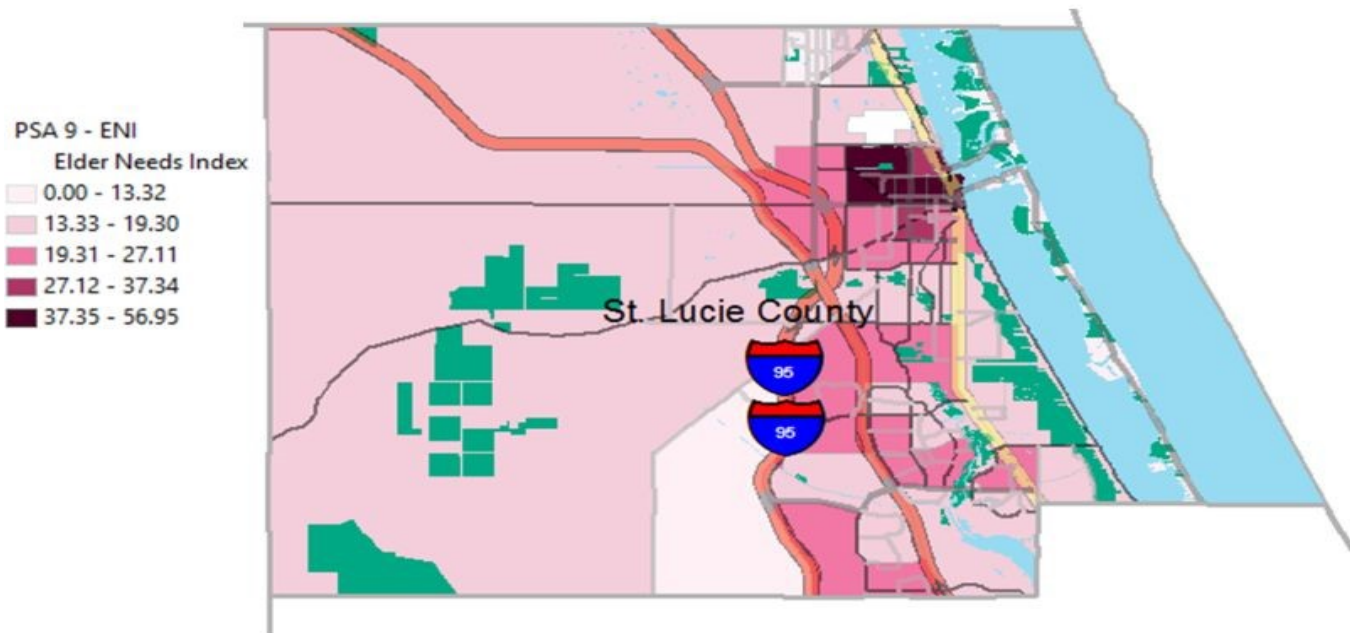


St. Lucie County

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, 2013-2017 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

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	302,432	100%
Under 18	63,858	21%
Under 60	215,942	71%
18-59	152,084	50%
60+	86,490	29%
65+	65,456	22%
70+	46,002	15%
75+	29,560	10%
80+	17,205	6%
85+	8,686	3%

Source: BEBR, 2019

Gender	Value	Percent
Male	40,059	46%
Female	46,431	54%

Source: BEBR, 2019

Living Alone	Value	Percent
Male Living Alone	6,175	35%
Female Living Alone	11,665	65%

Source: AGID 2012-16 ACS

Educational Attainment (65+)	Value	Percent
Less than High School	9,762	15%
High School Diploma	24,684	38%
Some College, No Degree	13,641	21%
Associates Degree or Higher	20,053	31%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 ACS

Marital Status	Male	Female
Never Married	2,095	1,490
Percentage Never Married	5%	3%
Married	28,110	24,455
Percentage Married	71%	53%
Widowed	3,780	12,935
Percentage Widowed	10%	28%
Divorced	5,350	6,840
Percentage Divorced	14%	15%

Source: AGID 2012-16 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	73,355	85%
Black	11,721	14%
Other Minorities	1,414	2%
Total Hispanic	7,081	8%
White Hispanic	6,452	7%
Non-White Hispanic	629	1%
Total Non-Hispanic	79,409	92%
Total Minority	21,630	25%

Source: BEBR, 2019

Driver License Holders	Value	Percent
Drivers	86,778	34%

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

Registered Voters	Value	Percent
Registered Voters	88,208	41%

Source: Florida Department of State, 2018

Veterans	Value	Percent
Age 45-64	6,636	27%
Age 65-84	10,769	45%
Age 85+	3,223	13%

Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Grandparents	Value	Percent
Living With Grandchildren	4,620	5%
Grandparent Responsible for Grandchildren	950	1%
Grandparent Not Responsible for Grandchildren	3,670	4%
Not Living With Grandchildren	79,485	92%

Grandchildren are defined as being under the age of 18.

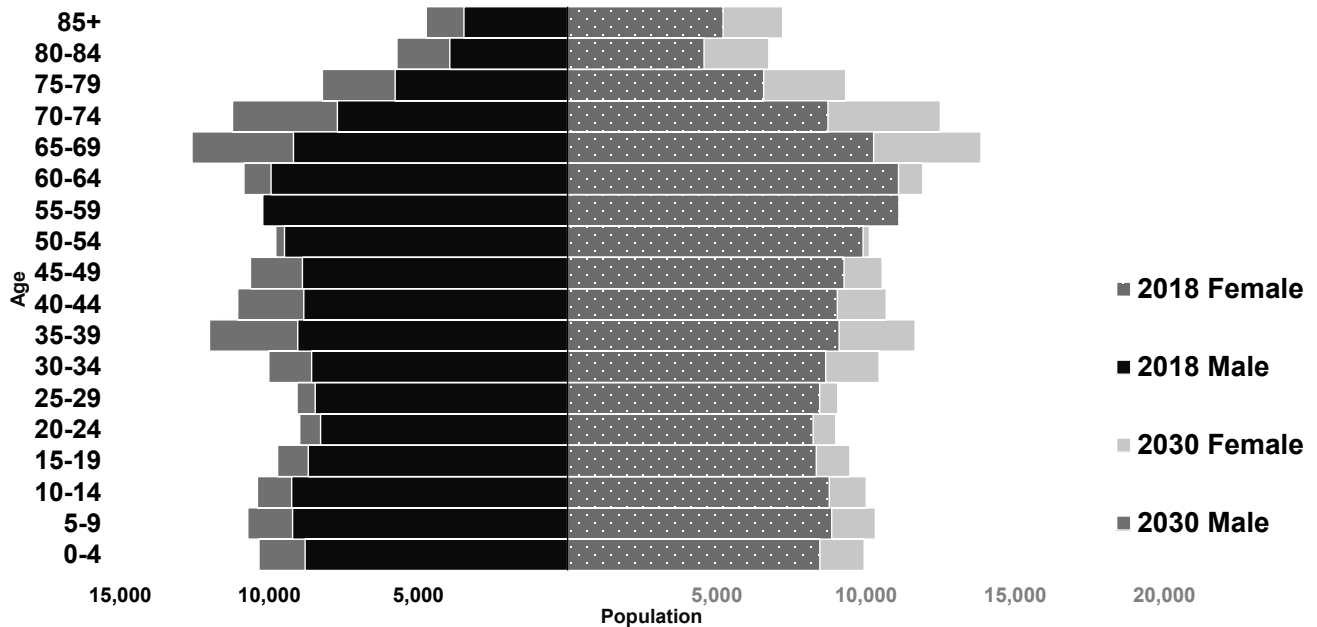
Source: AGID 2012-16 ACS

English Proficiency	Value	Percent
With Limited English Proficiency	3,330	4%

Source: AGID 2012-16 ACS

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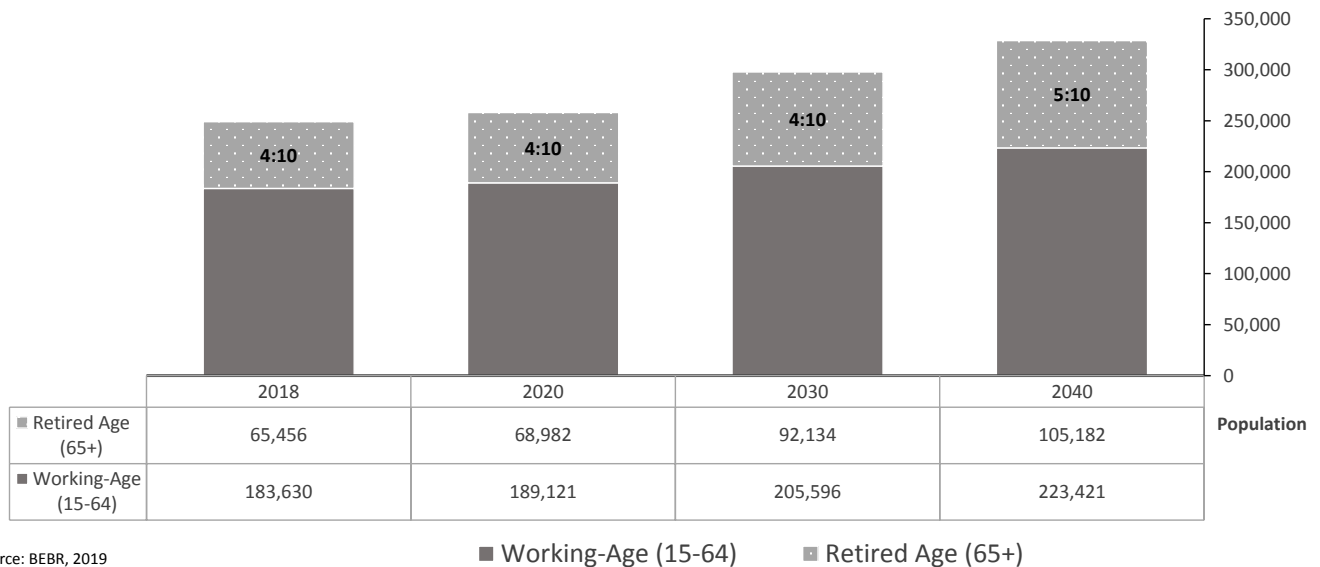
The population pyramid below compares the projected older adult population by gender between 2018 and 2030, demonstrating the changes expected in the next decade. As a whole, Florida is expected to experience population growth, with some areas expecting notable growth in the proportion of those age 65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



Source: BEBR, 2019

Senior 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, 2019

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.

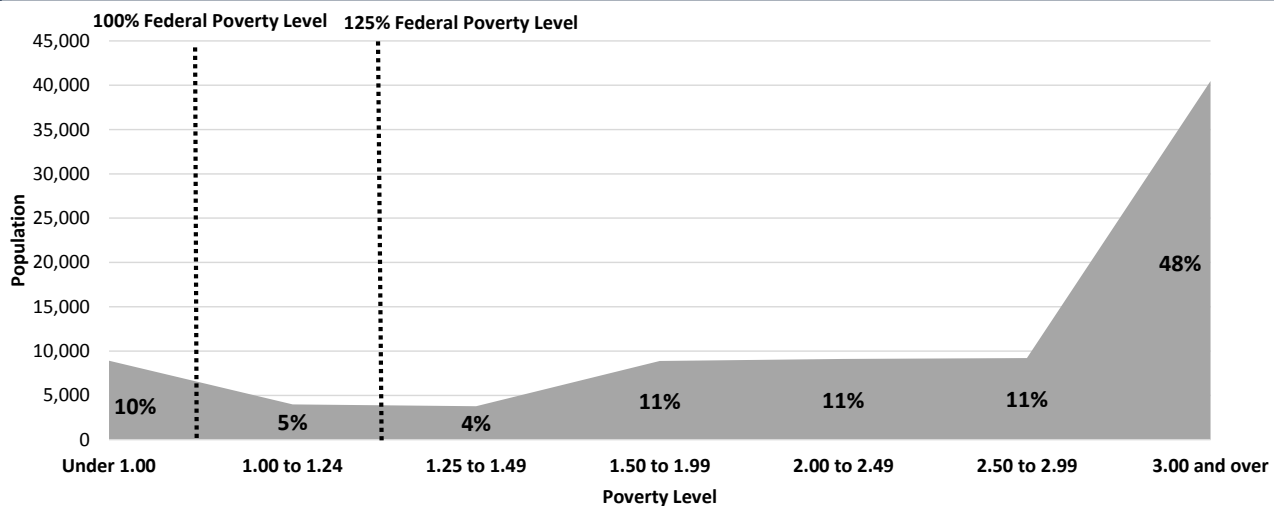
Federal Poverty Level	Value
Single-Person Household	\$12,140
Two-Person Household	\$16,460
125% Single-Person Household	\$15,175
125% Two-Person Household	\$20,575

Source: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, 2018

Poverty	Value	Percent
At Poverty Level	8,900	10%
Below 125% of Poverty Level	12,875	15%
Minority At Poverty Level	3,495	4%
Minority Below 125% of Poverty Level	4,780	6%

Source: AGID 2012-16 ACS

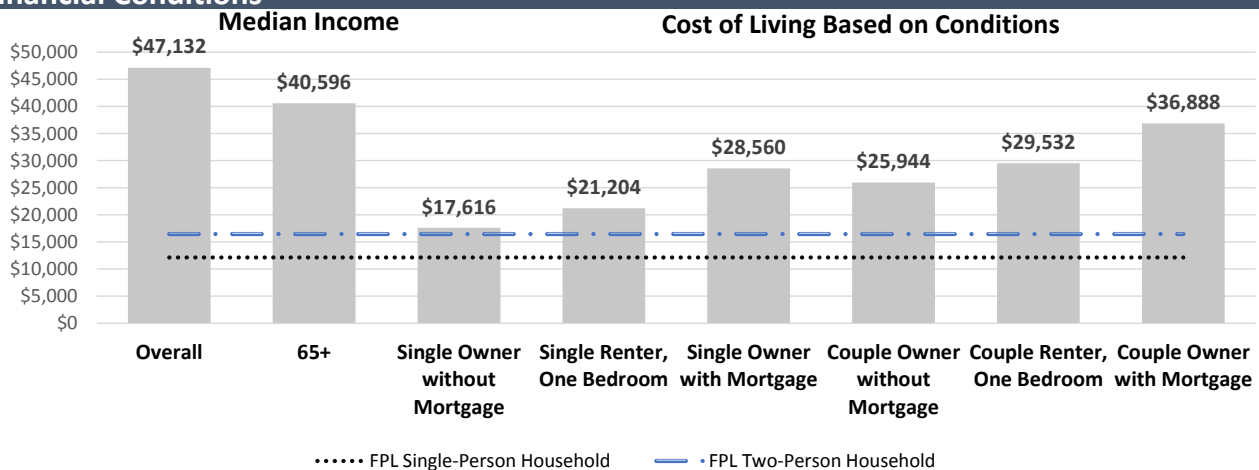
Ratio of Income to Poverty Level



Value is expressed as the percentage of the 60+ population, with the dotted lines representing the Federal Poverty Level.

Source: AGID 2012-16 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, 2013-2017 ACS and WOW Elder Economic Security Standard Index, 2016

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	31%

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, 2018

Road Incidents	Value
Total Involved in Fatal Car Crashes per 100,000	17

This figure includes occupants and non-occupants involved in a crash.
Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 2017

SNAP or Food Stamps	Value
Participants	9,693
Potentially Eligible	12,875
Participation Rate	75%

Source: Florida Department of Children and Families, 2018

Food Resource Centers	Value
SNAP Access Site	0
Fresh Access Bucks Outlet	0
Farmer's Market	1
Food Distribution (No Cost)	33
SNAP Retailers	0
Congregate Meal Sites	5

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	1
Rail Operations at least at the County	0
Public Transit Service Area (sq. mi.)	572
Public Transit Service Area Population	306,507
Annual Unlinked Trips	304,388
Vehicles Operated in Maximum Service (VOMS)	33
Total Miles of Bike Lanes	130

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	2

Nearby refers to the park that has the shortest distance from the center of the county.
Source: Florida Department of Transportation, 2018

Rural-Urban Designation	Value
Census Tracts Rural	4%
Census Tracts Urban	96%
Number of Census Tracts	45

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2019

Households With High Cost Burden (65+)	Value
Owner-Occupied Households	34,709
Percent of Owners with High Cost Burden	13%
Renter-Occupied Households	4,343
Percent of Renters with High Cost Burden	29%

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	6
Properties Ready for Occupancy	6
Total Units	1,113
Units with Rent and/or Income Restrictions	1,109
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, 2018

Housing Units by Occupancy (65+)	Percent
Owner-Occupied Housing Units	54%
Renter-Occupied Housing Units	22%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 ACS

Vehicle Access (65+)	Percent
Owner-Occupied Households with Access to Vehicle(s)	95%
Renter-Occupied Households with Access to Vehicle(s)	76%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 ACS

Employment Status (65+)	Value	Percent
Number of Seniors Employed	8,337	13%
Number of Seniors Unemployed	4,175	6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 ACS

Retirement (65+)	Value	Percent
Social Security Beneficiaries	60,865	73%
SSI Recipients	1,454	21%

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, 2018

Internet Access (65+)	Percent
Have Internet Access	74%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 ACS

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	9
Operating Rooms	20
Recovery Beds	146

Source: Florida AHCA, 2019

Hospitals	Value
Hospitals	4
Hospitals with Skilled Nursing Units	0
Hospital Beds	861
Skilled Nursing Unit Beds	0

Source: Florida AHCA, 2019

Medical Professionals	Value
Medical Doctors	
Licensed	0
Limited License	0
Critical Need Area License	0
Restricted	0
Medical Faculty Certification	0
Public Health Certificate	0

Other Professionals	
Licensed Podiatric Physicians	0
Licensed Osteopathic Physicians	0
Dentists	0

Licensed Registered Nurses	0
Pharmacies	0

Source: Florida Department of Health, 2019

Assisted Living Facility	Value
Total ALF Beds	1,423
Optional State Supplementation (OSS) Beds	84
Non-OSS Beds	1,339
Total ALF Facilities	78
Facilities with Extended Congregate Care License	5
Facilities with Limited Mental Health License	20
Facilities with Limited Nursing Service License	18

Source: Florida AHCA, 2019

Medically Underserved	Value	Percent
Total Medically Underserved	9,250	11%
Living in Areas Defined as Having Medically Underserved Populations	0	0%

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

Health Insurance 65+	Value	Percent
Insured	66,498	98%
Uninsured	1,024	2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 ACS

Disability Status	Value	Percent
With One Type of Disability	12,300	14%
With Two or More Disabilities	13,765	16%

Total With Any Disability	Value	Percent
Hearing	10,655	12%
Vision	4,310	5%
Cognitive	6,655	8%
Ambulatory	17,125	20%
Self-Care	5,980	7%
Independent Living	10,480	12%
With No Disabilities	58,265	67%

Probable Alzheimer's Cases (65+)

Source: AGID 2012-16 ACS

Medicaid & Medicare Beneficiaries	Value	Percent
60+ Medicaid Eligible	9,286	15%
60+ Dual Eligible	8,273	70%

Source: Florida AHCA, 2019

Adult Day Care (ADC)	Value
ADC Facilities	4
Capacity	161

Source: Florida AHCA, 2019

Home Health Agencies	Value
Agencies	32
Medicaid Certified Agencies	0
Medicare Certified Agencies	18
Homemaker and Companion Service Companies	36

Source: Florida AHCA, 2019

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Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Use	Value
SNFs With Beds	9
Community Beds	9
Sheltered Beds	0
Veteran Administration Beds	0
Other Beds	0
SNF Beds	1,050
Community Beds	1,050
Sheltered Beds	0
Veteran Administration Beds	0
Other Beds	0
SNFs With Community Beds	9
Community Bed Days	383,250
Community Patient Days	322,883
Medicaid Patient Days	198,413
Occupancy Rate	84%
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, 2019

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Providers	Value
Providers	9

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

Source: Florida Department of Health, 2019

Adult Family Care Homes	Value
Homes	13
Beds	60

Source: Florida AHCA, 2019

Memory Disorder Clinics	Value
Total	0

Source: Florida DOEA's Summary of Programs and Services (SOPS), 2019

Dialysis	Value
End-Stage Renal Disease Centers	6

Source: Florida Department of Health, 2019

St. Lucie County Disaster Preparedness

The disaster preparedness section presents the count and percentage of people age 60 or older living in Census tracts that fall within particular FEMA-designated evacuation zones, as well as the portions 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	2,595
Medicaid Beneficiary	77

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, 2018

Shelter Resources	Value
Number of General Shelters	36
General Shelter Max Capacity in People	16,535
Number of Special Needs Shelters	1
Special Needs Shelters Max Capacity in People	166

Source: FDEM, 2018

Evacuation Zones	Value	Percent
Total Population Residing in Evac Zone:	0	0%
Zone A	0	0%
Zone B	0	0%
Zone C	0	0%
Zone D	0	0%
Zone E	0	0%
DOEA HCBS Clients	557	100%
Zone A	23	4%
Zone B	28	5%
Zone C	0	0%
Zone D	0	0%
Zone E	0	0%
Lives in an Evac Zone and Has Memory Problems	16	3%
Lives in an Evac Zone and Lives Alone	20	4%

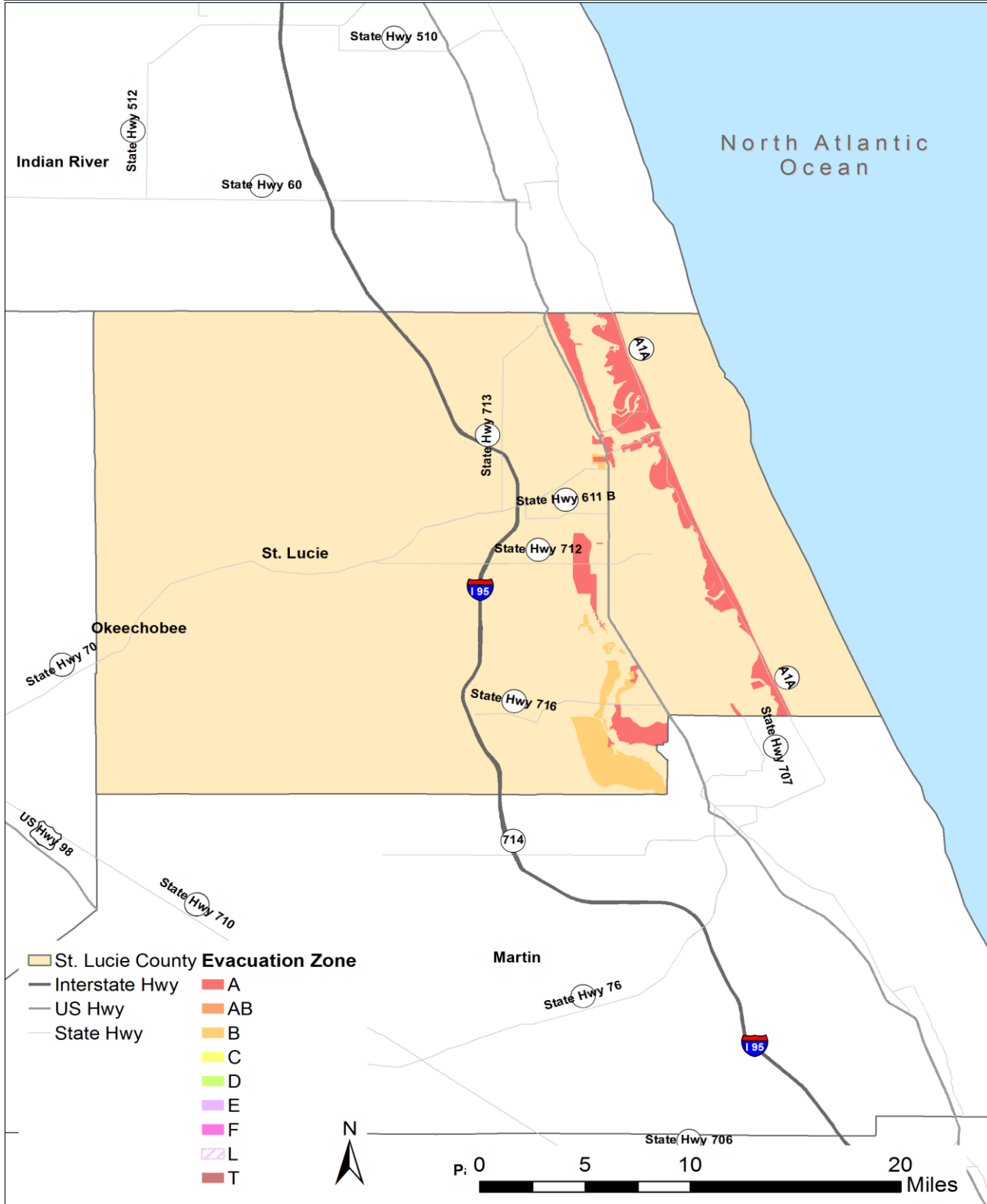
Zones are associated with the following surge heights: Zone A up to 11 feet, Zone B up to 15 feet,

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), 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, 2018