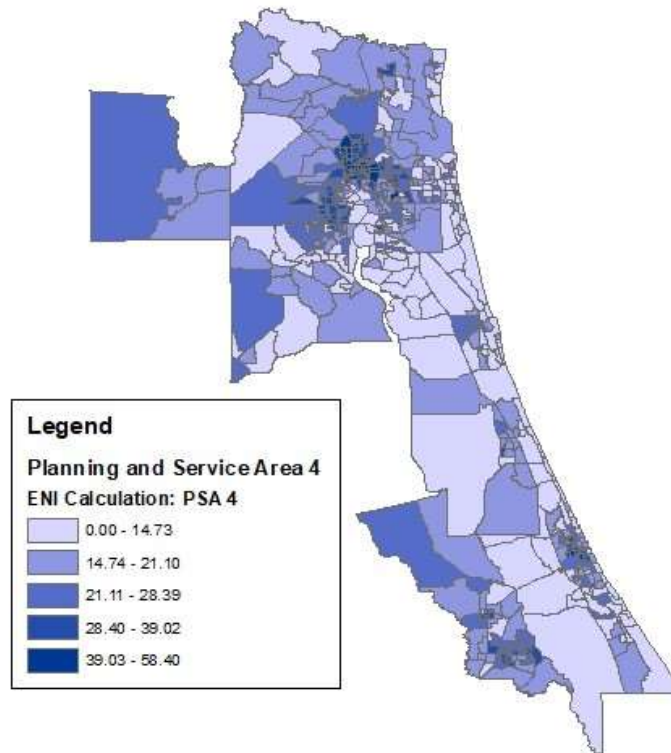# 2023 Profile of Older Floridians

Planning and Service Area (PSA) 4

This profile of older Floridians is a source of current information related to older adults in the Planning and Service Area. 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

Legend

Planning and Service Area 4
ENI Calculation: PSA 4

- 0.00 - 14.73
- 14.74 - 21.10
- 21.11 - 28.39
- 28.40 - 39.02
- 39.03 - 58.40

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

Planning and Service Area (PSA) 4 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	2,330,628	100%
Under 18	495,464	21%
Under 60	1,715,173	74%
18-59	1,219,709	52%
60+	615,455	26%
65+	451,986	19%
70+	309,639	13%
75+	192,249	8%
80+	108,070	5%
85+	55,378	2%

Source: BEBR, 2022

Gender	Value	Percent
Male	279,954	45%
Female	333,379	54%

Source: BEBR, 2022

Living Alone	Value	Percent
Male Living Alone	44,720	36%
Female Living Alone	81,020	64%

Source: AGID 2016-20 ACS

Educational Attainment (65+)	Value	Percent
Less than High School	70,134	16%
High School Diploma	187,300	41%
Some College, No Degree	117,280	26%
Associates Degree or Higher	202,495	45%

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

Marital Status	Male	Female
Never Married	15,340	14,605
Percentage Never Married	6%	5%
Married	176,215	150,720
Percentage Married	69%	50%
Widowed	23,165	79,125
Percentage Widowed	9%	26%
Divorced	39,640	58,790
Percentage Divorced	16%	19%

Source: AGID 2016-20 ACS

Race and Ethnicity	Value	Percent
White	513,056	83%
Black	82,423	13%
Other Minorities	17,854	3%
Total Hispanic	38,049	6%
White Hispanic	33,329	5%
Non-White Hispanic	4,720	1%
Total Non-Hispanic	577,406	94%
Total Minority	138,326	22%

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

Driver License Holders	Value	Percent
Drivers	613,853	32%

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

Registered Voters	Value	Percent
Registered Voters	630,769	36%

Source: Florida Department of State, 2023

Veterans	Value	Percent
Age 45-64	72,305	44%
Age 65-84	77,146	47%
Age 85+	13,599	8%

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

Grandparents	Value	Percent
Living With Grandchildren	26,110	4%
	7,715	
Grandparent Responsible for Grandchildren		1%
Grandparent Not Responsible for Grandchildren	18,395	3%
Not Living With Grandchildren	521,695	85%

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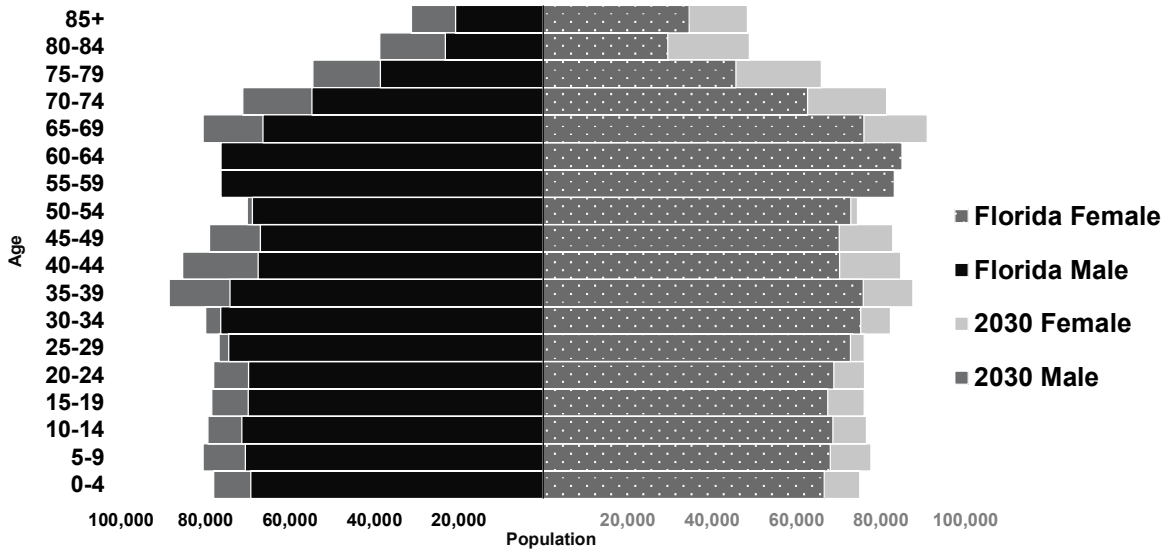Source: AGID 2016-20 ACS

English Proficiency	Value	Percent
With Limited English Proficiency	11,885	2%

Source: AGID 2016-20 ACS

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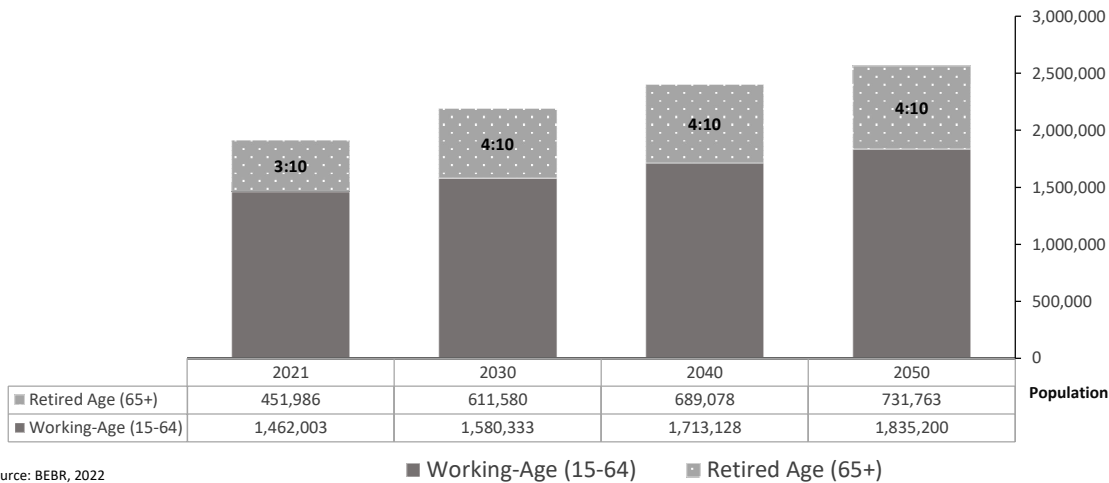## Planning and Service Area (PSA) 4 Demographic Profile

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.

	2021	2030	2040	2050
Retired Age (65+)	451,986	611,580	689,078	731,763
Working-Age (15-64)	1,462,003	1,580,333	1,713,128	1,835,200

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

Source: BEBR, 2022

Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this Profile refer to populations in Florida age 60 and older.

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Planning and Service Area (PSA) 4 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.
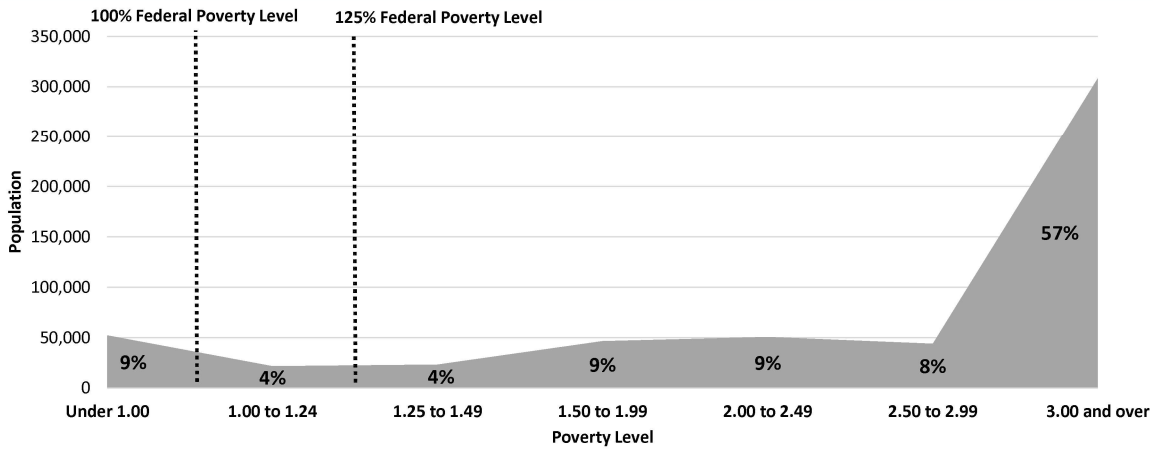
Federal Poverty Level	Value
Single-Person Household	$13,590
Two-Person Household	$18,310
125% Single-Person Household	$16,988
125% Two-Person Household	$22,888

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

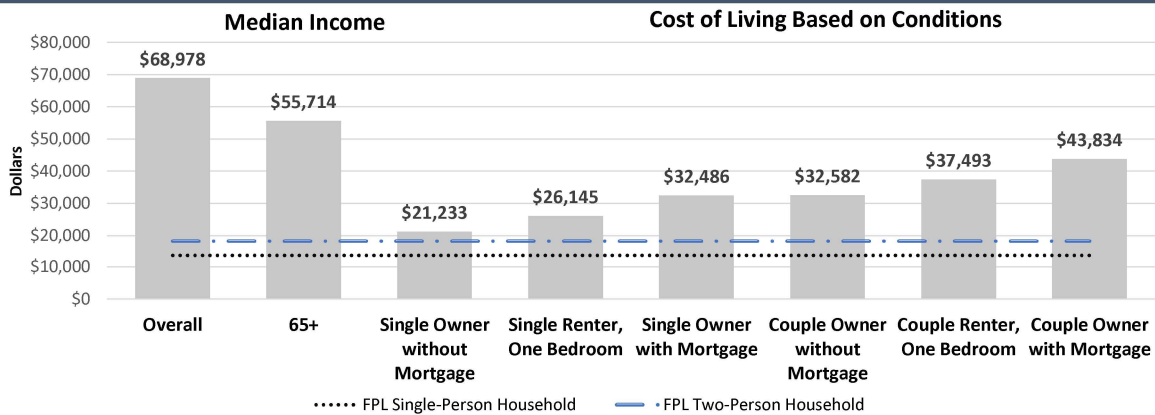| Poverty	Value	Percent
At Poverty Level	52,437	9%
Below 125% of Poverty Level	74,172	12%
Minority At Poverty Level	19,367	3%
Minority Below 125% of Poverty Level	26,052	4%

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 and Elder Index. (2022). The Elder Index™ [Public Dataset]. Boston, MA: Gerontology Institute, University of Massachusetts Boston. Retrieved from E

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Planning and Service Area (PSA) 4 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, 2023

Road Incidents	Value
Total Involved in Fatal Car Crashes per 100,000	30

This figure includes occupants and non-occupants involved in a crash.
Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 2023

Age Friendly Designation	Value
Age Friendly	1
Number of Counties	7

The following counties have received the designation: Nassau
Source: Florida DOEA Livable Communities, 2021

Food Resource Centers	Value
SNAP Access Sites	36
Fresh Access Bucks Outlet	6
Farmer's Market	24
Food Distribution (No Cost)	51
SNAP Retailers	1,797
Congregate Meal Sites	36

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	4
Rail Operations at least at the County	2
Public Transit Service Area (sq. mi.)	3,204
Public Transit Service Area Population	2,091,585
Annual Unlinked Trips	8,054,516
Vehicles Operated in Maximum Service (VOMS)	663
Total Miles of Bike Lanes	931

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	22

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	8%
Census Tracts Urban	92%
Number of Census Tracts	377

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2019

Households With High Cost Burden (65+)	Value
Owner-Occupied Households	78,969
Percent of Owners with High Cost Burden	20%
Renter-Occupied Households	75,013
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, 2021

Affordable Housing Inventory	Value
Properties	91
Properties Ready for Occupancy	93
Total Units	11,366
Units with Rent and/or Income Restrictions	10,256
Units Receiving Monthly Rental Assistance	4,237

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	47%
Renter-Occupied Housing Units	22%

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

Vehicle Access (65+)	Percent
Owner-Occupied Households with Access to Vehicle(s)	96%
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	250,271	55%
Number of Seniors Unemployed	9,034	2%

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

Retirement (65+)	Value	Percent
Social Security Beneficiaries	413,920	78%
SSI Recipients	10,798	23%

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

SNAP or Food Stamps	Value
Potentially Eligible	74,172
Annual Participants	62,680
Current Beneficiaries as of Dec-22	49,836
Percent of Total Population Receiving Benefits	6%

Potentially Eligible are individuals below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level
Source: Florida Department of Children and Families, 2022

Internet Access (65+)	Percent
Have Internet Access	91%

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

Planning and Service Area (PSA) 4 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	48
Operating Rooms	119
Recovery Beds	371

Source: Florida AHCA, 2023

Hospitals	Value
Hospitals	36
Hospitals with Skilled Nursing Units	2
Hospital Beds	8,266
Skilled Nursing Unit Beds	56

Source: Florida AHCA, 2023

Medical Professionals	Value
Medical Doctors	
Licensed	6,192
Limited License	6
Critical Need Area License	64
Restricted	0
Medical Faculty Certification	11
Public Health Certificate	0
Other Professionals	
Licensed Podiatric Physicians	144
Licensed Osteopathic Physicians	832
Dentists	1,245
Licensed Registered Nurses	38,116
Pharmacies	721

Source: Florida Department of Health, 2023

Assisted Living Facility	Value
Total ALF Beds	11,834
Optional State Supplementation (OSS) Beds	1,310
Non-OSS Beds	9,904
Total ALF Facilities	226
Facilities with Extended Congregate Care License	20
Facilities with Limited Mental Health License	31
Facilities with Limited Nursing Service License	48

Source: Florida AHCA, 2023

Medically Underserved	Value	Percent
Total Medically Underserved	38,622	6%
Living in Areas Defined as Having Medically Underserved Populations	30,416	5%
Living in Medically Underserved Areas	8,206	1%

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

Health Insurance 65+	Value	Percent
Insured	409,194	99%
Uninsured	2,703	1%

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

Disability Status	Value	Percent
With One Type of Disability	66,994	11%
With Two or More Disabilities	70,748	11%
Total With Any Disability		
Hearing	63,775	10%
Vision	32,130	5%
Cognitive	41,480	7%
Ambulatory	108,150	18%
Self-Care	32,505	5%
Independent Living	59,070	10%
With No Disabilities	274,155	45%
Probable Alzheimer's Cases (65+)	57,392	13%

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

Medicaid & Medicare Beneficiaries	Value	Percent
60+ Medicaid Eligible	71,879	13%
60+ Dual Eligible	62,389	73%

Source: Florida AHCA, 2023

Adult Day Care (ADC)	Value
ADC Facilities	16
Capacity	574

Source: Florida AHCA, 2023

Home Health Agencies	Value
Agencies	190
Medicaid Certified Agencies	7
Medicare Certified Agencies	62
Homemaker and Companion Service Companies	439

Source: Florida AHCA, 2023

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Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Use	Value
SNFs With Beds	87
Community Beds	86
Sheltered Beds	7
Veterans Administration Beds	2
Other Beds	0
SNF Beds	10,469
Community Beds	10,409
Sheltered Beds	580
Veterans Administration Beds	240
Other Beds	0
SNFs With Community Beds	86
Community Bed Days	3,629,195
Community Patient Days	2,761,603
Medicaid Patient Days	1,700,091
Occupancy Rate	76%
Percent Medicaid	62%

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)	Value
Providers	30

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	34
Beds	158

Source: Florida AHCA, 2023

Memory Disorder Clinics	Value
Total	1

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

Dialysis	Value
End-Stage Renal Disease Centers	63

Source: Florida AHCA, 2023

Planning and Service Area (PSA) 4 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	22,600
Medicaid beneficiary	802

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

Shelter Resources	Value
Number of General Shelters	233
General Shelter Max Capacity in People	111,830
Number of Special Needs Shelters	36
Special Needs Shelters Max Capacity in People	9,051

Source: FDEM, 2022

Evacuation Zones	Value	Percent
Total Population Residing in Evac Zone:	2,753	0%
Zone A	806	0%
Zone B	206	0%
Zone C	982	0%
Zone D	450	0%
Zone E	309	0%
DOEA HCBS Clients	6,788	100%
Lives in an Evac Zone and Has Memory Problems	343	12%
Lives in an Evac Zone and Lives Alone	854	31%

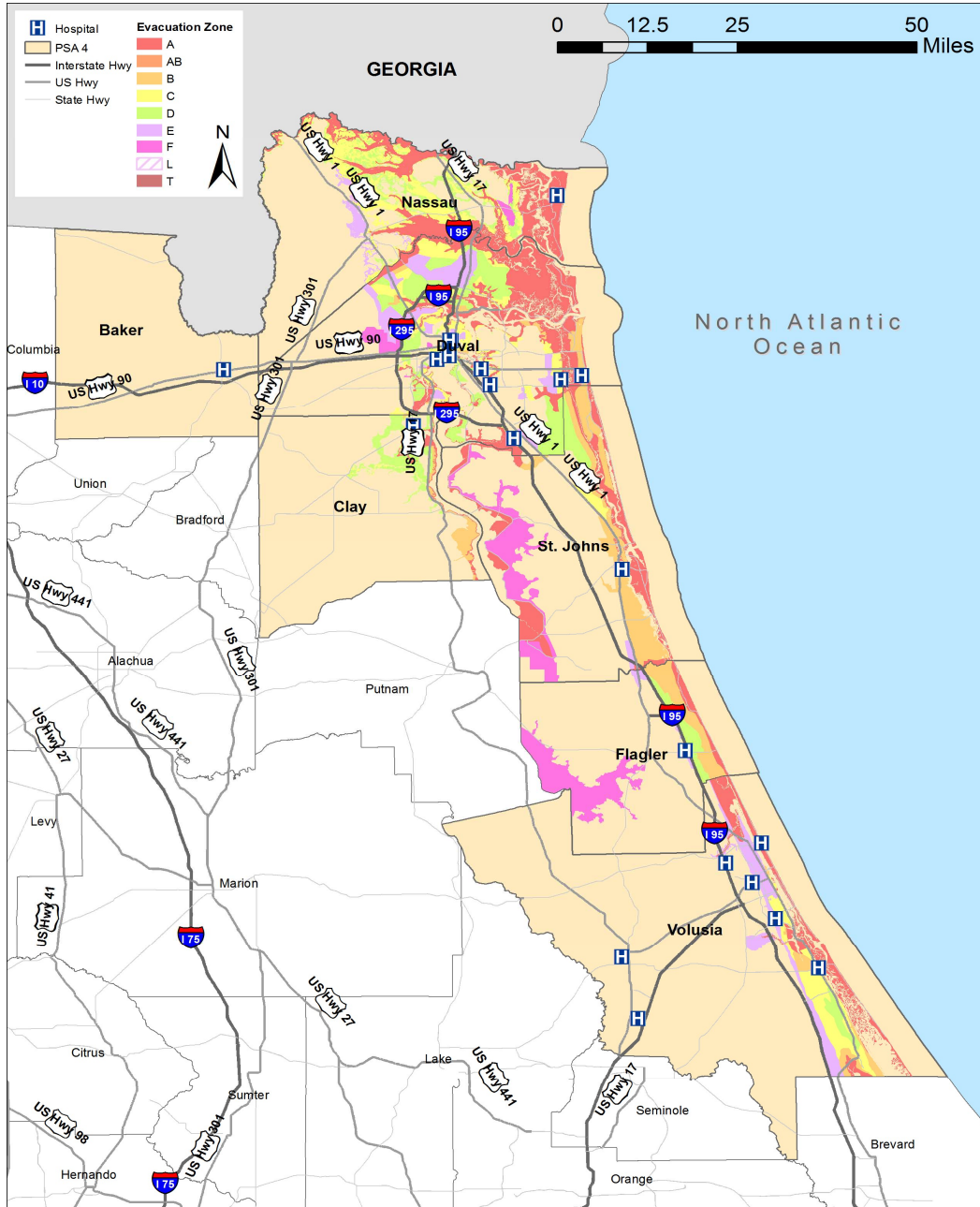Zones are associated with the following surge heights: Zone A up to 11 feet, Zone B up to 15 feet, Zone C up to 20 feet, Zone D up to 28 feet, and Zone E up to 35 feet.

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

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Source: FDEM, 2022