
Veterans Administration Beds	128
Other Beds	0
SNFs With Community Beds	75
Community Bed Days	3,122,346
Community Patient Days	2,320,549
Medicaid Patient Days	1,513,739
Occupancy Rate	74%
Percent Medicaid	65%

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, 2021

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	Value
Providers	26

EMS providers include air ambulances and ambulances with Basic Life Support (BLS) or Advanced Life Support (ALS).

Source: Florida Department of Health, 2021

Adult Family Care Homes	Value
Homes	26
Beds	117

Source: Florida AHCA, 2021

Memory Disorder Clinics	Value
Total	2

Source: Florida DOEA's Summary of Programs and Services (SOPS), 2020

Dialysis	Value
End-Stage Renal Disease Centers	58

Source: Florida Department of Health, 2021

Planning and Service Area (PSA) 9 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	15,100
Medicaid Beneficiary	10,267

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

Medicaid beneficiaries are individuals age 60 to 64.

Source: Florida AHCA and U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2021

Shelter Resources	Value
Number of General Shelters	203
General Shelter Max Capacity in People	143,462
Number of Special Needs Shelters	12
Special Needs Shelters Max Capacity in People	4,070

Source: FDEM, 2021

Evacuation Zones	Value	Percent
Total Population Residing in Evac Zone:	482	0%
Zone A	123	0%
Zone B	210	0%
Zone C	59	0%
Zone D	8	0%
Zone E	82	0%
DOEA HCBS Clients	38,830	100%
Lives in an Evac Zone and Has Memory Problems	176	37%
Lives in an Evac Zone and Lives Alone	447	93%

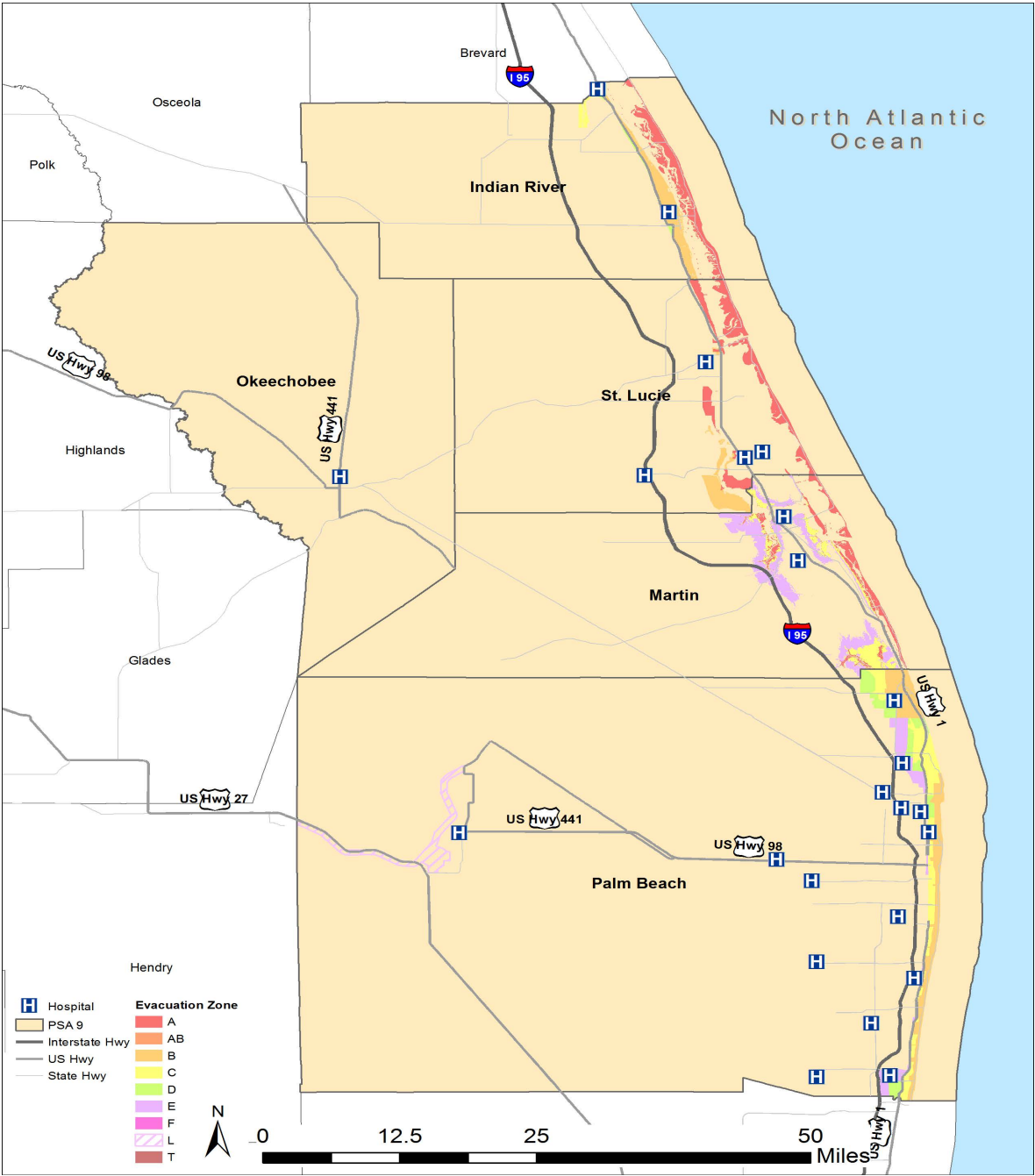Zones are associated with the following surge heights: Zone A up to 11 feet, Zone B up to 15 feet, Zone C up to 20 feet, Zone D up to 28 feet, and Zone E up to 35 feet.

Source: Florida DOEA CIRTS, ACS, Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), 2019

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Evacuation Zones

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.

Source: FDEM, 2021