

# Focus On... Access to Insurance DeSoto County

In 2021, over 12 percent of the total population of Florida was uninsured.<sup>1</sup>

**34,098**



DeSoto County has a total population of 34,098 people<sup>2</sup>

## Insurance and Poverty<sup>3</sup>



**31.6%**

Uninsured under 65 years of age who are **under 138%** the poverty line. These individuals would be eligible for Medicaid if Florida expanded eligibility.



**24.9%**

Uninsured under 65 years of age who are **between 138% and 400%** in the poverty line are eligible for assistance with ACA Plans



**2.3%**

Uninsured under 65 years of age who are **above 400%** the poverty line.

## Uninsured by Gender<sup>3</sup>

**30.1%** **19.9%**

**MALES**

**FEMALES**

Compared to women, males in DeSoto County have a higher percentage of those who are under 65 years of age who are uninsured.

## Children Without Insurance<sup>3</sup>

**10.0%**

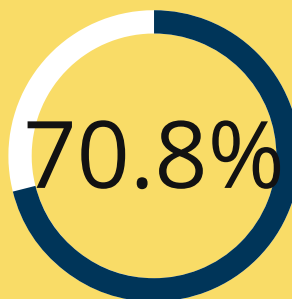
**10.0%** of those under the age of 19 are uninsured. This is higher than the state of Florida at **7.0%** and the United States **5.4%**

**25.8%**

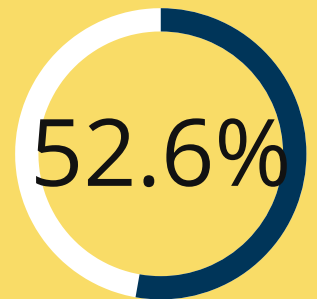
Approximately **25.8%** of people in DeSoto County have Medicaid.<sup>5</sup>

According to the KFF, formerly known as the Kaiser Family Foundation, in 2021, uninsured nonelderly adults were over **twice** as likely as their insured counterparts to have had problems paying medical bills in the past 12 months.<sup>1</sup>

## Insurance Coverage by Employment<sup>4</sup>



**Employed  
With Health Insurance  
Coverage**



**Unemployed  
With Health Insurance  
Coverage**

*Those who are between the ages of 19-64 years of age*

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

## Get Involved

### Young Invincibles

- [younginvincibles.org/issues/health-care/](http://younginvincibles.org/issues/health-care/)
- Young Invincibles is a public policy group representing those 18-34 years of age.

### Families USA

- [Familiesusa.org](http://Familiesusa.org)
- Families USA, a leading national, non-partisan voice for health care consumers, is dedicated to achieving high-quality, affordable health care and improved health for all.

### Florida Voices for Health

- [healthyfla.org](http://healthyfla.org)
- Florida Voices for Health is a coalition of community organizations, businesses, and individuals working to create a health care system that works for every Floridian.

## Get Informed

### Kaiser Family Foundation

- [kff.org/uninsured/](http://kff.org/uninsured/)
- A leader in health policy analysis and health journalism, KFF (Kaiser Family Foundation) is dedicated to filling the need for trusted information on national health issues.

### Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

- [rwjf.org/en/our-focus-areas/topics/health-care-coverage-and-access.html](http://rwjf.org/en/our-focus-areas/topics/health-care-coverage-and-access.html)
- The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is the nation's largest philanthropy dedicated solely to health.

### Health News Florida

- [Health.wusf.usf.edu](http://Health.wusf.usf.edu)
- A Florida based public news outlet focused on health news.

## Get Enrolled

### HPCSWF Navigator

- [EnrollSWFL.com](http://EnrollSWFL.com)
- 1-866-547-2793
- Enroll SWFL Navigators provide free, unbiased and confidential assistance with enrolling into the federal and state health insurance programs

### Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services

- [Cms.gov](http://Cms.gov)
- The official website for all Medicare and Medicaid services

### Marketplace

- [Healthcare.gov](http://Healthcare.gov)
- The official website for the Affordable Care Act Marketplace

### Florida KidCare

- [Floridakidcare.org](http://Floridakidcare.org)
- The official website for the children's state medical insurance

### Area Agency on Aging for SW FL

- [aaaswfl.org/services/shine-medicare-counseling/](http://aaaswfl.org/services/shine-medicare-counseling/)
- Area Agency on Aging for SWFL is focused on serving older adults and people with disabilities in a seven county area.

## Get Data

- [Florida Legislature, Office of Economic and Demographic Research](#)
- [US Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimate \(SAHIE\)](#)
- [Florida Health Charts, Community Social & Economic Factors](#)
- [Florida Health Charts](#)
- [Kaiser Family Foundation](#)

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