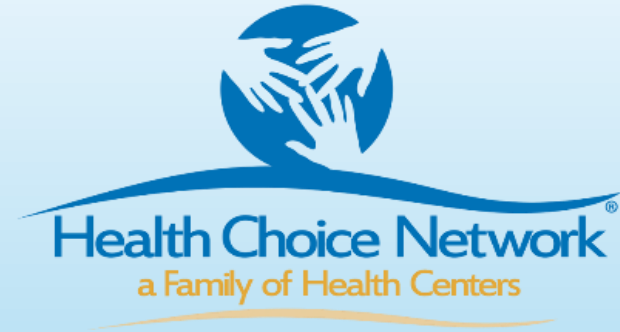




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Improving Maternal and Child Health Across Florida

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ABOUT FHA

Our Mission

Advocate proactively on behalf of hospitals at the state and federal levels on issues that will assist members in their mission of community service and care to patients.

Our Vision

The Florida Hospital Association, through effective and proactive advocacy, will be the leading voice of Florida hospitals at the state and national levels. FHA will be a resource for demonstrating the community value of hospitals, for building consensus with other groups and for securing needed resources so its members can continue to provide high-quality, affordable care to their communities.



Mary C. Mayhew
President and CEO



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**Member Hospitals
And Health Systems**

As the state's largest hospital association, the Florida Hospital Association **provides a unified voice for Florida's hospital community**, advocating on behalf of its members to maintain and improve access to affordable, quality health care for all Floridians.







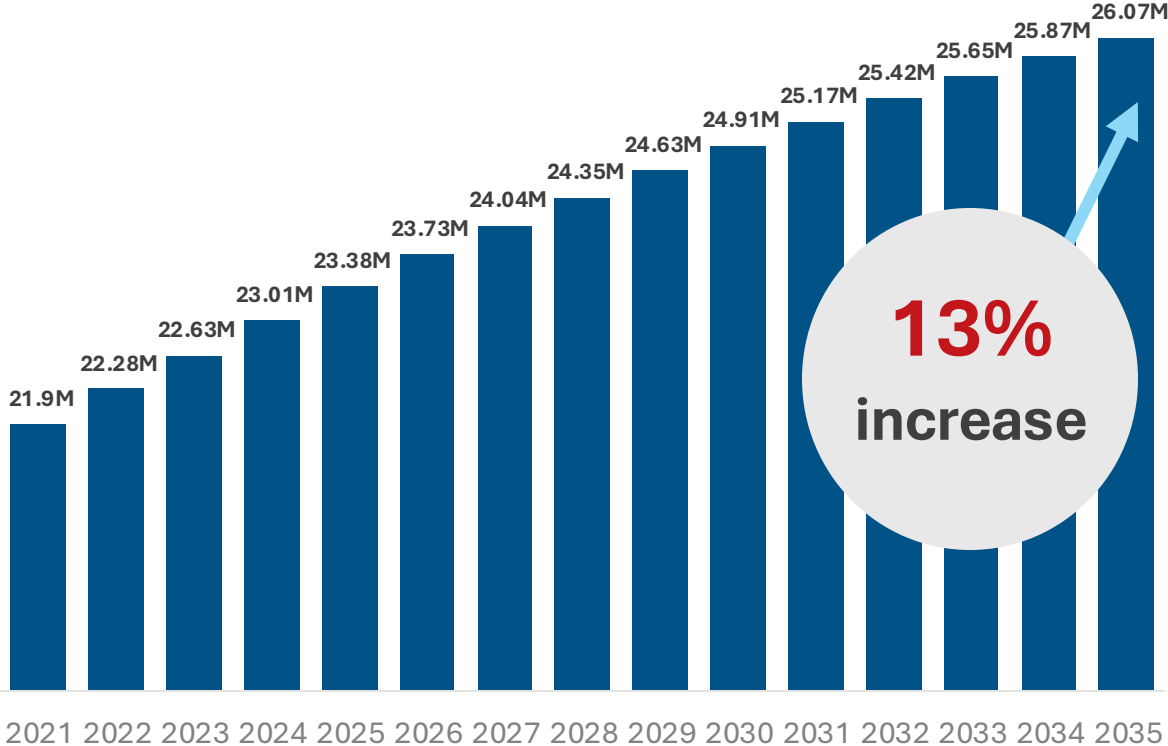


Florida's Population Growth

Florida ranks among the fastest-growing states in the U.S. and is projected to reach **26 million residents by 2035.**



The average projected growth from April 2026 to April 2030 is **808 PEOPLE PER DAY**



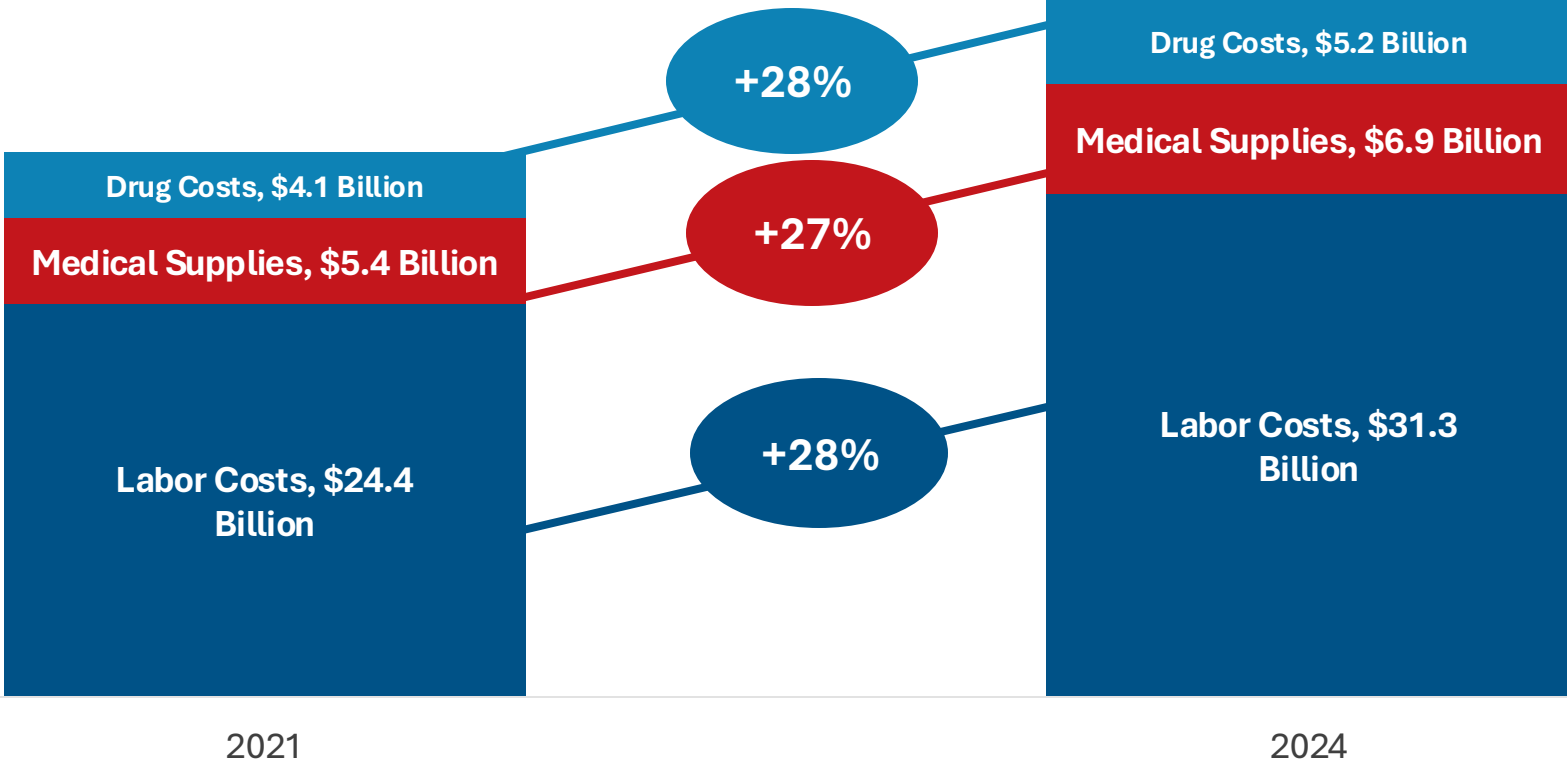
■ Florida's Population Growth

SOURCE: [Demographic Estimating Conference Executive Summary](#), Office of Economic and Demographic Research, February 2026



Hospital Finances

Labor, supplies and drugs alone comprise over 55% of a Florida hospital’s budget, and over the past 3 years these expenses have increased nearly 30%.

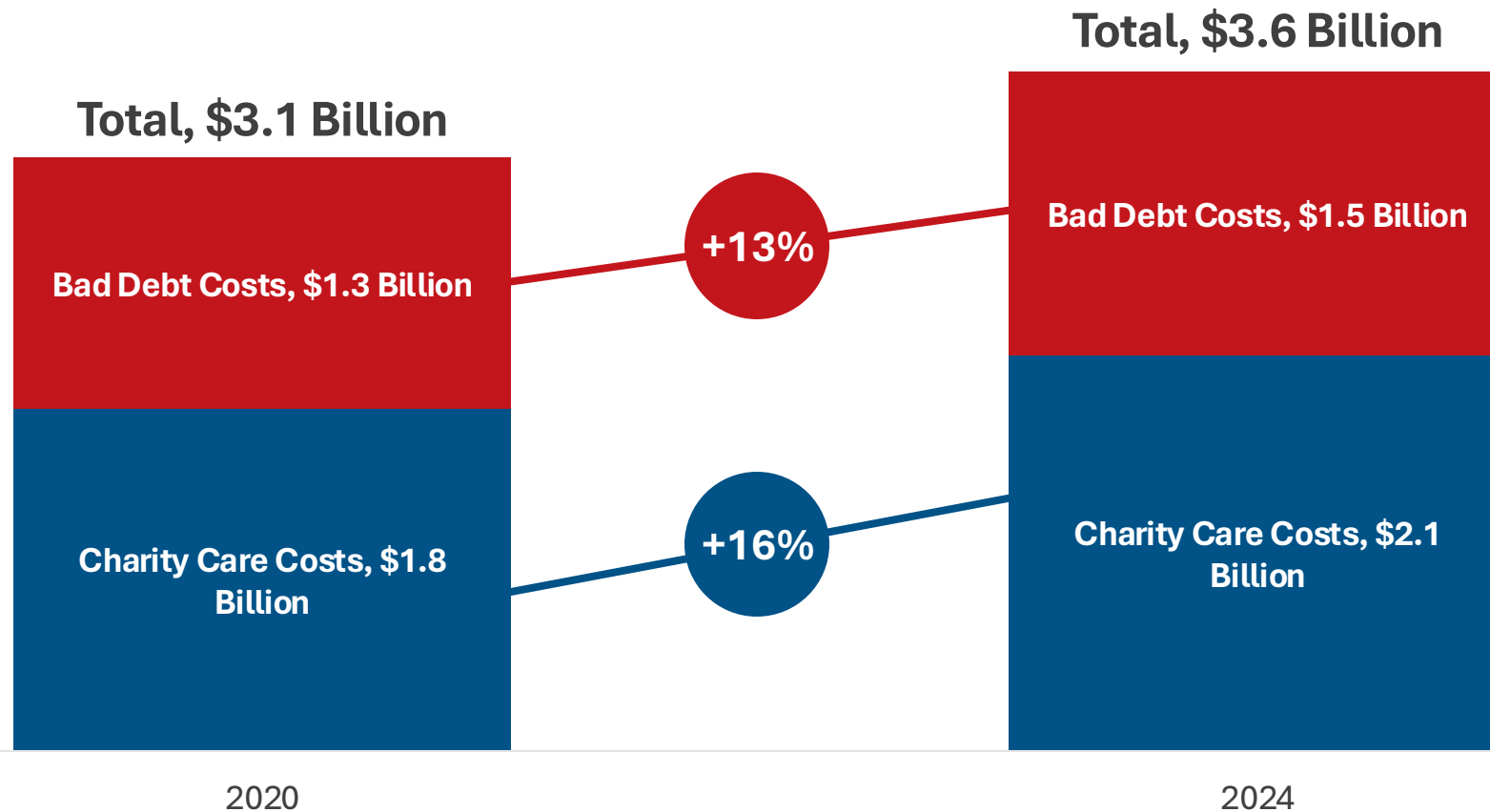


SOURCE: Hospital Financial Data Florida Hospital Uniform Reporting System (FHURS), Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, 2024



Uncompensated care costs have increased by more than 14% since 2020.

Charity care and bad debt cost hospitals over 25% of their net patient care revenue.



Nearly 30% of Acute Care Hospitals had a Negative Operating Margin



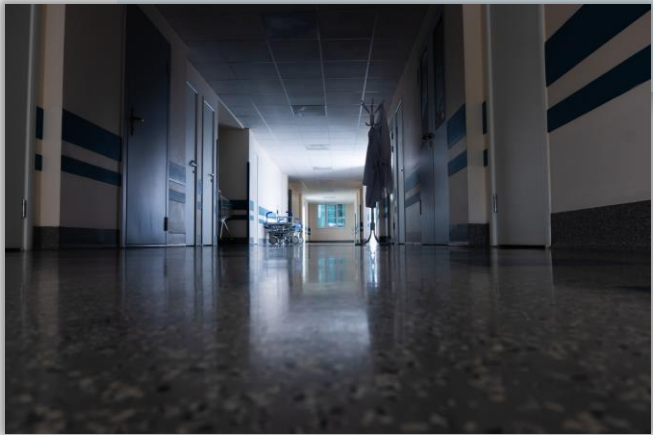
55 Acute Care Hospitals
Negative Operative Margins

29 Acute Care Hospitals had
Operating Margin between
0%-5%



27.4%

All Acute Care Hospitals
had a **Negative Operating**
Margin



Rural Health Transformation Grant

Florida was awarded \$209 million for FY 2026; must be expended by 9/30/27

Initiative Focus		Req. Ann. Initiative Amt.
1	Rural and Satellite Clinics	\$25M
2	Mobile Health	\$20M
3	Community Paramedicine	\$18M
4	Behavioral Health Telehealth and Telehub Psychiatry	\$18M
5	Tele-Specialties and Imaging (Virtual Specialty Clinics)	\$16M
6	Tele-Intensive Care Unit	\$14M
7	Hub-and-Spoke Telestroke	\$10M
8	Workforce Development	\$10M
9	Health and Lifestyle	\$7M
10	Remote Patient Telemonitoring	\$14M
11	Value-based Purchasing	\$10M
12	Retail Clinic Services	\$6M
13	Florida Health Information Exchange/Encounter Notification Service (HIE/ENS) Onboarding	\$5M
14	Diagnostics Technology Support	\$6M
15	Integrated Medicare-Medicaid Plans Education and Outreach	\$1M
16	AHCA Implementation & Regional Collaborative Support	\$20M
\$200M placeholder submitted to be adjusted based on final award		

- **\$10 billion/year for 5 years**
- All 50 states submitted applications
- AHCA may retain up to 10% annually for administration (sharing with collaboratives)



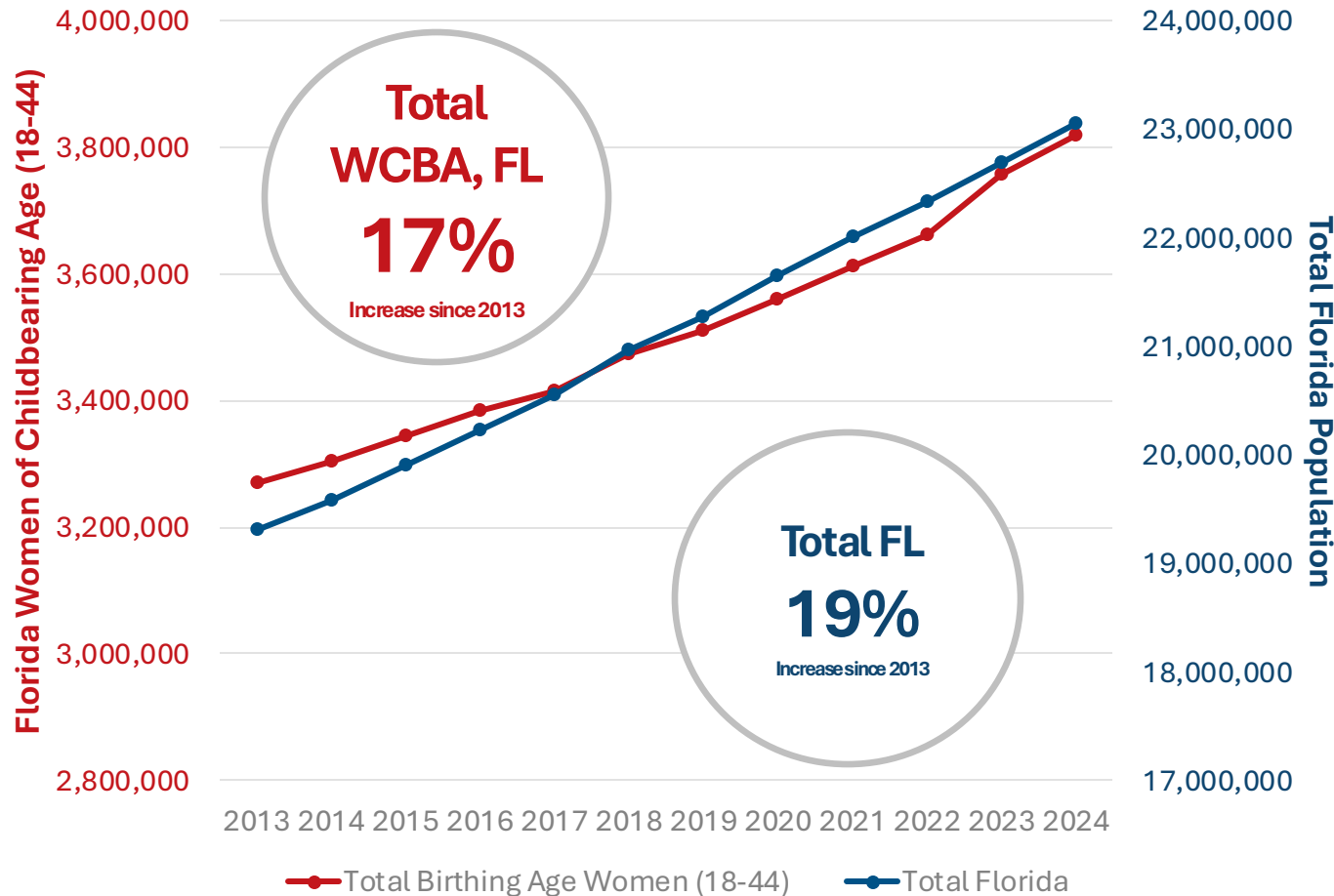
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Population Growth For Women of Childbearing Age



Since 2013, the number of women of childbearing age (WCBA) in Florida grew by 17%, only 2% from the overall population growth in Florida.



The Cost of Parenting

What it takes to meet basic needs in Florida for two adults, an infant, and a preschooler

\$86,688

annual survival budget

\$7,224 per month

\$17.7k

Childcare

\$16.3k

Housing

\$16.3k

Food

\$12.0k

Transportation

\$9.1k

Health care

Two common full-time workers
bring in **\$66,330** - leaving a **\$20,358**
annual gap



Social Drivers and Access to Care

47%
of Florida households
below ALICE threshold

42%
of families with children
below threshold

77%
of single-female-headed
families with children below
threshold

Why this matters

Housing pressure 78% of renter households below the threshold faced heavy housing cost pressure in 2023.

Transportation and geography 53% of rural households were below the threshold, making distance and travel costs more consequential.

Child-care and time strain Families with children below the threshold continued to grow; single-parent families face the steepest squeeze.



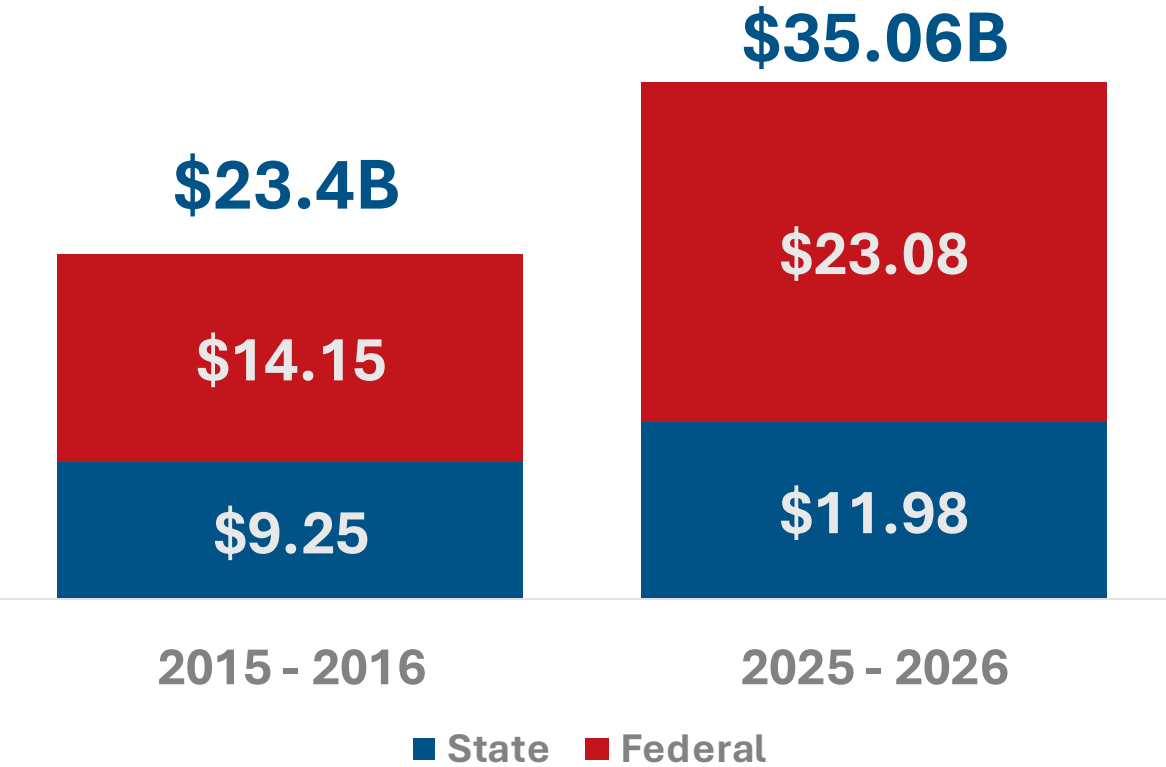
Medicaid Growth

Medicaid enrollment has grown from 57 million in 2005 to 78 million in 2025, with spending more than tripling from \$294 billion to \$917 billion.

Category	2005	2025
Enrollment	57 million	78 million
Spending	\$294 billion	\$917 billion
% of Budget	7.4%	10%
Elderly	4.9 million / \$63 billion	9 million / \$183 billion
Disabled	8.6 million / \$110 billion	9 million / \$275 billion
Adults	15 million / \$30 billion	41.7 million / \$302 billion
Children	34.2 million / \$43.4 billion	33.6 million / \$137 billion

10 Year Growth in Florida Medicaid

Medicaid Budget in Billions



There has been about a **49.8%** increase in Medicaid finances over the past decade

Medicaid Redeterminations

Top 10 Counties				
County	Region	Total Medicaid - April 2023	Total Medicaid - February 2026	% Reduction
Dade	Region I	983,792	650,017	33.9%
Broward	Region H	493,548	325,913	34.0%
Hillsborough	Region D	425,888	289,631	32.0%
Orange	Region E	388,999	249,809	35.8%
Palm Beach	Region G	342,006	223,157	34.8%
Duval	Region B	298,388	212,001	29.0%
Polk	Region D	261,275	192,170	26.4%
Lee	Region F	193,797	139,879	27.8%
Pinellas	Region C	193,289	127,324	34.1%
Osceola	Region E	151,535	103,681	31.6%

In November 2025, National Enrollment was **76.0M**, for Medicaid and CHIP

Total Enrollment April 2023:
5,778,536

Total Enrollment February 2026:
3,935,129

Difference:

(1,843,407)

31.9% decrease

Florida Medicaid by the Numbers

Florida Medicaid's reach extends across generations, providing care for children, newborn deliveries, and nursing home residents.



Over 2.1M
children in Florida

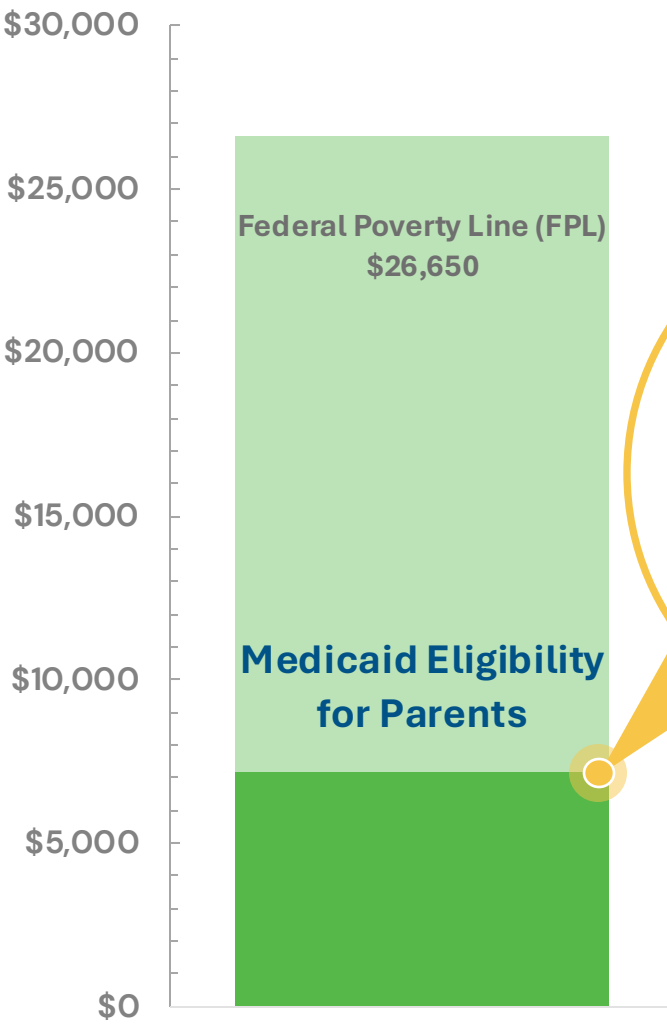


42%
of birth deliveries
in Florida



61.7%
of nursing home
days in Florida

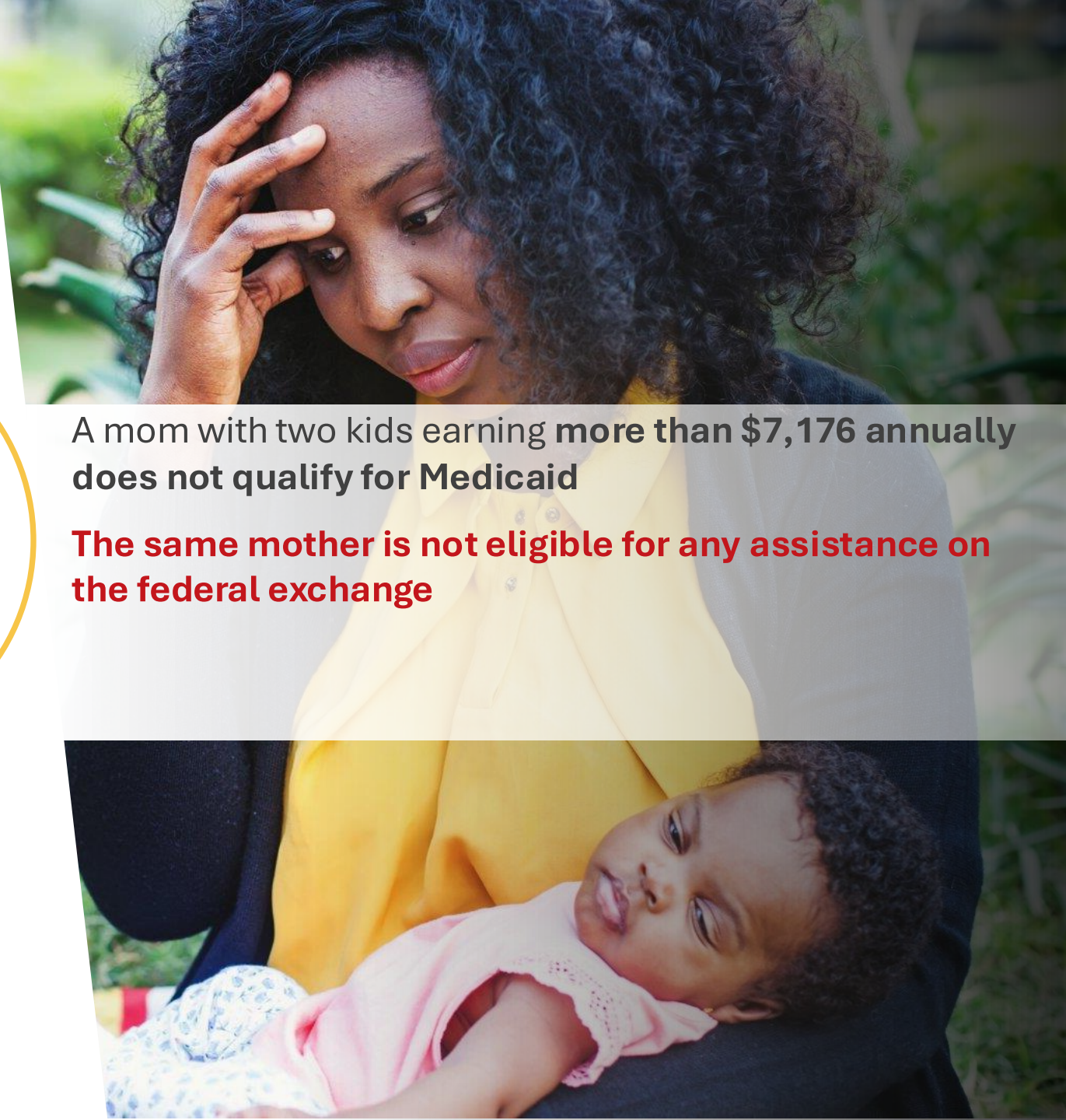
Medicaid Eligibility in Florida



Approx. 27% of FPL

~~~~~ or ~~~~~

**\$7,176 annually**



**A mom with two kids earning more than \$7,176 annually does not qualify for Medicaid**

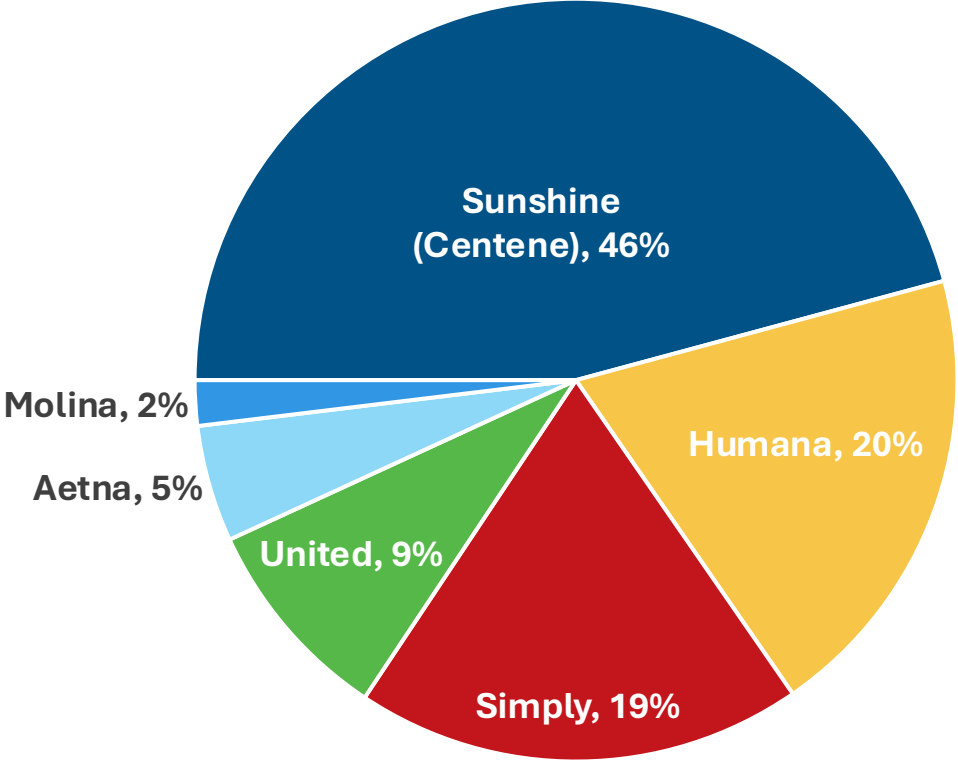
**The same mother is not eligible for any assistance on the federal exchange**



# Medicaid Managed Care Plans

Centene makes up nearly 50% of the Medicaid Managed Care

Medicaid Managed Care as of June 30, 2025



SOURCE FHA Payor Scorecard, 6th Round Data, Jul 1, 2024 – Jun 30, 2025; this includes 18 organizations, 125 hospitals and represents 45% of Florida hospital beds and 70% of FHA member beds; FHA Managed Care Report Q2 2025

# Medicaid Pay-to-Cost Ratios

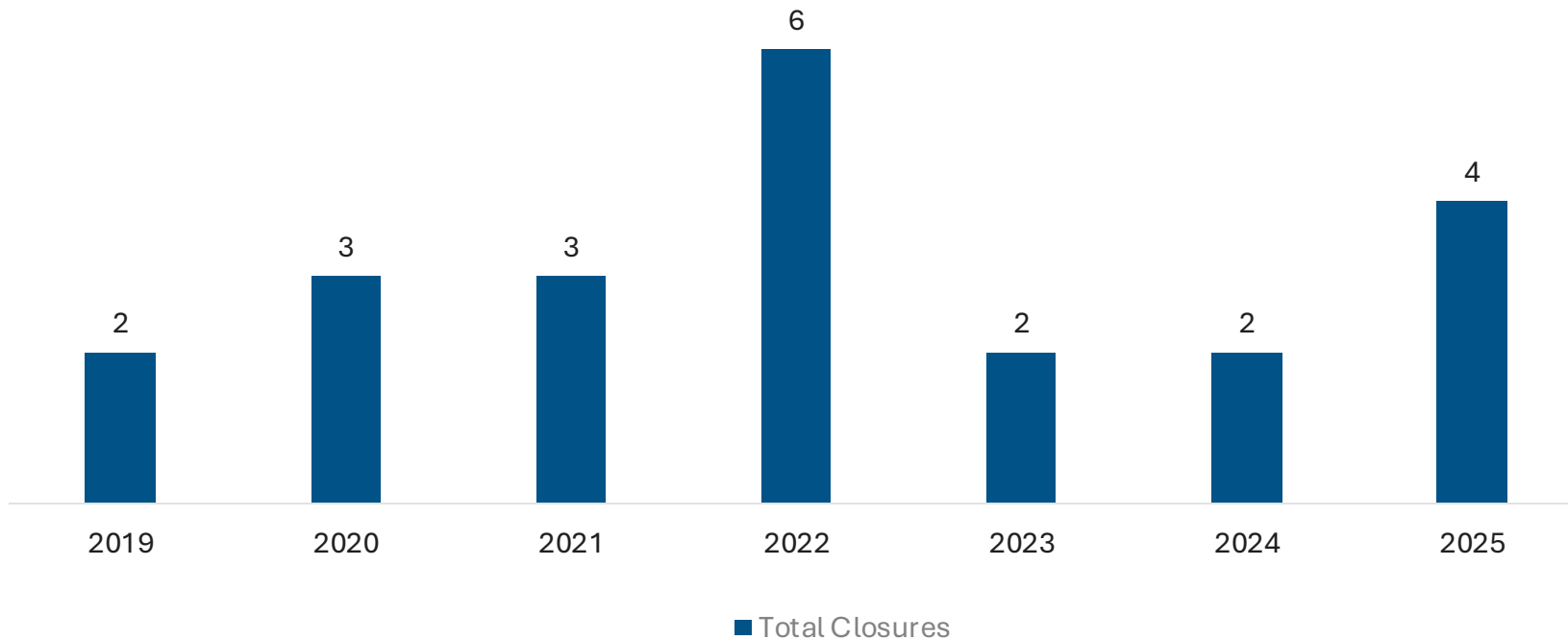
Pay-to-cost ratios fall well below 100%

| Service             | Cost            | Payment         | Pay to Cost % |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Inpatient Pediatric | \$1,056,485,929 | \$658,649,797   | 62%           |
| Medical Surgery     | \$6,011,235,646 | \$2,927,358,263 | 49%           |
| Labor and Delivery  | \$633,117,450   | \$297,761,677   | 47%           |
| Adult MH            | \$90,058,624    | \$44,363,406    | 49%           |
| Under 21 MH         | \$55,206,899    | \$38,053,089    | 69%           |



# Maternity Care Access Is Declining as Labor and Delivery Units Close

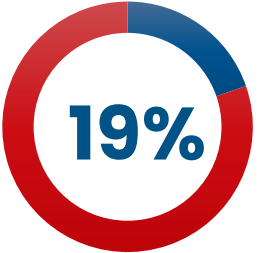
Between 2019–2025, 22 Labor and Delivery Units closed across the state, further exacerbating access challenges, particularly in rural communities where care is already limited and travel distances for maternity services are greater.



# 4.7 million Floridians Covered by Marketplace



Florida ranks #1  
**4.7M**  
 beneficiaries



of the total Marketplace nationally

## Key Takeaways

4.6 million of 4.7 million Floridians receive a tax credit

3.8 million earn less than 200% of FPL; \$53,300 for family of 3

1.5 million will lose the assistance

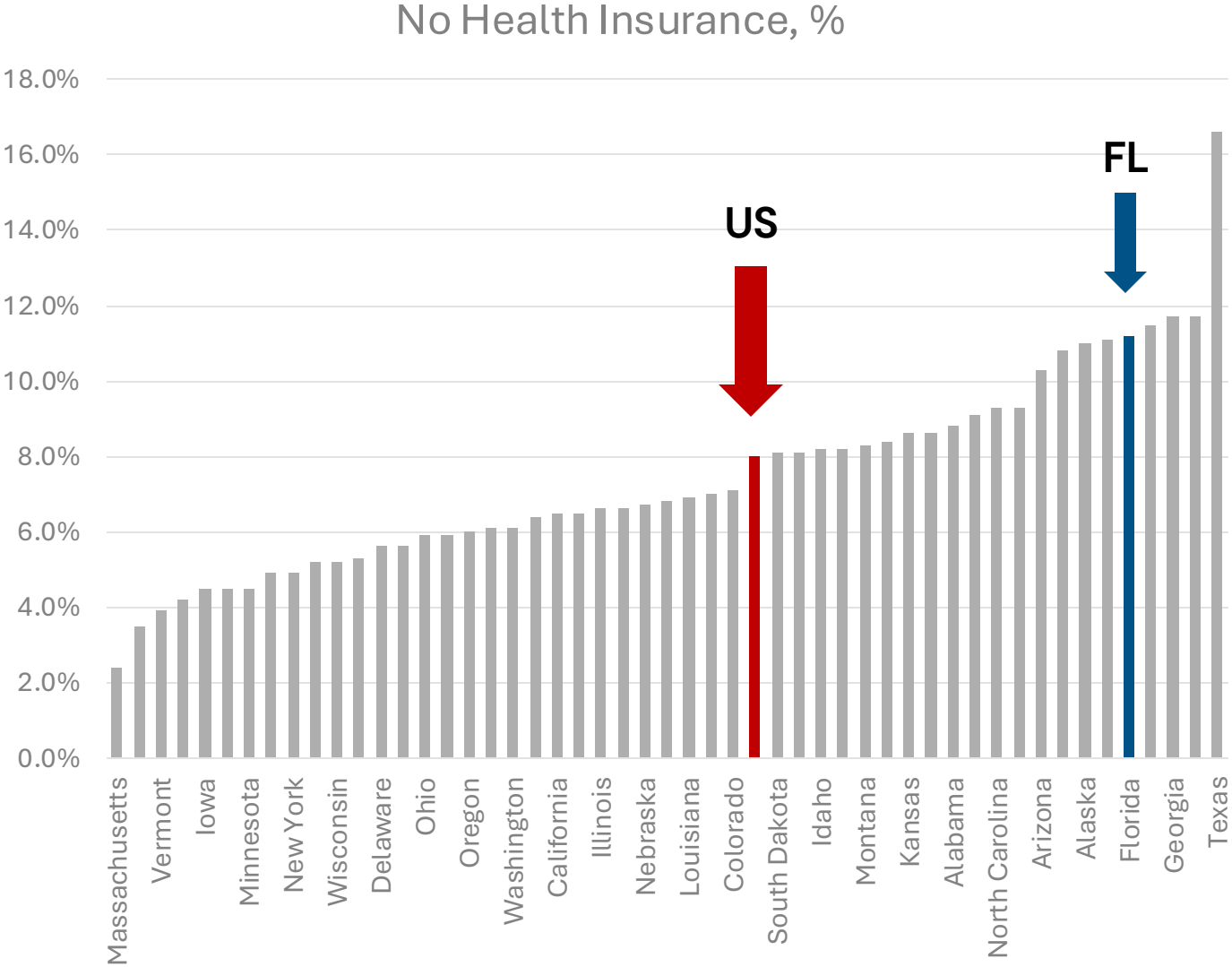
Over 1 million Floridians losing assistance earn below 200% of the FPL

## Floridians in the Marketplace

| % of FPL              | # Enrollees |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| <100% of FPL          | 72,304      |
| ≥100% to ≤150% of FPL | 3,089,787   |
| >150% to ≤200% of FPL | 709,094     |
| >200% to ≤250% of FPL | 325,237     |
| >250% to ≤300% of FPL | 188,710     |
| >300% to ≤400% of FPL | 164,095     |
| >400% to ≤500% of FPL | 60,677      |
| >500% of FPL          | 81,770      |
| Other/Unknown FPL     | 43,741      |
|                       | 4,735,415   |



# Percent of Women of Child-Bearing Age with No Health Insurance



SOURCE: Lactation Consultant Access and Breastfeeding Outcomes in the United States: Cross-Sectional Analysis, 2025

# What MCOs Are Required to Do to Support MCH Outcomes

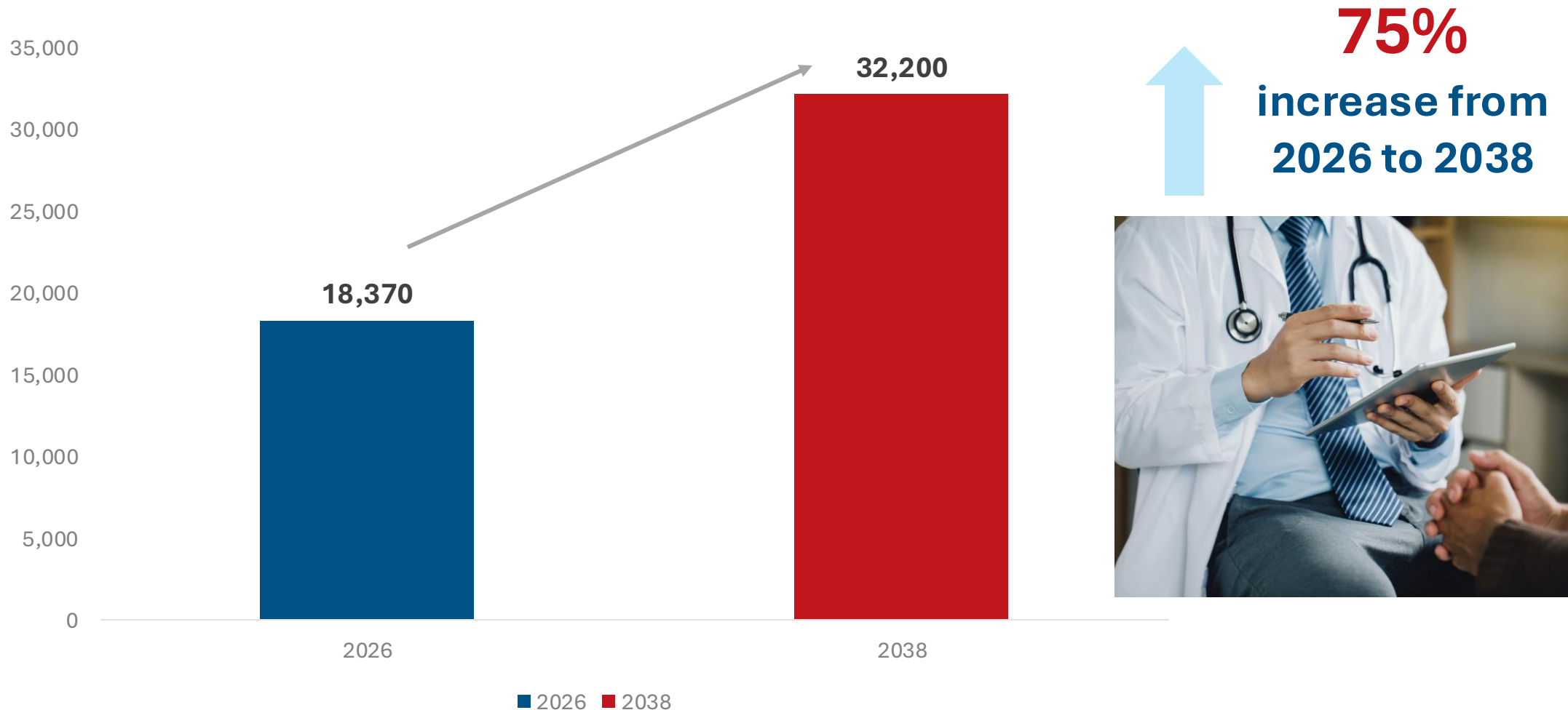
Florida's Medicaid managed care contract translates MCH priorities into plan requirements around pregnancy identification, care coordination, newborn assignment, screening, and quality accountability.

## Florida Medicaid MCO Contract Requirements (2025-2030 SMMC)

- 1 Pregnancy identification and intake**  
Require provider notification of pregnancy, notify members about screening within 30 days of enrollment, and complete HRAs for at least 80% of pregnant enrollees within 60 days.
- 2 Prenatal and postpartum coordination**  
Coordinate with Healthy Start, follow up on missed prenatal visits, assist with delivery arrangements, and support interconception care and reproductive life planning.
- 3 Provider access and newborn assignment**  
Allow obstetricians to serve as PCPs, assign a newborn PCP by the last trimester if needed, and provide direct specialist access for children with special health care needs.
- 4 Well-child screening outreach**  
Identify children overdue for screenings, send reminders, and offer scheduling and transportation help to increase preventive visits and screening participation. Plans also must achieve at least an 80% well-child visit participation rate based on CMS-416/Florida screening reporting.
- 5 Quality reporting and birth outcomes**  
Meet well-child standards, document preterm delivery risk assessments by week 28, report maternal and child quality measures, and complete a PIP focused on healthy birth outcomes.

# Florida's Total Physician Workforce Shortage Projections to 2038

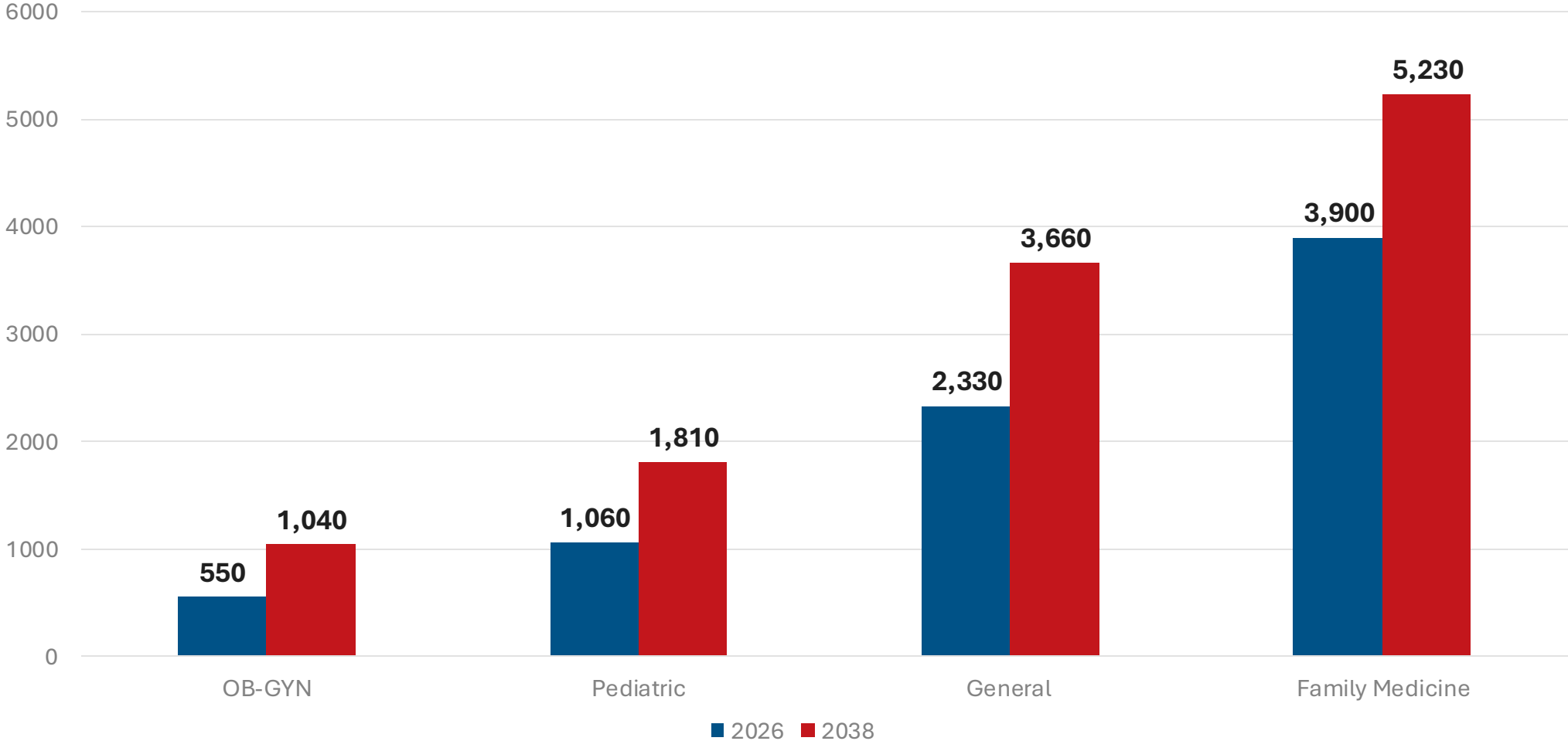
Florida is expected to face a shortage of 18,370 physicians in 2026, a gap that is projected to increase to over 32,000 by 2038, nearly doubling the supply deficit.



SOURCE: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, [Health Workforce Projections Dashboard](#)

# Florida's Projected Specialty Physician Shortages by 2038

By 2038, Florida is projected to face its largest shortages in Family Medicine and General Physicians, creating an increase demand for primary care.

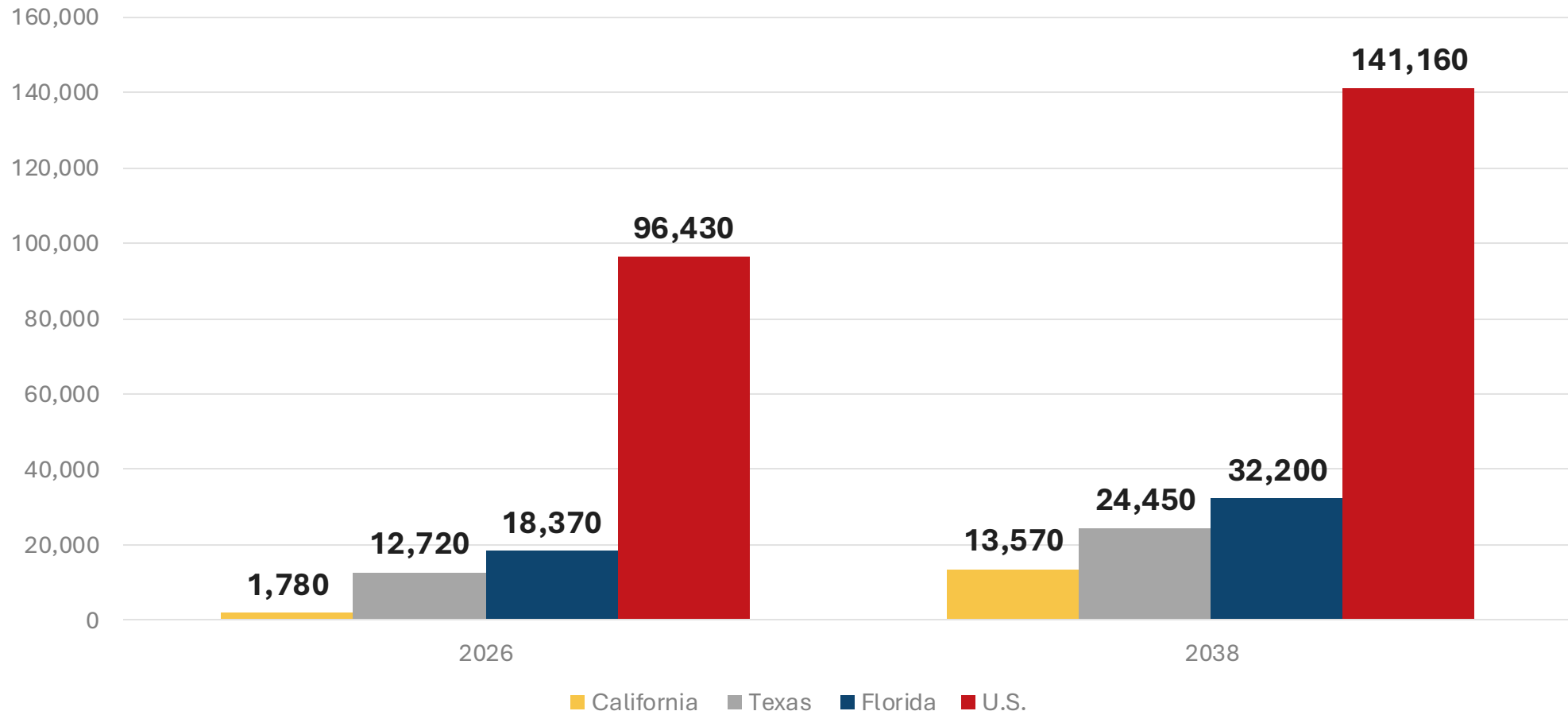


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# Florida's Growing Physician Shortage by 2038

Florida mirrors the national physician shortage crisis and ranks first in the nation for projected shortages, facing a projected gap of 32,200 physicians by 2038, nearly doubling the current deficit. This looming shortfall threatens to increase patient wait times, limit access to care, and strain providers as the population rapidly grows and ages.



# Nonemergent or PCP Treatable ED Visits - MEDICAID

## STATE TOTAL

2024 Nonemergent + PCP  
Treatable ED Visits

**1,186,656**

**53.5%**

Total Medicaid ED Visits

**2,219,906**

### Top Diagnosis Codes:

Acute upper respiratory infection,  
unspecified viral infection, influenza,  
streptococcal pharyngitis,  
urinary tract infection

## CHILDREN TOTAL

2024 Nonemergent + PCP  
Treatable ED Visits

**606,508**

**55.3%**

Total Medicaid ED Visits

**1,096,962**

### Top Diagnosis Codes:

Acute upper respiratory infection,  
unspecified viral infection, streptococcal  
pharyngitis, influenza, acute pharyngitis

## ADULT TOTAL

2024 Nonemergent + PCP  
Treatable ED Visits

**580,148**

**51.7%**

Total Medicaid ED Visits

**1,122,944**

### Top Diagnosis Codes:

Acute upper respiratory infection, urinary  
tract infection, other chest pain,  
unspecified viral infection, unspecified  
headache

# Residency Slot Shortages

The number of Medicare-funded training slots has been capped since 1997, limiting a key resource for physician recruitment and growth

| State         | Total Residents in Training | Total Medicare DGME Funded Residents | % of Residents not Supported by DGME | Medicare Residents Per 100,000 Population | 2024 Population |
|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Florida       | 6,129                       | 4,847                                | 21%                                  | 17.85                                     | 23,372,215      |
| Georgia       | 2,324                       | 2,010                                | 14%                                  | 16.9                                      | 11,180,878      |
| Massachusetts | 4,684                       | 3,898                                | 17%                                  | 54.68                                     | 7,136,171       |
| New York      | 17,576                      | 15,285                               | 13%                                  | 76.66                                     | 19,867,248      |
| Texas         | 6,377                       | 4,354                                | 32%                                  | 13.13                                     | 31,209,831      |

SOURCE: [State-by-State Graduate Medical Education Data](#), AAMC, Nov. 2024



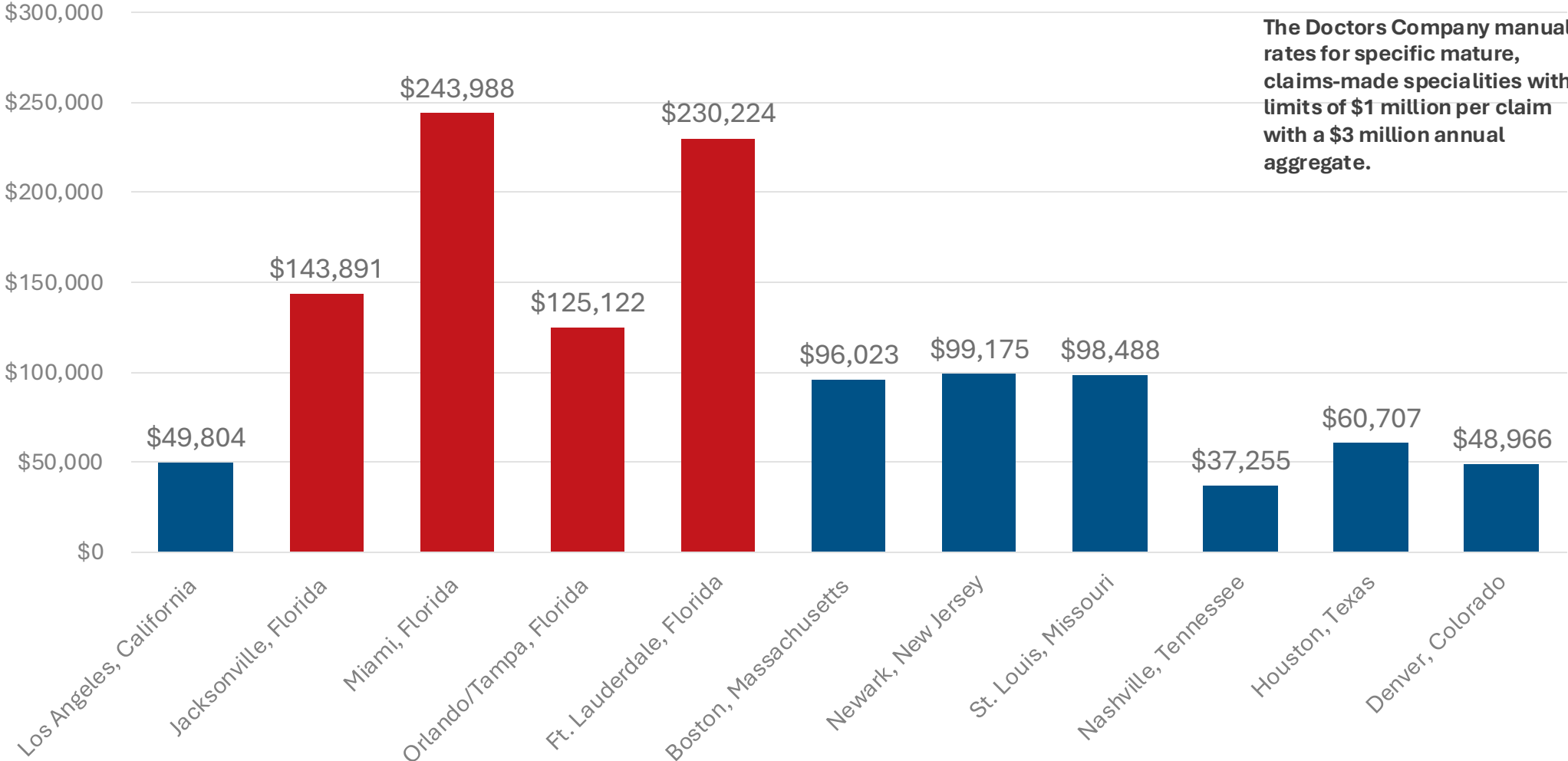
# Florida Leads the Nation in Per Capita Nuclear Verdicts

Large “nuclear verdicts” are mostly based on non-economic damages, while actual financial losses make up only about 10% of awards, showing that jury judgments play an increasing role

| State          | Per Capita Rank | Cumulative Rank | Average State Population | Nuclear Verdicts per 100,000 People |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Florida</b> | <b>1</b>        | <b>2</b>        | <b>20,975,886</b>        | <b>0.939</b>                        |
| New York       | 2               | 3               | 19,741,604               | 0.664                               |
| Washington     | 3               | 8               | 7,429,799                | 0.633                               |
| Georgia        | 4               | 5 (tie)         | 10,461,694               | 0.612                               |
| New Mexico     | 5               | —               | 2,096,622                | 0.572                               |
| Rhode Island   | 6               | —               | 1,068,310                | 0.562                               |
| Wyoming        | 7               | —               | 581,307                  | 0.516                               |
| California     | 8               | 1               | 39,182,465               | 0.508                               |
| Illinois       | 9               | 5 (tie)         | 12,770,239               | 0.501                               |
| Missouri       | 10              | 9               | 6,116,383                | 0.490                               |

# Florida's OB-GYN Malpractice Environment Is More Costly Than Other States

## 2024 Medical Liability Insurance Rates



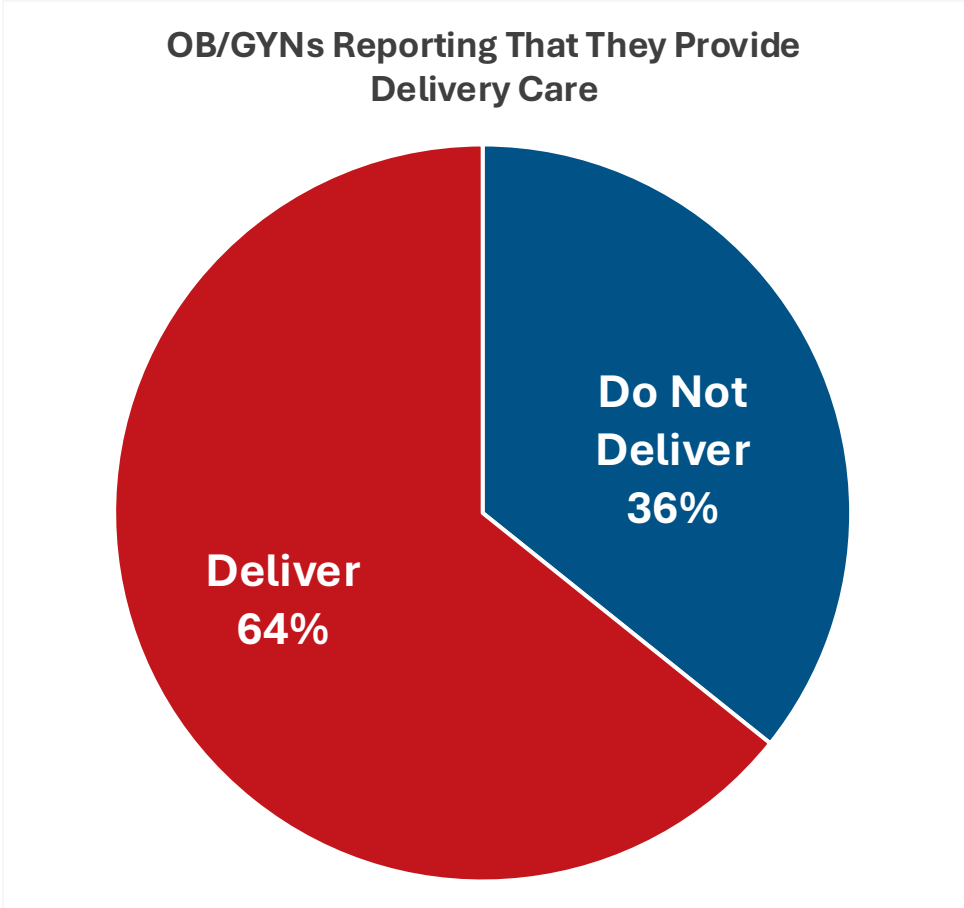
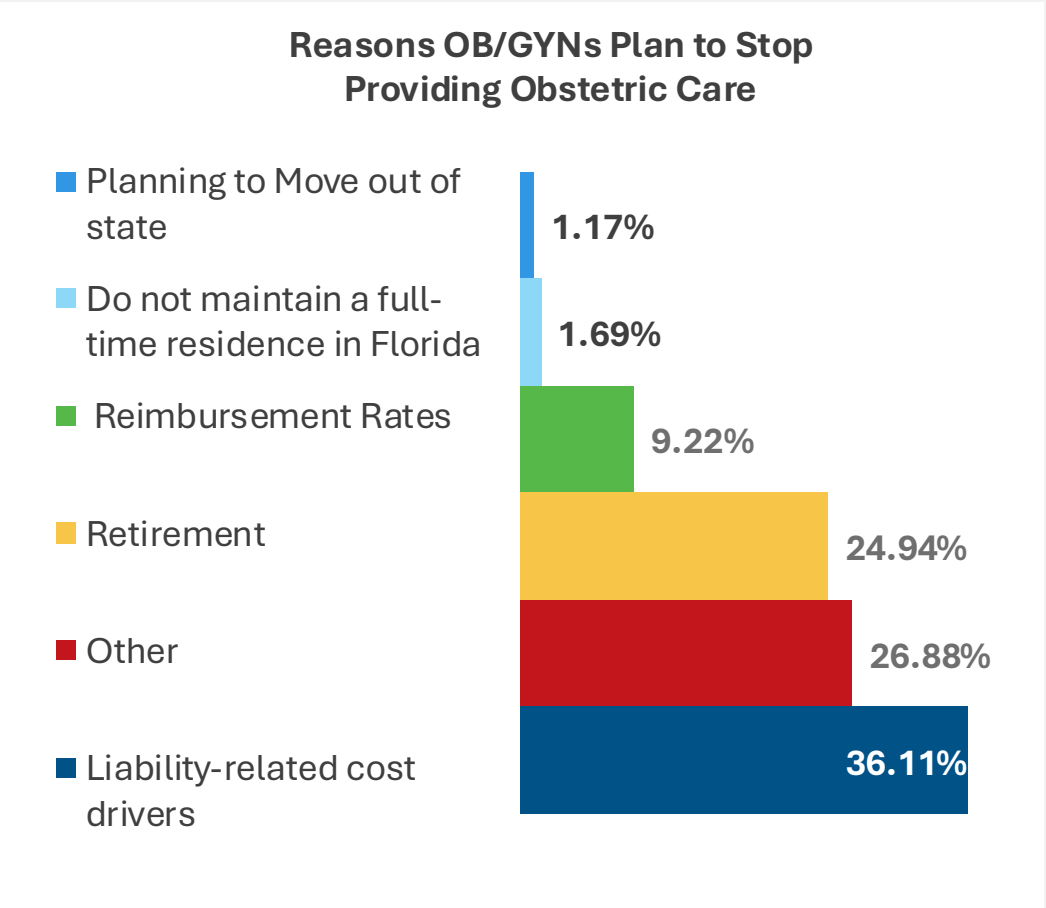
The Doctors Company manual rates for specific mature, claims-made specialties with limits of \$1 million per claim with a \$3 million annual aggregate.

SOURCE: Medical Liability Monitor Annual Rate Survey, OB-GYN Rates, October 2024



# Fewer OB/GYNs Providing Obstetric Care

Nearly 40% of physicians reported they no longer or plan to stop delivering babies because of liability-related issues.

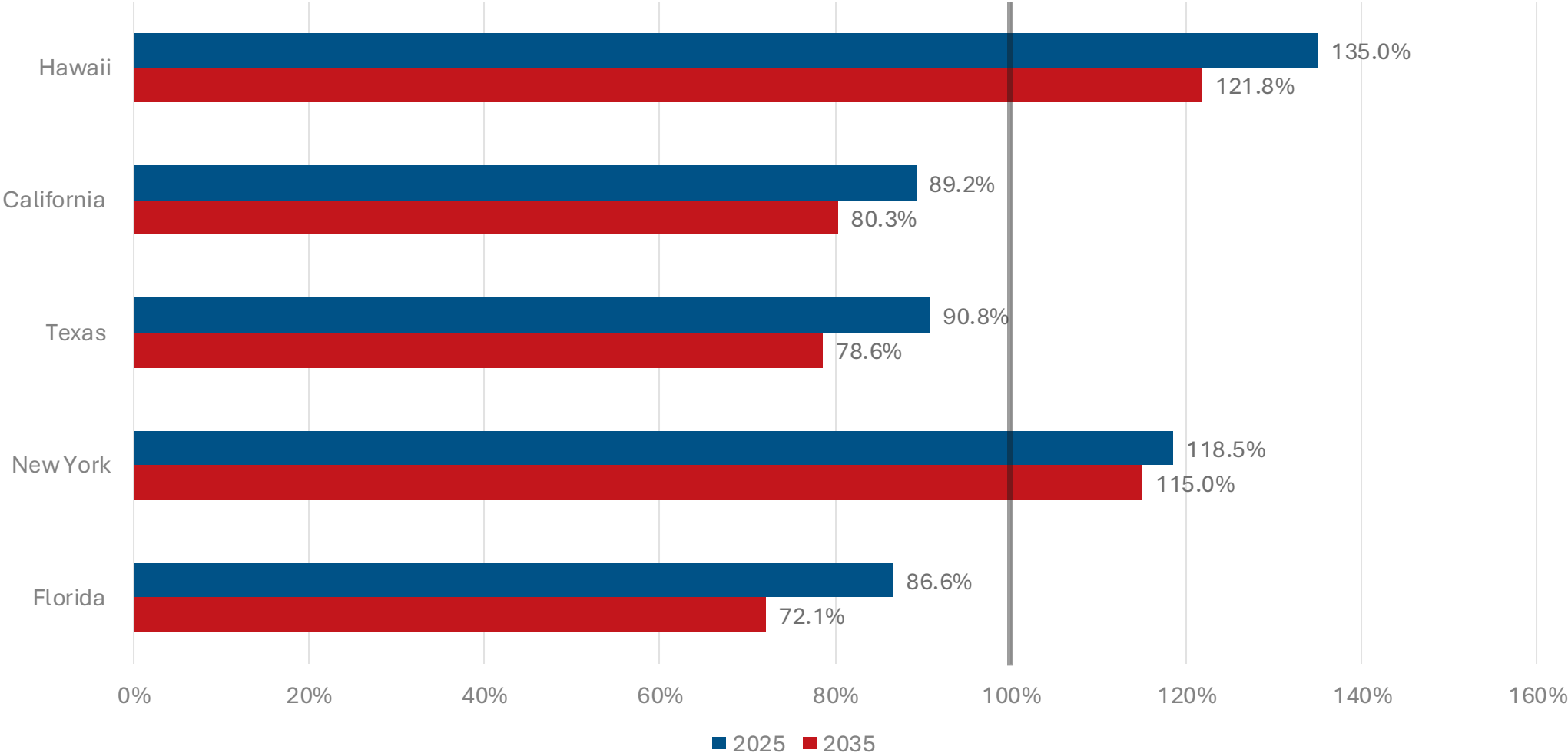


SOURCE: [Florida Physician Workforce Annual Report](#), Florida Department of Health, 2025

# OB-GYN Disparities by 2035

Florida, like other highly populated states, is projected to have an inadequate supply of OB-GYNs by 2035. By 2035, Florida will need an additional 27.9 full-time equivalents (FTEs) OB-GYNs.

Percent Adequacy of full-time equivalents (FTEs) OB-GYNs



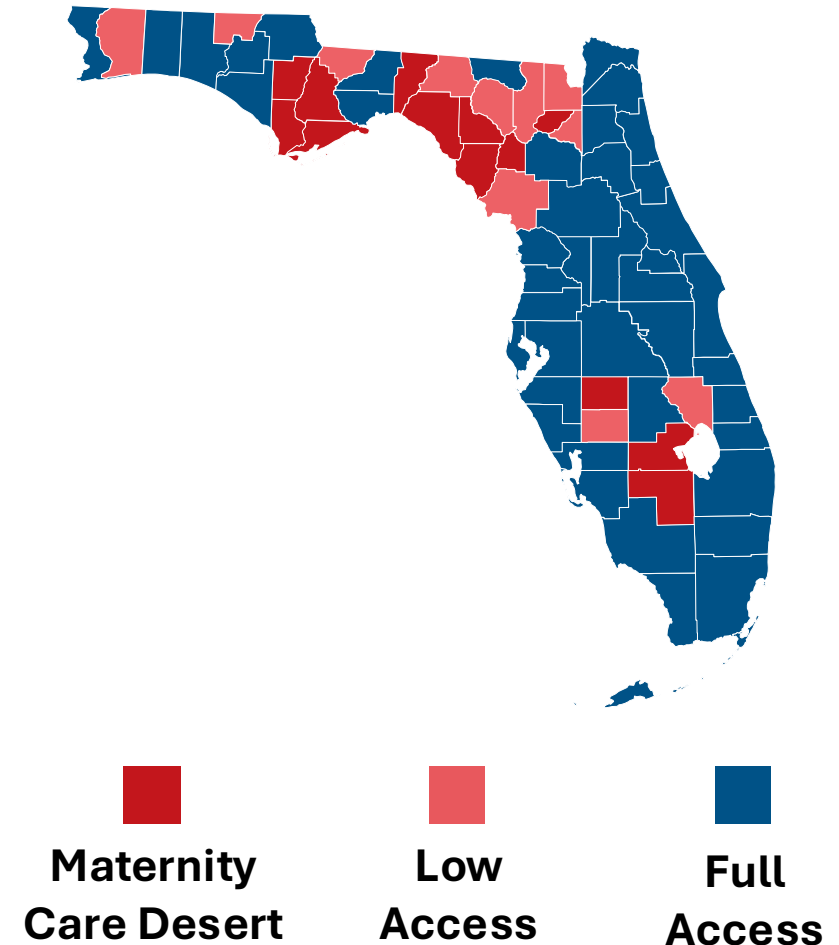
SOURCE: Projected Shortages and Distributional Challenges of Obstetrician-Gynecologists in the United States, 2025-2035, Obstetrics & Gynecology, January 2026.



# Obstetric Care Deserts

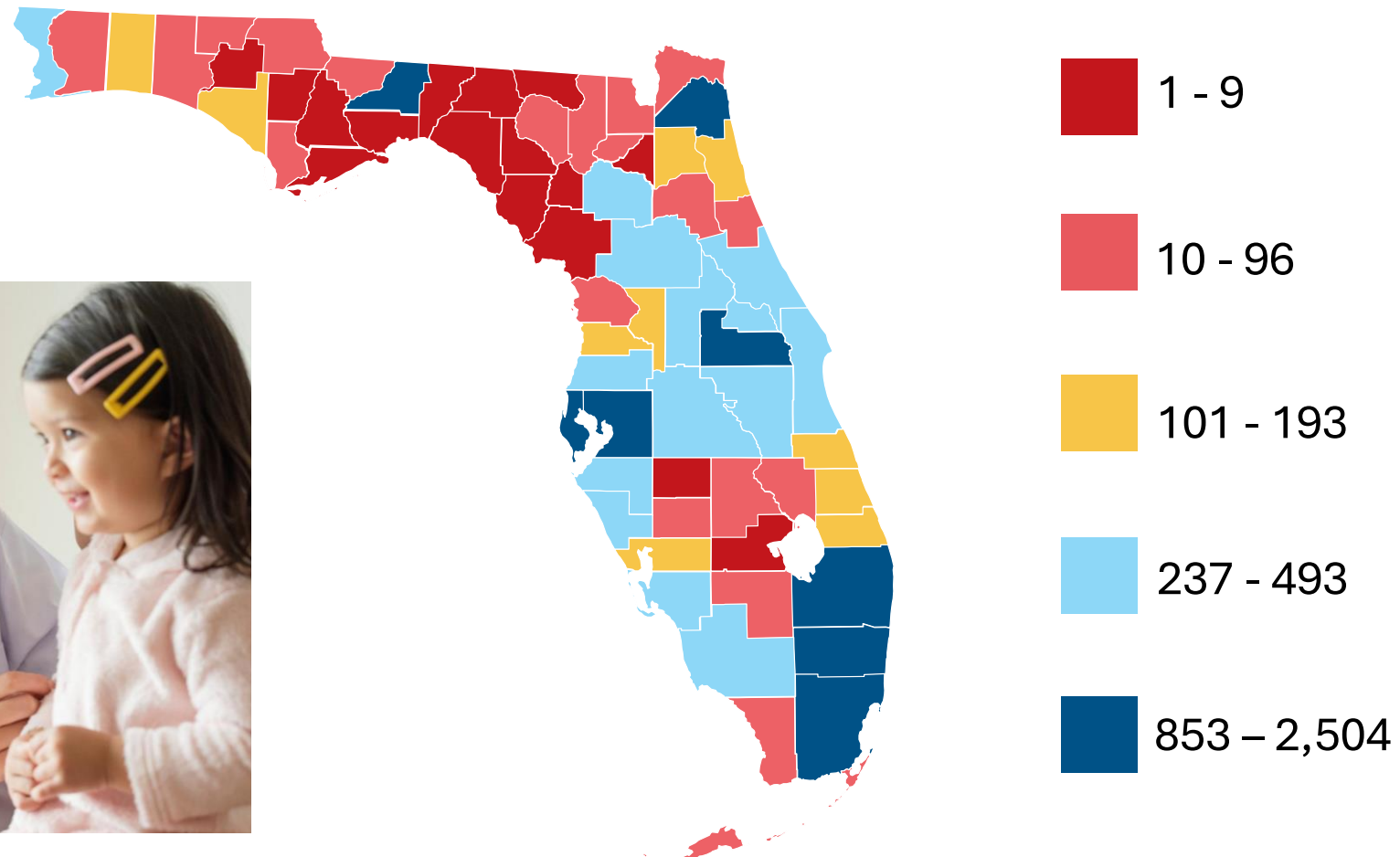
Access to obstetric services is shrinking across Florida, leaving many women without nearby options for safe delivery.

- 19.4% of Florida counties are **maternity care deserts**.
- 10.8% of women **lack a birthing hospital** within 30 minutes.
- Women in care deserts **travel 3.7x farther** for delivery.
- Closures driven by **staff shortages, low birth volumes, and poor reimbursement**.



# Primary Care Availability by County

Internal medicine, family medicine, and general pediatrics make up Florida's primary care workforce. As of 2025, 66 of 67 counties face shortages.



# In Florida, there's only **one pediatrician** for every **1,364 children**.

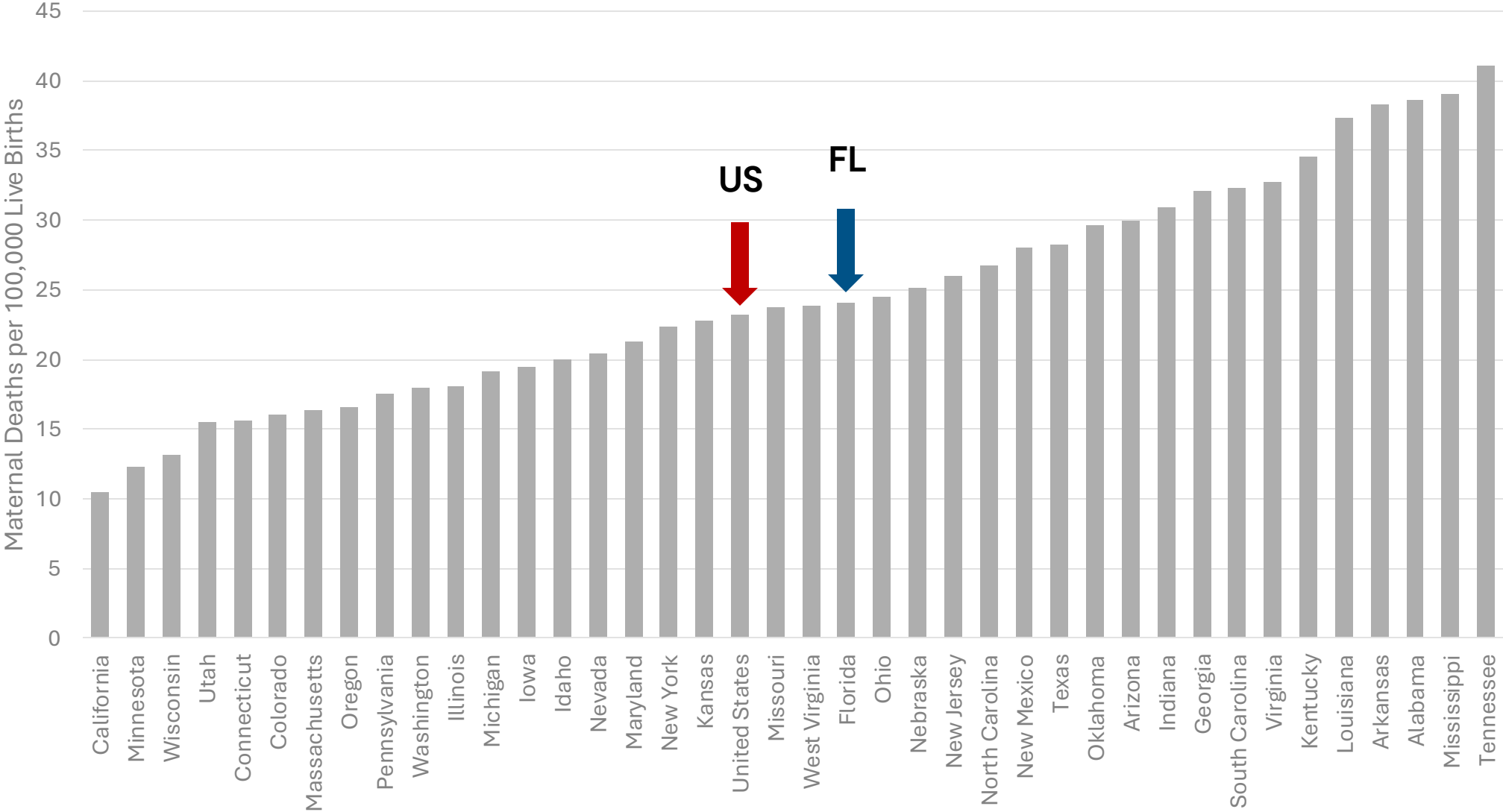


In 2024, the total population of children under 18 in Florida was **4,436,647**.

**As of June 2025, Florida had 4,777 licensed pediatricians.**



# Maternal Mortality for 39 US States, 2018-2022

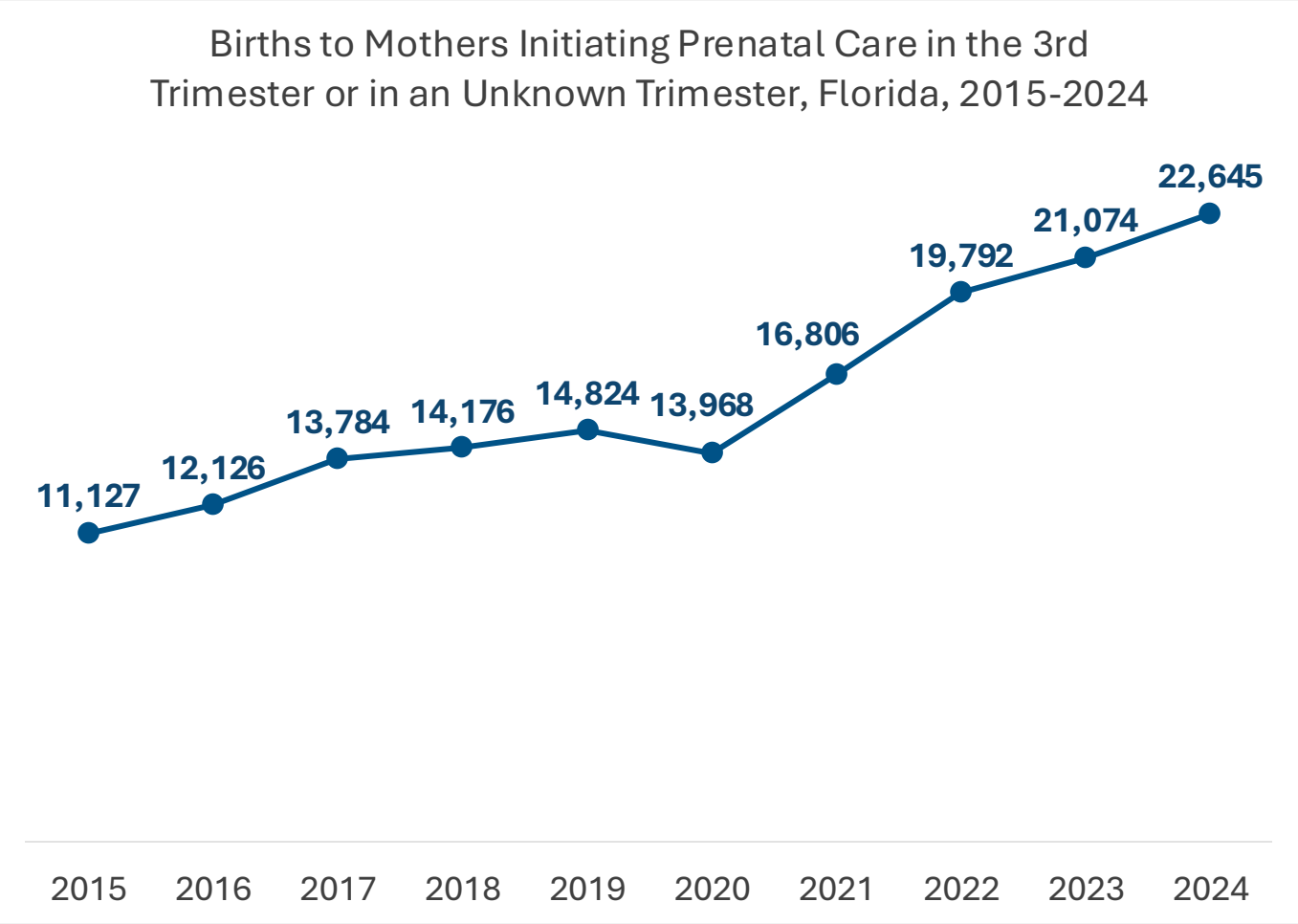


SOURCE: [National Center for Health Statistics](#), National Vital Statistics System, 2026

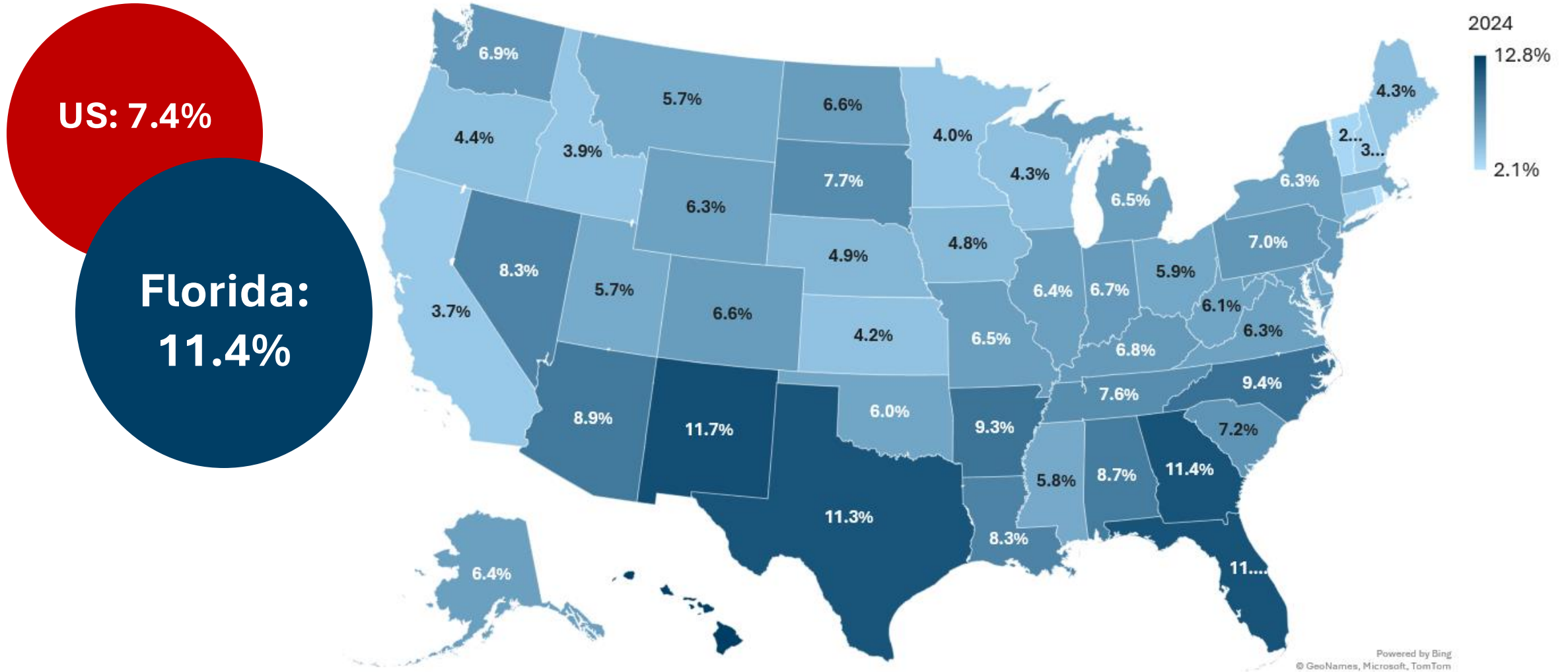


# Delayed Prenatal Care Is Leaving Mothers and Babies at Risk

Births associated with late or unknown prenatal care increased by **104%** from 2015 to 2024.



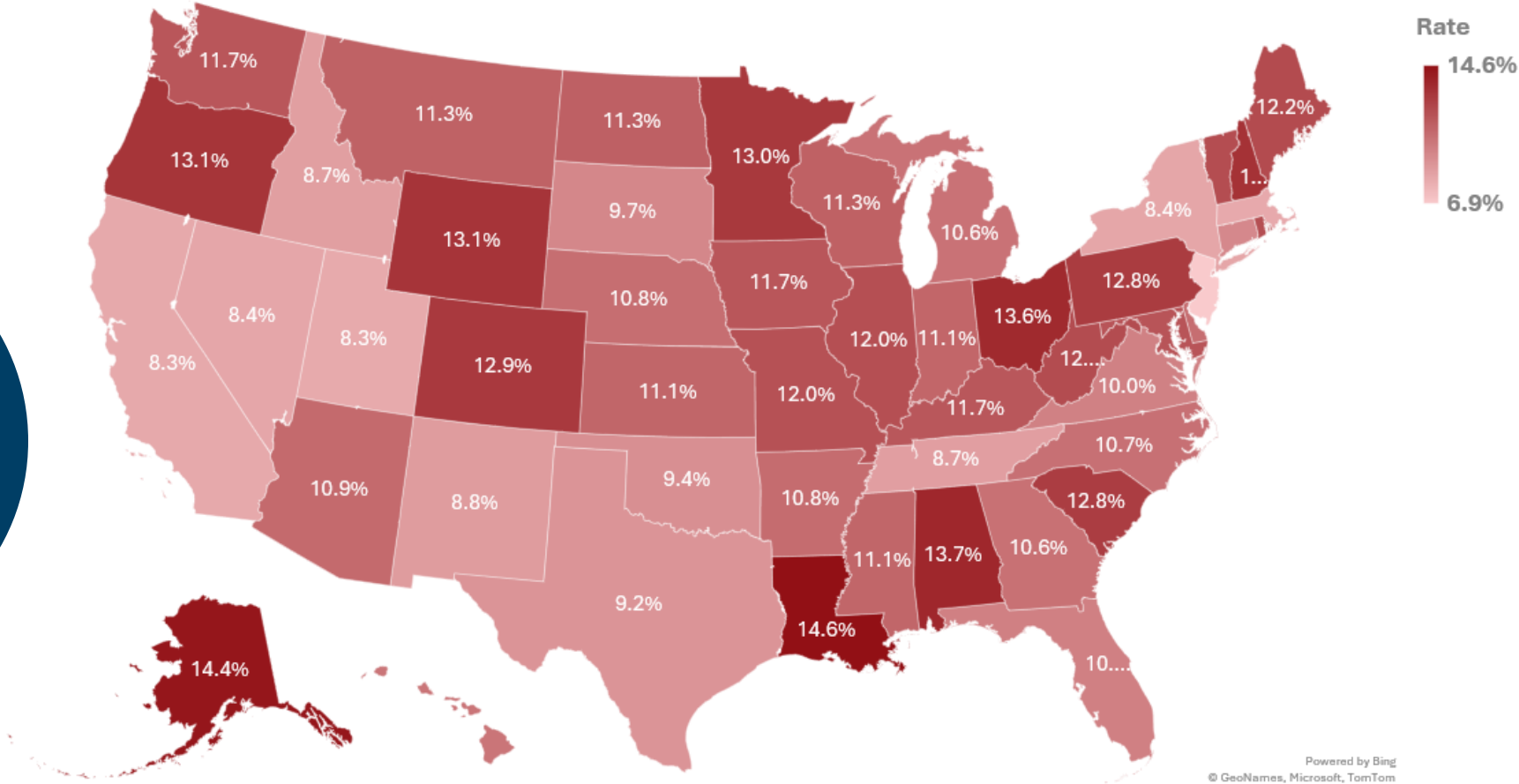
# Percent of Women Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care



# Rates of Gestational Hypertension 2024

**US: 10.4%**

**Florida: 10.0%**



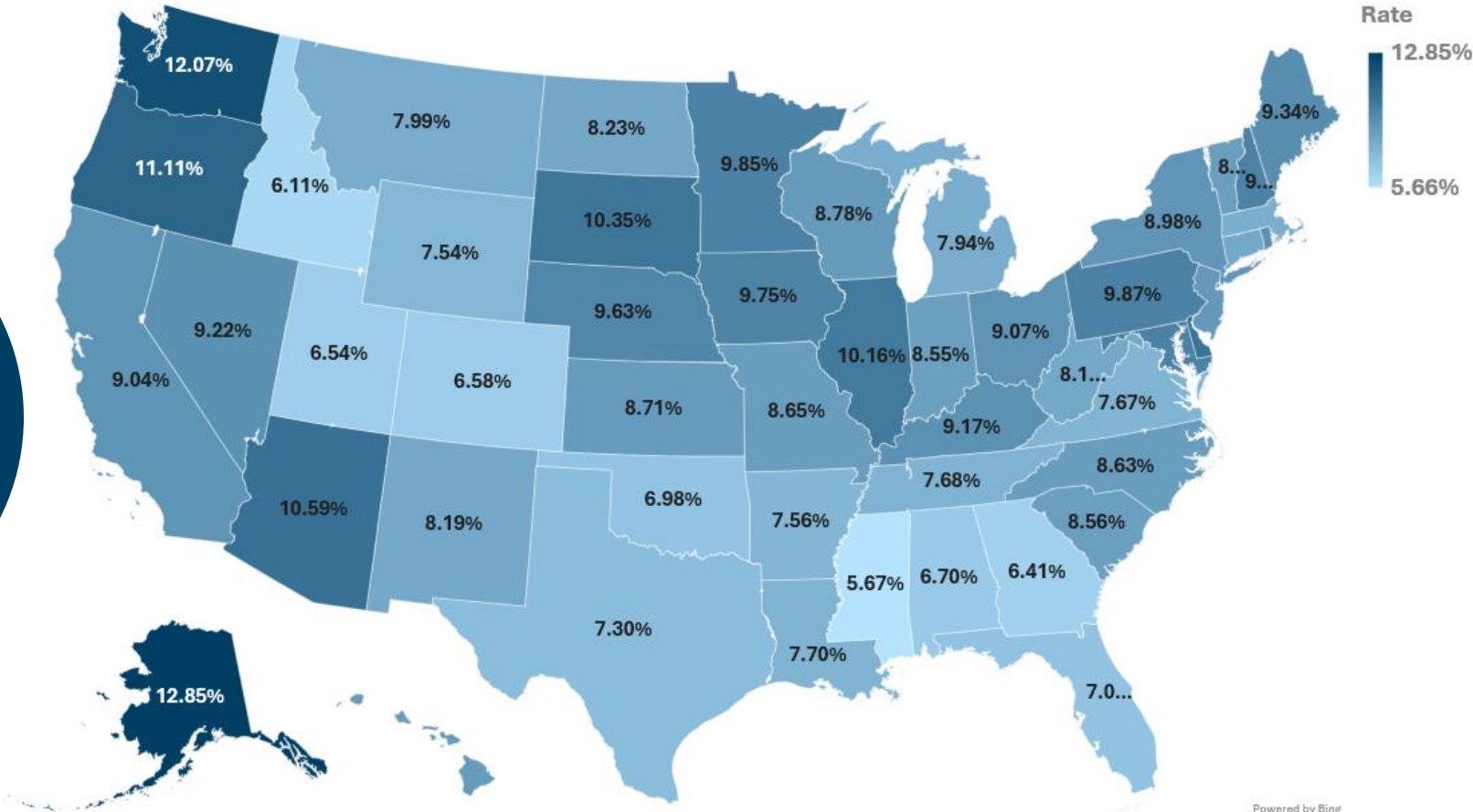
Source: CDC Wonder Database, 2024



# Rates of Gestational Diabetes

**US: 8.5%**

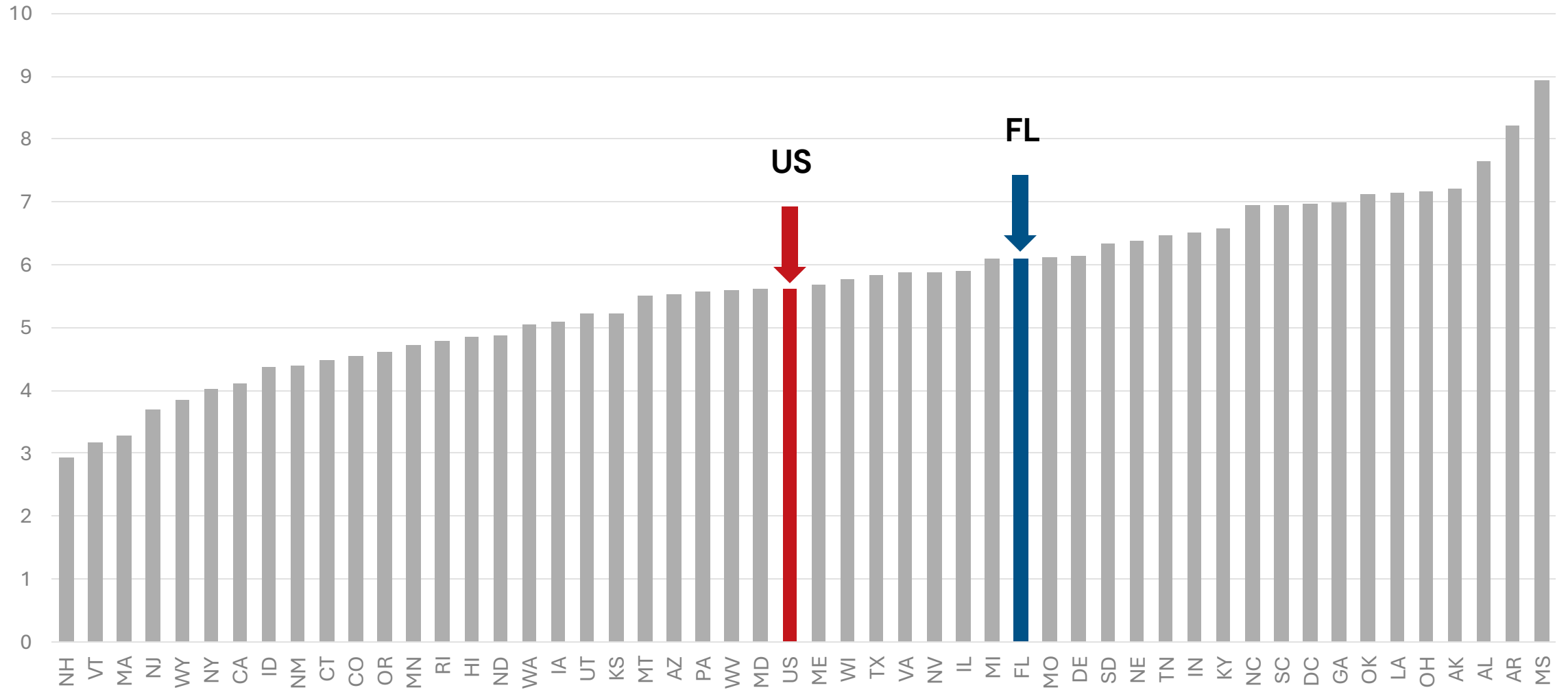
**Florida: 7.0%**



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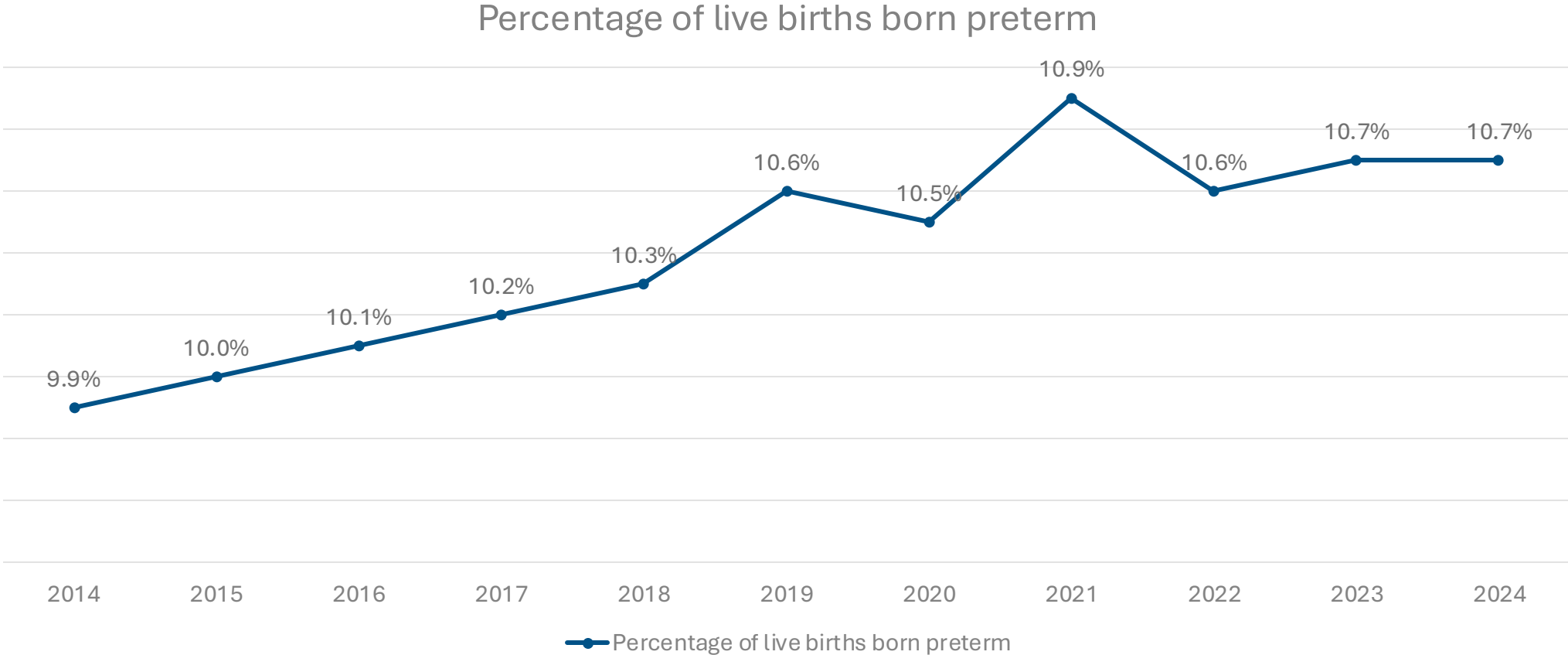
# Infant Mortality Per 1,000 Live Births



Source: [CDC Stats of the States Infant Mortality](#), 2023

# Florida ranks D+ in Preterm Birth Rates

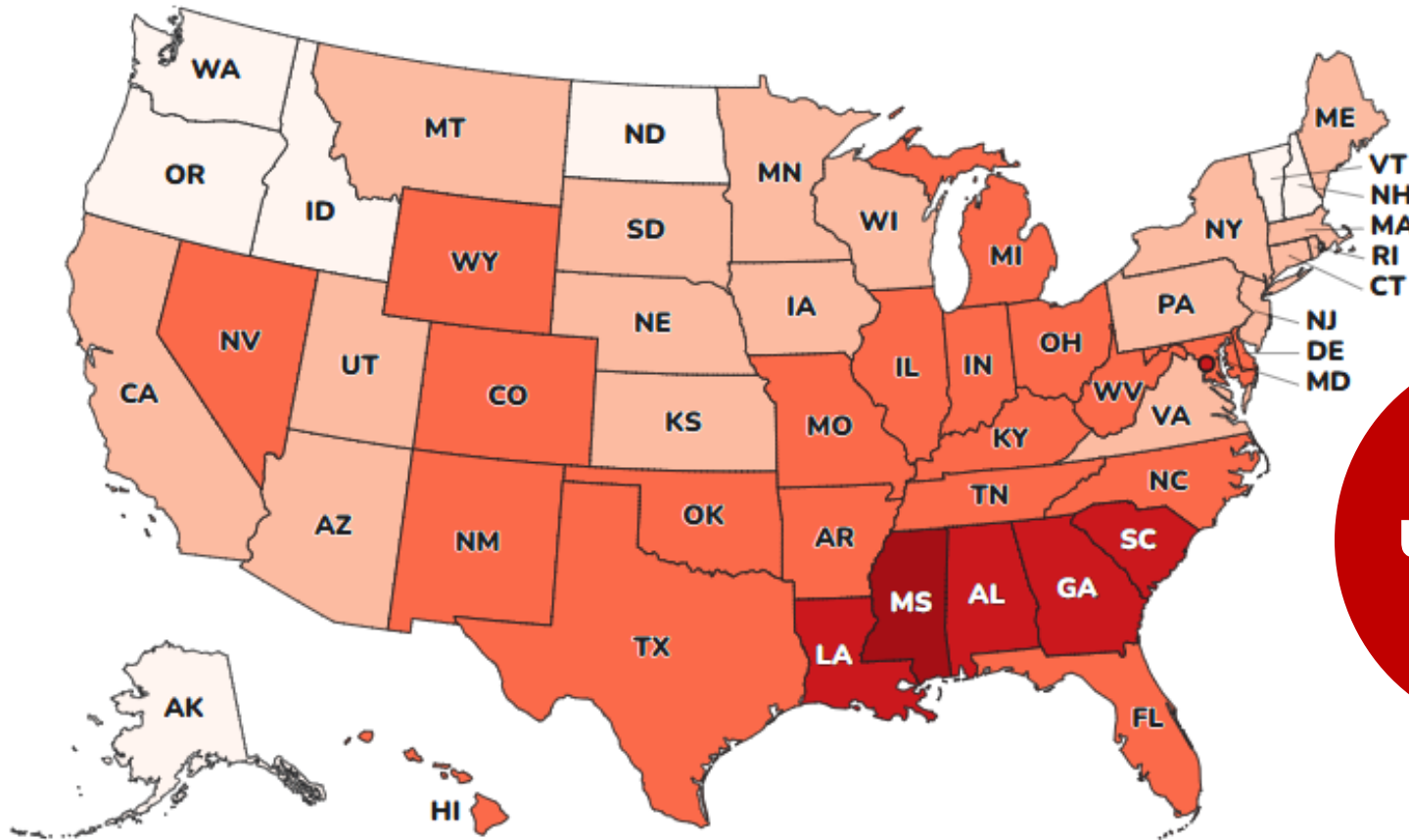
Florida's preterm birth rate was **10.7% in 2024**, higher than the US (10.4%).  
Florida ranked **32<sup>nd</sup>** in the nation in preterm births.



SOURCE: [Florida Report Card](#), March of Dimes, 2025



# Percentage of Low Birthweight (LBW) Infants



US: 8.5%

Florida:  
9%



# Advanced Birthing Centers Prompt Perinatal Safety Concerns

A new Florida law allows C-sections in outpatient birthing centers, raising safety concerns from experts who say the risks are best managed in hospitals.



**Regulations Include:**

Blood storage and Drug Availability Requirements

Quality Reporting

Participation in FPQC initiatives & NICA

The New York Times

*Medical Experts Alarmed by Out-of-Hospital Cesareans in Florida*

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**Florida Allows Doctors To Perform C-Sections Outside of Hospitals**

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**Florida's New C-Section Factories Will Put Moms and Babies at Risk**



## Key Concerns

- AHCA rulemaking underway for informed consent, staffing, and care protocols
- Awaiting clarification on **risk criteria**, documentation, and oversight

# Florida Pediatric Health Snapshot



● ~ **2 in 5** children have at least one current or lifelong health condition

● **31.6%** of children ages 6–17 years are overweight or obese based on Body Mass Index (BMI)



● **24.9%** of children ages 3–17 years reported one or more mental, emotional, developmental or behavioral problems

● **1 in 5** children have treatable dental problems, making Florida 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation for highest percentage of third grade children with unfilled cavities.



# Florida Pediatric Population & Education Snapshot

Florida Children  
(under 18)

4,499,692  $\approx$  20.2% of Florida's total population.



**92.2%**

High School  
Graduation Rate



**44%**

Kindergarten  
Readiness Rate



**43%**

of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are not  
reading at grade level

# Early Developmental Screening Improves Outcomes Throughout the Life Course

## Benefits Include:



Cognitive and Motor Development



Academic Achievement and Social Competence



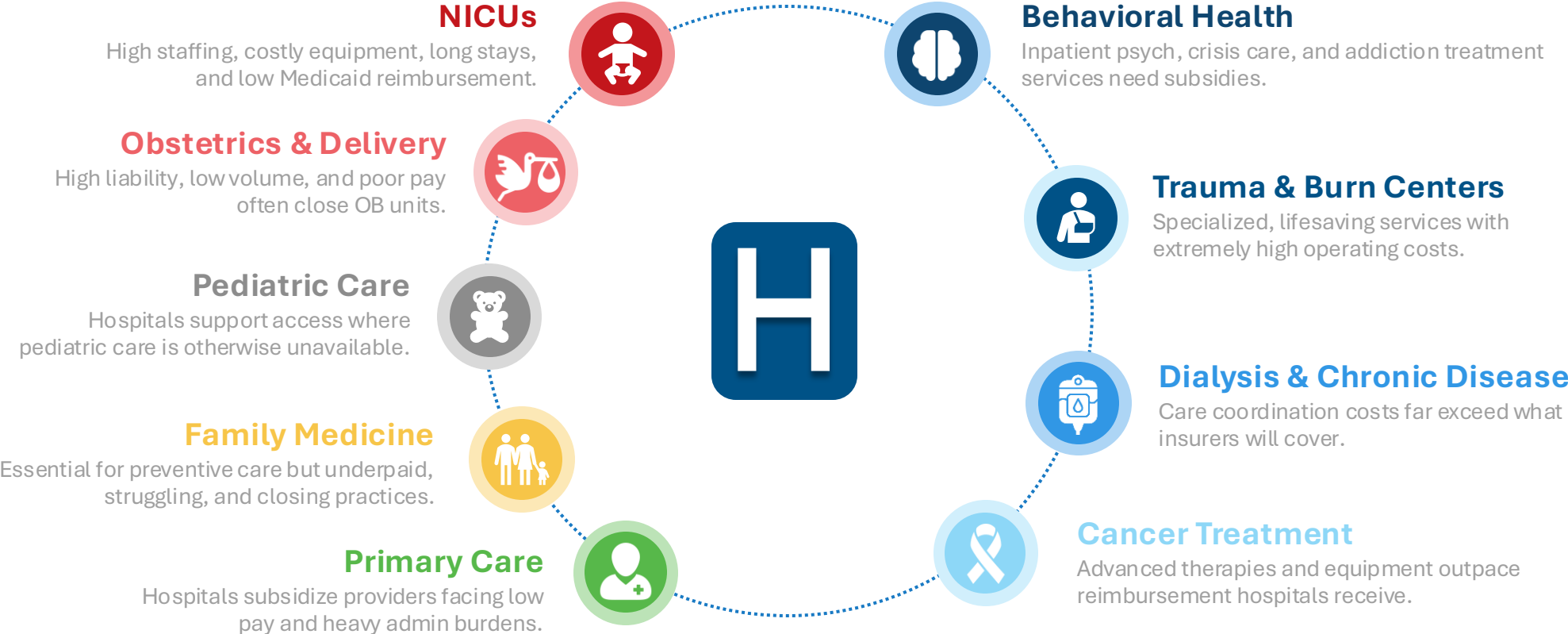
Socioeconomic Status Later in Life

**Yet only 25.9%** of Florida children on Medicaid receive developmental screening by age 3.



# Hospitals Support Essential Services Across All Communities

Without hospitals' support, many essential health services would not exist in some regions.



# Advocacy Wins for Maternal Care



Labor and delivery care faced one of the lowest pay-to-cost ratios in the Medicaid program at **35 cents on the dollar of cost.**

With successful hospital advocacy, hospital **pay to cost increased from 35% to 47%.**

Medicaid **only covered care up to 60 days postpartum**, leaving mothers without coverage during the vulnerable postpartum period.

Continued advocacy led to **extending Medicaid coverage to one year postpartum.**



# Advocacy Wins for Florida's Mothers and Children

These are just a few of the reforms and initiatives the state embraced to support the health of children and mothers. Florida must maintain this momentum:



**Policy Reforms** | Reducing mortality, addressing health disparities, and ensuring access to quality care for pregnant women, mothers, and children, by passing legislation to:

- ✓ **Reducing Fetal and Infant Mortality** ([HB 5](#), 2022) strengthens maternal health initiatives by requiring fetal-infant mortality reviews and hospital quality improvement initiatives.
- ✓ **Donor Human Milk Bank Services** ([SB 1770](#), 2022) authorized the AHCA to pay for donor human milk bank services as an optional Medicaid services and adds donor human milk bank services to the list of Medicaid services authorized for reimbursement on a fee-for-service basis.
- ✓ **Newborn Screenings** ([SB 292](#), 2022) required hospitals to test for congenital cytomegalovirus should a newborn fail a screening test for hearing loss. FHA proudly supported this bill which will improve health outcomes for Florida's children.
- ✓ **Pregnancy and Parenting Resources Website** ([HB 415](#), 2024) mandated the Department of Health, alongside the Department of Children and Families and the AHCA, to maintain a website dedicated to pregnancy and parenting resources.
- ✓ **Reporting of Student Mental Health Outcomes** ([HB 969](#), 2025) mandates comprehensive reporting of student mental health outcomes to improve accountability, requiring OPPAGA to evaluate school district mental health services.
- ✓ **Children with Developmental Disabilities** ([SB 112](#), 2025) expanded services and supports for children with developmental disabilities, particularly autism, by extending the Early Steps Program and creating new grants, programs, and educator requirements to better serve these children and their families.

# Innovation to Improve Access to Maternity Care

Across the state, new strategies are taking shape to connect with pregnant women.

**Miami Herald**

## Can a car ride help your health? For South Florida maternity patients, it's an issue

Michelle Marchante

October 24, 2024

It's part of a new partnership that nonprofit Green Cars for Kids recently launched with Jackson Health in Miami-Dade, Broward Health and electric car service Freebee to make prenatal and postpartum care more accessible. The program will help pregnant women and reduce traffic for moms and babies.

## THE CONVERSATION

### Mobile clinics offer a practical way to improve health care access in maternity care deserts

Adetola F. Louis-Jacques, Arielle Ayotte, Michelle Nall

Only three of the 14 counties in north-central Florida provide full access to obstetric care. Six have low access to care – meaning there are fewer than two hospitals offering obstetric care or birth centers per 10,000 births and fewer than 20 obstetric providers. The remaining five counties are maternity care deserts.

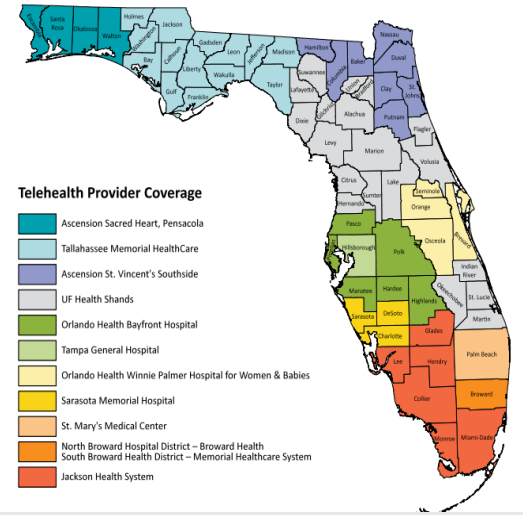


### Ascension Florida launches telehealth maternity care program to support mothers and babies

10/14/2025

Ascension Sacred Heart and Ascension St. Vincent's have launched a new Telehealth Maternity Care Program that provides expecting mothers with personalized support throughout pregnancy and up to one year after birth no cost.

Telehealth Provider Coverage by Florida Counties



## Telehealth Maternity Care Program

Florida Department of Health

Legislative Report  
October 2025

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*Reduce Maternal  
Mortality in Florida*

RAISING AWARENESS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST MATERNAL MORTALITY

# Maternal Mental Health Needs Remain Largely Unmet

Despite effective treatments, most women do not receive care:

- Fewer than 14% of women with antenatal depression and 16% with postpartum depression receive any treatment
- Less than 5% achieve remission

**1 in 5 women** experience a perinatal mental health or substance use disorder



## Florida’s 2025 Maternal Mental Health Report Card

| Category                               | Grade |
|----------------------------------------|-------|
| Providers & Programs                   | C     |
| Screening & Screening Reimbursement    | F     |
| Insurance Coverage & Treatment Payment | D     |



Mental health conditions among **top six causes of pregnancy-related death**, and **22.5% of maternal deaths**.

# Maternal Mental Health Campaign



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**Too many pregnant women in Florida are struggling silently. We must help them | Opinion**

**Mary C. Mayhew** Guest columnist

Many [pregnant and new moms](#) describe welcoming a baby into the world as the most blissful and awe-inspiring time in their lives. But for others, it can be overwhelming, lonely and anxiety-ridden.

**Tallahassee Democrat.**

**Strong moms, healthy futures: Closing the gap in maternal mental health | Opinion**

**Mary C. Mayhew** Your Turn

One in five Florida moms face mental health or substance use challenges during or after pregnancy. Hospitals are stepping up to ensure no mom struggles alone.



# Reducing Maternal Mortality in Florida

Substance use screening and intervention during pregnancy can help reduce maternal mortality, but SBIRT remains underused in Florida.

- SBIRT identifies women at risk for substance use disorders and connects them to care.
- Few providers in Florida currently bill for SBIRT services, **signaling low utilization.**



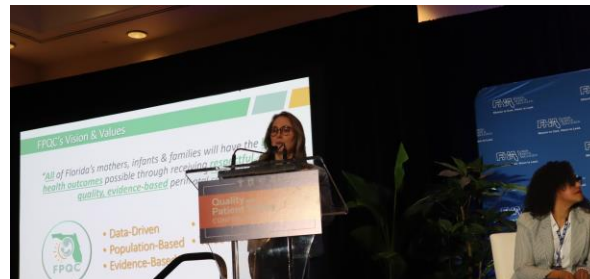
## Recommendations:

- ✓ Increase reimbursement for SBIRT among obstetric providers
- ✓ Conduct a study to expand access to SUD treatment

# FHA Remains Committed to Partnerships that Advance Maternal and Child Health

FHA continues to collaborate with organizations such as ACHA, FDOH, FPQC, and DCF to implement innovative solutions that strengthen and improve maternal health across Florida.

## Collaborations



2025 Quality Conference



Birthing Outcomes Panel



