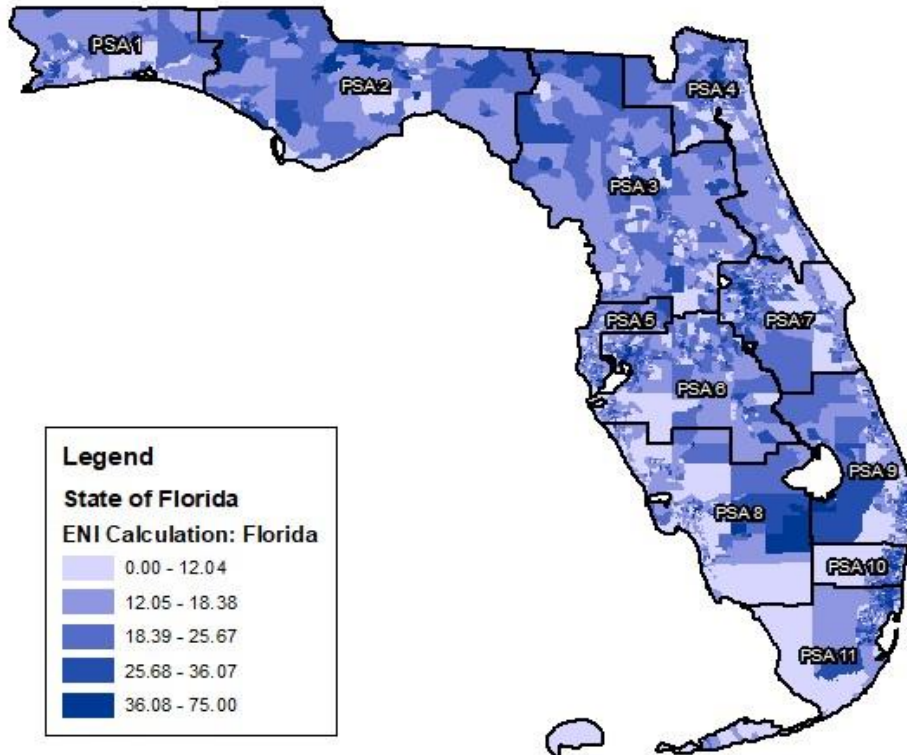# 2022 Profile of Older Floridians

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/doea/eni_home.php

Source: Florida Department of Elder Affairs using U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 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	21,925,785	100%
Under 18	4,433,839	20%
Under 60	15,825,406	72%
18-59	12,610,783	58%
60+	6,100,379	28%
65+	4,561,633	21%
70+	3,224,823	15%
75+	2,088,016	10%
80+	1,190,025	5%
85+	610,475	3%

Source: BEBR, 2022

Gender	Value	Percent
Male	2,777,056	46%
Female	3,323,323	54%

Source: BEBR, 2022

Living Alone	Value	Percent
Male Living Alone	530,676	40%
Female Living Alone	797,759	60%

Source: AGID 2016-20 ACS

Educational Attainment (65+)	Value	Percent
Less than High School	964,123	16%
High School Diploma	1,912,965	31%
Some College, No Degree	1,157,320	19%
Associates Degree or Higher	2,055,020	34%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 ACS

Marital Status	Male	Female
Never Married	163,195	167,159
Percentage Never Married	6%	6%
Married	1,749,085	1,483,560
Percentage Married	69%	49%
Widowed	234,435	827,070
Percentage Widowed	9%	27%
Divorced	380,230	545,655
Percentage Divorced	15%	18%

Source: AGID 2016-20 ACS

Race and Ethnicity	Value	Percent
White	5,269,968	86%
Black	685,585	11%
Other Minorities	144,796	2%
Total Hispanic	1,025,515	17%
White Hispanic	955,686	16%
Non-White Hispanic	69,829	1%
Total Non-Hispanic	5,074,864	83%
Total Minority	1,855,926	30%

The minority population is the summation of black, other, and Hispanic
Source: BEBR, 2022

Driver License Holders	Value	Percent
Drivers	5,511,719	31%

Source: Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, 2022

Registered Voters	Value	Percent
Registered Voters	4,974,432	35%

Source: Florida Department of State, 2018

Veterans	Value	Percent
Age 45-64	466,118	32%
Age 65-84	600,825	41%
Age 85+	139,732	10%

Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 2018

Grandparents	Value	Percent
Living With Grandchildren	293,175	5%
Grandparent Responsible for Grandchildren	69,790	1%
Grandparent Not Responsible for Grandchildren	223,375	4%
Not Living With Grandchildren	5,159,070	95%

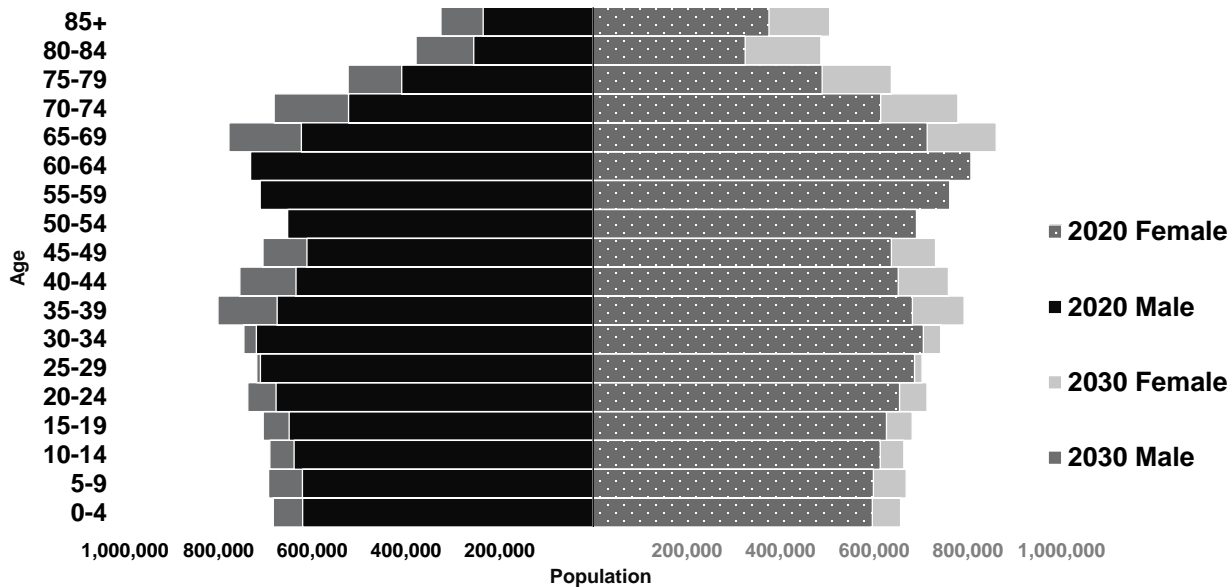Grandchildren are defined as being under the age of 18.
Source: AGID 2016-20 ACS

English Proficiency	Value	Percent
With Limited English Proficiency	457,981	8%

Source: AGID 2016-20 ACS

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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, 2022

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+)	4,561,633	4,422,335	5,954,154	6,724,185
Working-Age (15-64)	13,676,004	13,533,693	14,409,523	15,346,739

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

Source: BEBR, 2022

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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.
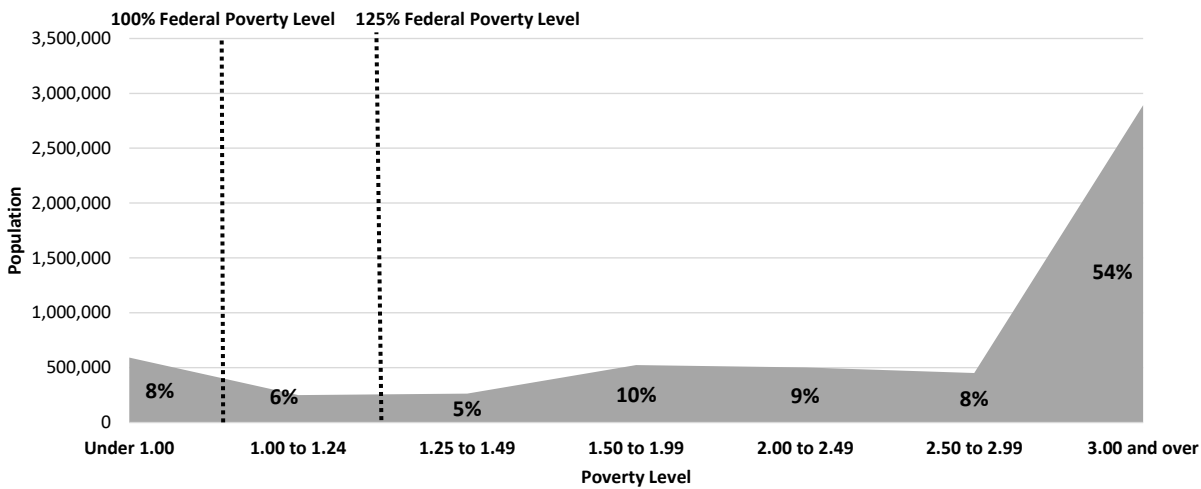
Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	Value
Single-Person Household	$13,590
Two-Person Household	$18,310
125% Single-Person Household	$16,988
125% Two-Person Household	$22,888

Source: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, 2022

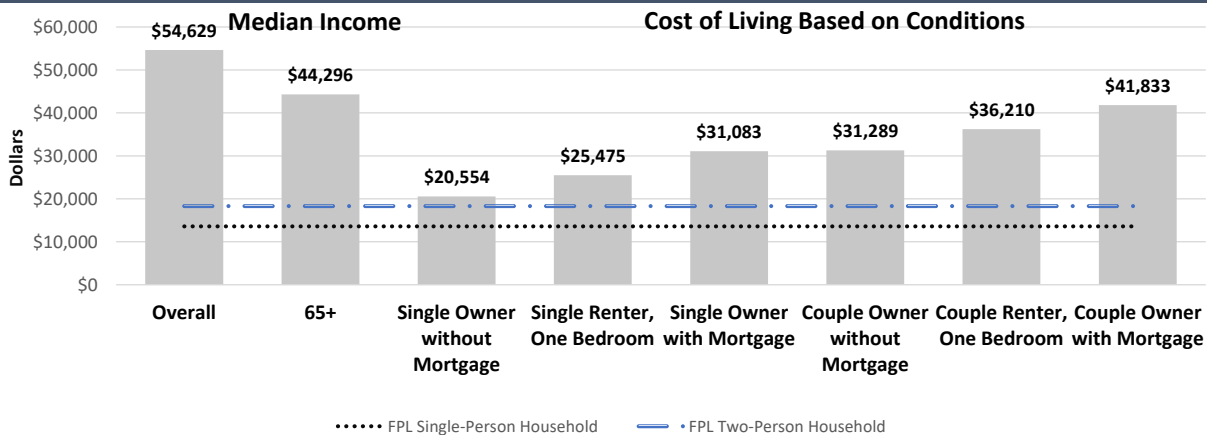| Poverty	Value	Percent
At Poverty Level	501,430	8%
Below 125% of Poverty Level	840,135	14%
Minority At Poverty Level	268,383	4%
Minority Below 125% of Poverty Level	807,697	13%

Source: AGID 2015-19 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 2015-19 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, 2016-2020 ACS and Elder Index. (2020). The Elder Index™ [Public Dataset]. Boston, MA: Gerontology Institute, University of Massachusetts Boston. Retrieved fro

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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	32%

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, 2022

Road Incidents	Value
Total Involved in Fatal Car Crashes per 100,000	56

This figure includes occupants and non-occupants involved in a crash.
Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 2022

Volunteering	Value
Number of Volunteers	1,161,466
Total Hours	129,562,895
Average Number of Hours per Volunteer	112

Source: CPS-Volunteer Supplemental, 2017

Food Resource Centers	Value
SNAP Access Sites	456
Fresh Access Bucks Outlet	109
Farmer's Market	155
Food Distribution (No Cost)	398
SNAP Retailers	15,197
Congregate Meal Sites	303

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

Public Transportation Options	Value
Bus Operations at least at the County	31
Rail Operations at least at the County	9
Public Transit Service Area (sq. mi.)	732,095
Public Transit Service Area Population	36,031,182
Annual Unlinked Trips	243,482,032
Vehicles Operated in Maximum Service (VOMS)	4,834
Total Miles of Bike Lanes	7,682

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, 2018, and FDOT, 2019

Green Space	Value
Number of Nearby State Parks	220

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	10%
Census Tracts Urban	90%
Number of Census Tracts	4,245

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2019

Households With High Cost Burden (65+)	Value
Owner-Occupied Households	812,562
Percent of Owners with High Cost Burden	15%
Renter-Occupied Households	463,357
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, 2020

Affordable Housing Inventory	Value
Properties	877
Properties Ready for Occupancy	813
Total Units	93,965
Units with Rent and/or Income Restrictions	86,096
Units Receiving Monthly Rental Assistance	36,262

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, 2020

Housing Units by Occupancy (65+)	Percent
Owner-Occupied Housing Units	39%
Renter-Occupied Housing Units	16%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 ACS

Vehicle Access (65+)	Percent
Owner-Occupied Households with Access to Vehicle(s)	95%
Renter-Occupied Households with Access to Vehicle(s)	71%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 ACS

Employment Status (65+)	Value	Percent
Number of Seniors Employed	1,308,665	29%
Number of Seniors Unemployed	52,988	1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 ACS

Retirement (65+)	Value	Percent
Social Security Beneficiaries	3,829,655	79%
SSI Recipients	215,840	37%

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, 2020

SNAP or Food Stamps	Value
Potentially Eligible	840,135
Annual Participants	805,743
Current Beneficiaries as of Dec-20	678,695
Percent of Total Population Receiving Benefits	11%

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, 2016-2020 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	257

Source: Florida Department of Law Enforcement, 2018

Ambulatory Surgical Centers	Value
Facilities	497
Operating Rooms	1,225
Recovery Beds	3,818

Source: Florida AHCA, 2022

Hospitals	Value
Hospitals	**320**
Hospitals with Skilled Nursing Units	12
Hospital Beds	**66,843**
Skilled Nursing Unit Beds	503

Source: Florida AHCA, 2022

Medical Professionals	Value
Medical Doctors	
Licensed	56,896
Limited License	70
Critical Need Area License	860
Restricted	0
Medical Faculty Certification	43
Public Health Certificate	1
Other Professionals	
Licensed Podiatric Physicians	1,552
Licensed Osteopathic Physicians	7,411
Dentists	13,102
Licensed Registered Nurses	**299,211**
Pharmacies	**6,541**

Source: Florida Department of Health, 2021

Assisted Living Facility	Value
Total ALF Beds	**113,756**
Optional State Supplementation (OSS) Beds	15,944
Non-OSS Beds	100,310
Total ALF Facilities	**3,150**
Facilities with Extended Congregate Care License	245
Facilities with Limited Mental Health License	760
Facilities with Limited Nursing Service License	461

Source: Florida AHCA, 2022

Medically Underserved	Value	Percent
Total Medically Underserved	**1,489,504**	**24%**
Living in Areas Defined as Having Medically Underserved Populations	858,973	14%
Living in Medically Underserved Areas	636,104	10%

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

Health Insurance 65+	Value	Percent
Insured	4,086,007	99%
Uninsured	50,734	1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 ACS

Disability Status	Value	Percent
With One Type of Disability	779,630	13%
With Two or More Disabilities	831,370	14%
Total With Any Disability		
Hearing	610,965	10%
Vision	299,965	5%
Cognitive	417,755	7%
Ambulatory	1,020,870	17%
Self-Care	346,590	6%
Independent Living	616,900	10%
With No Disabilities	3,860,130	63%
Probable Alzheimer's Cases (65+)	612,967	13%

Source: AGID 2015-19 ACS

Medicaid & Medicare Beneficiaries	Value	Percent
60+ Medicaid Eligible	853,820	17%
60+ Dual Eligible	751,344	79%

Source: Florida AHCA, 2022

Adult Day Care (ADC)	Value
ADC Facilities	376
Capacity	20,185

Source: Florida AHCA, 2022

Home Health Agencies	Value
Agencies	**2,316**
Medicaid Certified Agencies	52
Medicare Certified Agencies	689
Homemaker and Companion Service Companies	**2,934**

Source: Florida AHCA, 2022

Florida Medical Resources

Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Use	Value
SNFs With Beds	716
Community Beds	680
Sheltered Beds	51
Veterans Administration Beds	10
Other Beds	3
SNF Beds	85,731
Community Beds	82,618
Sheltered Beds	2,223
Veterans Administration Beds	728
Other Beds	190
SNFs With Community Beds	680
Community Bed Days	30,753,518
Community Patient Days	23,834,912
Medicaid Patient Days	15,470,212
Occupancy Rate	78%
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, 2022

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	Value
Providers	291

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

Source: Florida Department of Health, 2022

Adult Family Care Homes	Value
Homes	254
Beds	1,359

Source: Florida AHCA, 2022

Memory Disorder Clinics	Value
Total	19

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

Dialysis	Value
End-Stage Renal Disease Centers	524

Source: Florida Department of Health, 2022

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	172,193
Medicaid Beneficiary	22,200

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	1,913
General Shelter Max Capacity in People	1,020,047
Number of Special Needs Shelters	175
Special Needs Shelters Max Capacity in People	39,616

Source: FDEM, 2021

Evacuation Zones	Value	Percent
Total Population Residing in Evac Zone:	290	0%
Zone A	26	0%
Zone B	37	0%
Zone C	106	0%
Zone D	76	0%
Zone E	45	0%
DOEA HCBS Clients	124,799	100%
Lives in an Evac Zone and Has Memory Problems	4,003	3%
Lives in an Evac Zone and Lives Alone	5,225	4%

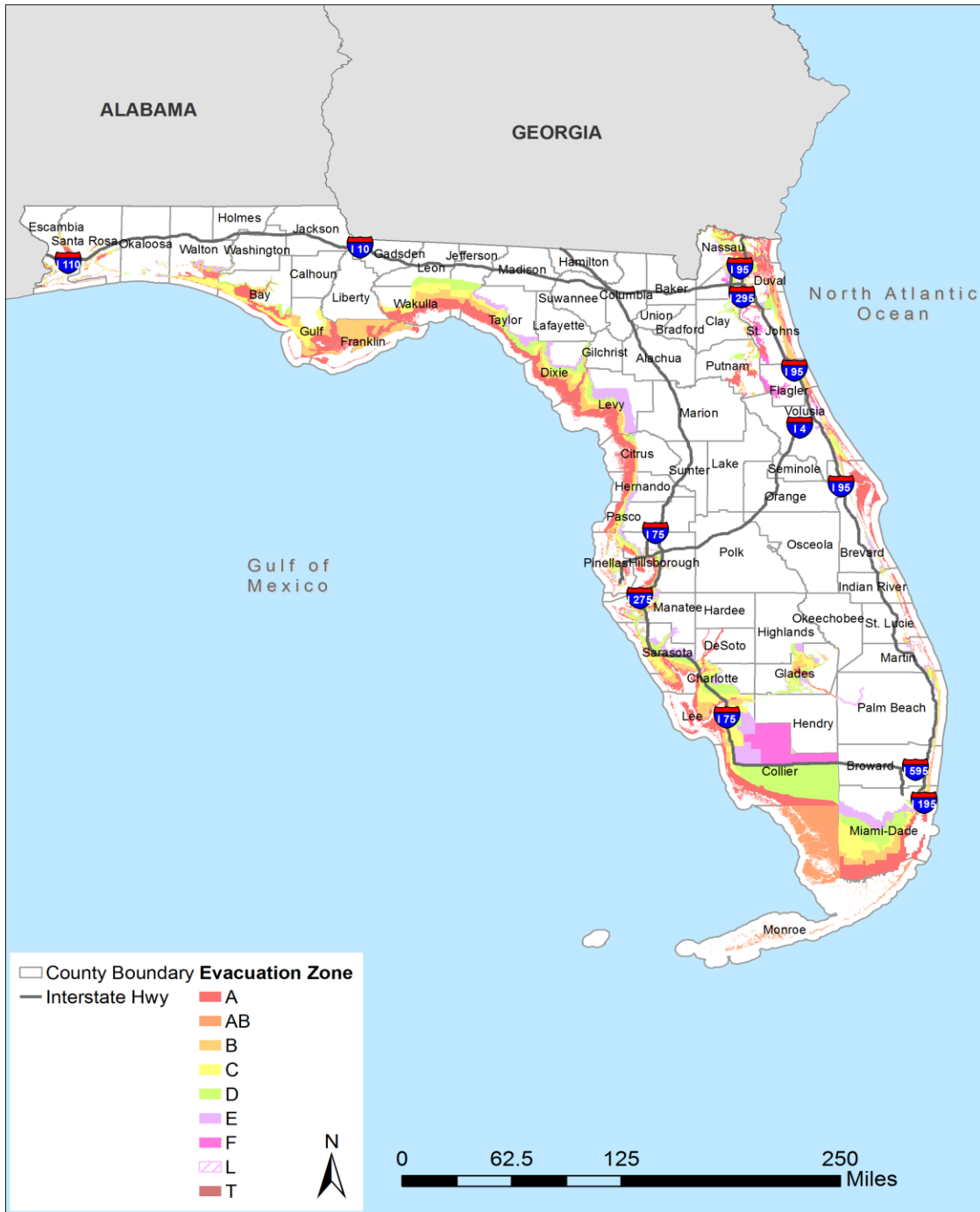Zones are associated with the following surge heights: Zone A up to 11 feet, Zone B up to 15 feet, Zone C up to 20 feet, Zone D up to 28 feet, and Zone E up to 35 feet.

Source: Florida DOEA CIRTS, ACS, Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), 2022

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Source: FDEM, 2021