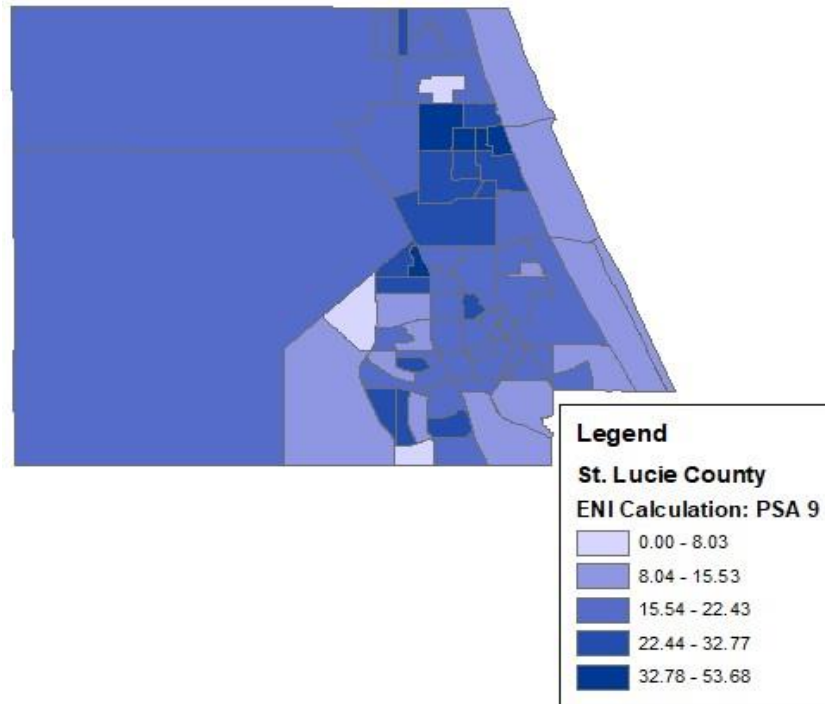


2022 Profile of Older Floridians

St. Lucie 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/doea/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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St. Lucie 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	333,032	100%
Under 18	69,951	21%
Under 60	234,406	70%
18-59	184,110	55%
60+	98,626	30%
65+	73,898	22%
70+	52,032	16%
75+	33,477	10%
80+	19,033	6%
85+	9,733	3%

Source: BEBR, 2022

Gender	Value	Percent
Male	46,314	47%
Female	52,312	53%

Source: BEBR, 2022

Living Alone	Value	Percent
Male Living Alone	18,275	19%
Female Living Alone	28,855	29%

Source: AGID 2015-19 ACS

Educational Attainment (65+)	Value	Percent
Less than High School	18,045	17%
High School Diploma	37,435	35%
Some College, No Degree	21,210	20%
Associates Degree or Higher	31,485	29%

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

Marital Status	Male	Female
Never Married	3,900	3,300
Percentage Never Married	5%	3%
Married	62,295	55,530
Percentage Married	73%	55%
Widowed	7,895	26,450
Percentage Widowed	9%	26%
Divorced	11,120	15,575
Percentage Divorced	13%	15%

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	82,617	84%
Black	14,283	14%
Other Minorities	1,726	2%
Total Hispanic	9,112	9%
White Hispanic	8,306	8%
Non-White Hispanic	806	1%
Total Non-Hispanic	89,514	91%
Total Minority	25,121	25%

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

Driver License Holders	Value	Percent
Drivers	97,064	26%

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

Registered Voters	Value	Percent
Registered Voters	156,208	47%

Source: Florida Department of State, 2018

Veterans	Value	Percent
Age 45-64	6,653	20%
Age 65-84	11,371	55%
Age 85+	2,887	18%

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

Grandparents	Value	Percent
Living With Grandchildren	5,460	6%
Grandparent Responsible for Grandchildren	1,245	1%
Grandparent Not Responsible for Grandchildren	4,215	4%
Not Living With Grandchildren	88,460	94%

Grandchildren are defined as being under the age of 18.

Source: AGID 2015-19 ACS

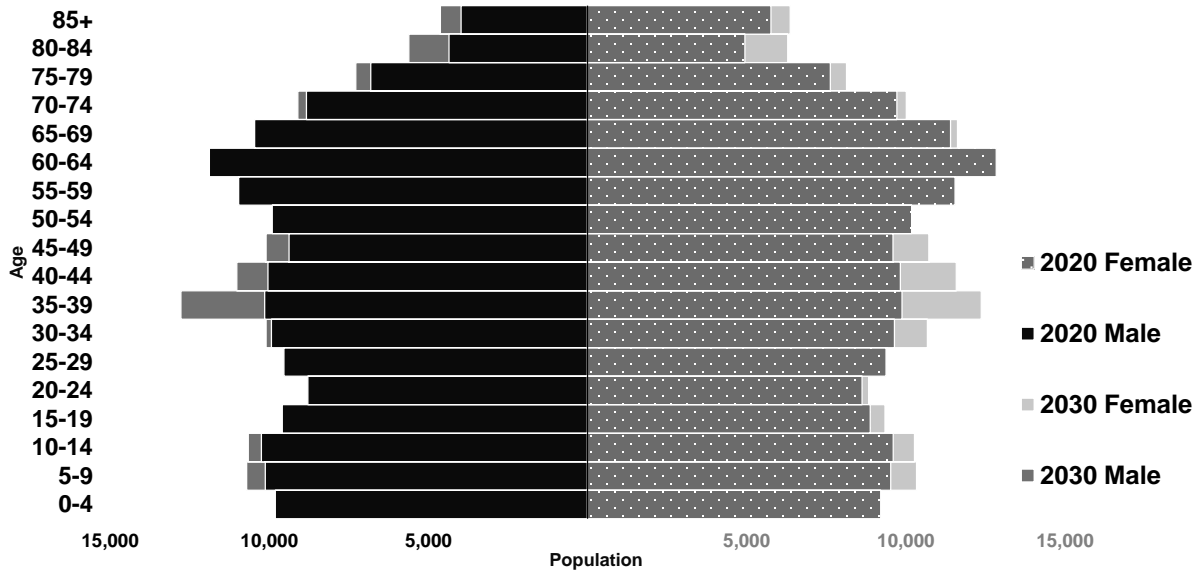
English Proficiency	Value	Percent
With Limited English Proficiency	2,880	3%

Source: AGID 2015-19 ACS

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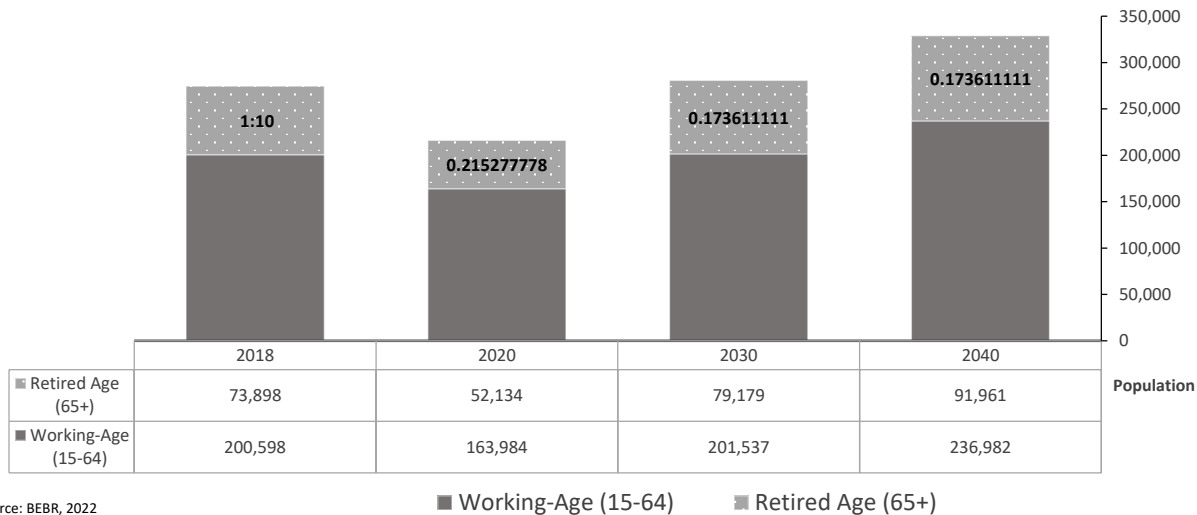
The population pyramid below compares the projected older adult population by gender between 2018 and 2030, demonstrating the changes expected in the next decade. As a whole, Florida is expected to experience population growth, with some areas expecting notable growth in the proportion of those age 65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

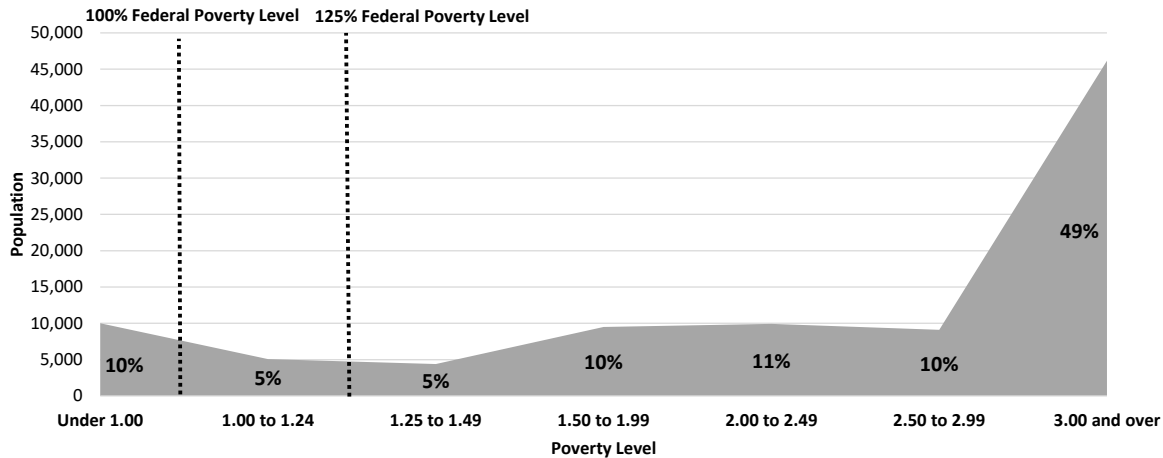
Federal Poverty Level	Value
Single-Person Household	\$13,590
Two-Person Household	\$18,310
125% Single-Person Household	\$16,988
125% Two-Person Household	\$22,888

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

Poverty	Value	Percent
At Poverty Level	9,910	10%
Below 125% of Poverty Level	15,075	15%
Minority At Poverty Level	1,379	1%
Minority Below 125% of Poverty Level	6,019	6%

Source: AGID 2015-19 ACS

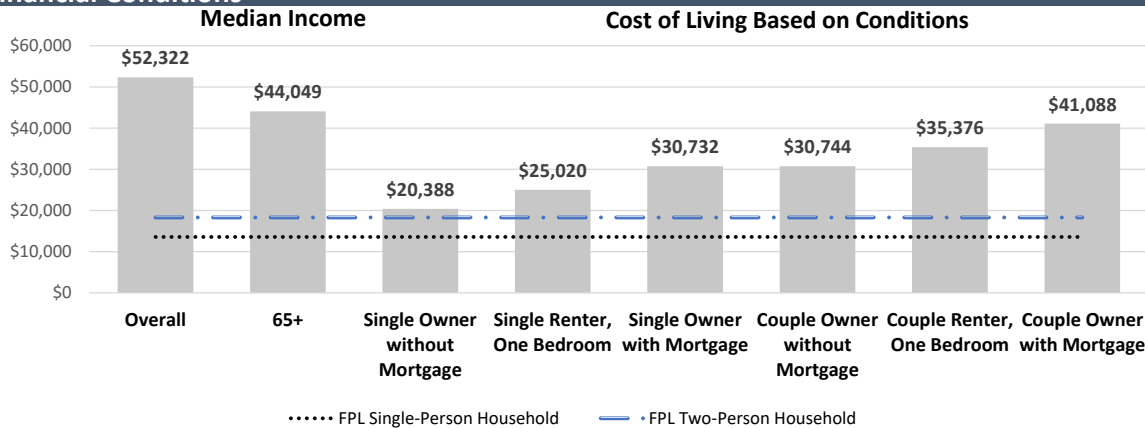
Ratio of Income to Poverty Level



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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St. Lucie 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 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, 2022

Road Incidents Value

Total Involved in Fatal Car Crashes per 100,000 109

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%

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

Food Resource Centers Value

SNAP Access Sites 7

Fresh Access Bucks Outlet 1

Farmer's Market 1

Food Distribution (No Cost) 12

SNAP Retailers 274

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 0

Public Transit Service Area (sq. mi.) 572

Public Transit Service Area Population 321,128

Annual Unlinked Trips 661,097

Vehicles Operated in Maximum Service (VOMS) 92

Total Miles of Bike Lanes 357

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 3

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 0%

Census Tracts Urban 100%

Number of Census Tracts 95

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2019

Households With High Cost Burden (65+) Value

Owner-Occupied Households 13,411

Percent of Owners with High Cost Burden 15%

Renter-Occupied Households 5,750

Percent of Renters with High Cost Burden 25%

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 6

Properties Ready for Occupancy 14

Total Units 1,113

Units with Rent and/or Income Restrictions 1,509

Units Receiving Monthly Rental Assistance 49

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 34%

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) 98%

Renter-Occupied Households with Access to Vehicle(s) 84%

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

Employment Status (65+) Value Percent

Number of Seniors Employed 18,970 26%

Number of Seniors Unemployed 1,260 2%

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

Retirement (65+) Value Percent

Social Security Beneficiaries 69,025 86%

SSI Recipients 1,571 #VALUE!

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 15,075

Annual Participants 10,925

Current Beneficiaries as of Dec-20 8,909

Percent of Total Population Receiving Benefits 15%

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

Source: Florida Department of Children and Families, 2020

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St. Lucie 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	4
Operating Rooms	18
Recovery Beds	61

Source: Florida AHCA, 2022

Hospitals	Value
Hospitals	4
Hospitals with Skilled Nursing Units	0
Hospital Beds	851
Skilled Nursing Unit Beds	0

Source: Florida AHCA, 2022

Medical Professionals	Value
Medical Doctors	
Licensed	401
Limited License	2
Critical Need Area License	9
Restricted	0
Medical Faculty Certification	0
Public Health Certificate	0
Other Professionals	
Licensed Podiatric Physicians	15
Licensed Osteopathic Physicians	65
Dentists	100
Licensed Registered Nurses	5,144
Pharmacies	68

Source: Florida Department of Health, 2022

Assisted Living Facility	Value
Total ALF Beds	1,414
Optional State Supplementation (OSS) Beds	76
Non-OSS Beds	4,456
Total ALF Facilities	77
Facilities with Extended Congregate Care License	5
Facilities with Limited Mental Health License	18
Facilities with Limited Nursing Service License	12

Source: Florida AHCA, 2022

Medically Underserved	Value	Percent
Total Medically Underserved	18,816	19%
Living in Areas Defined as Having Medically Underserved Populations	0	0%
Living in Medically Underserved Areas	0	0%

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

Health Insurance 65+	Value	Percent
Insured	72,474	98%
Uninsured	1,160	2%

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

Disability Status	Value	Percent
With One Type of Disability	14,480	15%
With Two or More Disabilities	15,230	15%
Total With Any Disability		
Hearing	21,245	22%
Vision	6,150	6%
Cognitive	9,395	10%
Ambulatory	26,870	27%
Self-Care	8,310	8%
Independent Living	16,365	17%
With No Disabilities	64,435	65%
Probable Alzheimer's Cases (65+)	6,608	9%

Source: AGID 2015-19 ACS

Medicaid & Medicare Beneficiaries	Value	Percent
60+ Medicaid Eligible	11,387	21%
60+ Dual Eligible	9,978	73%

Source: Florida AHCA, 2022

Adult Day Care (ADC)	Value
ADC Facilities	5
Capacity	142

Source: Florida AHCA, 2022

Home Health Agencies	Value
Agencies	29
Medicaid Certified Agencies	0
Medicare Certified Agencies	15
Homemaker and Companion Service Companies	70

Source: Florida AHCA, 2022

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Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Use	Value
SNFs With Beds	10
Community Beds	10
Sheltered Beds	0
Veterans Administration Beds	1
Other Beds	0
SNF Beds	1,050
Community Beds	1,050
Sheltered Beds	0
Veterans Administration Beds	128
Other Beds	0
SNFs With Community Beds	10
Community Bed Days	384,300
Community Patient Days	286,138
Medicaid Patient Days	175,242
Occupancy Rate	74%
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, 2022

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Providers	Value
Providers	3

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	8
Beds	54

Source: Florida AHCA, 2022

Memory Disorder Clinics	Value
Total	0

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

Dialysis	Value
End-Stage Renal Disease Centers	7

Source: Florida Department of Health, 2021

St. Lucie 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	2,719
Medicaid Beneficiary	623

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
Number of General Shelters	25
General Shelter Max Capacity in People	25,181
Number of Special Needs Shelters	3
Special Needs Shelters Max Capacity in People	825

Source: FDEM, 2020

Evacuation Zones	Value	Percent
DOEA HCBS Clients Residing in Evac Zone:	56	0%
Zone A	29	0%
Zone B	27	0%
Zone C	0	0%
Zone D	0	0%
Zone E	0	0%
DOEA HCBS Clients	733	
Lives in an Evac Zone and Has Memory Problems	17	2%
Lives in an Evac Zone and Lives Alone	6	1%

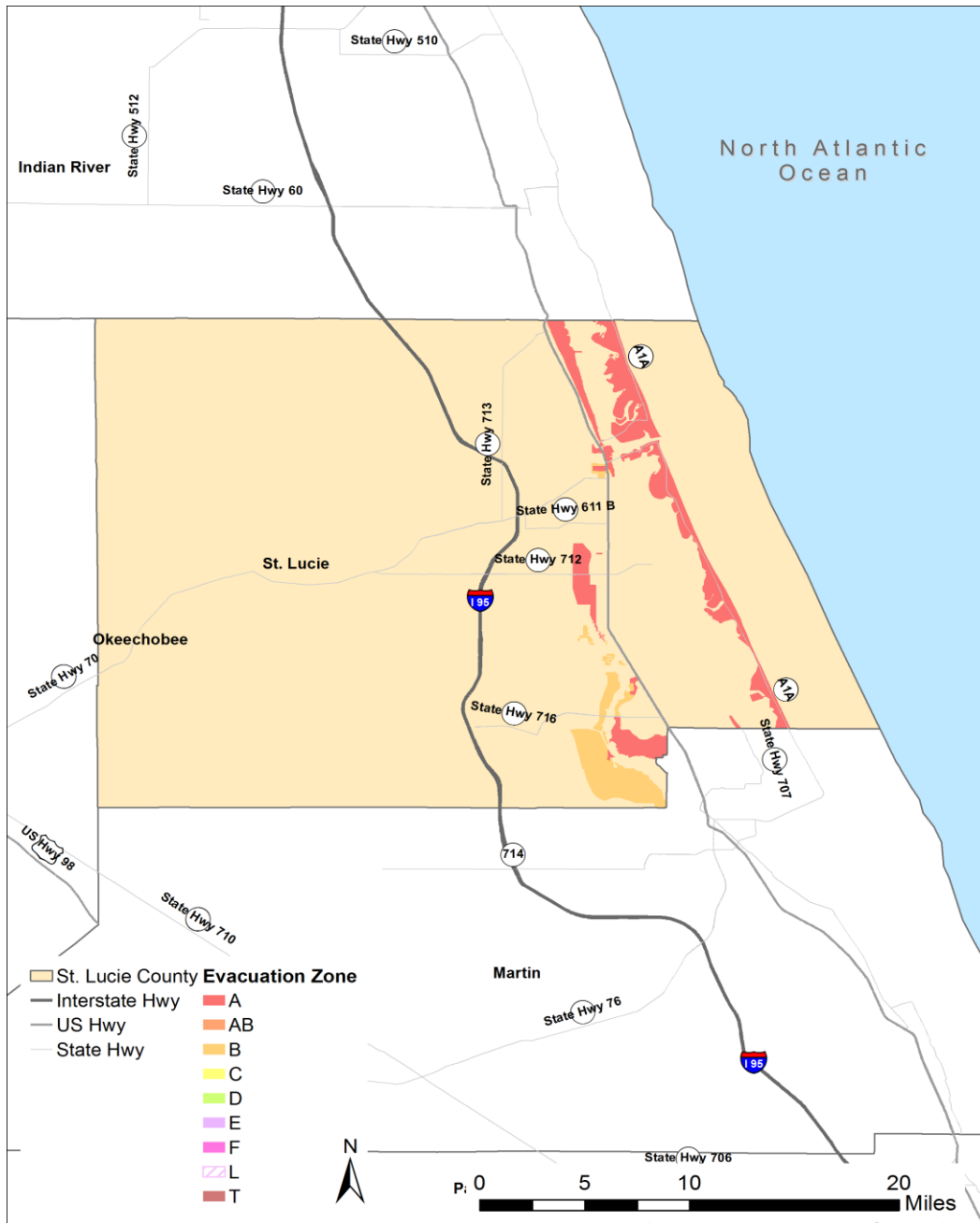
Zones are associated with the following surge heights: Zone A up to 11 feet, Zone B up to 15 feet, Zone C up to 20 feet, Zone D up to 28 feet, and Zone E up to 35 feet.

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

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