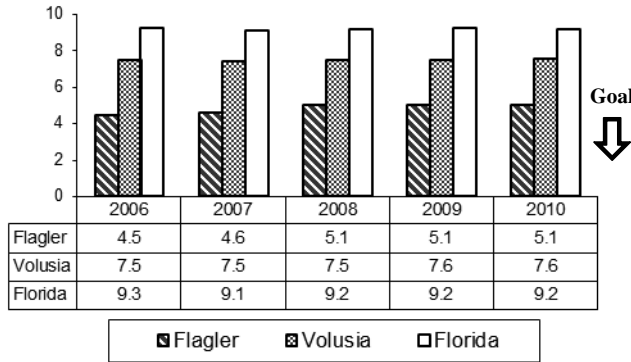


# Aging and Elderly

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## Elderly and Poverty Percent of Persons Age 60+ Whose Financial Status is Below the Poverty Guideline



**This Indicator Measures...** the percent of adults age 60 years and over whose financial status is below the poverty guideline for their family size.

**This is Important Because...** Poverty can affect many aspects of a person's living condition including housing, health and nutrition.

Source: Florida Department of Elder Affairs

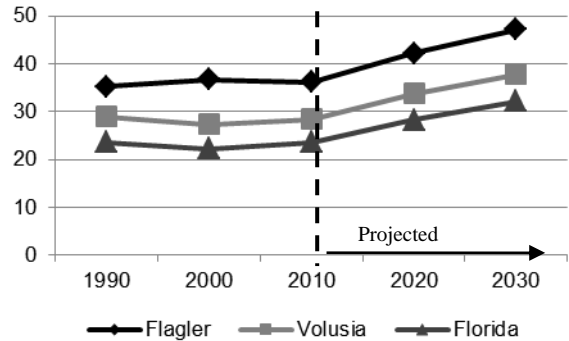
Note: The percentage in Flagler has increased over the reporting period but remained steady for the last three years. The percentage in Volusia has remained steady.

## Impact of an Aging Population

*The Perfect Storm* (published by the Community Service Council of Greater Tulsa, OK) identifies eight sources that could converge to create a complex, powerful and imminent phenomenon in our country. Three of the eight sources are related to our aging population.

The increase in persons over age 65 and over age 85 will shape future financial, political, economic and social dynamics in our society. Increased retirement of educated, trained baby boomers will lead to a growing workforce shortage. This smaller workforce will be challenged to assure healthy lifestyles and access to quality health care for an increasing number of people with health conditions.

### Percentage of the Population Age 60 Years and Over



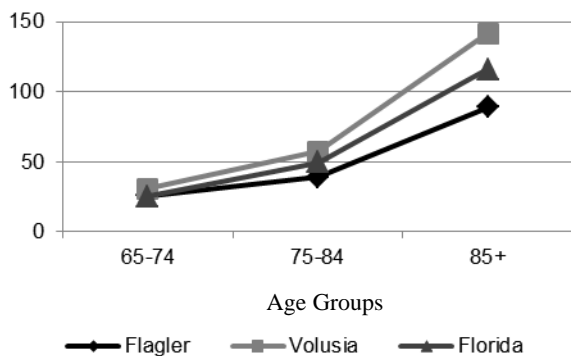
Source: US Census, 1990 and 2000

Florida Legislature, Office of Economic & Demographic Research, 2010, 2020 and 2030 projections

## Accidental Falls put Seniors at Risk

The Florida Office of Injury Prevention lists falls as the leading cause of fatal injuries, non-fatal injury hospitalizations and non-fatal injury emergency department visits for ages 65 and older. Approximately one out of five hip fracture patients dies within one year of their injury. On average – for every \$1,250 per person cost for a Falls Prevention (High Risk) Elderly Program, there is a \$10,800 per person cost benefit.

### 2008 Injury Rate per 1,000 (Deaths, Hosp., ED Visits)



Source: Florida Department of Health, Office of Injury Prevention

## Independence for Elderly “Success Rate”

ElderSource is the Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) Area Agency on Aging for Flagler and Volusia Counties as well as 5 other counties in Northeast Florida. This non-profit organization contracts with local providers to meet the needs of elders age 60 years and over. Locally, Flagler County Social Services and the Council on Aging of Volusia County strive to keep seniors as independent as possible through their community supportive services.

Some of the people who seek assistance through these local providers are considered to be at high risk of entering a nursing home without community supportive services. The table below shows the rate of success for maintaining independence for seniors receiving supportive services who remain living at home rather than entering a nursing home.

### Success Rate: High Risk Seniors Who Remain Living at Home Due to Receiving Community Supportive Services

	2007	2008	2009
Flagler	97.0%	97.8%	98.3%
Volusia	93.4%	93.8%	95.0%