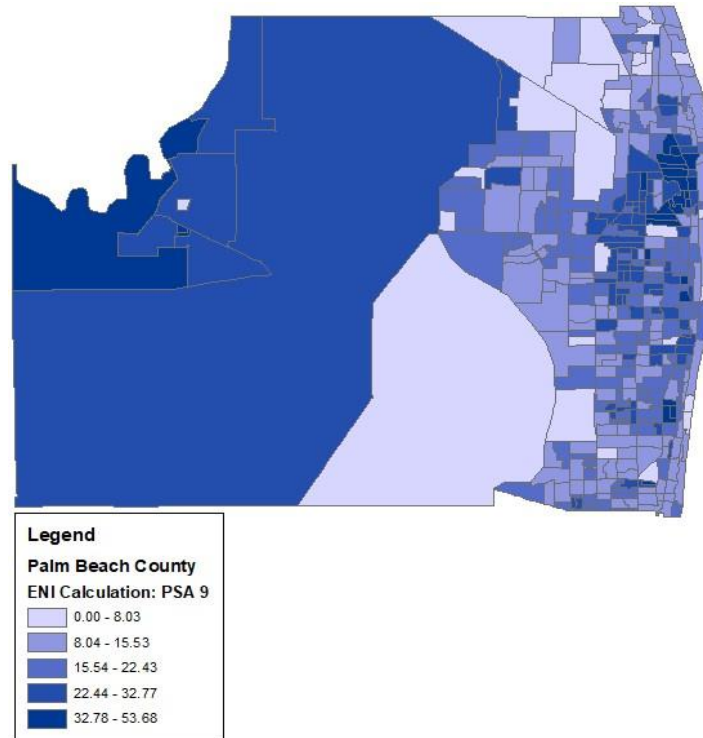


# 2022 Profile of Older Floridians

## Palm Beach County

This profile of older Floridians is a source of current information related to seniors in the county. 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 elders 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/does/eni\\_home.php](http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/does/eni_home.php)

The index cutpoints in the ENI is scaled at the PSA-level

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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## Palm Beach County 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	1,483,241	100%
Under 18	288,948	19%
Under 60	1,020,050	69%
18-59	810,965	55%
60+	463,191	31%
65+	358,517	24%
70+	264,116	18%
75+	179,996	12%
80+	108,957	7%
85+	61,221	4%

Source: BEBR, 2022

Gender	Value	Percent
Male	207,360	45%
Female	255,831	55%

Source: BEBR, 2022

Living Alone	Value	Percent
Male Living Alone	45,910	10%
Female Living Alone	74,230	16%

Source: AGID 2015-19 ACS

Educational Attainment (65+)	Value	Percent
Less than High School	59,575	11%
High School Diploma	138,180	26%
Some College, No Degree	100,235	19%
Associates Degree or Higher	225,475	43%

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

Marital Status	Male	Female
<b>Never Married</b>	13,415	14,500
Percentage Never Married	7%	6%
<b>Married</b>	136,195	114,655
Percentage Married	69%	47%
<b>Widowed</b>	18,870	69,960
Percentage Widowed	10%	29%
<b>Divorced</b>	28,545	43,280
Percentage Divorced	14%	18%

Source: AGID 2015-19 ACS

**Note: The American Community Survey (ACS) requires a minimum of 50 cases in a geographic area and therefore a value of 0 may denote fewer than 50 seniors in a region.**

Race and Ethnicity	Value	Percent
White	401,514	87%
Black	51,888	11%
Other Minorities	9,789	2%
<b>Total Hispanic</b>	49,426	11%
White Hispanic	45,383	10%
Non-White Hispanic	4,043	1%
Total Non-Hispanic	413,765	89%
Total Minority	111,103	24%

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

Driver License Holders	Value	Percent
Drivers	214,372	27%

Source: Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, 2021

Registered Voters	Value	Percent
Registered Voters	375,740	38%

Source: Florida Department of State, 2018

Veterans	Value	Percent
Age 45-64	20,442	25%
Age 65-84	39,009	48%
Age 85+	11,468	14%

Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 2022

Grandparents	Value	Percent
<b>Living With Grandchildren</b>	20,475	5%
Grandparent Responsible for Grandchildren	4,635	1%
Grandparent Not Responsible for Grandchildren	15,840	4%
<b>Not Living With Grandchildren</b>	412,705	95%

Grandchildren are defined as being under the age of 18.

Source: AGID 2015-19 ACS

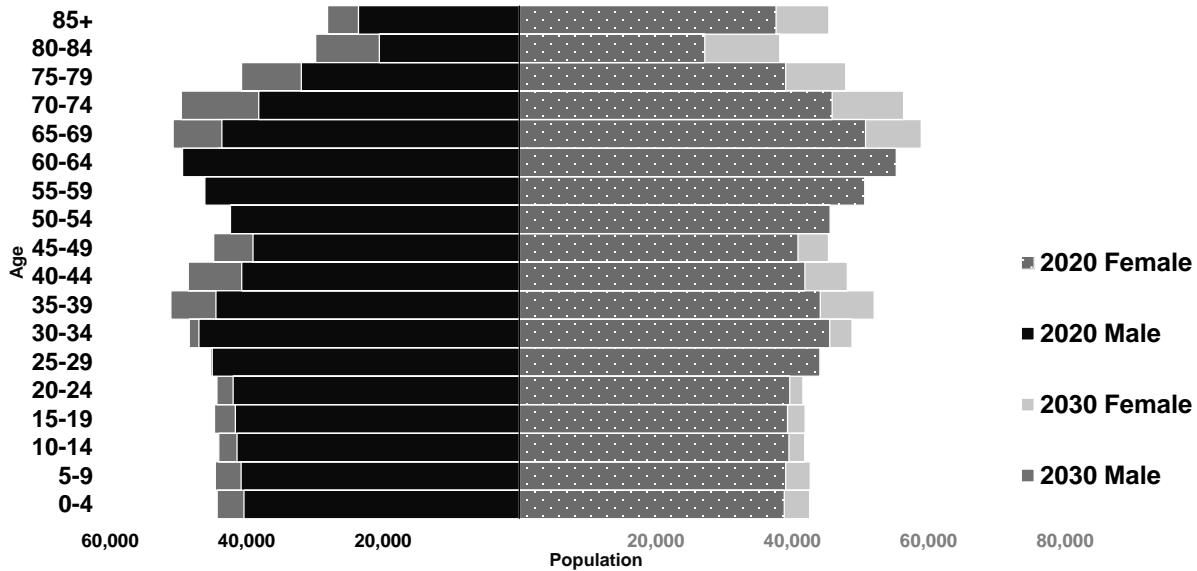
English Proficiency	Value	Percent
With Limited English Proficiency	29,690	6%

Source: AGID 2015-19 ACS

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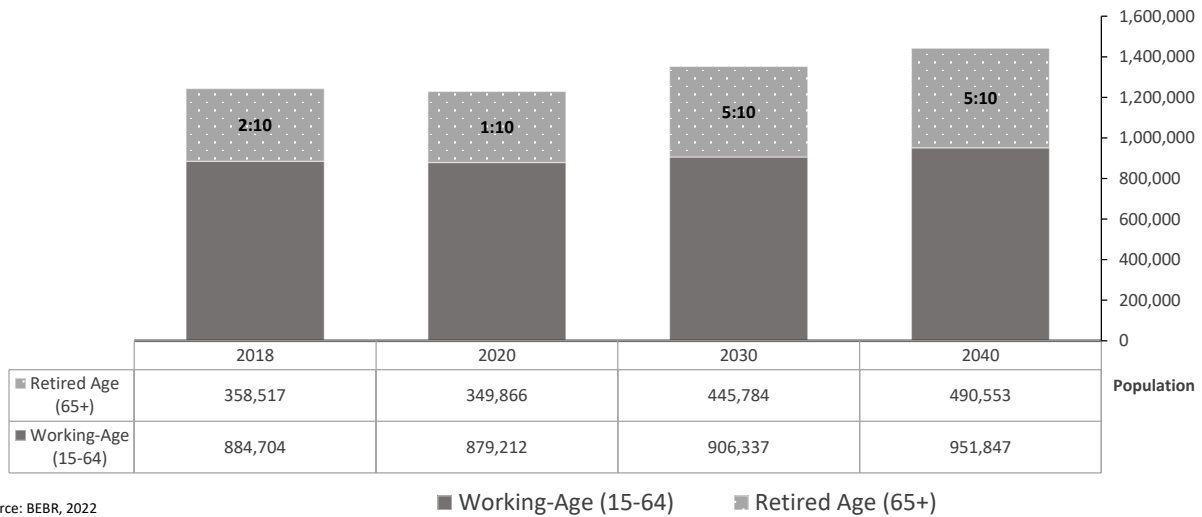
The population pyramid below compares the projected older adult population by gender between 2018 and 2030, demonstrating the changes expected in the next decade. As a whole, Florida is expected to experience population growth, with some areas expecting notable growth in the proportion of those age 65 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.



Source: BEBR, 2022

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## Palm Beach County 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.

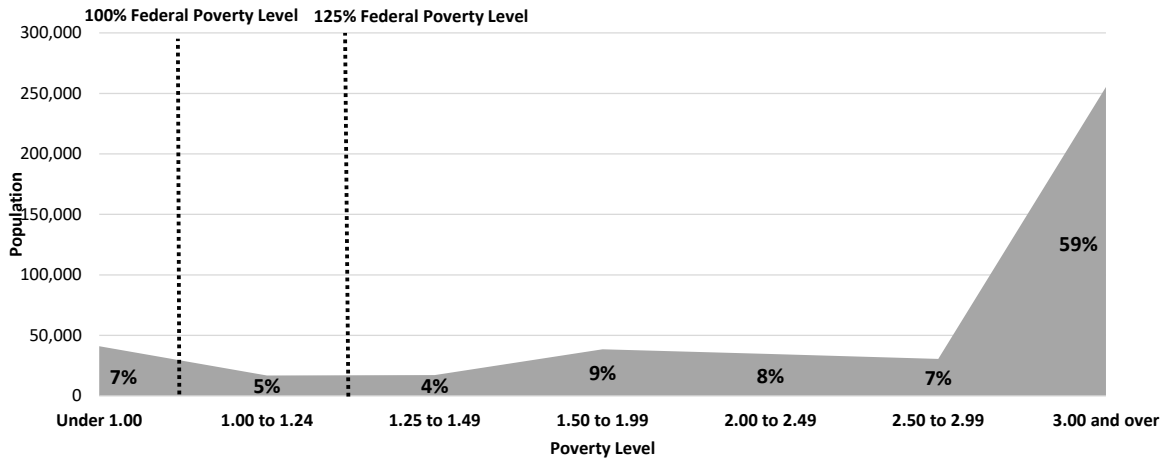
Federal Poverty Level	Value
Single-Person Household	\$13,590
Two-Person Household	\$18,310
125% Single-Person Household	\$16,988
125% Two-Person Household	\$22,888

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

Poverty	Value	Percent
At Poverty Level	34,670	7%
Below 125% of Poverty Level	57,995	13%
Minority At Poverty Level	16,524	4%
Minority Below 125% of Poverty Level	47,029	10%

Source: AGID 2015-19 ACS

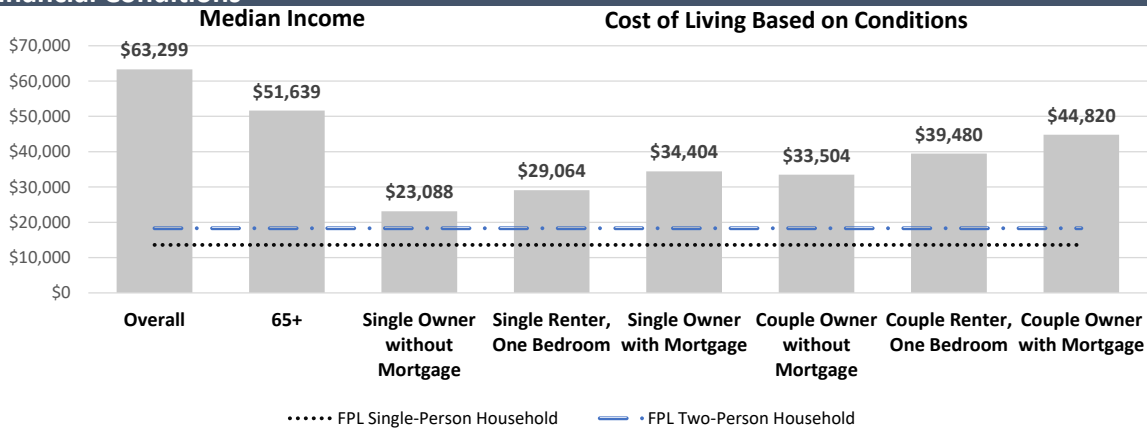
## Ratio of Income to Poverty Level



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 from

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## Palm Beach County 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	36%
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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	237
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This figure includes occupants and non-occupants involved in a crash.

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

### Internet Access (65+) Percent

Have Internet Access	91%
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 ACS

### Food Resource Centers Value

SNAP Access Sites	19
Fresh Access Bucks Outlet	2
Farmer's Market	6
Food Distribution (No Cost)	21
SNAP Retailers	800
Congregate Meal Sites	2

Food Distribution (No Cost) is the number of food pantries, soup kitchens, and food banks in the area.

Source: Feeding Florida.org, USDA, FDACS, 2021, and Florida DOEA, 2019

### Public Transportation Options Value

Bus Operations at least at the County	1
Rail Operations at least at the County	1
Public Transit Service Area (sq. mi.)	1,970
Public Transit Service Area Population	1,485,941
Annual Unlinked Trips	9,056,770
Vehicles Operated in Maximum Service (VOMS)	Not Reported
Total Miles of Bike Lanes	525

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, 2019

### Green Space Value

Number of Nearby State Parks	2
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Nearby refers to the park that has the shortest distance from the center of the county.

Source: Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 2022

### Rural-Urban Designation Value

Census Tracts Rural	1%
Census Tracts Urban	99%
Number of Census Tracts	338

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2019

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

Owner-Occupied Households	52,366
Percent of Owners with High Cost Burden	23%
Renter-Occupied Households	30,683
Percent of Renters with High Cost Burden	30%

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	37
Properties Ready for Occupancy	35
Total Units	5,050
Units with Rent and/or Income Restrictions	4,681
Units Receiving Monthly Rental Assistance	1,263

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	46%
Renter-Occupied Housing Units	19%

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

### Vehicle Access (65+) Percent

Owner-Occupied Households with Access to Vehicle(s)	94%
Renter-Occupied Households with Access to Vehicle(s)	72%

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

### Employment Status (65+) Value Percent

Number of Seniors Employed	112,040	31%
Number of Seniors Unemployed	4,405	1%

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

### Retirement (65+) Value Percent

Social Security Beneficiaries	285,335	85%
SSI Recipients	8,845	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	57,995
Annual Participants	43,536
Current Beneficiaries as of Dec-20	36,299
Percent of Total Population Receiving Benefits	10%

Potentially Eligible are individuals below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level

Source: Florida Department of Children and Families, 2020

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## Palm Beach County 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	44
Operating Rooms	118
Recovery Beds	375

Source: Florida AHCA, 2022

Hospitals	Value
<b>Hospitals</b>	17
Hospitals with Skilled Nursing Units	0
<b>Hospital Beds</b>	4,336
Skilled Nursing Unit Beds	0

Source: Florida AHCA, 2022

Medical Professionals	Value
<b>Medical Doctors</b>	
Licensed	4,938
Limited License	13
Critical Need Area License	27
Restricted	0
Medical Faculty Certification	2
Public Health Certificate	0

<b>Other Professionals</b>	
Licensed Podiatric Physicians	191
Licensed Osteopathic Physicians	668
Dentists	1,252

<b>Licensed Registered Nurses</b>	19,137
<b>Pharmacies</b>	422

Source: Florida Department of Health, 2022

Assisted Living Facility	Value
<b>Total ALF Beds</b>	8,536
Optional State Supplementation (OSS) Beds	296
Non-OSS Beds	8,240
<b>Total ALF Facilities</b>	201
Facilities with Extended Congregate Care License	12
Facilities with Limited Mental Health License	12
Facilities with Limited Nursing Service License	24

Source: Florida AHCA, 2022

Medically Underserved	Value	Percent
<b>Total Medically Underserved</b>	69,145	15%
Living in Areas Defined as Having Medically Underserved Populations	69,145	15%

Living in Medically Underserved Areas	0	0%
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Source: Calculated using U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration and AGID

Health Insurance 65+	Value	Percent
Insured	336,703	94%
Uninsured	4,581	6%

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

Disability Status	Value	Percent
With One Type of Disability	58,180	13%
With Two or More Disabilities	59,590	13%

Total With Any Disability	Value	Percent
Hearing	45,575	10%
Vision	19,830	4%
Cognitive	28,935	6%
Ambulatory	74,260	16%
Self-Care	25,635	6%
Independent Living	44,775	10%
With No Disabilities	316,460	68%
Probable Alzheimer's Cases (65+)	52,569	15%

Source: AGID 2015-19 ACS

Medicaid & Medicare Beneficiaries	Value	Percent
60+ Medicaid Eligible	46,726	16%
60+ Dual Eligible	40,818	83%

Source: Florida AHCA, 2022

Adult Day Care (ADC)	Value
ADC Facilities	28
Capacity	1,917

Source: Florida AHCA, 2022

Home Health Agencies	Value
<b>Agencies</b>	280
Medicaid Certified Agencies	6
Medicare Certified Agencies	67
Homemaker and Companion Service Companies	230

Source: Florida AHCA, 2022

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Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Use	Value
<b>SNFs With Beds</b>	55
Community Beds	52
Sheltered Beds	8
Veterans Administration Beds	0
Other Beds	0
<b>SNF Beds</b>	6,329
Community Beds	5,952
Sheltered Beds	377
Veterans Administration Beds	0
Other Beds	0
<b>SNFs With Community Beds</b>	52
Community Bed Days	2,178,432
Community Patient Days	1,592,313
Medicaid Patient Days	1,049,923
Occupancy Rate	73%
Percent Medicaid	66%

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) Providers	Value
Providers	17

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	12
Beds	59

Source: Florida AHCA, 2022

Memory Disorder Clinics	Value
Total	2

Source: Florida DOEA's Summary of Programs and Services (SOPS), 2021

Dialysis	Value
End-Stage Renal Disease Centers	41

Source: Florida Department of Health, 2021

## Palm Beach County 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	8,859
Medicaid Beneficiary	1,358

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, 2022

Shelter Resources	Value
<b>Number of General Shelters</b>	112
General Shelter Max Capacity in People	81,600
<b>Number of Special Needs Shelters</b>	2
Special Needs Shelters Max Capacity in People	858

Source: FDEM, 2020

Evacuation Zones	Value	Percent
<b>DOEA HCBS Clients Residing in Evac Zone:</b>	248	0%
Zone A	0	0%
Zone B	69	0%
Zone C	80	0%
Zone D	35	0%
Zone E	64	0%
<b>DOEA HCBS Clients</b>	7,081	
Lives in an Evac Zone and Has Memory Problems	44	1%
Lives in an Evac Zone and Lives Alone	61	1%

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, Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), 2022

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## Palm Beach County Disaster Preparedness

### Evacuation Zones



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