

Federal Older Americans Act

- The Department of Elder Affairs is designated as the state unit on aging as defined in the federal Older Americans Act (OAA) of 1965.
- The department is required to carry out the responsibilities detailed in the OAA, including organizing, coordinating and providing community based services and opportunities for older Americans and their families.

Legislative Enactment

- Authorized in 1991 per an amendment to the Florida Constitution, Article IV, Section 12.
- Created in the "Department of Elderly Affairs Act," Section 20.41 and Chapter 430, Florida Statutes.

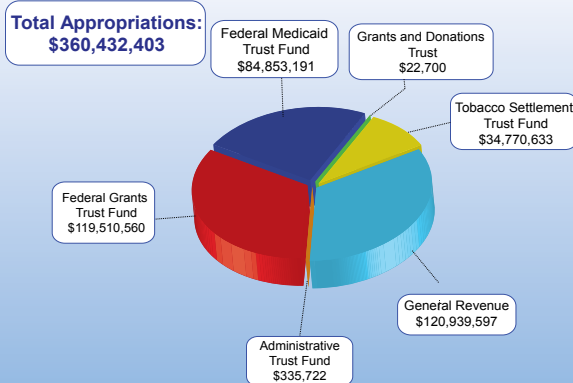
Department Profile

The department was created as a result of a constitutional amendment in 1988 and established in statute in 1991. The department began operation in January 1992 with the legislative responsibility of being the primary agency for administering human service programs for the elderly and developing policy recommendations for long-term care. The department's purpose also includes combating ageism, creating public awareness and understanding the contributions and needs of elders, advocating on behalf of elders, serving as an information clearinghouse, and preparing our communities for retirement. For a complete list of purposes and responsibilities, see Section 20.41 and Chapter 430, Florida Statutes.

- 41,000+ volunteers assist DOEA in delivering messages about services.
- DOEA is 94 percent privatized through contracts with other entities.

Budget

Beginning Fiscal Year 2008-2009



Clients Served

- Approximately 207,841 elders age 60 and older received direct services funded through the department's programs during FY 06-07.
- An additional 450,000 elders received services through counseling, information and referral and other outreach efforts.

Senior Statistics

Florida's Secret Weapon

- Retirement Industry is Florida's second largest economic sector
- 50 percent of new home construction
- \$3.5 Billion in charitable giving
- \$135 Billion spending power
- \$2.8 Billion net tax benefit after services rendered
- 4.2 million seniors in Florida - largest voting block in the state
- Paying \$1 Billion in local school taxes

Senior Voters

Percentage of Population Registered to Vote in Florida Who Are Age 60+ **30.7%**

Percentage of People Who Voted in the 2006 General Election in Florida Who Were Age 60+ **43%**

Living Situation

Population of Florida Age 60+ **4,157,824**

Population of Florida Age 60+ Living Alone **958,220**

Population of Florida Age 60+ Living in Rural Areas **408,945**

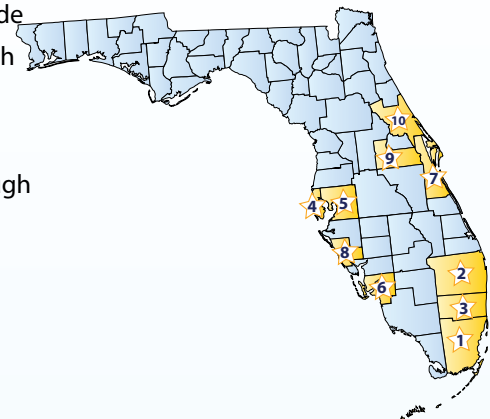
Gender

Male Population Age 60+ **1,844,168**

Female Population Age 60+ **2,313,656**

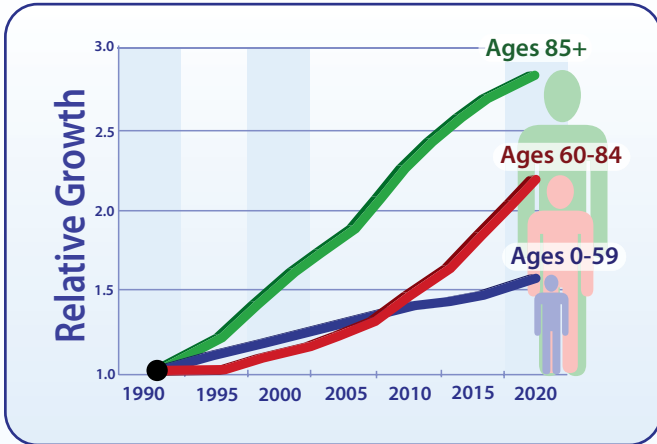
Top 10 Counties for Elders Age 60+

- 1 Miami-Dade
- 2 Palm Beach
- 3 Broward
- 4 Pinellas
- 5 Hillsborough
- 6 Lee
- 7 Brevard
- 8 Sarasota
- 9 Orange
- 10 Volusia



Florida's Growth by Age Group 1990-2020

In the year 2010, the baby boomer population will begin turning 65.



2007 Population by Age Group

Age 0-59	14,631,951
Age 60-84	3,734,595
Age 85+	459,127

2020 Population by Age Group

Age 0-59	16,897,436
Age 60-84	5,924,112
Age 85+	733,736

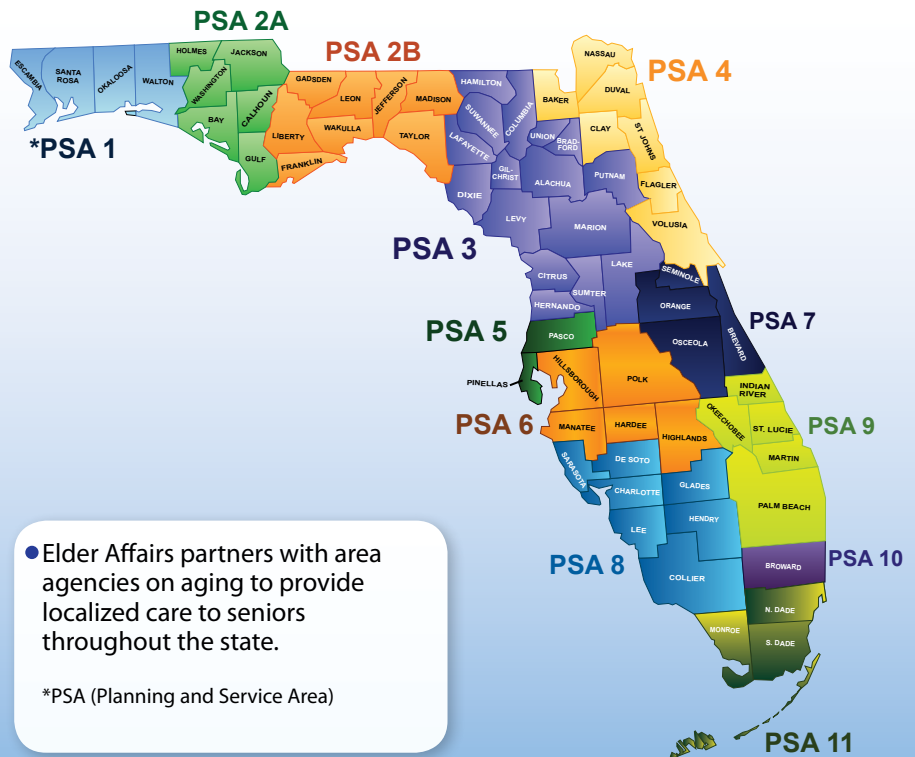
Sources: "Florida Census Day Population 1970-2020." Office of Economic and Demographic Research. The Florida Legislature. "2006 Population by Age Group." Office of Planning and Evaluation. Florida Department of Elder Affairs.

PROGRAMS

The Department of Elder Affairs administers a wide variety of assistance programs sponsored by both the federal government and the State of Florida.

- Adult Care Food Program
- Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (ADI)
- Community Care for the Elderly (CCE)
- Communities for a Lifetime
- Comprehensive Assessment Review and Evaluation for Long-Term Care Services (CARES)
- Consumer Directed Care (CDC)
- Elder Helpline
- Elder Update Newspaper
- Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program (EHEAP)
- Florida Injury Prevention Program for Seniors (FLIPS)
- Home Care for the Elderly (HCE)
- Intergenerational Connections
- Long-Term Care Ombudsman Council
- Medicaid Waivers
- Older Americans Act Programs
- Respite for Elders Living in Everyday Families (RELIEF)
- Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)
- Senior Companion Program
- Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders (SHINE)
- Support Through Alzheimer's Relief Systems (STARS) and Beyond

Aging Services Network



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