

# Aging in DeSoto County

## 24%

In 2024, approximately **24%** (8,286) of the population in DeSoto County was 65 years and older. Of those, 1,104 are 85 years of age or older.<sup>1</sup>

### ACCESS TO CARE



When compared to Florida, DeSoto County has fewer nursing home beds (336.3 vs. 357.5 rate per 100,000) in 2024.<sup>2</sup>

In 2024 there was **7,801** seniors in DeSoto County that enrolled in Medicare<sup>3</sup>



About **38%** of seniors 65+ in DeSoto County are living with a disability.<sup>4</sup>

### FALLS



Falls among those 65+ were the leading fatal unintentional injury.<sup>4</sup>



In 2024, the rate of seniors aged 65 and older who visited the emergency department for a fall was 5,877.4 per 100,000, higher than the Florida average (5,587.5 per 100,000).<sup>2</sup>



### SOCIAL & HEALTH FACTORS



About **22%** of seniors in DeSoto County live alone. Senior isolation is a major public health concern. This could negatively affect a person's physical and mental health.<sup>4</sup>



The average monthly Social Security income for seniors in DeSoto County in 2023 was **\$1,740.00**.<sup>5</sup>



About **42%** of people aged 65 and older in DeSoto County live below 200% of the poverty level.<sup>4</sup>



Approximately **40%** of seniors 80+ in DeSoto County in 2023 do not have a drivers license.<sup>6</sup>

### SOURCES

1 Florida Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research, 2 Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, 3 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 4 Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, 4 United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5 Social Security Administration 6 Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles



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## Local Resources for Seniors

- Area Agency on Aging Southwest Florida
  - [Aaaswfl.org](http://Aaaswfl.org)
- Senior Friendship Center
  - [Friendshipcenters.org](http://Friendshipcenters.org)
- Safety Tips for Seniors
  - [Desotosherrif.com](http://Desotosherrif.com)

## National and State Resources

- Alzheimer's Association
  - [Alz.org](http://Alz.org)
- Elder Helpline Local Number Finder
  - [Elderaffairs.org/elder-helpline](http://Elderaffairs.org/elder-helpline)
- Florida Department on Elder Affairs
  - [Elderaffairs.org](http://Elderaffairs.org)
- Falls Prevention, National Council on Aging
  - [Ncoa.org](http://Ncoa.org)
- Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Program Finder
  - [Npaonline.org](http://Npaonline.org)

## Get Data

- [Aging in Florida Dashboard](#)
- [FL Charts](#)

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