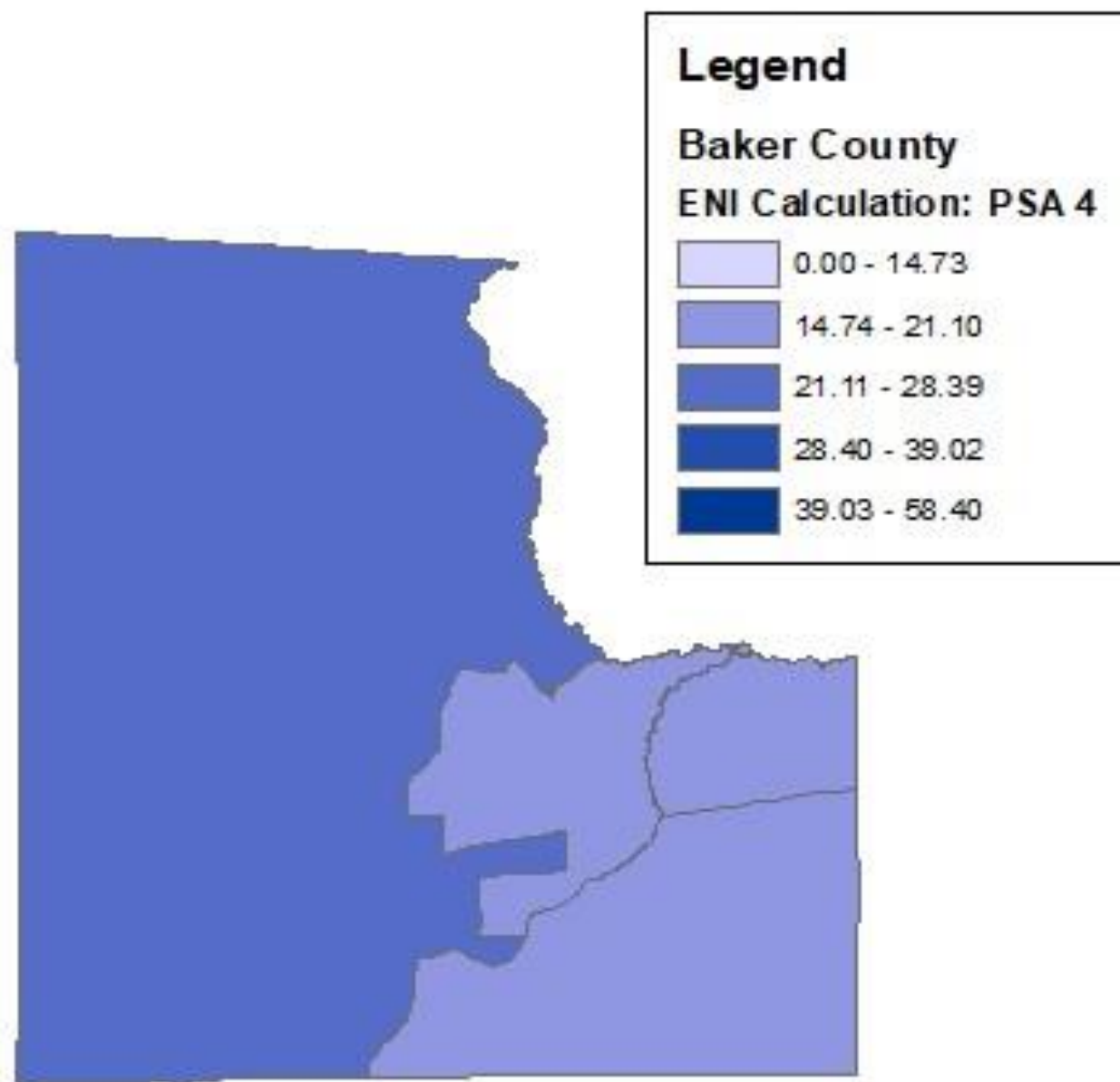


# 2023 Profile of Older Floridians

## Baker 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](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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## Baker 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	28,692	100%
Under 18	6,824	24%
Under 60	22,733	79%
18-59	15,909	55%
60+	5,959	21%
65+	4,186	15%
70+	2,726	10%
75+	1,607	6%
80+	834	3%
85+	364	1%

Source: BEBR, 2022

Gender	Value	Percent
Male	2,860	48%
Female	3,099	52%

Source: BEBR, 2022

Living Alone	Value	Percent
Male Living Alone	340	6%
Female Living Alone	715	12%

Source: AGID 2016-20 ACS

Educational Attainment (65+)	Value	Percent
Less than High School	824	20%
High School Diploma	3,035	73%
Some College, No Degree	900	22%
Associates Degree or Higher	960	23%

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

Marital Status	Male	Female
<b>Never Married</b>	215	140
Percentage Never Married	8%	5%
<b>Married</b>	2,040	1,445
Percentage Married	73%	50%
<b>Widowed</b>	235	805
Percentage Widowed	8%	28%
<b>Divorced</b>	305	490
Percentage Divorced	11%	17%

Source: AGID 2016-20 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	5,279	89%
Black	616	10%
Other Minorities	64	1%
<b>Total Hispanic</b>	150	3%
White Hispanic	135	2%
Non-White Hispanic	15	0%
Total Non-Hispanic	5,809	97%
Total Minority	830	14%

The minority population is the summation of black, other, and Hispanic

Source: BEBR, 2022

Driver License Holders	Value	Percent
Drivers	5,692	27%

Source: Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, 2023

Registered Voters	Value	Percent
Registered Voters	5,796	31%

Source: Florida Department of State, 2023

Veterans	Value	Percent
Age 45-64	679	49%
Age 65-84	652	47%
Age 85+	60	4%

Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 2020

Grandparents	Value	Percent
<b>Living With Grandchildren</b>	605	10%
Grandparent Responsible for Grandchildren	350	6%
Grandparent Not Responsible for Grandchildren	255	4%
<b>Not Living With Grandchildren</b>	4,485	75%

Grandchildren are defined as being under the age of 18.

Source: AGID 2016-20 ACS

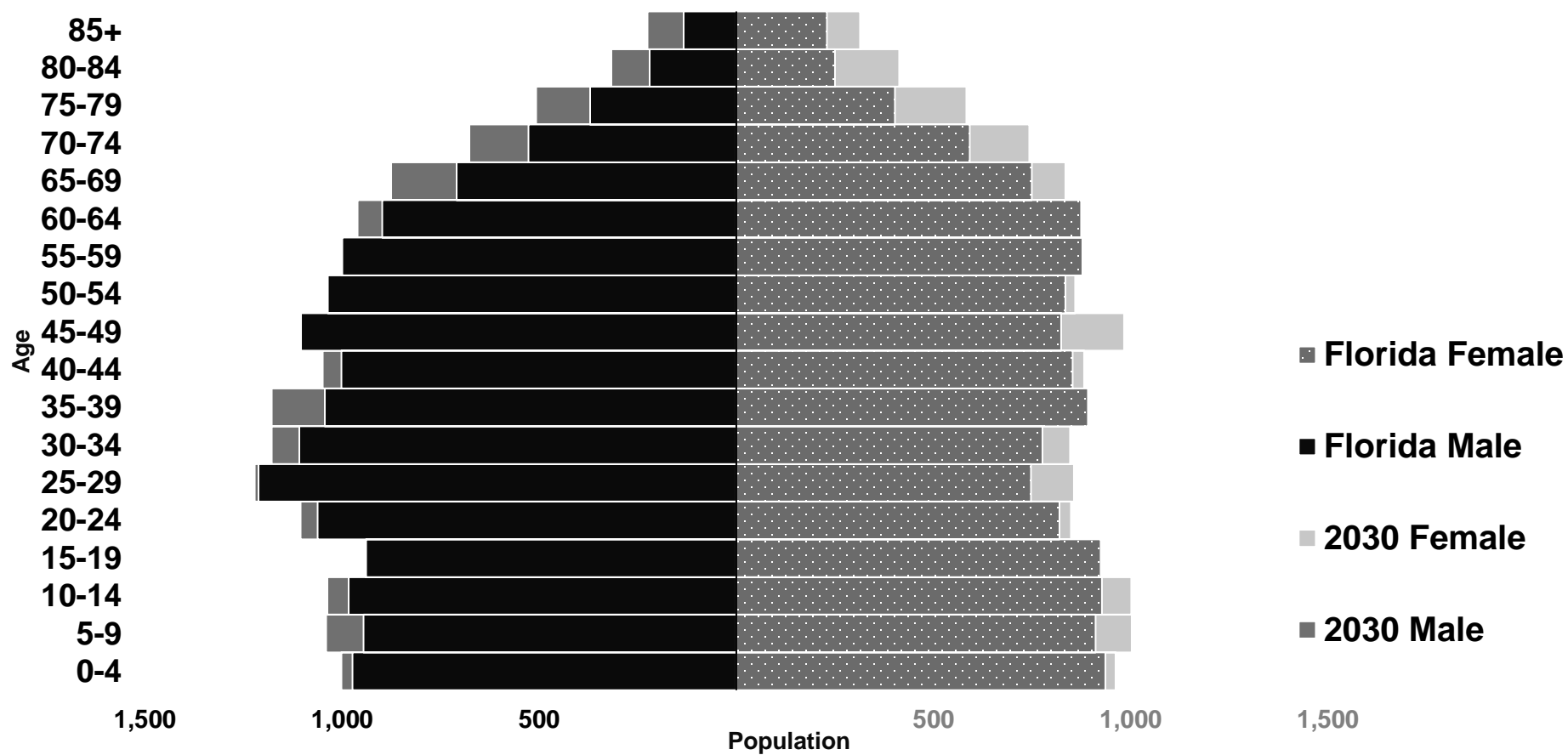
English Proficiency	Value	Percent
With Limited English Proficiency	25	0%

Source: AGID 2016-20 ACS

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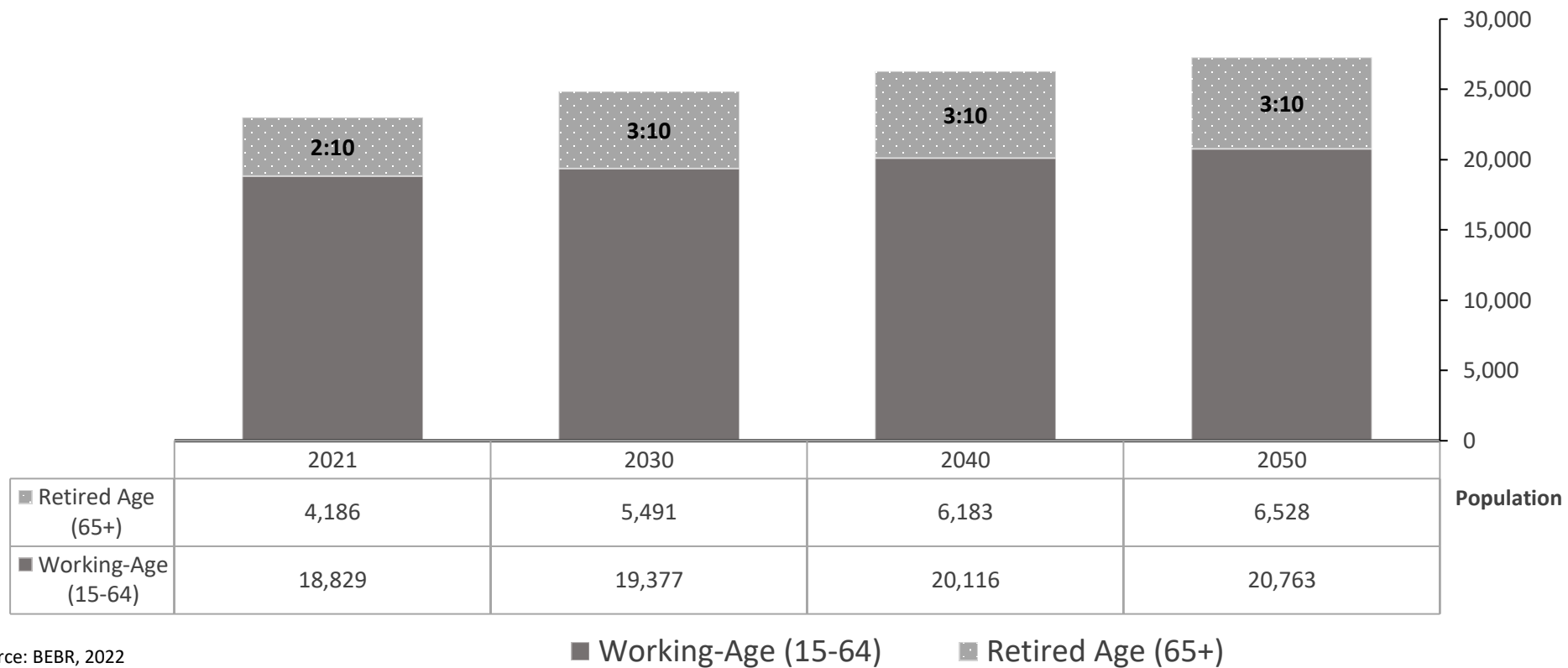
The population pyramid below compares the projected older adult population by gender between 2021 and 2030, demonstrating the changes expected in the next decade. As a whole, Florida is expected to experience population growth, with some areas expecting notable growth in the proportion of those age 65 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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## Baker 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.

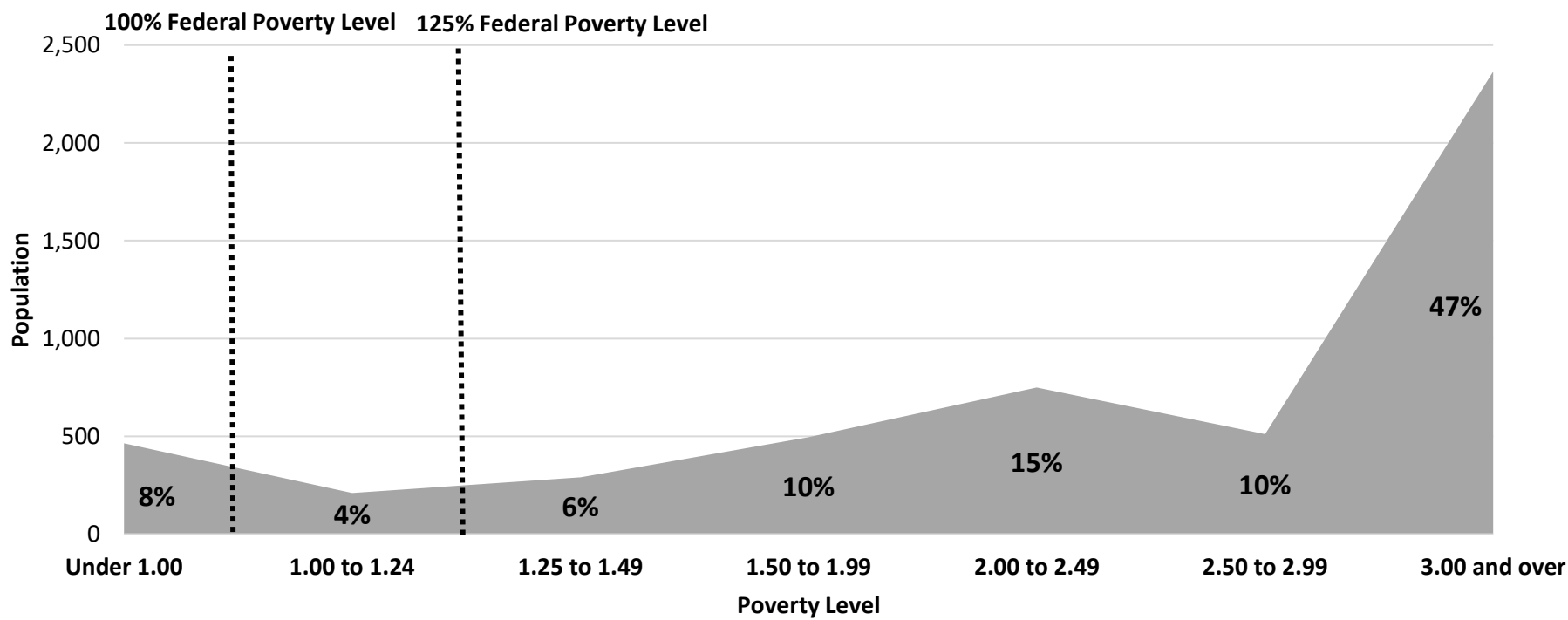
Federal Poverty Level	Value
Single-Person Household	\$13,590
Two-Person Household	\$18,310
125% Single-Person Household	\$16,988
125% Two-Person Household	\$22,888

Source: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, 2023

Poverty	Value	Percent
At Poverty Level	469	8%
Below 125% of Poverty Level	684	11%
Minority At Poverty Level	44	1%
Minority Below 125% of Poverty Level	64	1%

Source: AGID 2016-20 ACS

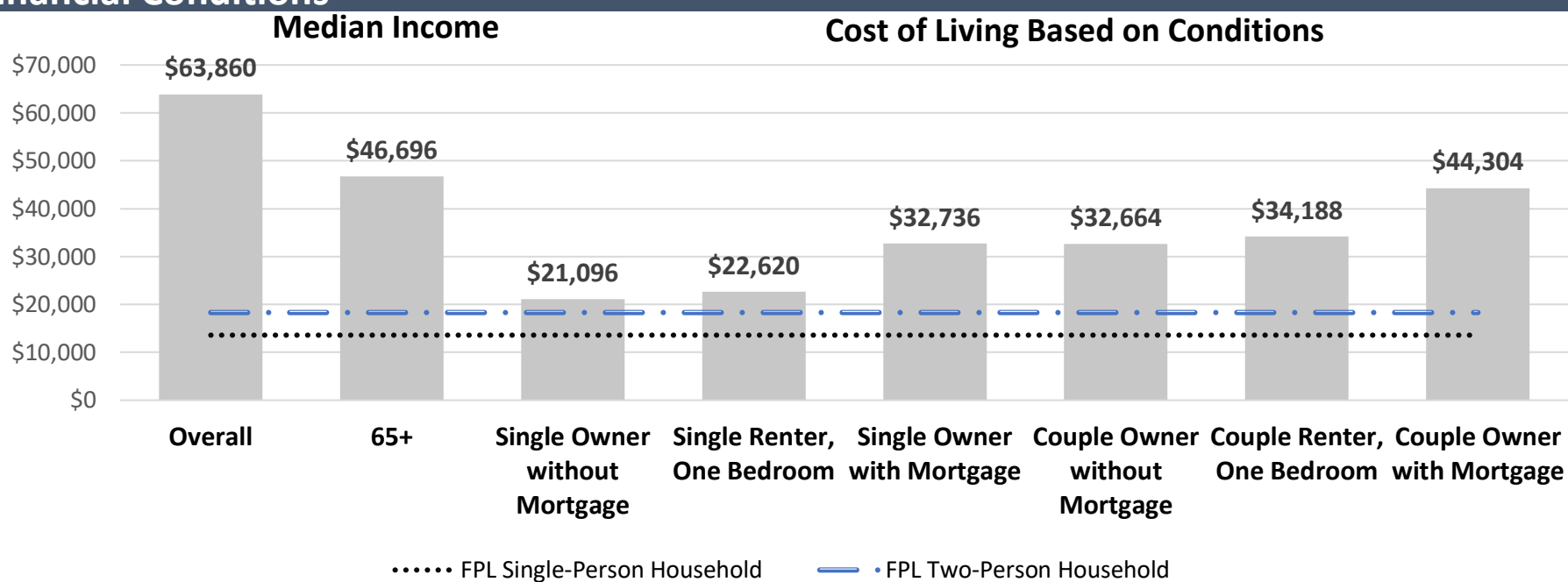
## Ratio of Income to Poverty Level



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

Source: AGID 2016-20 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, 2017-2021 ACS, AGID 2016-20 ACS, and Elder Index. (2022). The Elder Index™ [Public Dataset]. Boston, MA: Gerontology Institute, University of Massachusetts

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## Baker 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 43%

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, 2023

### Road Incidents Value

Total Involved in Fatal Car Crashes per 100,000 50

This figure includes occupants and non-occupants involved in a crash.

Source: Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, 2023

### Internet Access (65+) Percent

Have Internet Access 87%

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

### Food Resource Centers Value

SNAP Access Sites 0

Fresh Access Bucks Outlet 0

Farmer's Market 0

Food Distribution (No Cost) 0

SNAP Retailers 32

Congregate Meal Sites 1

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

Source: Feeding Florida.org, USDA, 2023, FDACS, 2023, and Florida DOEA, 2022

### Public Transportation Options Value

Bus Operations at least at the County 0

Rail Operations at least at the County 0

Public Transit Service Area (sq. mi.) 0

Public Transit Service Area Population 0

Annual Unlinked Trips 0

Vehicles Operated in Maximum Service (VOMS) 0

Total Miles of Bike Lanes 8

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, 2021, and FDOT, 2022-2023

### Green Space Value

Number of Nearby State Parks 1

Nearby refers to the park that has the shortest distance from the center of the county.

Source: Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 2023

### Rural-Urban Designation Value

Census Tracts Rural 0%

Census Tracts Urban 100%

Number of Census Tracts 4

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2019

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

Owner-Occupied Households 513

Percent of Owners with High Cost Burden 27%

Renter-Occupied Households 265

Percent of Renters with High Cost Burden 50%

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, 2021

### Affordable Housing Inventory Value

Properties 2

Properties Ready for Occupancy 2

Total Units 132

Units with Rent and/or Income Restrictions 132

Units Receiving Monthly Rental Assistance 52

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, 2022-2023

### Housing Units by Occupancy (65+) Percent

Owner-Occupied Housing Units 31%

Renter-Occupied Housing Units 9%

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

### Vehicle Access (65+) Percent

Owner-Occupied Households with Access to Vehicle(s) 93%

Renter-Occupied Households with Access to Vehicle(s) 97%

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

### Employment Status (65+) Value Percent

Number of Seniors Employed 2,005 48%

Number of Seniors Unemployed 103 2%

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

### Retirement (65+) Value Percent

Social Security Beneficiaries 3,860 69%

SSI Recipients 96 16%

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, 2021

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### SNAP or Food Stamps Value

Potentially Eligible 684

Annual Participants 677

Current Beneficiaries as of Dec-22 502

Percent of Total Population Receiving Benefits 9%

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

Source: Florida Department of Children and Families, 2022

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## Baker 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	0
Operating Rooms	0
Recovery Beds	0

Source: Florida AHCA, 2023

Hospitals	Value
<b>Hospitals</b>	2
Hospitals with Skilled Nursing Units	0
<b>Hospital Beds</b>	1,163
Skilled Nursing Unit Beds	0

Source: Florida AHCA, 2023

Medical Professionals	Value
<b>Medical Doctors</b>	
Licensed	9
Limited License	0
Critical Need Area License	0
Restricted	0
Medical Faculty Certification	0
Public Health Certificate	0
<b>Other Professionals</b>	
Licensed Podiatric Physicians	1
Licensed Osteopathic Physicians	2
Dentists	6
<b>Licensed Registered Nurses</b>	572
<b>Pharmacies</b>	12

Source: Florida Department of Health, 2023

Assisted Living Facility	Value
<b>Total ALF Beds</b>	5
Optional State Supplementation (OSS) Beds	0
Non-OSS Beds	5
<b>Total ALF Facilities</b>	1
Facilities with Extended Congregate Care License	0
Facilities with Limited Mental Health License	0
Facilities with Limited Nursing Service License	0

Source: Florida AHCA, 2023

Medically Underserved	Value	Percent
<b>Total Medically Underserved</b>	0	0%
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	3,605	86%
Uninsured	0	14%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 ACS

Disability Status	Value	Percent
With One Type of Disability	706	12%
With Two or More Disabilities	985	17%
<b>Total With Any Disability</b>		
Hearing	730	12%
Vision	360	6%
Cognitive	470	8%
Ambulatory	1,555	26%
Self-Care	465	8%
Independent Living	765	13%
With No Disabilities	1,914	32%
Probable Alzheimer's Cases (65+)	423	10%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 ACS, AGID 2016-20 ACS

Medicaid & Medicare Beneficiaries	Value	Percent
60+ Medicaid Eligible	917	11%
60+ Dual Eligible	801	72%

Source: Florida AHCA, 2023

Adult Day Care (ADC)	Value
ADC Facilities	0
Capacity	0

Source: Florida AHCA, 2023

Home Health Agencies	Value
<b>Agencies</b>	1
Medicaid Certified Agencies	0
Medicare Certified Agencies	1
Homemaker and Companion Service Companies	4

Source: Florida AHCA, 2023

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Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Use	Value
<b>SNFs With Beds</b>	2
Community Beds	2
Sheltered Beds	0
Veterans Administration Beds	0
Other Beds	0
<b>SNF Beds</b>	188
Community Beds	188
Sheltered Beds	0
Veterans Administration Beds	0
Other Beds	0
<b>SNFs With Community Beds</b>	2
Community Bed Days	68,620
Community Patient Days	51,017
Medicaid Patient Days	38,909
Occupancy Rate	74%
Percent Medicaid	76%

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, 2023

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Providers	Value
Providers	1

EMS providers include air ambulances and ambulances with Basic Life Support (BLS) or Advanced Life Support (ALS).  
Source: Florida Department of Health, 2023

Adult Family Care Homes	Value
Homes	0
Beds	0

Source: Florida AHCA, 2023

Memory Disorder Clinics	Value
Total	0

Source: Florida DOEA's Summary of Programs and Services (SOPS), 2022

Dialysis	Value
End-Stage Renal Disease Centers	1

Source: Florida AHCA, 2023

## Baker 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	340
Medicaid Beneficiary	12

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

Medicaid beneficiaries are individuals age 60 to 64.

Source: Florida AHCA, U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2022, and U.S. Department of Health & Source: FDEM, 2022

Shelter Resources	Value
<b>Number of General Shelters</b>	11
General Shelter Max Capacity in People	3,312
<b>Number of Special Needs Shelters</b>	1
Special Needs Shelters Max Capacity in People	79

Evacuation Zones	Value	Percent
<b>DOEA HCBS Clients Residing in Evac Zone:</b>	0	0%
Zone A	0	0%
Zone B	0	0%
Zone C	0	0%
Zone D	0	0%
Zone E	0	0%
<b>DOEA HCBS Clients</b>	201	
Lives in an Evac Zone and Has Memory Problems	0	0%
Lives in an Evac Zone and Lives Alone	0	0%

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

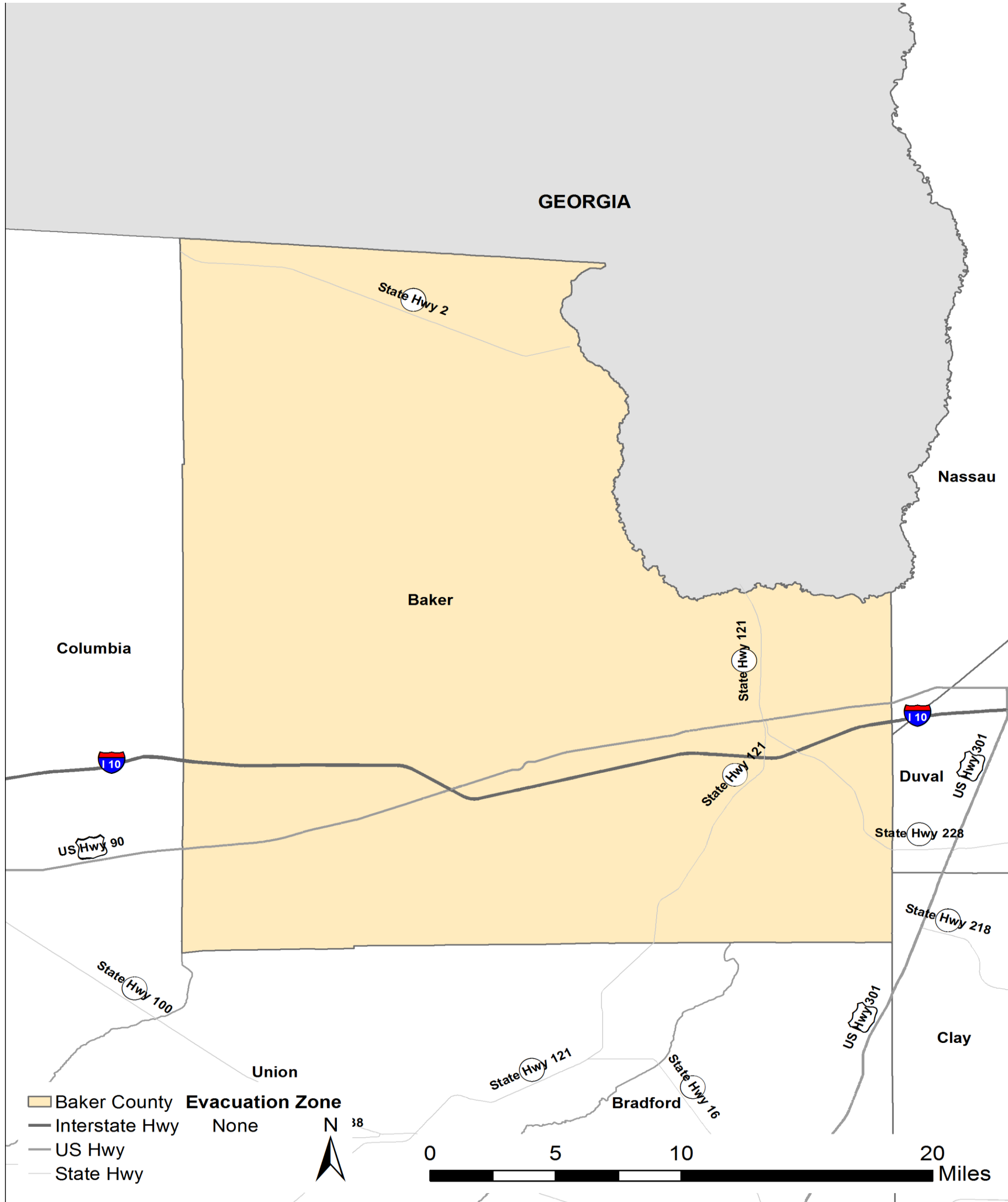
Zone C up to 20 feet, Zone D up to 28 feet, and Zone E up to 35 feet.

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

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## Baker County Disaster Preparedness

### 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, 2022