



HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL
of Southwest Florida, Inc.
CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY WITH HEALTH RESOURCES

Focus On... Housing

DeSoto County

There is strong evidence characterizing housing's relationship to health. Housing stability, quality, safety, and affordability all affect health outcomes. - Taylor, L. (2018) *Health Affairs Journal*

35,940



DeSoto County has a total population of 35,940 people¹

Housing Burden^{3,4}



57% Renter-occupied housing with housing costing 30% or more of total household income



23% Owner-occupied housing with housing costing 30% or more of total household income



13% Households that spend more than 50% of total household income on housing

Affordable Rent^{2,7}

\$684

Median Gross Rent

\$894

Max Affordable Rent

The number one job industry in DeSoto County is Trade, Transportation & Utilities. At 30% of their income **\$894** can go towards housing costs.

Inadequate Housing⁴

18%

Households with at least 1 of 4 housing problems: overcrowding, high housing cost, lack of kitchen facilities, or lack of plumbing facilities.

\$84,400

Median value of owner-occupied housing units⁶

Occupied Housing Units²

69.9%

Owner-Occupied Housing Units

Compared to DeSoto County Florida has 65% of owner-occupied housing units

30.1%

Renter-Occupied Housing Units

Compared to DeSoto County Florida has 35% of renter-occupied housing units

Shortage of Affordable Available Units⁵

-5,028

According to the Shimberg Center for Housing Studies, DeSoto County has a shortage of **5,028** needed affordable housing units.

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1 Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research 2 US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year Estimates 3 US Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, Table DP04 4 County Health Rankings 5 Shimberg Center for Housing Studies analysis of 2017 American Community Survey PMS 6 US Census Bureau DP04 Selected Housing Characteristics 7 Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, 2018 Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages



HPC encourages you to think about the next steps to improve housing in Southwest Florida. You may want to get involved, get assistance, get informed, and/or get more data.

Get Assistance

Arcadia Housing Authority

- fahro.org
- Contact information for the Executive Director for the Arcadia Housing Authority

2-1-1 Suncoast, Inc.

- 211.gs-humanservices.org
- 2-1-1 for information and support—for financial assistance, health programs, crisis support and more.

Southwest Florida Resource Link

- www.swflresourcelink.com
- Your guide to community resources

Get Informed

Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

- resource.hud.gov
- HUD's resource locator.

County Health Ranking, 2019 Key Findings Report

- Countyhealthrankings.org
- By ranking the health of nearly every county in the nation, County Health Rankings & Roadmaps illustrates how where we live affects how well and how long we live.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, on Housing

- rwjf.org
- The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is the nation's largest philanthropy dedicated solely to health.

SAMHSA, on Housing

- Samhsa.gov
- SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Housing

- CDC.gov
- CDC works 24/7 to protect America from health, safety and security threats, both foreign and in the U.S.

Get Involved

Florida Coalition to End Homelessness

- Fchonline.org
- The mission of the Florida Coalition for the Homeless is to work collaboratively to prevent and end homelessness in Florida.

Florida Housing Coalition

- Flhousing.org
- The Coalition provides professional consultation services through training and technical assistance on housing and related issues.

National Low Income Housing Coalition

- Nlihc.org
- The National Low Income Housing Coalition is dedicated solely to achieving socially just public policy that ensures people with the lowest incomes in the United States have affordable and decent homes.

Get Data

- [Florida Legislature, Office of Economic and Demographic Research](#)
- [Florida Health Charts](#)
- [Shimberg Center for Housing Studies](#)
- [US Census Bureau](#)
- [County Health Rankings](#)
- [Health Affairs](#)

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