










Focus On... Access to Insurance DeSoto County












In 2022, 11 percent of the total population of Florida was uninsured.¹

34,098  DeSoto County has a total population of 34,098 people ²

Insurance and Poverty³

24.7%    
Uninsured under 65 years of age who are **under 138%** the poverty line. These individuals would be eligible for Medicaid if Florida expanded eligibility.

22.5%     
Uninsured under 65 years of age who are **between 138% and 400%** in the poverty line are eligible for assistance with ACA Plans

2.1%           
Uninsured under 65 years of age who are **above 400%** the poverty line.

Uninsured by Gender³

26.2% **18.3%**
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 Insurance³

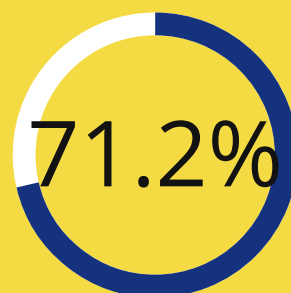
12.0%

12.0% of those under the age of 19 are uninsured. This is higher than the state of Florida at **7.3%** and the United States at **5.1%**

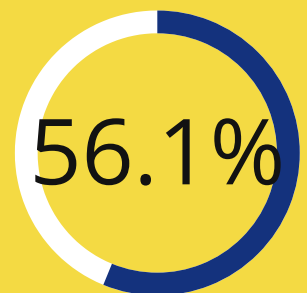
31.5%  Approximately **31.5%** of people in DeSoto County have Medicaid. ⁵

According to the KFF, formerly known as the Kaiser Family Foundation, since 2020 the percentage of Floridians enrolled in the ACA Marketplace has **significantly increased** by 134%. In 2024, 4,107,487 Florida residents enrolled in a marketplace plan.¹

Insurance Coverage by Employment⁴



**Employed
With Health Insurance
Coverage**



**Unemployed
With Health Insurance
Coverage**

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

For more information please visit our website www.hpcswf.com
With help accessing health insurance please visit www.enrollswfl.com

Focus On... Access to Insurance DeSoto County

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/
- Young Invincibles is a public policy group representing those 18-34 years of age.

Families USA

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

Health News Florida

- Health.wusf.usf.edu
- A Florida based public news outlet focused on health news.

Get Enrolled

HPCSWF Navigator

- 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
- The official website for all Medicare and Medicaid services

Marketplace

- Healthcare.gov
- The official website for the Affordable Care Act Marketplace

Florida KidCare

- 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/
- 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](#)

Get More

For more information please visit our website www.hpcswf.com

Interested in receiving future Fact Sheets? Visit hpcswf.com/health-planning/fact-sheet/ to join our distribution list.