



Community Characteristics Report



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INTRODUCTION

Approaching the anniversary of its first century, Martin County was founded on May 29, 1925, and named after John W. Martin, Governor of Florida from 1925 until 1929. At the start, the area was focused on agriculture and fishing, which remain important industries, though they comprise less than 2% of the County's employment today.¹ As Martin County has grown, it has maintained its small-town culture and its county seat, the City of Stuart. In addition to Stuart, there are four other incorporated areas, including the Village of Indiantown, and the Towns of Jupiter Island, Ocean Breeze, and Sewall's Point. Bordered on the north by St. Lucie County, on the south by Palm Beach County, on the west by Lake Okeechobee (which includes borders with Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee counties), and the east by the Atlantic Ocean, Martin County is known for its natural features, including rivers, waterways, wetlands, parks, and beaches.

The Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization, or MPO, is the agency responsible for transportation planning in Martin County. The MPO develops long-range transportation plans and policies and prioritizes projects for implementation with state and federal transportation funds in coordination with local communities, transportation agencies, and other public or private stakeholder organizations. This Community Characteristics Report, along with the information provided in the Public Participation Plan, provides an understanding of the socioeconomic and mobility conditions of the County's local communities, referred to as Planning Areas in this document. The goal of this document is to assist the MPO and its partners in ensuring fair consideration and engagement of its various communities in the transportation planning and decision-making processes. This report also helps the MPO follow the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Executive Orders 12898, 13166, and 13985.

1 Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey - 2021 5-Year Estimates:
https://data.census.gov/profile/Martin_County,_Florida?g=050XX00US12085#business-and-economy

DATA SOURCES

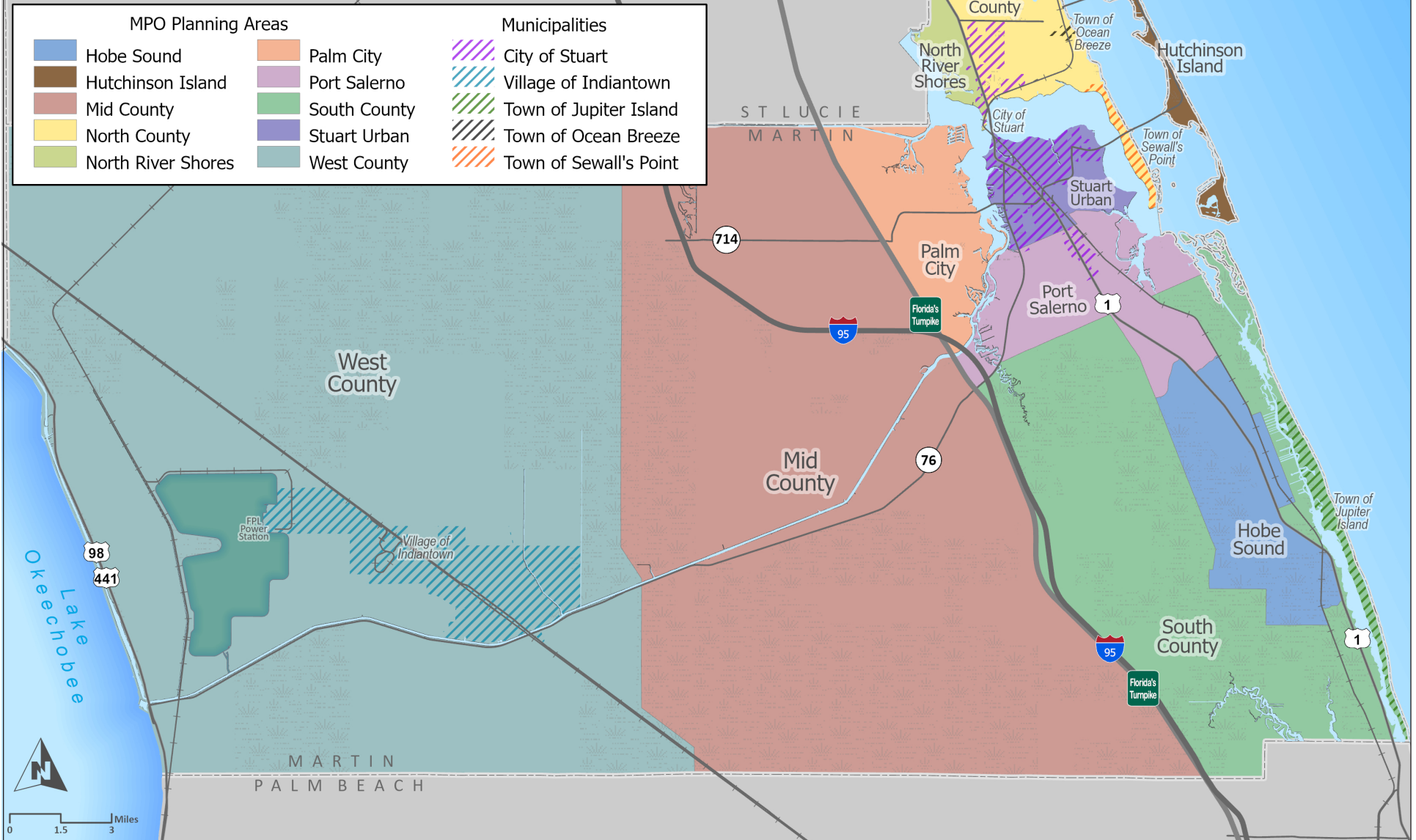
The socioeconomic information used for this Community Characteristics Report comes from the US Census Bureau's 2020 Decennial Census and American Community Survey (ACS) 2020 5-year estimates. Spatial mapping files were used to identify Census Block Group boundaries within Martin County, and then joined with the corresponding demographic data for each Block Group to allow for custom geographic analysis and calculations. The results of this process were then converted to Excel spreadsheets for ease of further analysis and visualization purposes. More information about Census and ACS data is available from the US Census Bureau at www.census.gov.

Crash data was collected from the Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) database covering all crash incidents occurring on State and County roadways during the 5-year period between 2016 and 2020. The crash locations and associated crash report data were then analyzed to identify Martin County roadway segments and intersections with high rates of fatal or serious injury crashes. A per-mile basis was used for determining high-crash roadway segments to account for variations in segment length. More information about crash data, as well as an interactive dashboard application, is available on the FLHSMV website at www.flhsmv.gov/traffic-crash-reports/crash-dashboard/.

REPORT ORGANIZATION

The Census Block Groups for Martin County are organized based on population and housing by the County's Growth Management Department. These geographic areas are known as the Martin County Planning Areas and are used routinely in the County's Comprehensive Plan process to allocate future housing. Starting with the Planning Areas from the 2017 Community Characteristics Report, MPO staff consulted the Growth Management Department and decided to recombine Indiantown with the West County Planning Area, resulting in 10 Planning Areas for this report, as shown by the map on the following page.

MARTIN COUNTY



Overview & Key Features

The total land area of Martin County is 591.6 square miles, not including the portion of Lake Okeechobee included within the boundary. This represents approximately 1.1% of the State of Florida's land area.¹

Martin County has a population of 158,431, which is:

- 0.7% of the total population of Florida, and
- An increase of 6,845 people (or 4.3%) compared to 2015.

The County has a total of 81,371 households, which is:

- 0.8% of the total households within the state, and
- An increase of 19,779 housing units (or 24.3%) compared to 2015.

Martin County's median household income of \$65,821 is:

- Higher than Florida's, at \$57,703, and
- An increase of \$13,688 (or 21%) compared to 2015.

The percentage of people living below the poverty line (10.3%) and of households with a limited ability to speak English (2.1%) in Martin County are both less than Florida's statewide levels (13.3% and 6.9%).

Other notable changes in Martin County's population since 2015 are:

- An increase in the minority population from 20.6% to 24.8%,
- An increase in the population age 65 or older from 28.8% to 31.4%,
- A slight increase in the percentage of households without a vehicle from 4.6% to 4.8%,
- An increase in educational attainment with 91.4% having a high school diploma or higher (compared to 89.7% in 2015) and 33.5% with a bachelor's degree or higher (compared to 31.6% in 2015).

Summary Stats

The following socioeconomic indicators are commonly used during the transportation planning process as a starting point for gaining a better understanding of local communities or neighborhoods. They provide the context needed for developing public involvement plans and conducting more specific public engagement activities:



Household with Persons
with Disability
26.5%



Households with Limited
English
2.1%



High School/
Bachelor's Degree
91.4%/33.5%



Minority
Population
24.8%



Persons Below
Poverty Level
10.3%



Persons 65+
31.4%



Zero-Vehicle
Households
4.8%



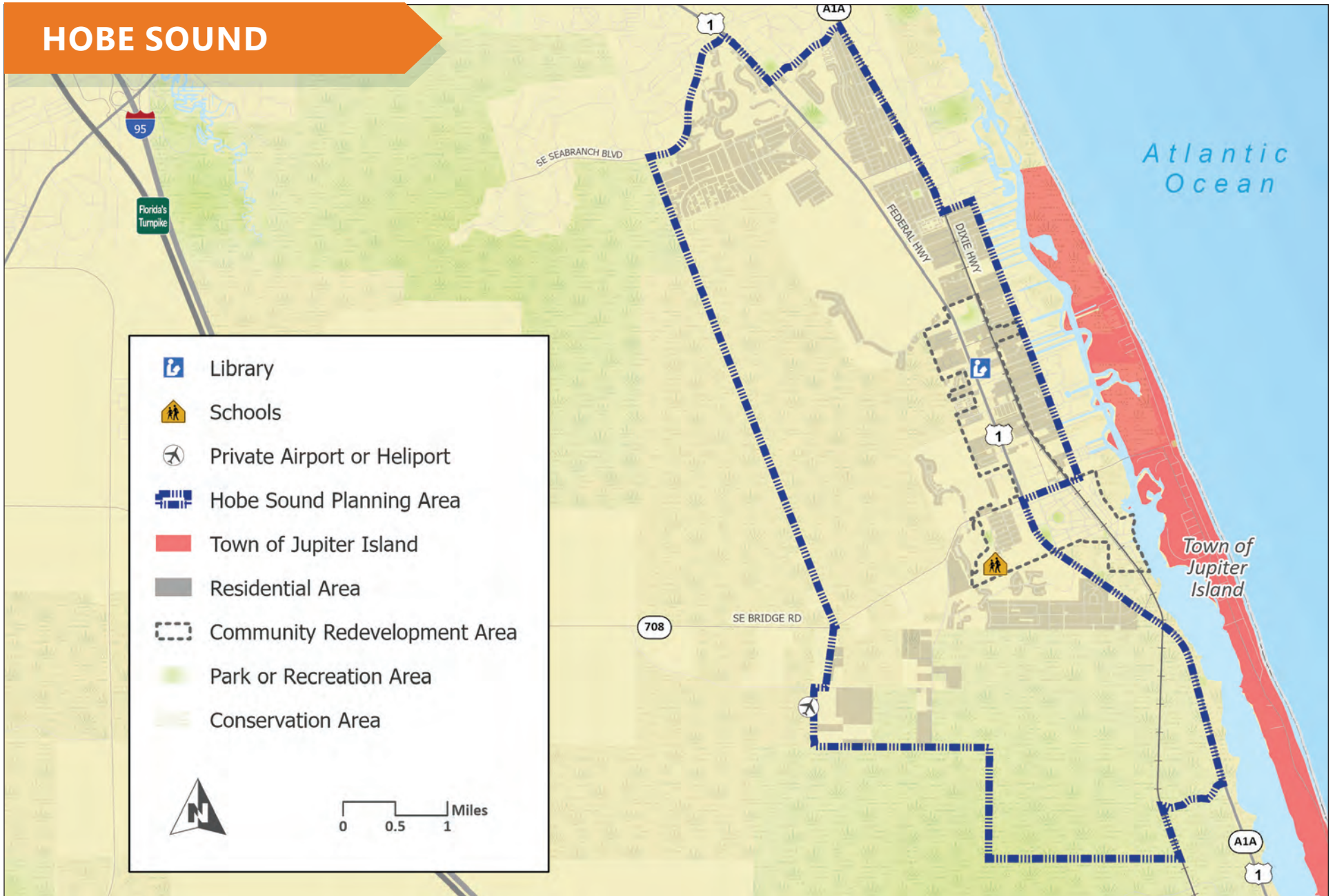
30+ minute
Commute Time
39.3%



% of Telecommuters
9.8%

¹ Note: Land area was calculated using 2020 US Census TIGER/Line boundary data for Martin County and all Planning Areas based on the Census Block Groups within each geography. Totals include all surface water except for the large portions of Lake Okeechobee and the Atlantic Ocean within County boundaries.

HOBE SOUND



Overview & Key Features

Hobe Sound is an unincorporated community in southeastern Martin County. It covers 16.3 square miles, representing 2.7% of the County total. Originally settled by the Spanish, its name was recorded as “Jobe” and later changed to its current spelling by Jonathan Dickinson, who shipwrecked nearby in 1696. Like other areas of Martin County, the Florida East Coast Railway brought opportunities for tourism, business, and jobs to the area and helped it become what it is today.

Hobe Sound has a population of 13,417 residents, or 8.5% of the Martin County total.

- 11.5% of Hobe Sound’s population live in a household with income below the poverty level,
- 21.5% identify as a racial or ethnic minority, and
- 32.2% are aged 65 or older.

It contains 7,223 households, or 8.9% of the County total.

- 2% of the households in Hobe Sound are home to a person with Limited English Proficiency (LEP),
- 28.7% are home to a person with a disability, and
- 5.2% do not own a personal vehicle.

Key features of the Hobe Sound Planning Area include:

- Hobe Sound CRA
- Hobe Sound Civic Center
- Martin County Fire Rescue Stations 32 & 33
- Hobe Sound Branch Library
- Hobe Sound Elementary School
- Banner Lake Community Center
- Hobe Sound Scrub Preserve
- J.V. Reed Park
- Pettway Park
- Pilots Cove Preserve
- The Pine School
- Zeus Park

Summary Stats

The following socioeconomic indicators, which are commonly used for transportation planning purposes, show how the Hobe Sound Planning Area compares to all of Martin County:



Household with Persons with Disability



Households with Limited English



High School/ Bachelor’s Degree

Hobe Sound	28.7%	2.0%	88.4%/24.7%
Martin County	26.5%	2.1%	91.4% / 33.5%



Minority Population



Persons Below Poverty Level



Persons 65+

Hobe Sound	21.5%	11.5%	32.2%
Martin County	24.8%	10.3%	31.4%



Zero-Vehicle Households



30+ minute Commute Time



% of Telecommuters

Hobe Sound	5.2%	43.5%	12.9%
Martin County	4.8%	39.3%	9.8%

Demographics

Population
13,417

Households
7,223

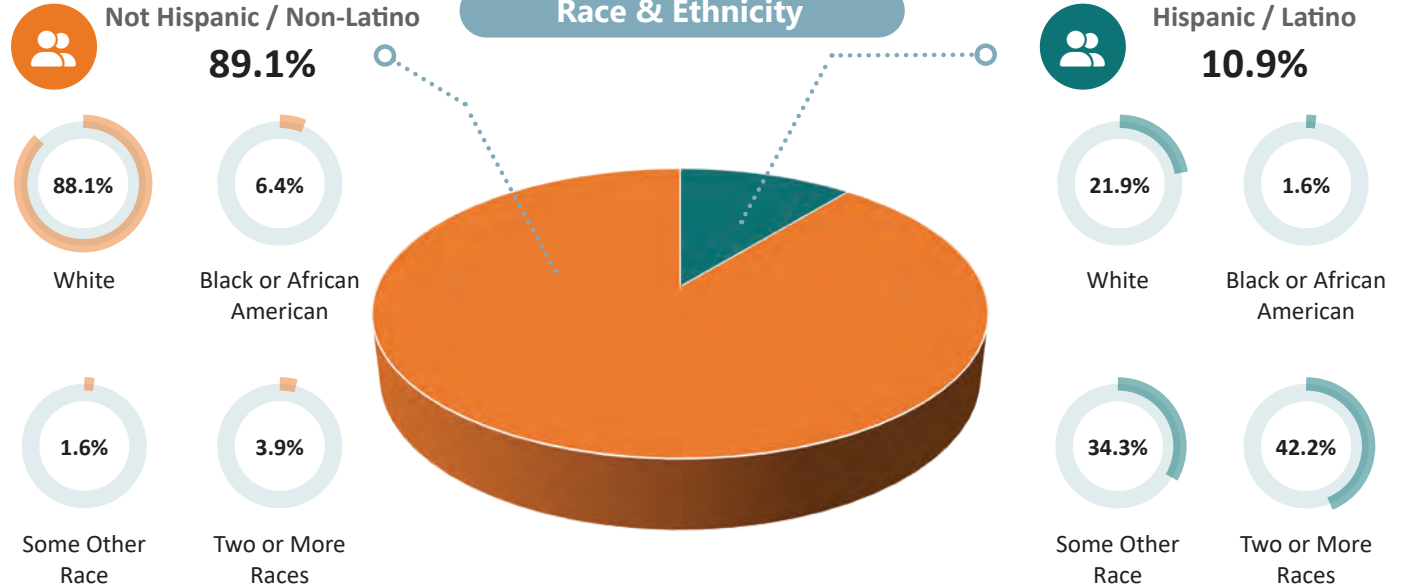
Persons 65+
4,322

Minority Population
2,884

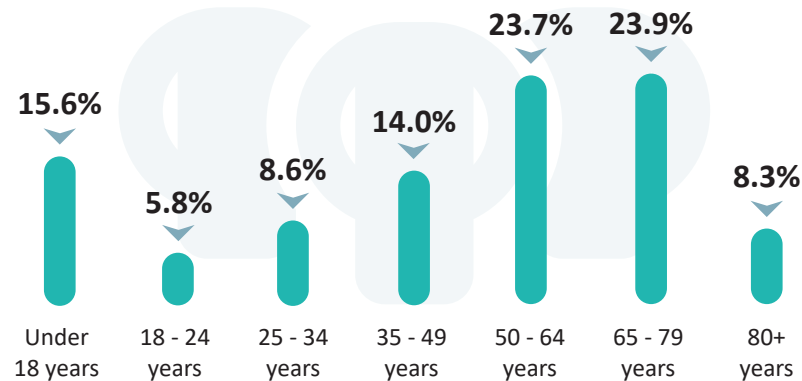
Household with Persons with Disability
28.7%

Limited English Proficiency Households
2.0%

Race & Ethnicity



Age Groups



Economic Data



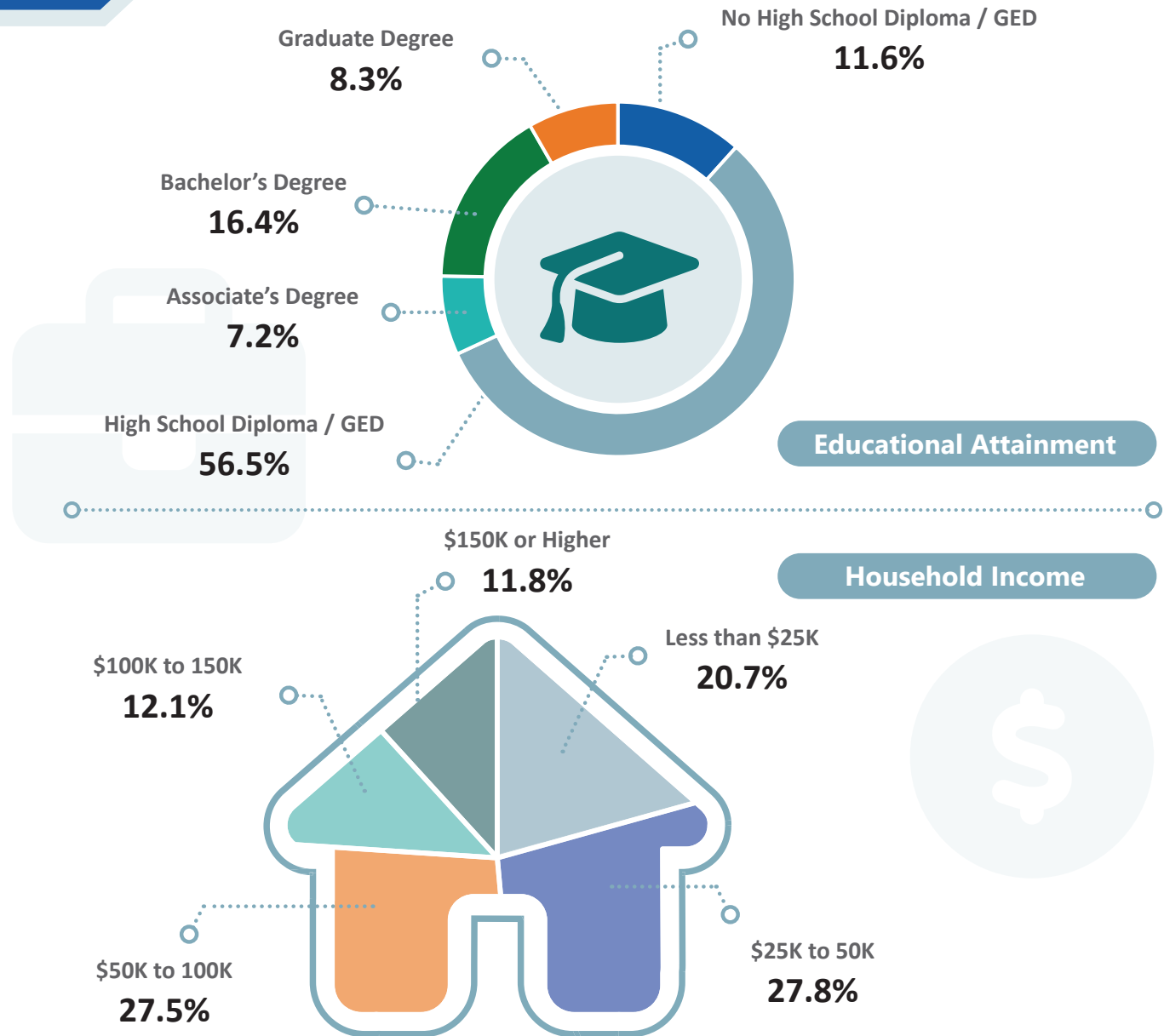
53.8%
of Population is 16+
and are in the Labor Force



94.2%
of the Labor Force
are Employed



Most Common Household
Income Range
\$25K - \$50K



Commuting Characteristics



Zero-Vehicle Households
5.2%



83.7%
Use a Vehicle to Get to Work



12.9%
of Workers Telecommute

Travel Time to Work



56.5%



94.2%



97.3%

Departure Time for Work



Early Morning (Before 7AM)
29.7%



Morning (7AM - 9AM)
49.8%



Later Morning (9AM - Noon)
12.6%



Afternoon (Noon or Later)
7.9%

Means of Travel to Work

By Vehicle



83.1%
Drove Alone



13.0%
Carpooled

Other Modes of Transportation



0.1%
Public Transportation



3.5%
Walked



0.3%
Taxicab, motorcycle,
bicycle, other means

Crash Characteristics

High Crash Locations

The map on this page shows the Hobe Sound intersections and roadway segments with the highest levels of fatal and serious injury crashes from 2016 to 2020, with crashes on roadway segments considered on a per-mile basis. The data separates intersections by signalized and unsignalized (or stop signs). Crashes involving bicyclists or pedestrians are shown separately to highlight their increased vulnerability.

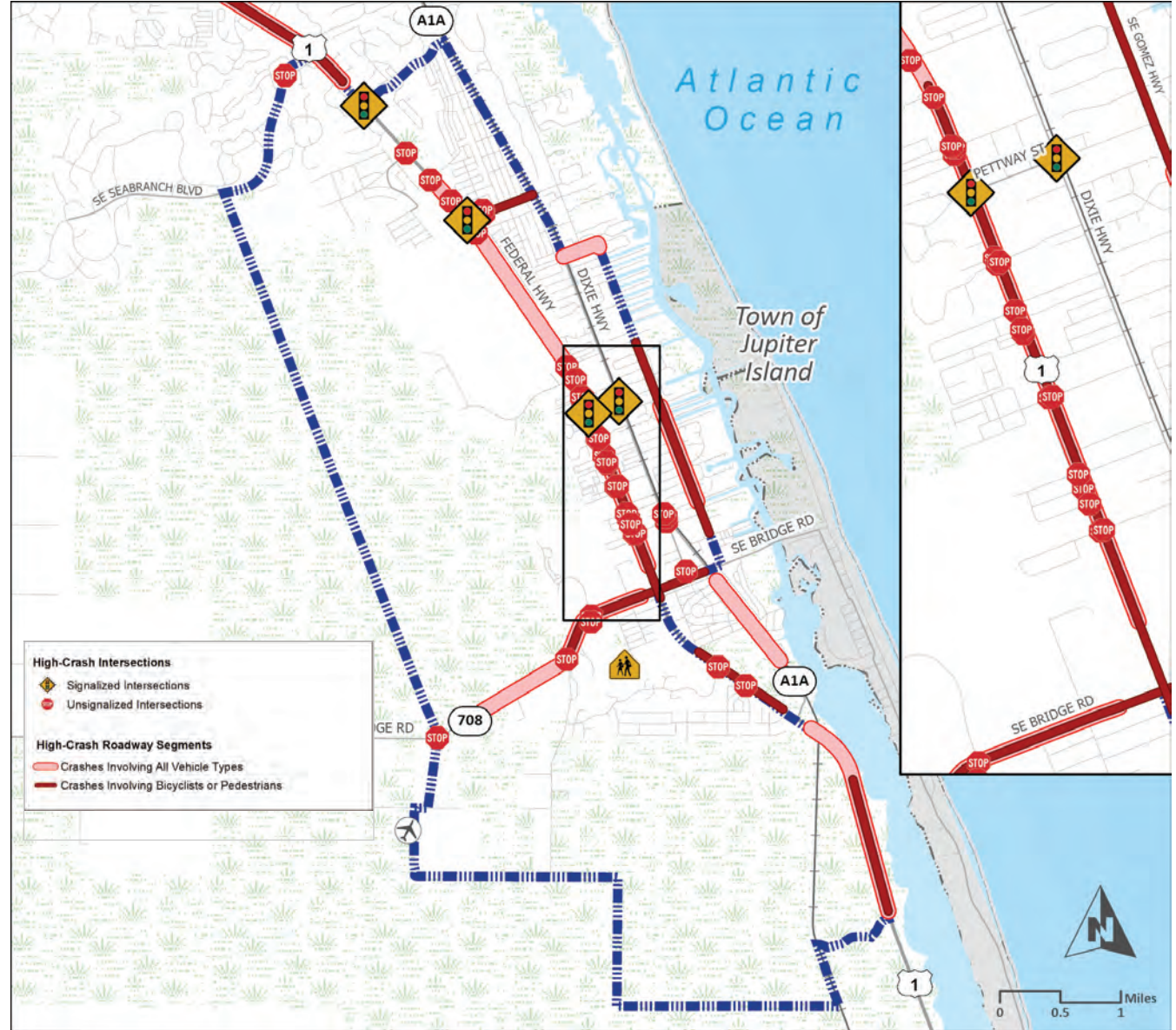
Crash Occurrences

Total Fatal of Serious Injury Crashes (All Vehicle Types)

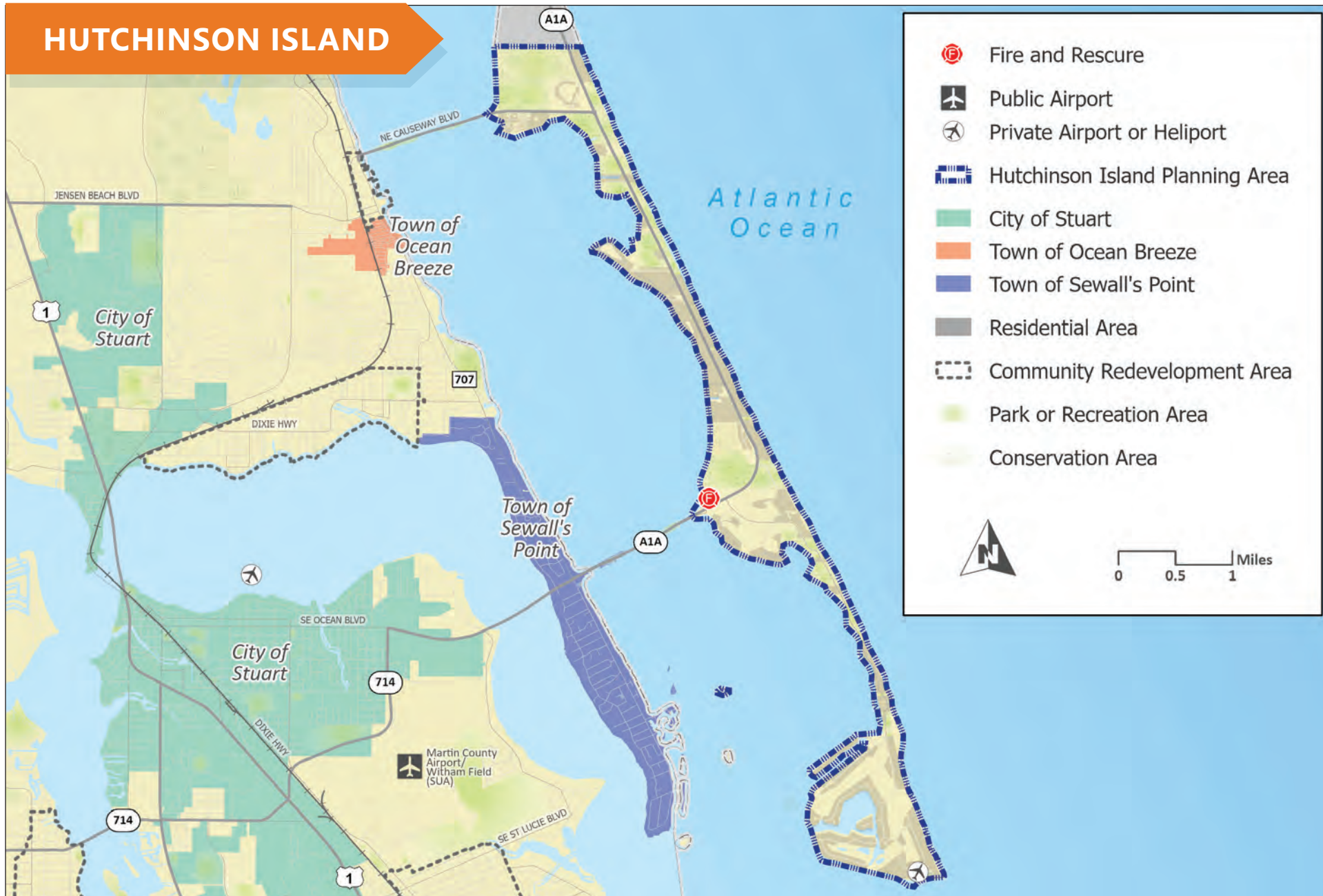
18 Crashes 2 Fatal / 16 Serious Injury

Total Fatal or Serious Injury Crashes (Involving a Bicyclist or Pedestrian)

2 Crashes 0 Fatal / 2 Serious Injury



HUTCHINSON ISLAND



Overview & Key Features

The Hutchinson Island Planning Area is one of the smallest in terms of area, covering roughly 11 square miles or 1.9% of the County total. It borders St. Lucie County to the north and is a peninsula in the Atlantic Ocean, connected to the mainland via two causeways. Hutchinson Island is home to many small and large public beaches with condominiums and hotels. The environment is an important aspect of the area.

Hutchinson Island has a population of 2,779 residents, or 1.8% of the Martin County total.

- 3% of Hutchinson Island’s population live in a household with income below the poverty level,
- 6.6% identify as a racial or ethnic minority, and
- 65.6% are aged 65 or older (the highest of all Planning Areas).

It contains 3,197 households, or 3.9% of the County total.

- None of the households in Hutchinson Island are home to a person with Limited English Proficiency (LEP),
- 26% are home to a person with a disability, and
- 2% do not own a personal vehicle.

Key features of the Hutchinson Island Planning Area include:

- Martin County Fire Rescue Station 14
- Bathtub Reef Beach Park
- Bryn Mawr Beach Park
- Curtis Beach Park
- Santa Lucea Beach Park
- Jensen Beach Park
- Joe’s River Park
- Ross Whitham Beach
- Sailfish Point Airfield
- Sea Turtle Beach Park
- Stuart Beach Park

Summary Stats

The following socioeconomic indicators, which are commonly used for transportation planning purposes, show how the Hutchinson Island Planning Area compares to all of Martin County:



Household with Persons with Disability



Households with Limited English



High School/ Bachelor’s Degree

Hutchinson Island	26.1%	0%	97.6%/59.5%
Martin County	26.5%	2.1%	91.4% / 33.5%



Minority Population



Persons Below Poverty Level



Persons 65+

Hutchinson Island	6.6%	3.0%	65.6%
Martin County	24.8%	10.3%	31.4%



Zero-Vehicle Households



30+ minute Commute Time



% of Telecommuters

Hutchinson Island	2.2%	15.3%	17.1%
Martin County	4.8%	39.3%	9.8%

Demographics

Population
2,779

Households
3,197

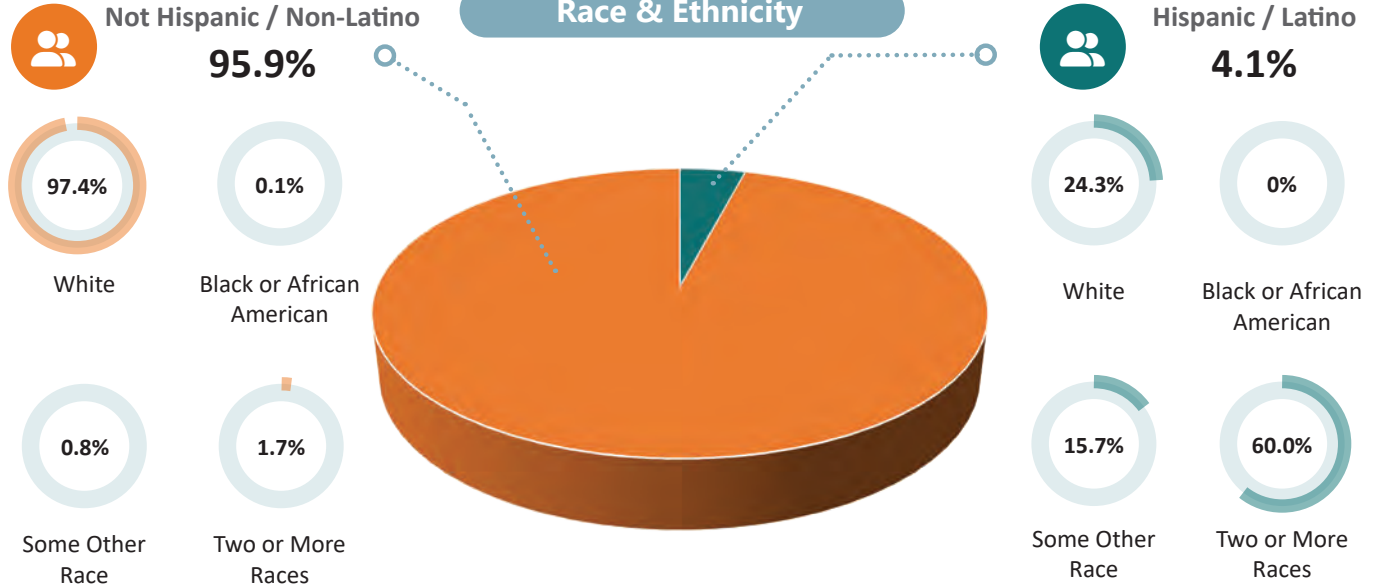
Persons 65+
1,822

Minority Population
183

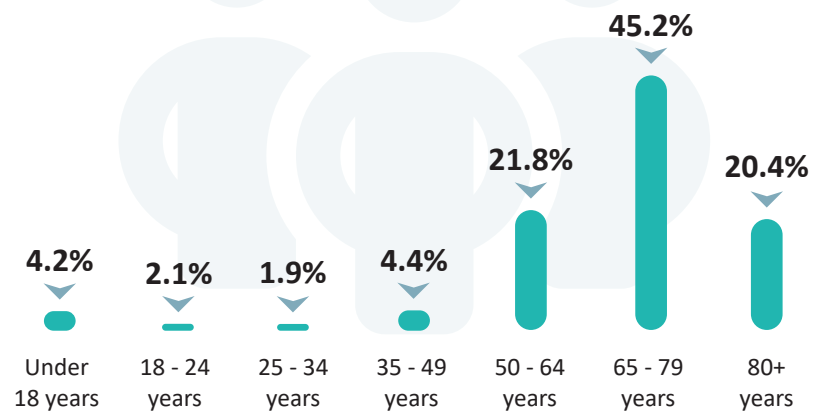
Household with Persons with Disability
26.1%

Limited English Proficiency Households
0%

Race & Ethnicity



Age Groups



Economic Data



20.4%
of Population is 16+
and are in the Labor Force



98.2%
of the Labor Force
are Employed



Most Common Household
Income Range
\$50K to \$100K

No High School Diploma / GED
2.4%

Graduate Degree
33.4%

Bachelor's Degree
26.1%

High School Diploma / GED
32.0%

Associate's Degree
6.1%

Educational Attainment

Less than \$25K
6.6%

Household Income


\$150K or Higher
30.5%

\$25K to 50K
15.3%


\$100K to 150K
10.7%

\$50K to 100K
36.9%

Commuting Characteristics


Zero-Vehicle
Households
2.2%



75.0%
Use a Vehicle to
Get to Work


17.1%
of Workers
Telecommute


Travel Time to Work



<30
min
84.7%


<60
min
87.7%



<90
min
88.8%

Departure Time for Work


Early Morning
(Before 7AM)
39.1%



Morning
(7AM - 9AM)
34.0%



Later Morning
(9AM - Noon)
15.5%


Afternoon
(Noon or Later)
11.4%


Means of Travel to Work

By Vehicle



90.5%
Drove Alone


0%
Carpooled

Other Modes of Transportation


0%
Public Transportation


3.9%
Walked


5.6%
Taxicab, motorcycle,
bicycle, other means

Crash Characteristics

High Crash Locations

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Crash Occurrences

Total Fatal of Serious Injury Crashes (All Vehicle Types)














12 Crashes 1 Fatal / 11 Serious Injury



Total Fatal or Serious Injury Crashes (Involving a Bicyclist or Pedestrian)

2 Crashes 0 Fatal / 2 Serious Injury



MID COUNTY

-  Fire and Rescue
-  Library
-  Schools
-  Public Airport
-  Private Airport or Heliport
-  Mid County Planning Area
-  City of Stuart
-  Village of Indiantown
-  Town of Sewall's Point
-  Residential Area
-  Community Redevelopment Area
-  Park or Recreation Area
-  Conservation Area



Overview & Key Features

The Mid County Planning Area comprises the central portion of Martin County, stretching from Palm Beach County in the south to St. Lucie County in the north. It is the second largest Planning Area, covering 165.5 square miles, and representing 27.9% of the County total. The southern portion of Mid County is characterized by environmentally sensitive lands while the remainder support a mixture of agricultural and residential uses.

Mid County has a population of 11,390 residents, or 7.2% of the Martin County total.

- 3% of Mid County’s population live in a household with income below the poverty level,
- 19.6% identify as a racial or ethnic minority, and
- 26.6% are aged 65 or older.

It contains 4,859 households, or 6% of the County total.

- None of the households in Mid County are home to a person with Limited English Proficiency (LEP),
- 33.4% are home to a person with a disability, and
- 1.4% do not own a personal vehicle.

Key features of the Mid County Planning Area include:

- Citrus Grove Elementary School
- Citrus Grove Park
- Crystal Lake Elementary School
- I-95 Trail
- John C. and Mariana Jones/Hungryland Wildlife & Environmental Area
- Martin County Fire Rescue Station 22
- Treasure Coast Wildlife Center
- Martin County Sheriff’s Office Firearms Range
- Phipps Park & Boat Ramp
- South Fork High School
- Tailwinds Airfield

Summary Stats

The following socioeconomic indicators, which are commonly used for transportation planning purposes, show how the Mid County Planning Area compares to all of Martin County:



Household with Persons with Disability



Households with Limited English



High School/ Bachelor’s Degree

Mid County	33.4%	0%	91.2%/36.5%
Martin County	26.5%	2.1%	91.4% / 33.5%



Minority Population



Persons Below Poverty Level



Persons 65+

Mid County	19.6%	3.0%	26.6%
Martin County	24.8%	10.3%	31.4%



Zero-Vehicle Households



30+ minute Commute Time



% of Telecommuters

Mid County	1.4%	38.2%	9.3%
Martin County	4.8%	39.3%	9.8%

Demographics

Population
11,390

Households
4,859

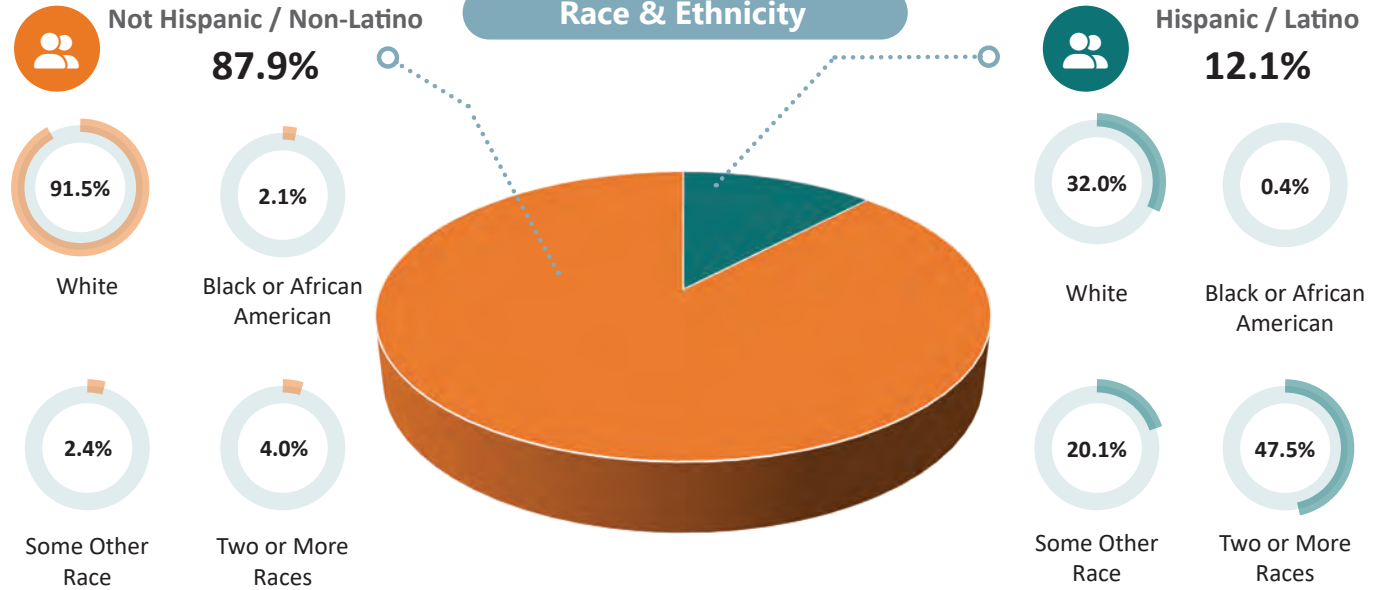
Persons 65+
3,025

Minority Population
2,228

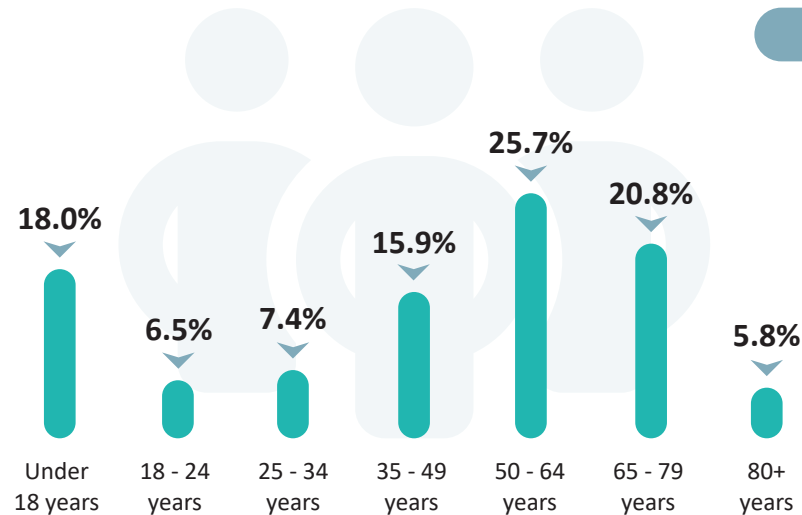
Household with Persons with Disability
33.4%

Limited English Proficiency Households
0%

Race & Ethnicity



Age Groups



Economic Data



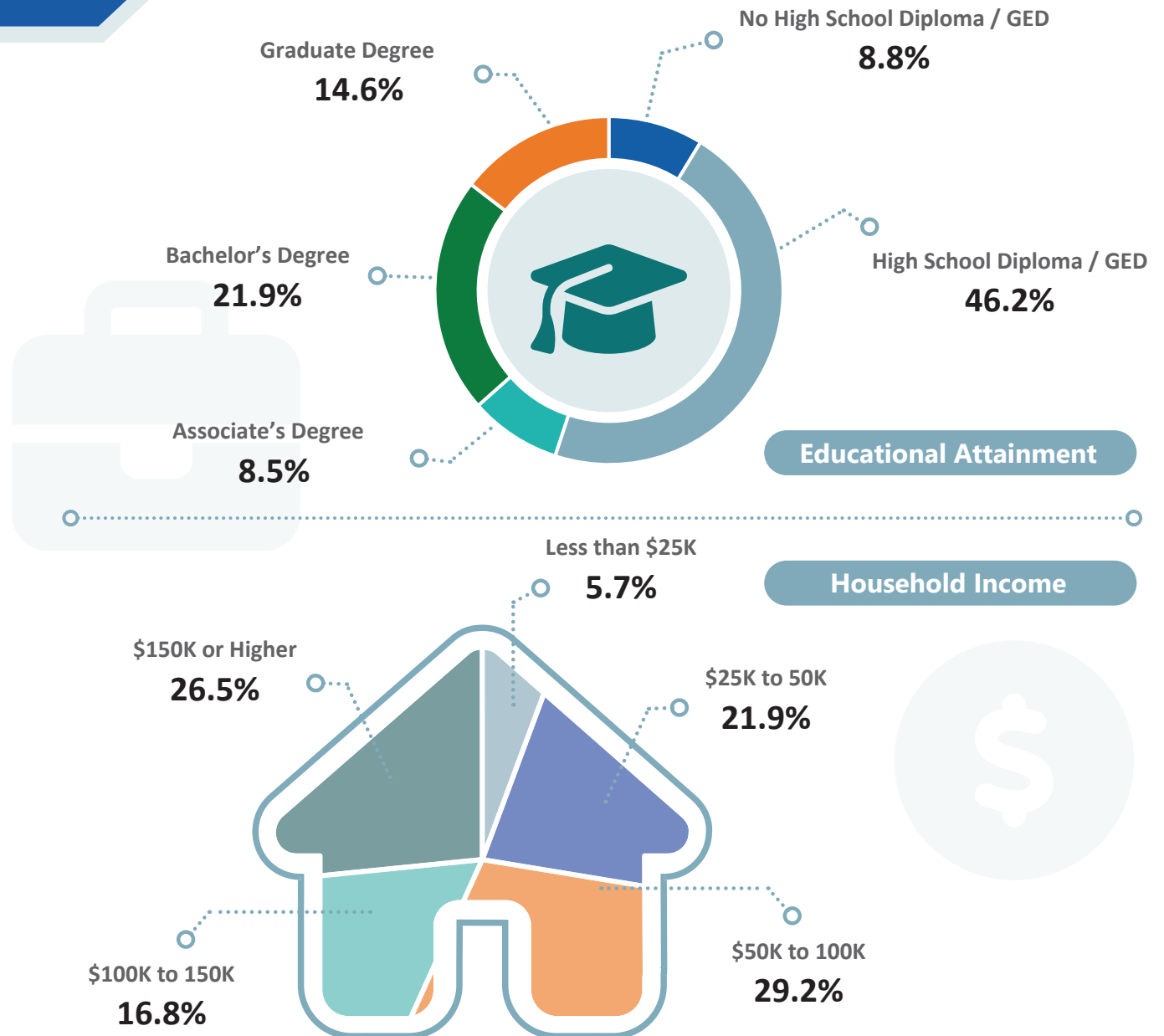
56.1%
of Population is 16+
and are in the Labor Force




98.1%
of the Labor Force
are Employed



Most Common Household
Income Range
\$50K to \$100K



Commuting Characteristics


Zero-Vehicle
Households
1.4%



89.0%
Use a Vehicle to
Get to Work


9.3%
of Workers
Telecommute


Travel Time to Work



<30
min
61.8%



<60
min
88.8%



<90
min
99.2%

Departure Time for Work


Early Morning
(Before 7AM)
34.7%



Morning
(7AM - 9AM)
37.6%



Later Morning
(9AM - Noon)
17.4%


Afternoon
(Noon or Later)
10.3%


Means of Travel to Work

By Vehicle



97.2%
Drove Alone


0.9%
Carpooled

Other Modes of Transportation


0%
Public Transportation


0%
Walked


1.9%
Taxicab, motorcycle,
bicycle, other means

Crash Characteristics

High Crash Locations

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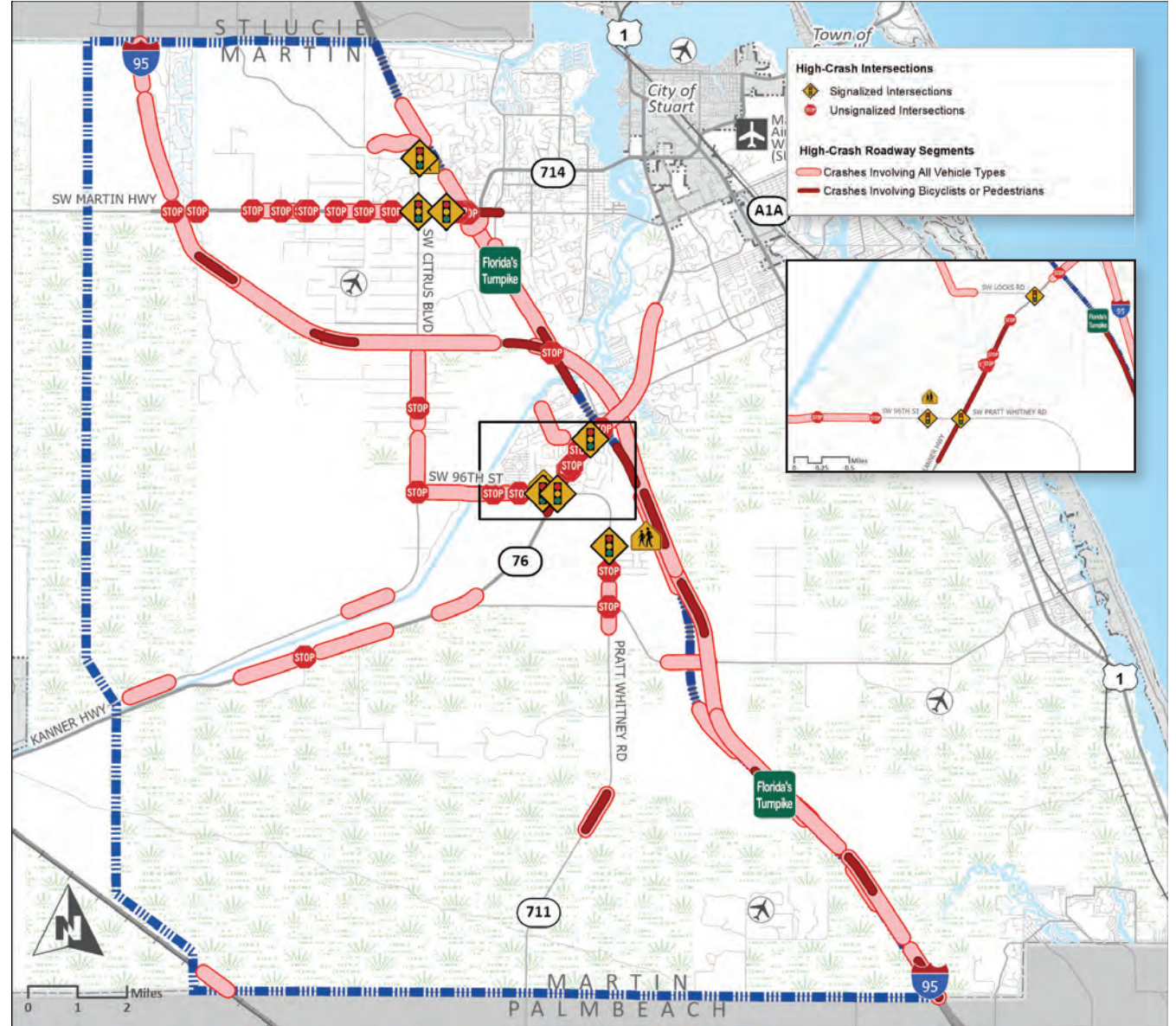
Crash Occurrences

Total Fatal of Serious Injury Crashes (All Vehicle Types)















99 Crashes 28 Fatal / 71 Serious Injury



Total Fatal or Serious Injury Crashes (Involving a Bicyclist or Pedestrian)

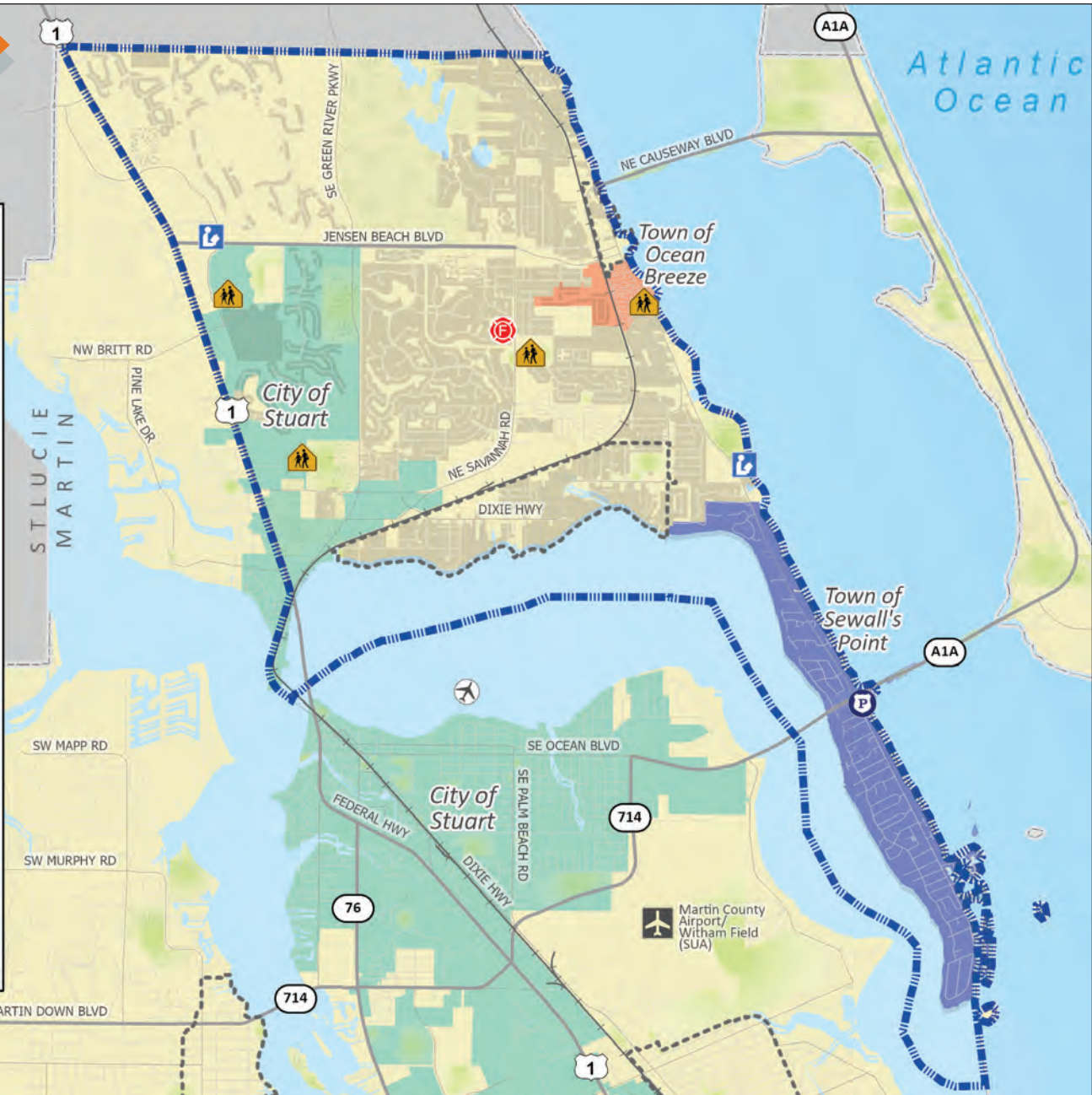
3 Crashes 2 Fatal / 1 Serious Injury



NORTH COUNTY

-  Fire and Rescue
-  Law Enforcement
-  Library
-  Schools
-  Public Airport
-  Private Airport or Helicopter
-  North County Planning Area
-  City of Stuart
-  Town of Ocean Breeze
-  Town of Sewall's Point
-  Residential Area
-  Community Redevelopment Area
-  Park or Recreation Area
-  Conservation Area



Overview & Key Features

The North County Planning Area encompasses the northeastern portion of Martin County and covers roughly 17.7 square miles or 3% of the County total. North County includes four communities, Jensen Beach, Rio, Ocean Breeze and Sewall's Point. Originally a pineapple farming area, Jensen Beach celebrates this heritage with the annual Jensen Beach Pineapple Festival. Ocean Breeze began as a mobile home park that was incorporated as the Town of Ocean Breeze in 1960. The Town of Sewall's Point, named for its first settler, Henry Sewall, was incorporated in 1957. Rio, originally known as Rio San Lucie until 1897 when the name was shortened, is an unincorporated community featuring waterfront homes, businesses, and its own civic center.

North County has a population of 18,050 residents, or 11.4% of the Martin County total.

- 13.8% of North County's population live in a household with income below the poverty level,
- 13.7% identify as a racial or ethnic minority, and
- 31% are aged 65 or older.

It contains 9,954 households, or 12.2% of the County total.

- 0.5% of the households in North County are home to a person with Limited English Proficiency (LEP),
- 28.8% are home to a person with a disability, and
- 5.5% do not own a personal vehicle.

Key features of the North County Planning Area include:

- City of Stuart
- Town of Sewall's Point
- Town of Ocean Breeze
- Jensen Beach CRA
- Rio CRA
- Rio Civic Center
- Felix A. Williams Elementary School
- Hoke Library
- Jensen Beach Elementary School
- Jensen Beach High School
- Log Cabin Senior Center
- Martin County Fire Rescue Station 16
- Savannas Preserve State Park
- Sewall's Point Police Department

Summary Stats

The following socioeconomic indicators, which are commonly used for transportation planning purposes, show how the North County Planning Area compares to all of Martin County:



Household with Persons with Disability



Households with Limited English



High School/ Bachelor's Degree

North County	28.8%	0.5%	93.4%/37.5%
Martin County	26.5%	2.1%	91.4% / 33.5%



Minority Population



Persons Below Poverty Level



Persons 65+

North County	13.7%	13.8%	31.0%
Martin County	24.8%	10.3%	31.4%



Zero-Vehicle Households



30+ minute Commute Time



% of Telecommuters

North County	5.5%	33.7%	10.9%
Martin County	4.8%	39.3%	9.8%

Demographics

Population
18,050

Households
9,954

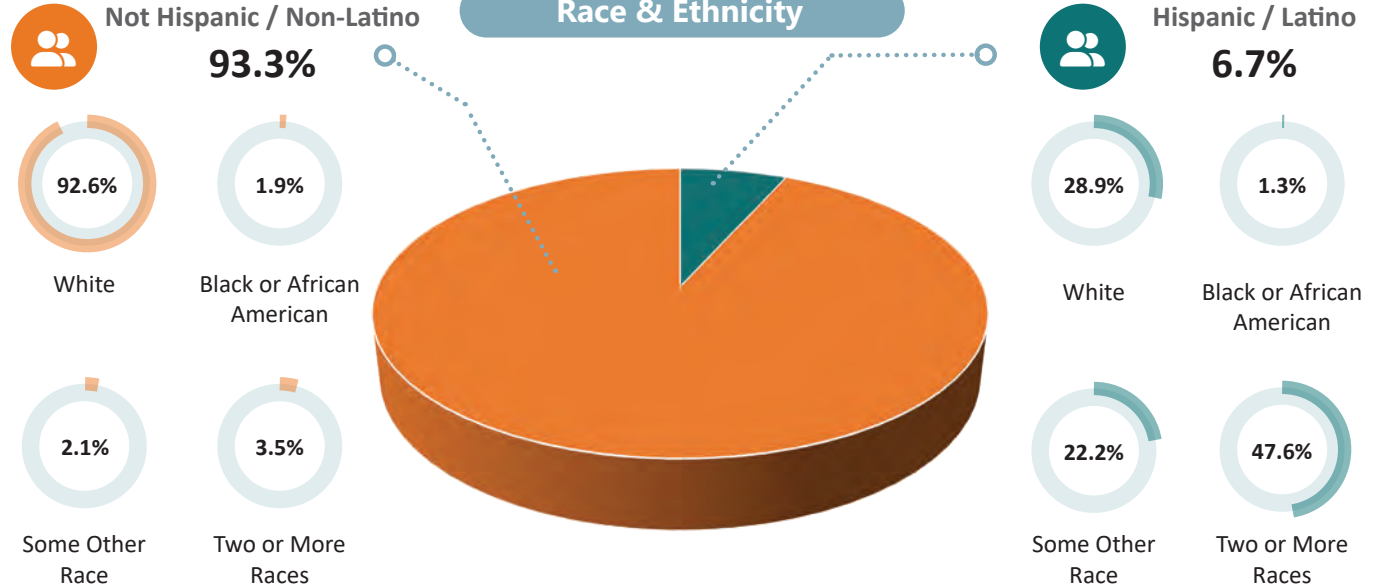
Persons 65+
5,604

Minority Population
2,464

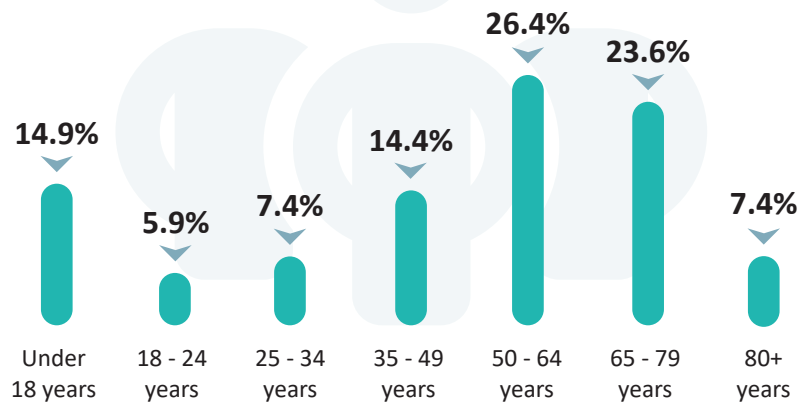
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Limited English Proficiency Households
0.5%

Race & Ethnicity



Age Groups



Economic Data



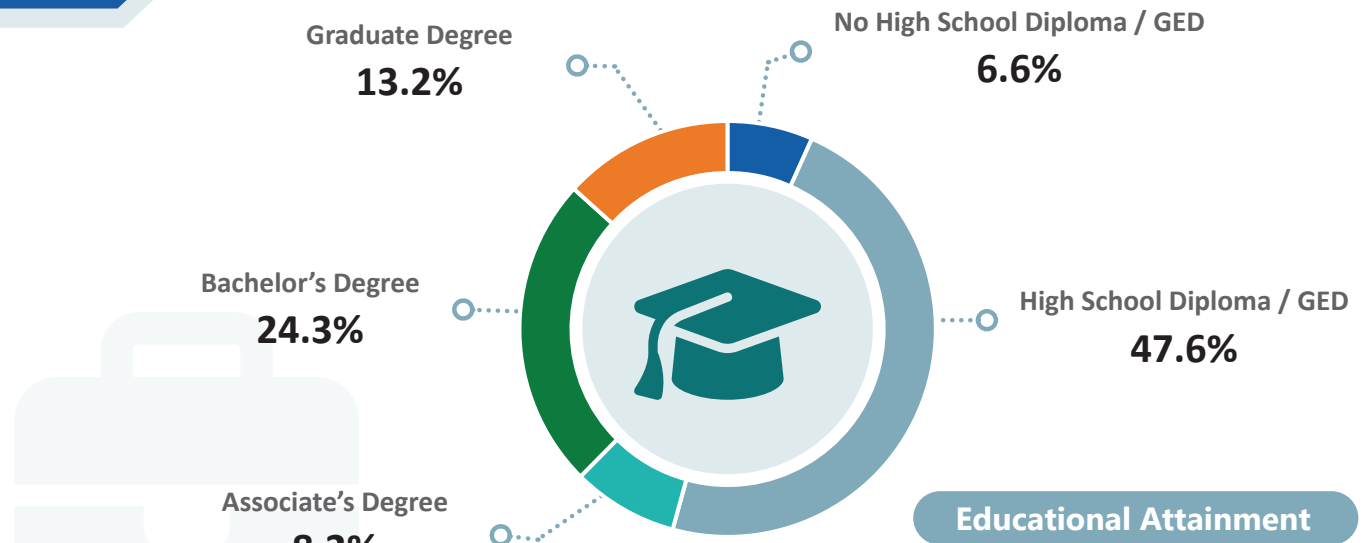
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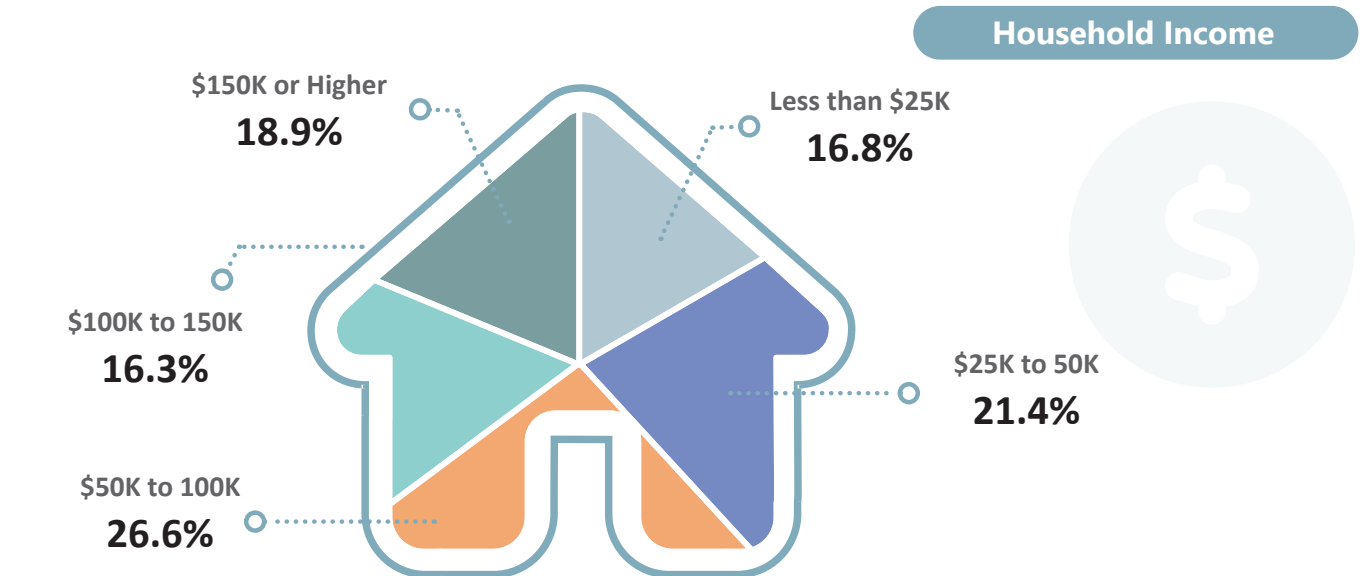
96.7%
of the Labor Force
are Employed



Most Common Household
Income Range
\$50K to \$100K



Educational Attainment



Household Income

Commuting Characteristics



Zero-Vehicle Households
5.5%



86.6%
Use a Vehicle to Get to Work



10.9%
of Workers Telecommute

Travel Time to Work



66.3%



89.1%



97.8%

Means of Travel to Work

By Vehicle



89.2%
Drove Alone



8.0%
Carpooled

Other Modes of Transportation



0.4%
Public Transportation



0.03%
Walked



2.3%
Taxicab, motorcycle,
bicycle, other means

Departure Time for Work



Early Morning
(Before 7AM)
23.6%



Morning
(7AM - 9AM)
48.8%



Later Morning
(9AM - Noon)
12.4%



Afternoon
(Noon or Later)
15.2%

Crash Characteristics

High Crash Locations

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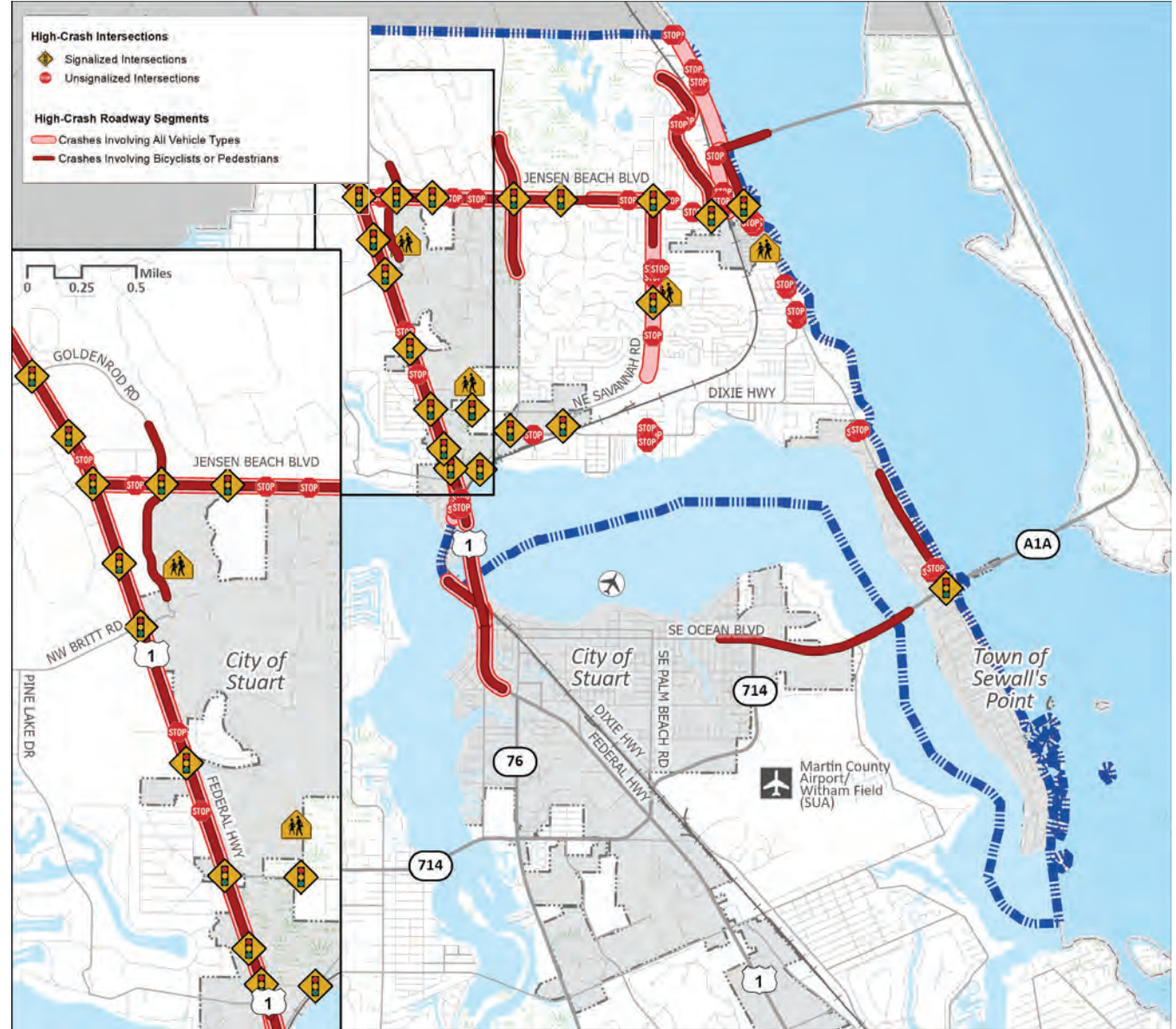
Crash Occurrences

Total Fatal of Serious Injury Crashes (All Vehicle Types)

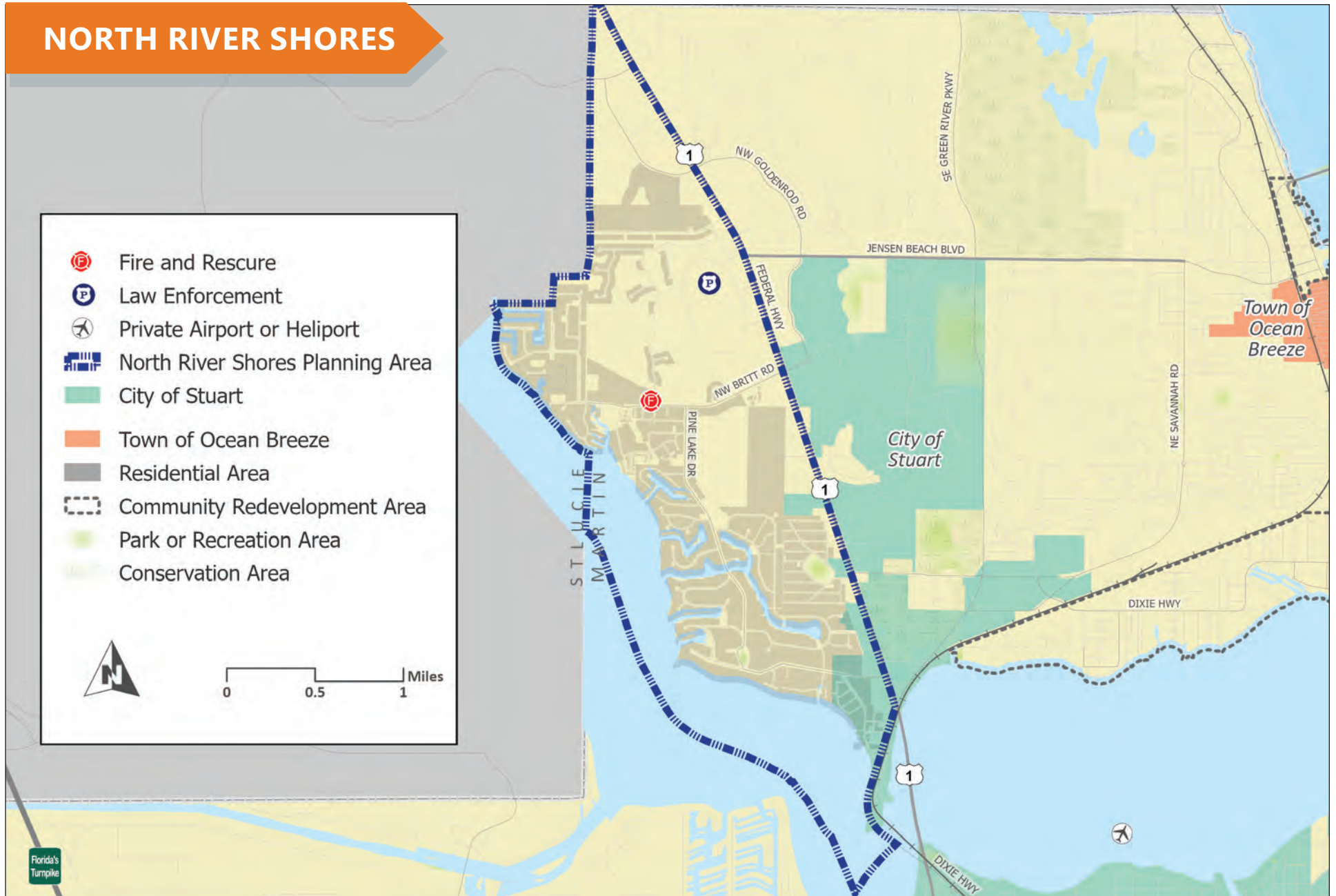
56 Crashes 10 Fatal / 46 Serious Injury

Total Fatal or Serious Injury Crashes (Involving a Bicyclist or Pedestrian)

9 Crashes 4 Fatal / 5 Serious Injury



NORTH RIVER SHORES



Overview & Key Features

The North River Shores Planning Area is the smallest Planning Area, covering roughly 3.9 square miles or 0.6% of the County total. North River Shores is an unincorporated community established in the mid-1950s and is one of the oldest residential areas of Martin County.

North River Shores has a population of 6,033 residents, or 3.8% of the Martin County total.

- 12.1% of North River Shores’s population live in a household with income below the poverty level,
- 19.5% identify as a racial or ethnic minority, and
- 27.9% are aged 65 or older.

It contains 3,386 households, or 4.2% of the County total.

- 2.3% of the households in North River Shores are home to a person with Limited English Proficiency (LEP),
- 23.6% are home to a person with a disability, and
- 5.1% do not own a personal vehicle.

Key features of the North River Shores Planning Area include:

- City of Stuart
- Riverside Park Neighborhood Improvement Area
- Martin County Fire Rescue Station 18
- Martin County Sheriff’s Office Jensen Beach Substation
- Oleander Park
- Palm Lake Park
- Pine Lake Park
- Treasure Coast Square

Summary Stats

The following socioeconomic indicators, which are commonly used for transportation planning purposes, show how the North River Shores Planning Area compares to all of Martin County:



Household with Persons with Disability



Households with Limited English



High School/ Bachelor’s Degree

North River Shores	23.6%	2.3%	94.9%/35.3%
Martin County	26.5%	2.1%	91.4% / 33.5%



Minority Population



Persons Below Poverty Level



Persons 65+

North River Shores	19.5%	12.1%	27.9%
Martin County	24.8%	10.3%	31.4%



Zero-Vehicle Households



30+ minute Commute Time



% of Telecommuters

North River Shores	5.1%	37.1%	7.4%
Martin County	4.8%	39.3%	9.8%

Demographics

Population
6,033

Households
3,386

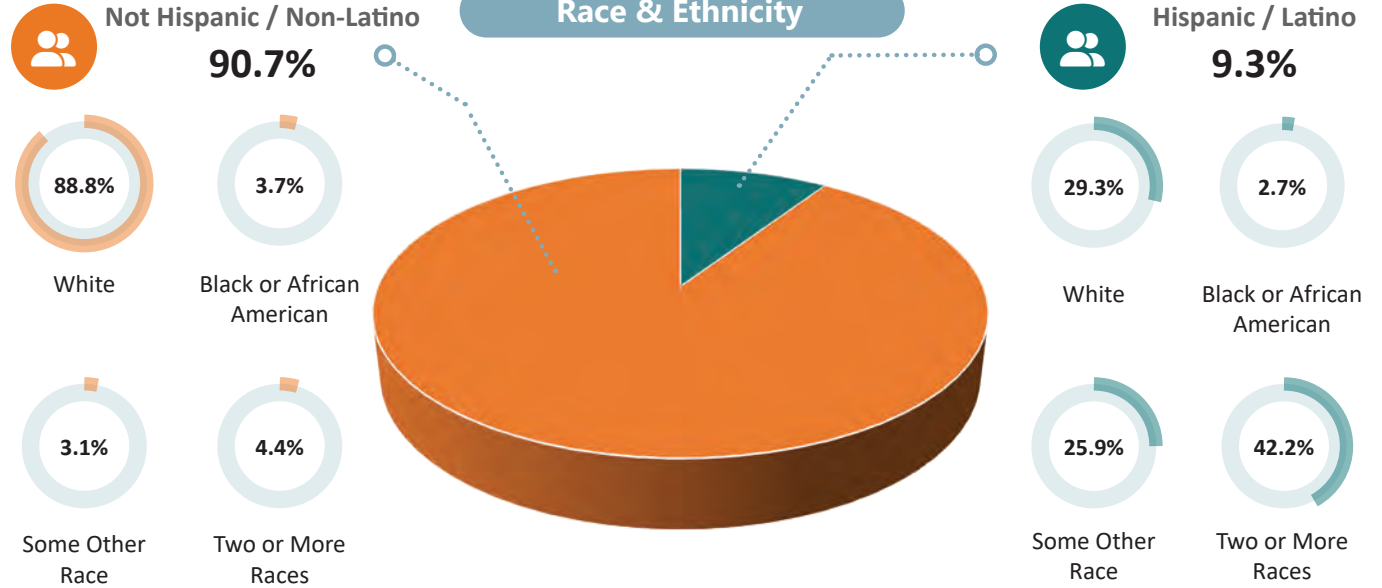
Persons 65+
1,684

Minority Population
1,175

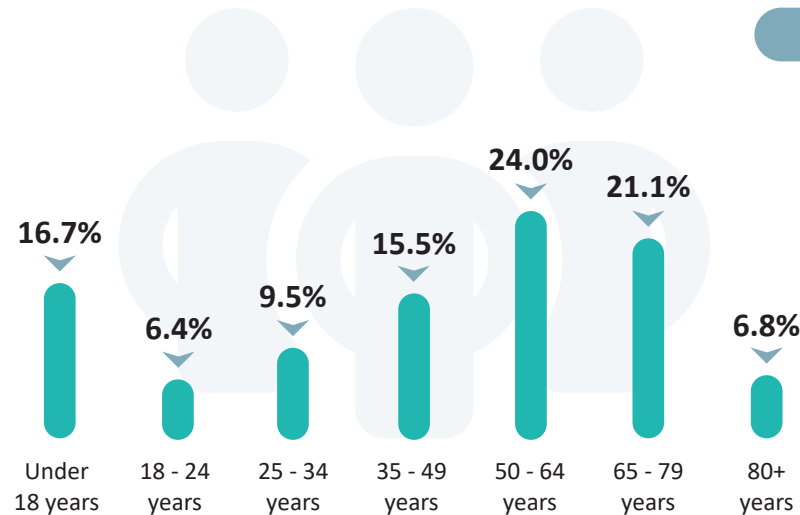
Household with Persons with Disability
23.6%

Limited English Proficiency Households
2.3%

Race & Ethnicity



Age Groups



Economic Data



61.0%
of Population is 16+
and are in the Labor Force



94.6%
of the Labor Force
are Employed



Most Common Household
Income Range
\$25K to \$50K

Graduate Degree
13.4%

No High School Diploma / GED
5.1%

Bachelor's Degree
21.9%

High School Diploma / GED
46.3%

Associate's Degree
13.3%

Educational Attainment

Household Income

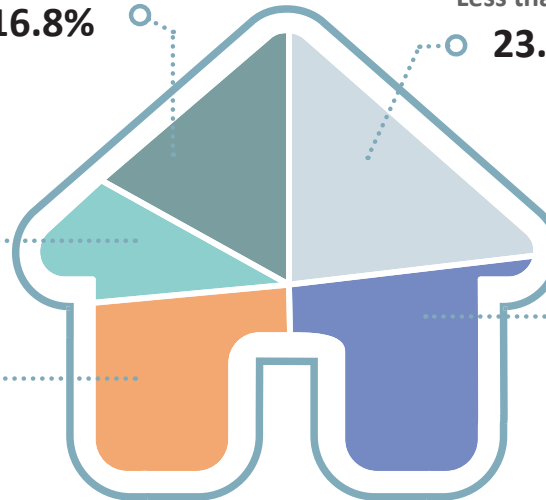
\$150K or Higher
16.8%

Less than \$25K
23.3%

\$100K to 150K
9.6%

\$50K to 100K
23.9%

\$25K to 50K
26.4%



Commuting Characteristics


Zero-Vehicle
Households
5.1%


87.2%
Use a Vehicle to
Get to Work


7.4%
of Workers
Telecommute


Travel Time to Work



<30
min
62.9%


<60
min
92.3%



<90
min
98.8%

Departure Time for Work


Early Morning
(Before 7AM)
33.8%



Morning
(7AM - 9AM)
40.1%



Later Morning
(9AM - Noon)
11.5%


Afternoon
(Noon or Later)
15.6%


Means of Travel to Work

By Vehicle



91.6%
Drove Alone


2.7%
Carpooled

Other Modes of Transportation


0.04%
Public Transportation


0%
Walked


5.7%
Taxicab, motorcycle,
bicycle, other means

Crash Characteristics

High Crash Locations

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Crash Occurrences

Total Fatal of Serious Injury Crashes (All Vehicle Types)

2 Crashes 0 Fatal / 2 Serious Injury

Total Fatal or Serious Injury Crashes (Involving a Bicyclist or Pedestrian)

1 Crash 0 Fatal / 1 Serious Injury



PALM CITY



Overview & Key Features

The Palm City Planning Area covers roughly 16.3 square miles or 2.8% of the County total. It has one of the largest populations in the unincorporated areas of the County. With access to both Florida's Turnpike and I-95, it can be one of the first locations visitors enter when visiting Martin County. Once a small agricultural area, it grew into a heavily populated area, most likely due to its easy access from the regional transportation network.

Palm City has a population of 25,883 residents, or 16.3% of the Martin County total.

- 6.3% of Palm City's population live in a household with income below the poverty level,
- 15.8% identify as a racial or ethnic minority, and
- 27.8% are aged 65 or older.

It contains 11,651 households, or 14.3% of the County total.

- 0.4% of the households in Palm City are home to a person with Limited English Proficiency (LEP),
- 21.2% are home to a person with a disability, and
- 3.6% do not own a personal vehicle.

Key features of the Palm City Planning Area include:

- Old Palm City CRA
- Bessey Creek Elementary School
- Cummings Library
- Hidden Oaks Middle School
- Jock Leighton Park
- LCPL Justin Wilson Memorial Park
- Leighton Park & Boat Ramp
- Martin County Fire Rescue Station 21
- Palm City Elementary School
- Pendarvis Cove Park
- C-23 Canal Fishing Pier

Summary Stats

The following socioeconomic indicators, which are commonly used for transportation planning purposes, show how the Palm City Planning Area compares to all of Martin County:



Household with Persons with Disability



Households with Limited English



High School/ Bachelor's Degree

Palm City	21.2%	0.4%	96.7%/46.1%
Martin County	26.5%	2.1%	91.4% / 33.5%



Minority Population



Persons Below Poverty Level



Persons 65+

Palm City	15.8%	6.3%	27.8%
Martin County	24.8%	10.3%	31.4%



Zero-Vehicle Households



30+ minute Commute Time



% of Telecommuters

Palm City	3.6%	39.7%	15.2%
Martin County	4.8%	39.3%	9.8%

Demographics

Population
25,883

Households
11,651

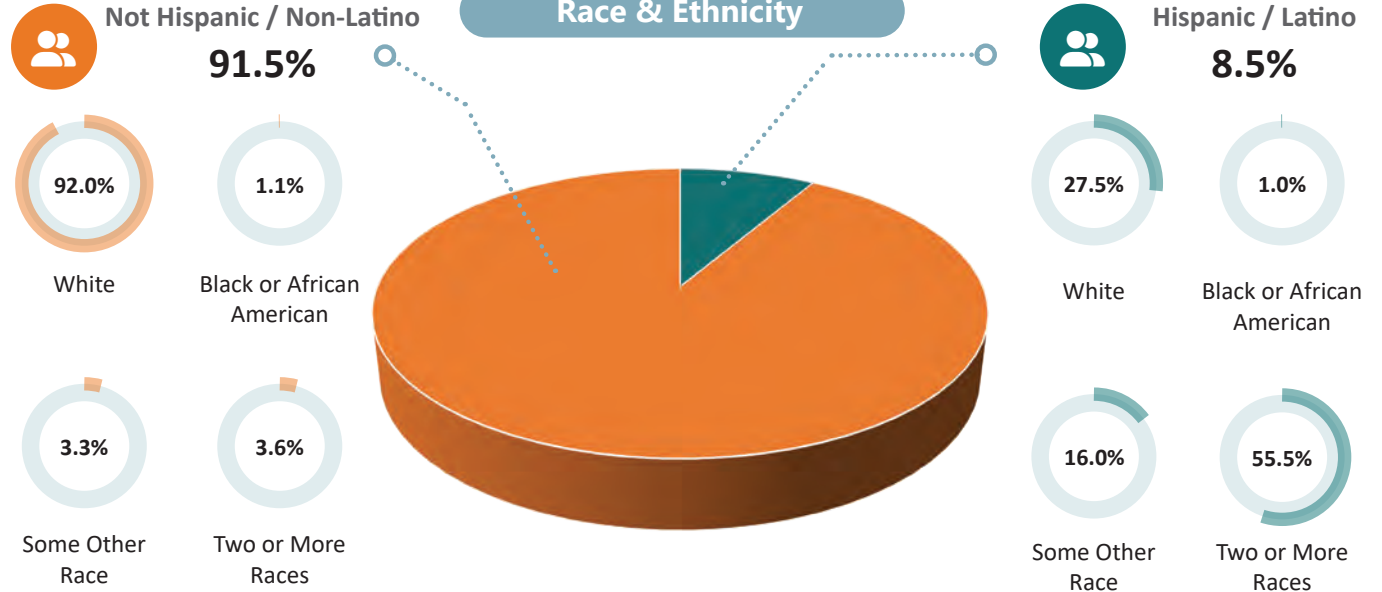
Persons 65+
7,184

Minority Population
4,080

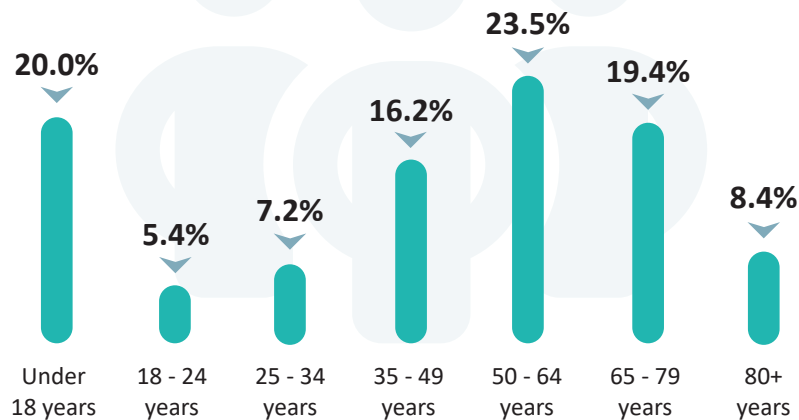
Household with Persons with Disability
21.2%

Limited English Proficiency Households
0.4%

Race & Ethnicity



Age Groups



Economic Data



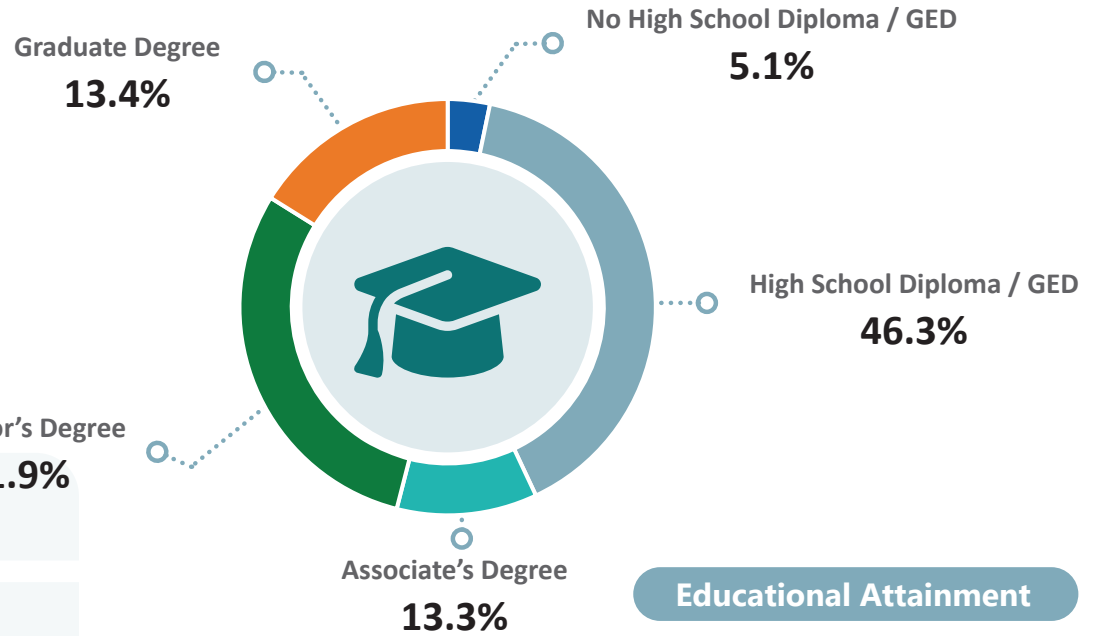
54.9%
of Population is 16+
and are in the Labor Force



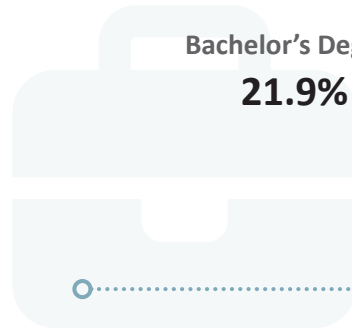
94.5%
of the Labor Force
are Employed



Most Common Household
Income Range
\$100K to \$150K



Educational Attainment



\$150K or Higher
23.8%

Less than \$25K
12.4%

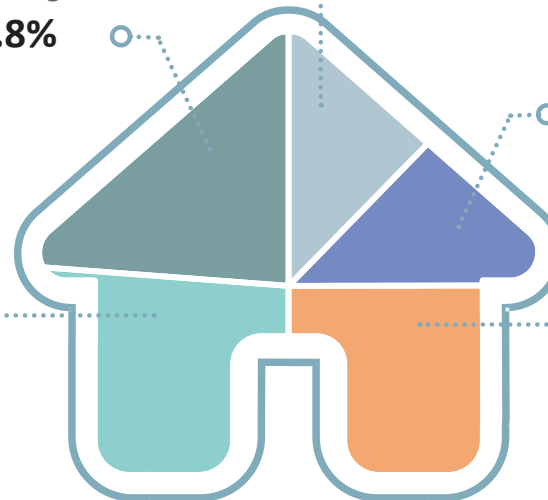
\$25K to 50K
12.7%

\$100K to 150K
26.4%

\$50K to 100K
24.8%



Household Income



Commuting Characteristics



Zero-Vehicle Households
3.6%



83.8%
Use a Vehicle to Get to Work



15.2%
of Workers Telecommute

Travel Time to Work



60.3%



93.4%



97.7%

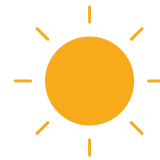
Departure Time for Work



Early Morning (Before 7AM)
25.3%



Morning (7AM - 9AM)
54.7%



Later Morning (9AM - Noon)
10.6%



Afternoon (Noon or Later)
9.4%

Means of Travel to Work

By Vehicle



92.9%
Drove Alone



5.9%
Carpooled

Other Modes of Transportation



0.4%
Public Transportation



0.2%
Walked



0.5%
Taxicab, motorcycle,
bicycle, other means

Crash Characteristics

High Crash Locations

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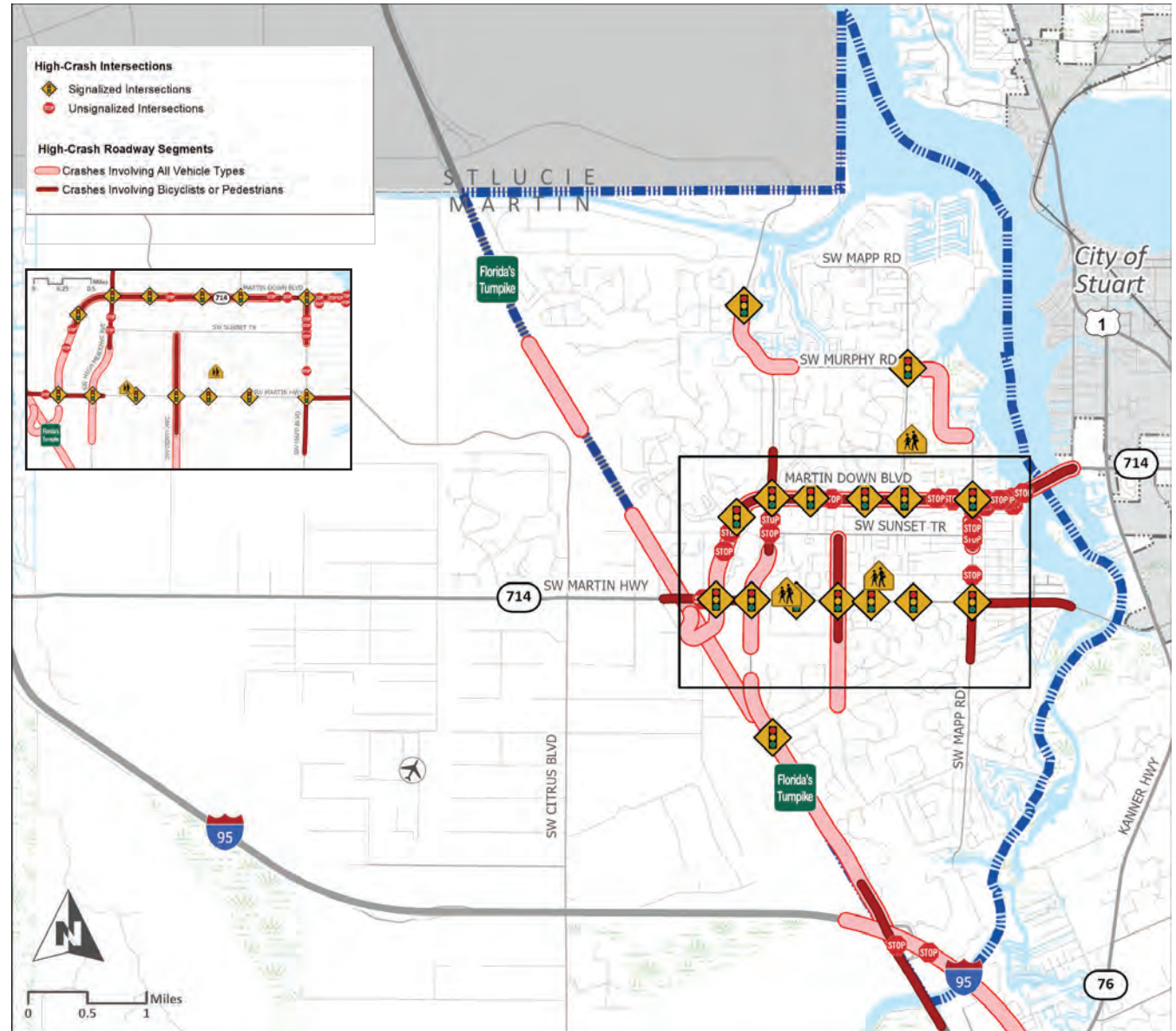
Crash Occurrences

Total Fatal of Serious Injury Crashes (All Vehicle Types)

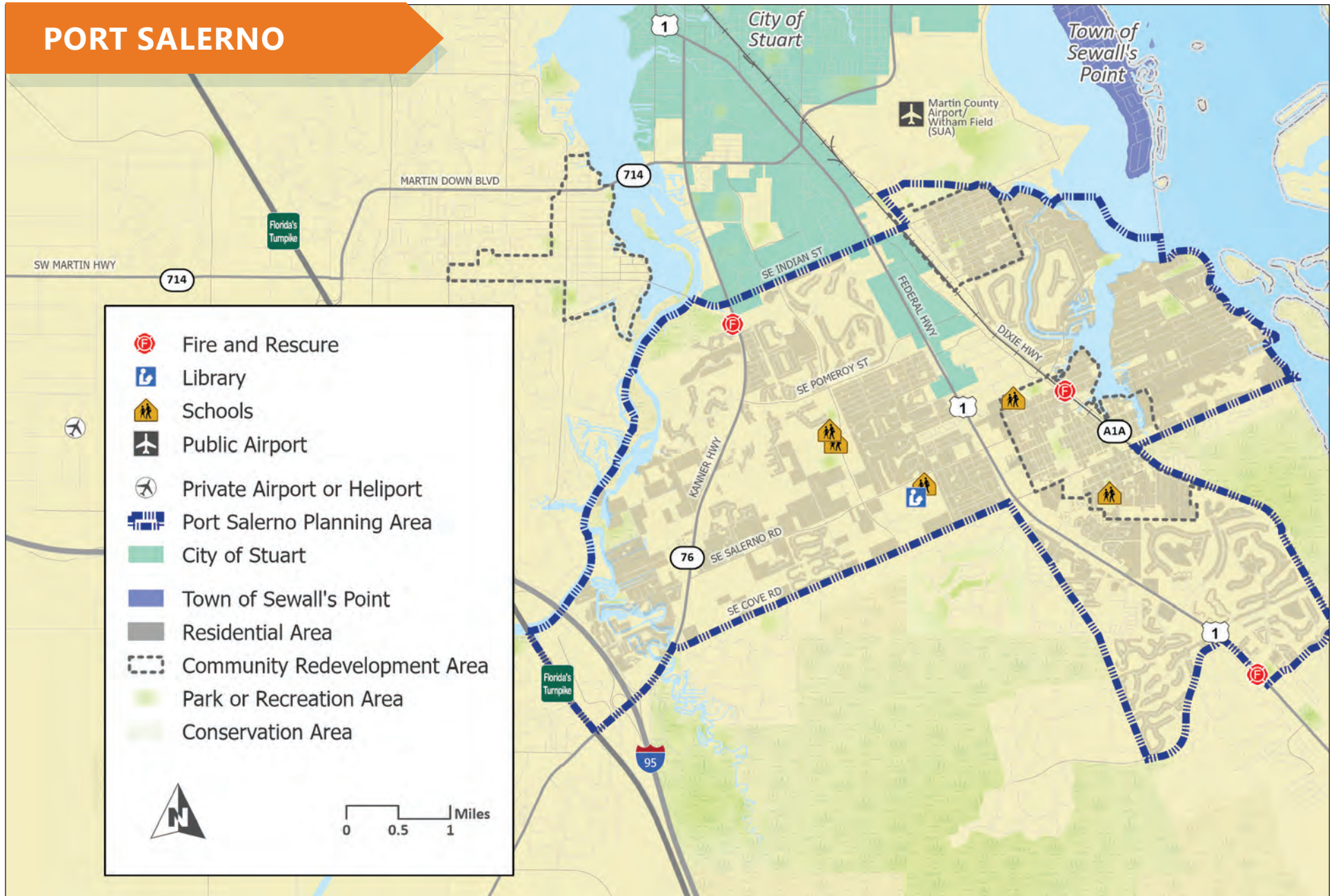
35 Crashes 4 Fatal / 31 Serious Injury

Total Fatal or Serious Injury Crashes (Involving a Bicyclist or Pedestrian)

6 Crashes 1 Fatal / 5 Serious Injury



PORT SALERNO



Overview & Key Features

The Port Salerno Planning Area covers roughly 18.11 square miles or 3% of the County total. It has the largest population of the unincorporated areas within Martin County. Created in the 1920's as a small settlement on the southern shores of the St. Lucie River inlet, the name Salerno comes from the Italians who settled the area, originally from the City of Salerno, Italy. The area has a strong fishing and boating community.

Port Salerno has a population of 35,144 residents, or 22.2% of the Martin County total.

- 11% of Port Salerno's population live in a household with income below the poverty level,
- 30.4% identify as a racial or ethnic minority, and
- 30.1% are aged 65 or older.

It contains 17,311 households, or 21.3% of the County total.

- 2.4% of the households in Port Salerno are home to a person with Limited English Proficiency (LEP),
- 25.8% are home to a person with a disability, and
- 3.7% do not own a personal vehicle.

Key features of the Port Salerno Planning Area include:

- City of Stuart
- Golden Gate CRA
- Port Salerno CRA
- Port Salerno Civic Center
- Indian River State College Chastain Campus
- Kiplinger Nature Preserve
- Lamar Howard Park & Golden Gate Recreation Trail
- Martin County Fire Rescue Stations 23 & 30
- Martin Health System
- Murray Middle School
- Pinewood Elementary School
- Port Salerno Elementary School
- Robert Morgrade Library

Summary Stats

The following socioeconomic indicators, which are commonly used for transportation planning purposes, show how the Port Salerno Planning Area compares to all of Martin County:



Household with Persons with Disability



Households with Limited English



High School/ Bachelor's Degree

Port Salerno	25.8%	2.4%	90.5%/27.7%
Martin County	26.5%	2.1%	91.4% / 33.5%



Minority Population



Persons Below Poverty Level



Persons 65+

Port Salerno	30.4%	11.0%	30.1%
Martin County	24.8%	10.3%	31.4%



Zero-Vehicle Households



30+ minute Commute Time



% of Telecommuters

Port Salerno	3.7%	39.0%	5.0%
Martin County	4.8%	39.3%	9.8%

Demographics

Population
35,144

Households
17,311

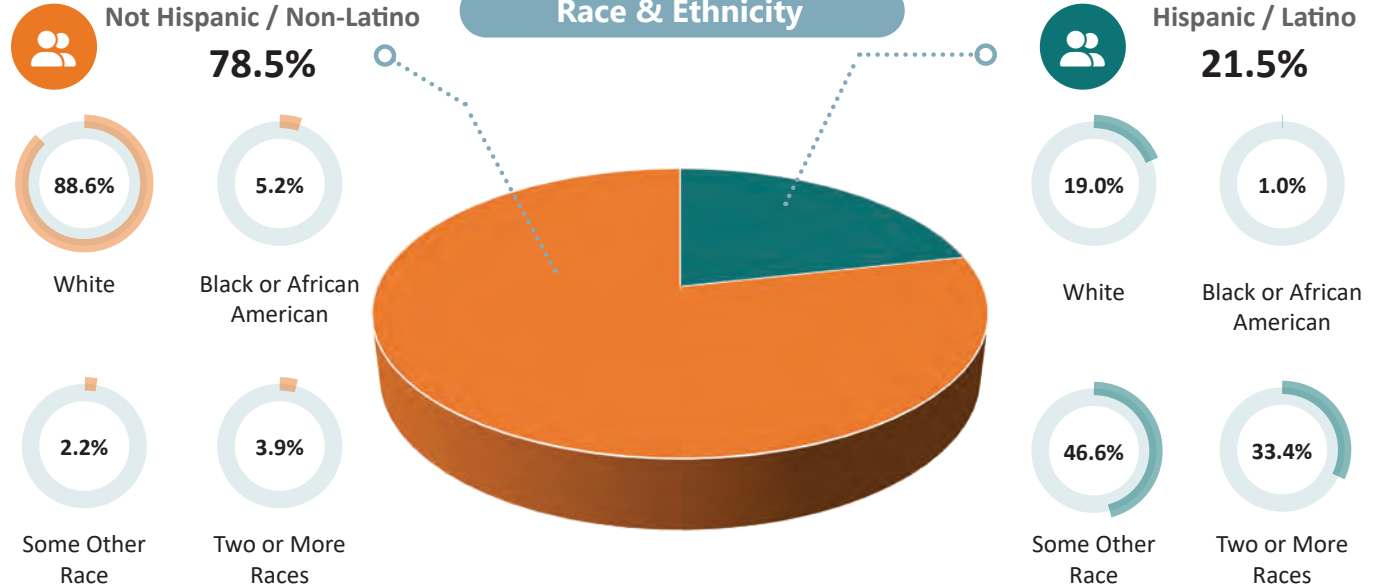
Persons 65+
10,580

Minority Population
10,701

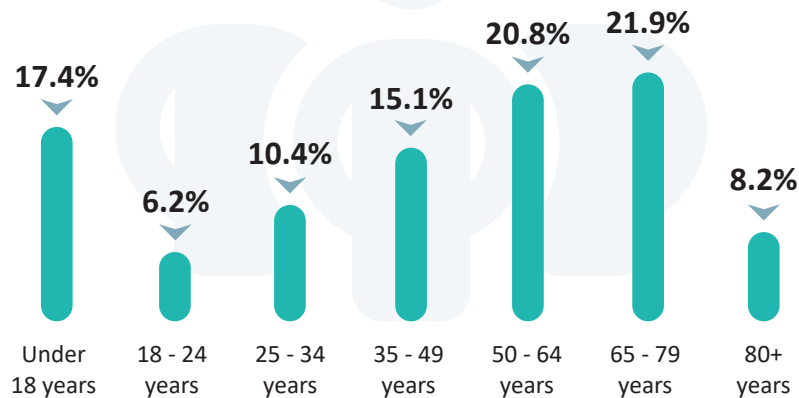
Household with Persons with Disability
25.8%

Limited English Proficiency Households
2.4%

Race & Ethnicity



Age Groups



Economic Data



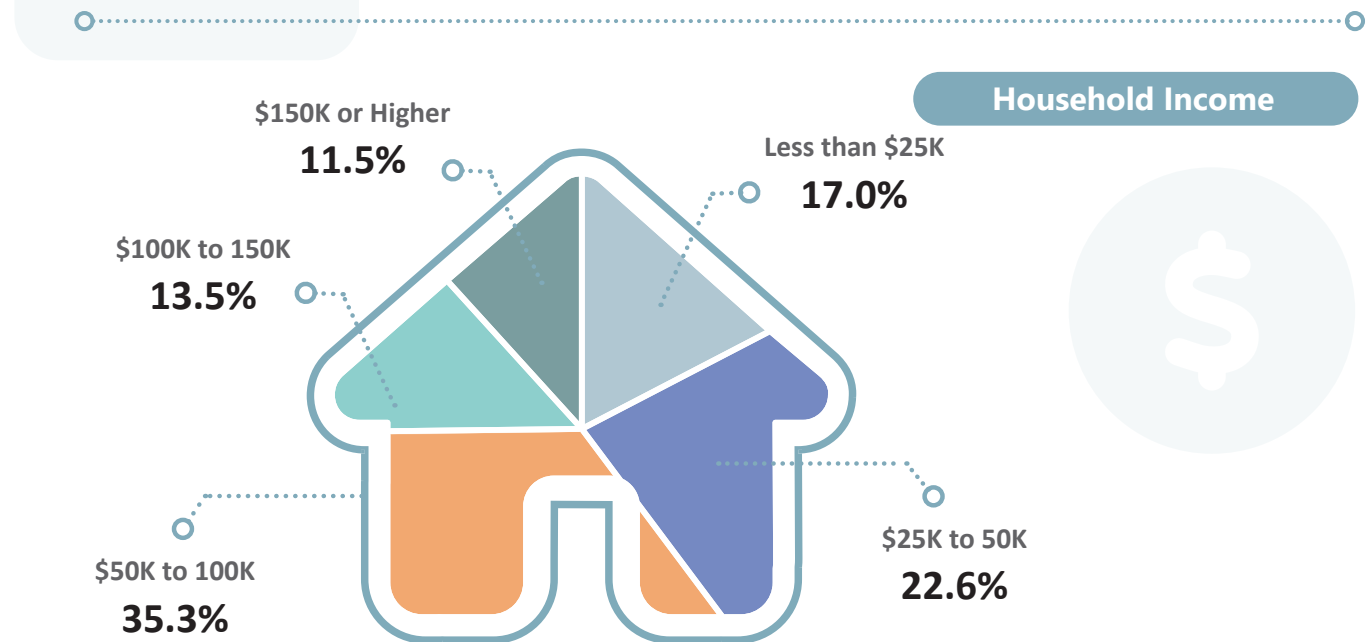
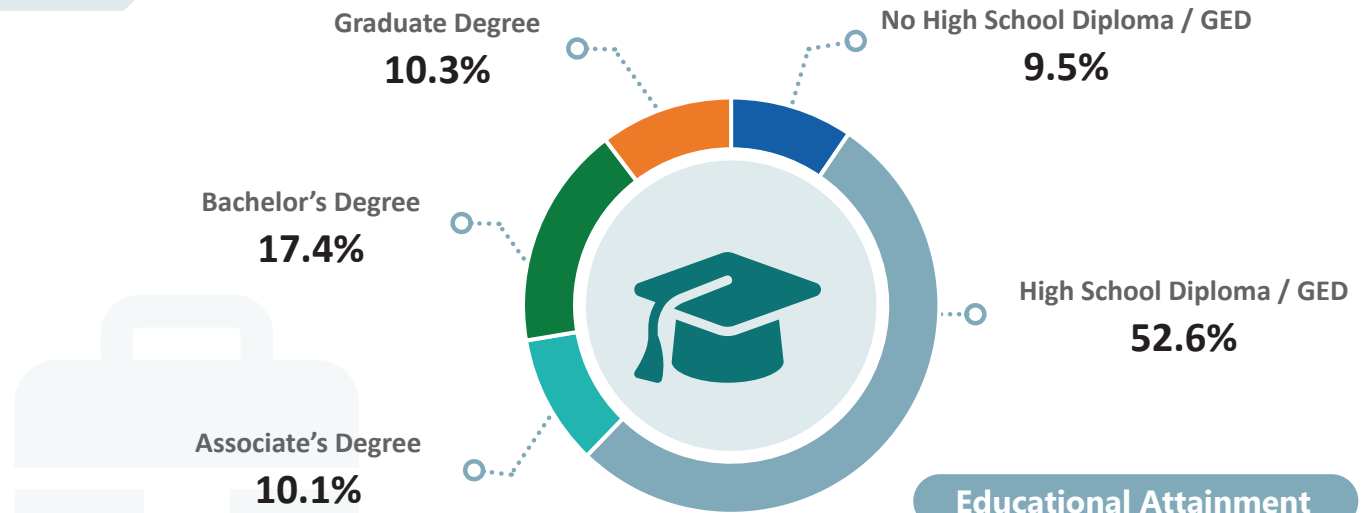
53.1%
of Population is 16+
and are in the Labor Force




95.2%
of the Labor Force
are Employed




Most Common Household
Income Range
\$50K to \$100K



Commuting Characteristics


Zero-Vehicle
Households
3.7%


91.9%
Use a Vehicle to
Get to Work


5.0%
of Workers
Telecommute


Travel Time to Work



**<30
min**
61.0%



**<60
min**
91.0%



**<90
min**
94.6%

Departure Time for Work


Early Morning
(Before 7AM)
34.0%



Morning
(7AM - 9AM)
45.2%



Later Morning
(9AM - Noon)
7.5%


Afternoon
(Noon or Later)
13.3%


Means of Travel to Work

By Vehicle



81.5%
Drove Alone


15.1%
Carpooled

Other Modes of Transportation


0.1%
Public Transportation


0.7%
Walked


2.5%
Taxicab, motorcycle,
bicycle, other means

Crash Characteristics

High Crash Locations

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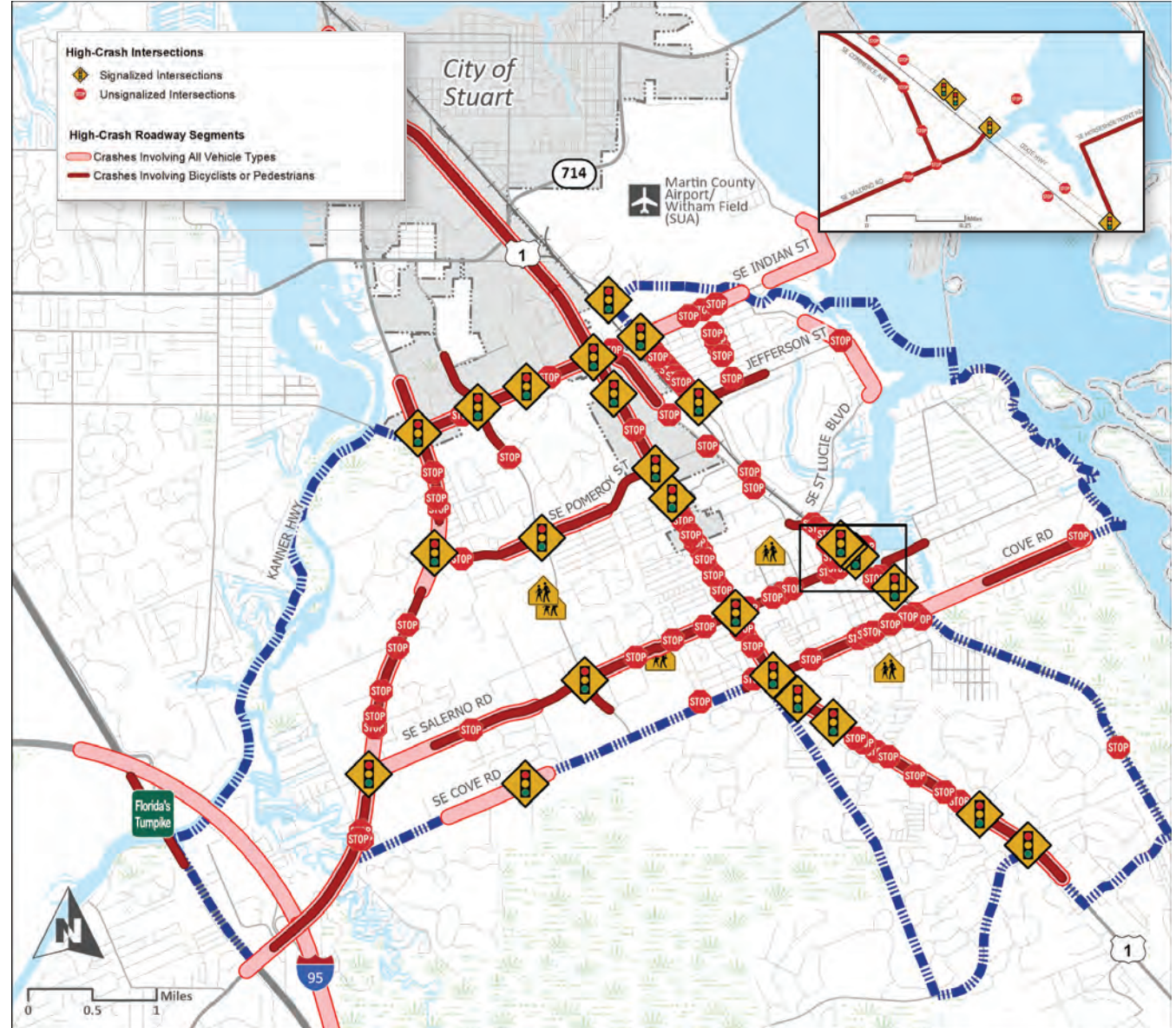
Crash Occurrences

Total Fatal of Serious Injury Crashes (All Vehicle Types)

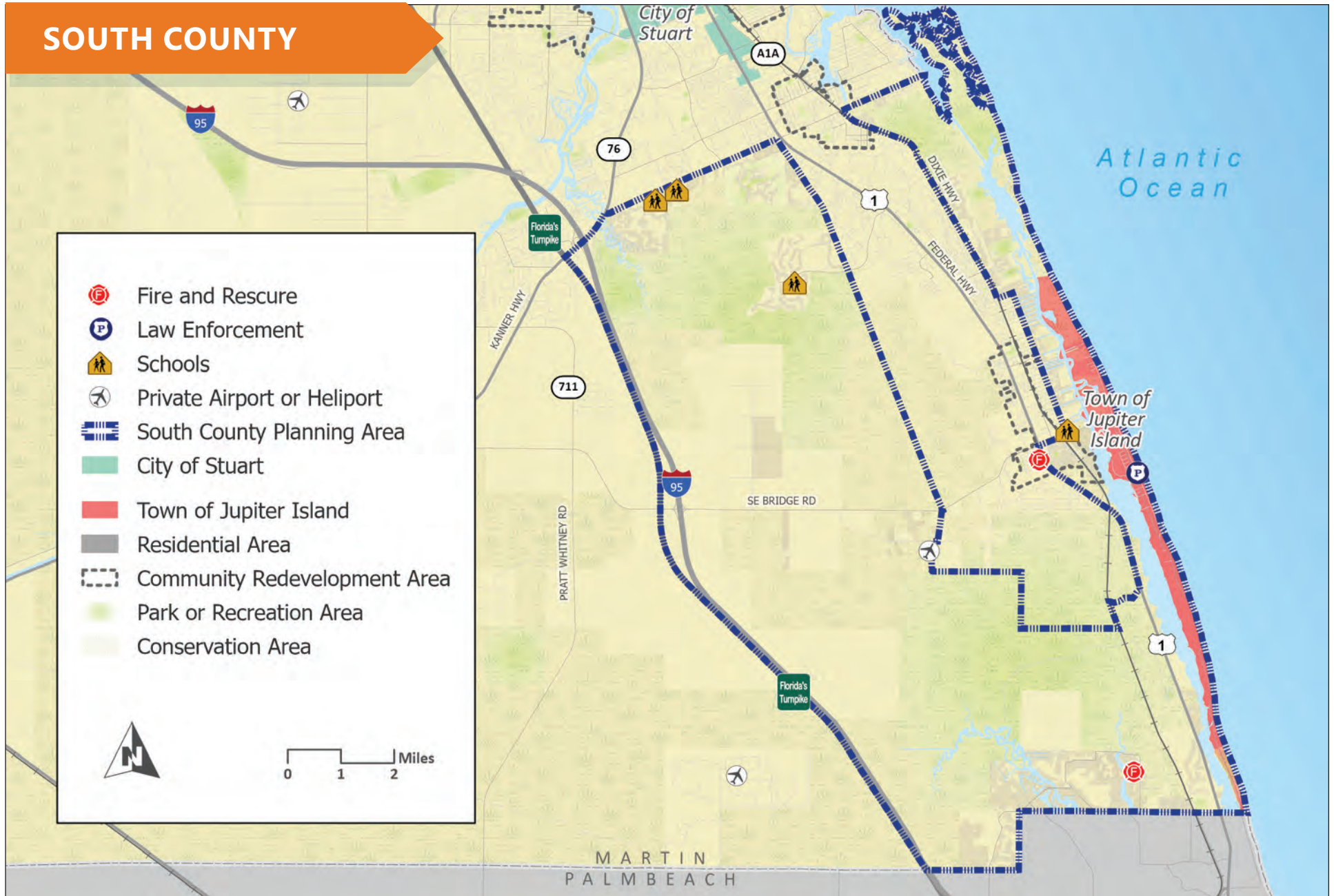
90 Crashes 20 Fatal / 70 Serious Injury

Total Fatal or Serious Injury Crashes (Involving a Bicyclist or Pedestrian)

22 Crashes 9 Fatal / 13 Serious Injury



SOUTH COUNTY



Overview & Key Features

South County is in southeastern Martin County, bordering Palm Beach County. It covers 72.4 square miles, representing 12.2% of the County total. It is one of the most environmentally sensitive areas of the County and is home to Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Hobe Sound Nature Center, and the Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge. South County also includes the Town of Jupiter Island, which was incorporated in 1953 and is located entirely on the barrier island.

South County has a population of 15,663 residents, or 9.9% of the Martin County total.

- 5.4% of South County’s population live in a household with income below the poverty level,
- 9.8% identify as a racial or ethnic minority, and
- 45.9% are aged 65 or older.

It contains 9,319 households, or 11.5% of the County total.

- 0.9% of the households in South County are home to a person with Limited English Proficiency (LEP),
- 23.1% are home to a person with a disability, and
- 4.1% do not own a personal vehicle.

Key features of the South County Planning Area include:

- Town of Jupiter Island
- Blowing Rocks Preserve Park
- Dr. David L. Anderson Middle School
- Hobe Sound CRA (partial)
- Jonathan Dickinson State Park
- Jupiter Island Police Department
- Martin County Fire Rescue Station 36
- Nathaniel P. Reed Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge
- Sea Branch Preserve State Park
- Seawind Elementary
- St. Lucie Inlet Preserve State Park

Summary Stats

The following socioeconomic indicators, which are commonly used for transportation planning purposes, show how the South County Planning Area compares to all of Martin County:



Household with
Persons with
Disability



Households with
Limited English



High School/
Bachelor’s Degree

South County	23.1%	0.9%	95.8%/41.7%
Martin County	26.5%	2.1%	91.4% / 33.5%



Minority
Population



Persons Below
Poverty Level



Persons 65+

South County	9.8%	5.4%	45.9%
Martin County	24.8%	10.3%	31.4%



Zero-Vehicle
Households



30+ minute
Commute Time



% of Telecommuters

South County	4.1%	48.4%	9.7%
Martin County	4.8%	39.3%	9.8%

Demographics

Population
15,663

Households
9,319

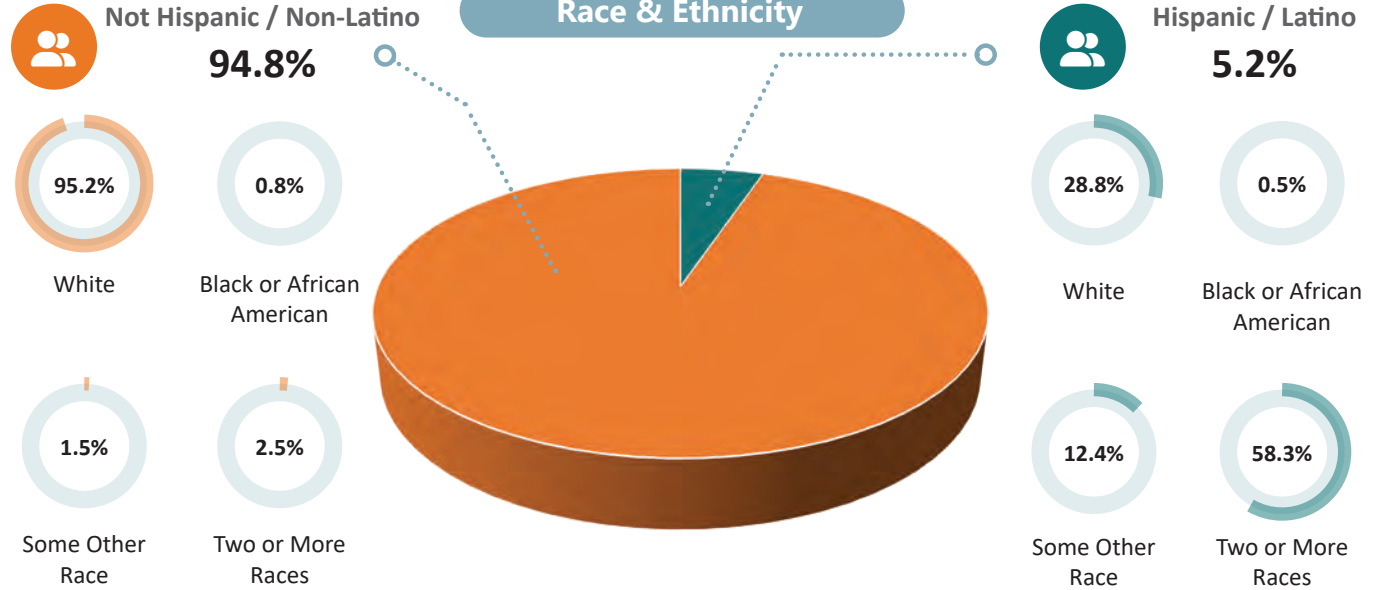
Persons 65+
7,193

Minority Population
1,537

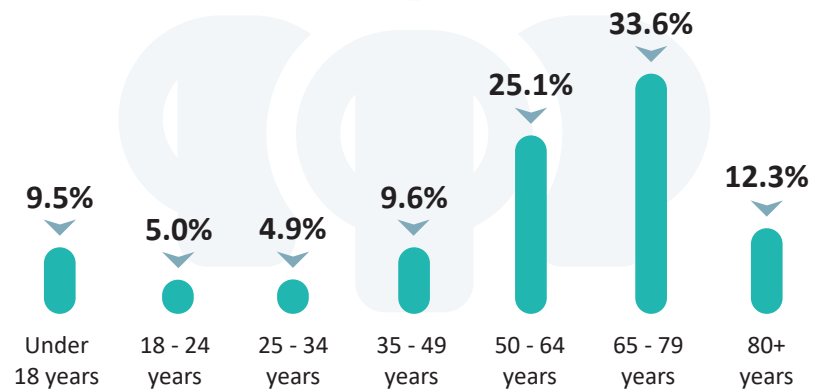
Household with Persons with Disability
23.1%

Limited English Proficiency Households
0.9%

Race & Ethnicity



Age Groups



Economic Data



46.1%
of Population is 16+
and are in the Labor Force



96.1%
of the Labor Force
are Employed



Most Common Household
Income Range
\$50K to \$100K

Graduate Degree
13.3%

No High School Diploma / GED
4.2%

Bachelor's Degree
28.4%

High School Diploma / GED
45.7%

Associate's Degree
8.5%

Educational Attainment

Less than \$25K
14.3%

Household Income

\$150K or Higher
23.9%

\$25K to 50K
15.2%

\$100K to 150K
17.0%

\$50K to 100K
29.6%

Commuting Characteristics



Zero-Vehicle Households
4.1%



85.3%
Use a Vehicle to Get to Work



9.7%
of Workers Telecommute

Travel Time to Work



51.6%



94.6%



97.4%

Means of Travel to Work

By Vehicle



87.8%
Drove Alone



6.6%
Carpooled

Other Modes of Transportation



1.1%
Public Transportation



2.0%
Walked



2.4%
Taxicab, motorcycle, bicycle, other means

Departure Time for Work



Early Morning (Before 7AM)
26.4%



Morning (7AM - 9AM)
51.0%



Later Morning (9AM - Noon)
18.1%



Afternoon (Noon or Later)
4.5%

Crash Characteristics

High Crash Locations

The map on this page shows the South County intersections and roadway segments with the highest levels of fatal and serious injury crashes from 2016 to 2020, with crashes on roadway segments considered on a per-mile basis. The data separates intersections by signalized and unsignalized (or stop signs). Crashes involving bicyclists or pedestrians are shown separately to highlight their increased vulnerability.



Crash Occurrences

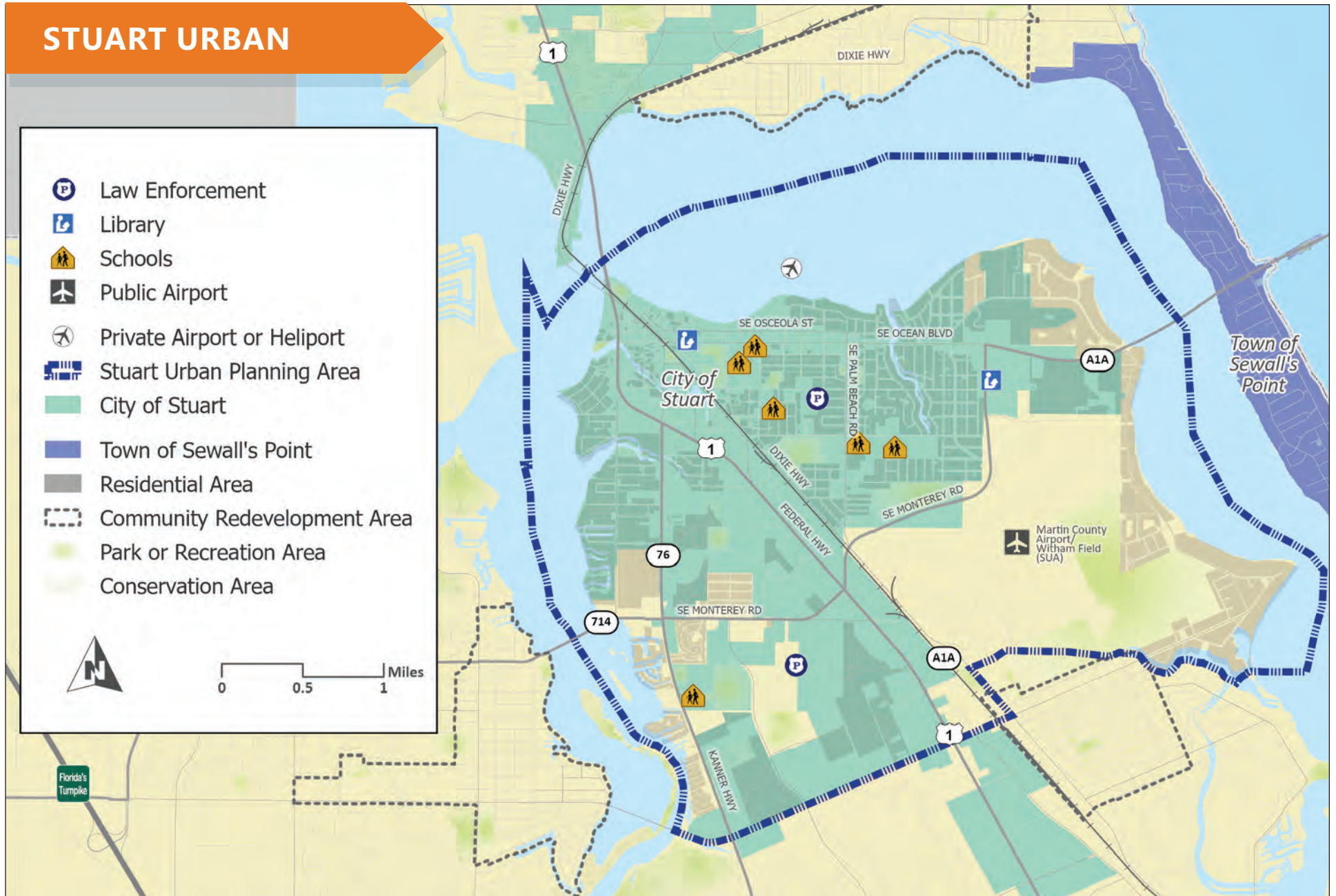
Total Fatal of Serious Injury Crashes (All Vehicle Types)

93 Crashes 27 Fatal / 66 Serious Injury

Total Fatal or Serious Injury Crashes (Involving a Bicyclist or Pedestrian)

14 Crashes 3 Fatal / 11 Serious Injury

STUART URBAN



Overview & Key Features

The Stuart Urban Planning Area is home to the largest municipality in Martin County, which also serves as the county seat. Stuart Urban covers roughly 10.8 square miles or 1.8% of the County total. The City of Stuart was incorporated in 1914 when it was still part of Palm Beach County. It was named the county seat of Martin County in 1925. Known as the Sailfish Capital of the World, it is a small but popular area of Martin County.

Stuart Urban has a population of 19,489 residents, or 12.3% of the Martin County total.

- 12.9% of Stuart Urban’s population live in a household with income below the poverty level,
- 31.2% identify as a racial or ethnic minority, and
- 36.3% are aged 65 or older.

It contains 11,740 households, or 14.4% of the County total.

- 4.2% of the households in Stuart Urban are home to a person with Limited English Proficiency (LEP),
- 30.6% are home to a person with a disability, and
- 8.7% do not own a personal vehicle.

Key features of the Stuart Urban Planning Area include:

- City of Stuart
- Blake Library
- Cleveland Clinic Martin North Hospital
- East Stuart CRA
- J.D. Parker Elementary School
- Martin County Airport/Witham Field
- Martin County Courthouse
- Martin County High School
- City of Stuart Fire Rescue Stations 1 & 2
- Stuart Middle School
- City of Stuart Police Department
- Multiple Parks & Recreational Areas

Summary Stats

The following socioeconomic indicators, which are commonly used for transportation planning purposes, show how the Stuart Urban Planning Area compares to all of Martin County:



Household with Persons with Disability



Households with Limited English



High School/ Bachelor’s Degree

Stuart Urban	30.6%	4.2%	91.7%/28.3%
Martin County	26.5%	2.1%	91.4% / 33.5%



Minority Population



Persons Below Poverty Level



Persons 65+

Stuart Urban	31.2%	12.9%	36.3%
Martin County	24.8%	10.3%	31.4%



Zero-Vehicle Households



30+ minute Commute Time



% of Telecommuters

Stuart Urban	8.7%	31.2%	11.5%
Martin County	4.8%	39.3%	9.8%

Demographics

Population
19,489

Households
11,740

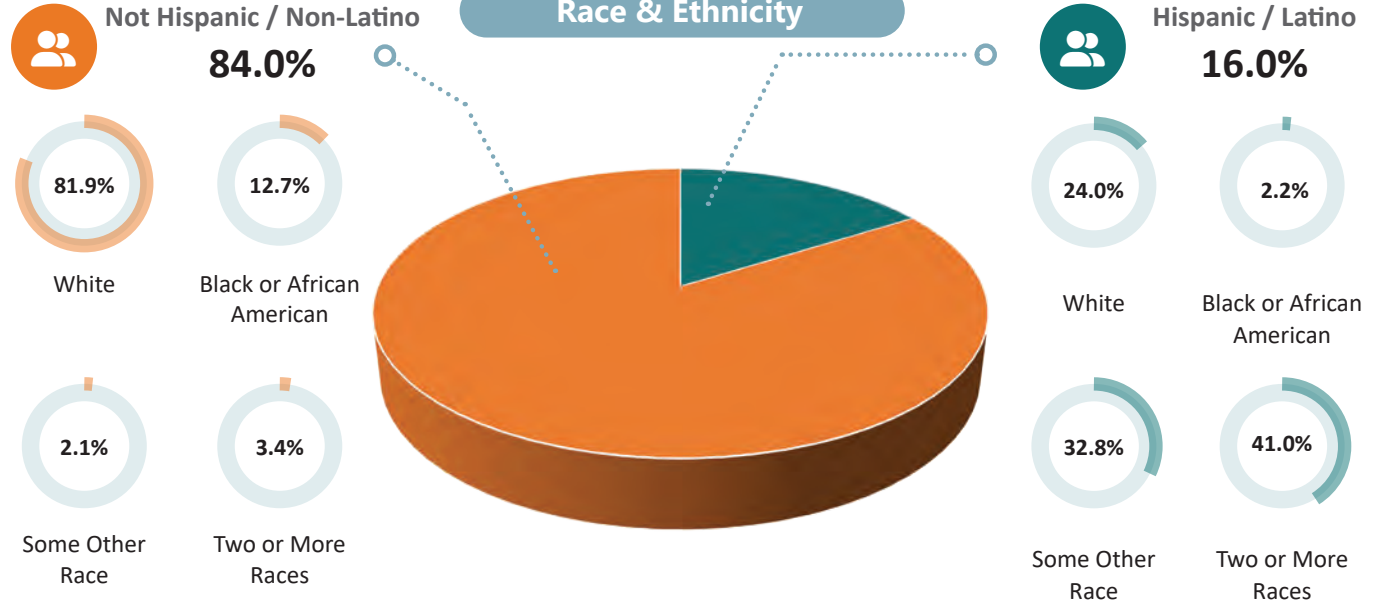
Persons 65+
7,071

Minority Population
6,089

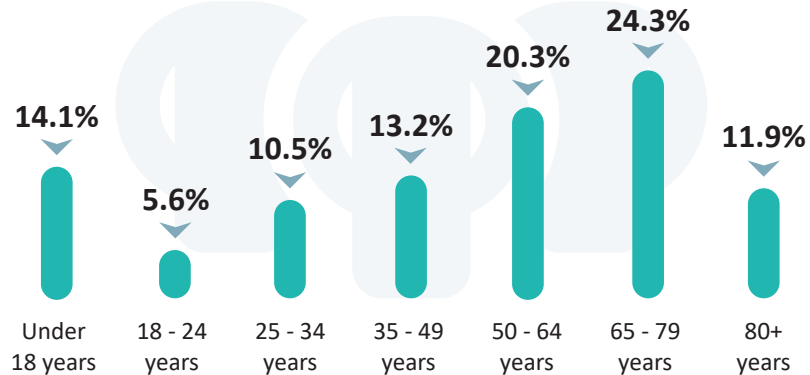
Household with Persons with Disability
30.6%

Limited English Proficiency Households
4.2%

Race & Ethnicity



Age Groups



Economic Data



47.2%

of Population is 16+
and are in the Labor Force



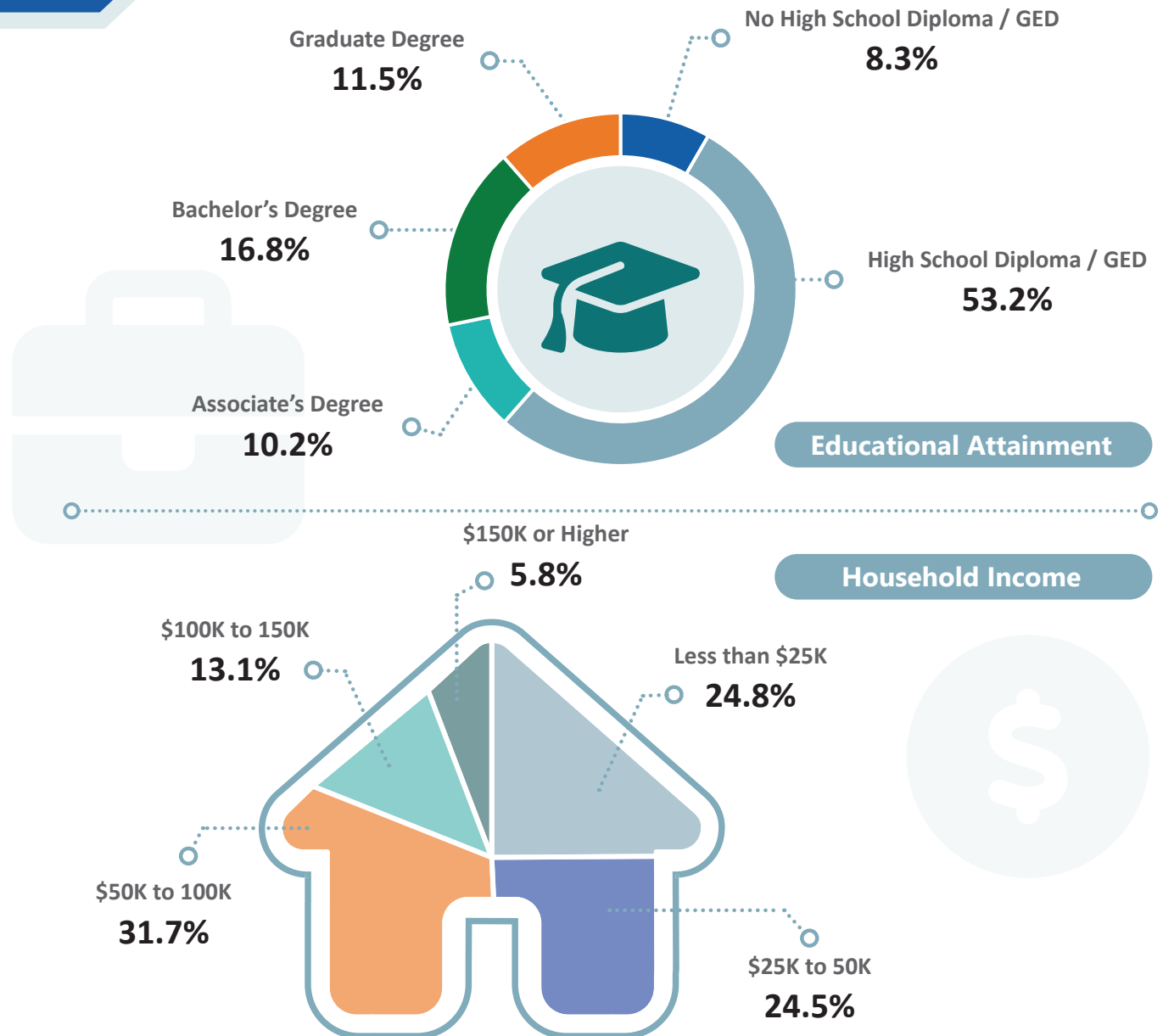
96.4%

of the Labor Force
are Employed



Most Common Household
Income Range

\$50K to \$100K



Commuting Characteristics



Zero-Vehicle Households
8.7%



82.3%
Use a Vehicle to Get to Work



11.5%
of Workers Telecommute

Travel Time to Work



68.8%



94.9%



98.5%

Departure Time for Work



Early Morning (Before 7AM)
27.5%



Morning (7AM - 9AM)
43.6%



Later Morning (9AM - Noon)
11.4%



Afternoon (Noon or Later)
17.5%

Means of Travel to Work

By Vehicle



84.6%
Drove Alone



8.4%
Carpooled

Other Modes of Transportation



0%
Public Transportation



1.5%
Walked



5.5%
Taxicab, motorcycle, bicycle, other means

Crash Characteristics

High Crash Locations

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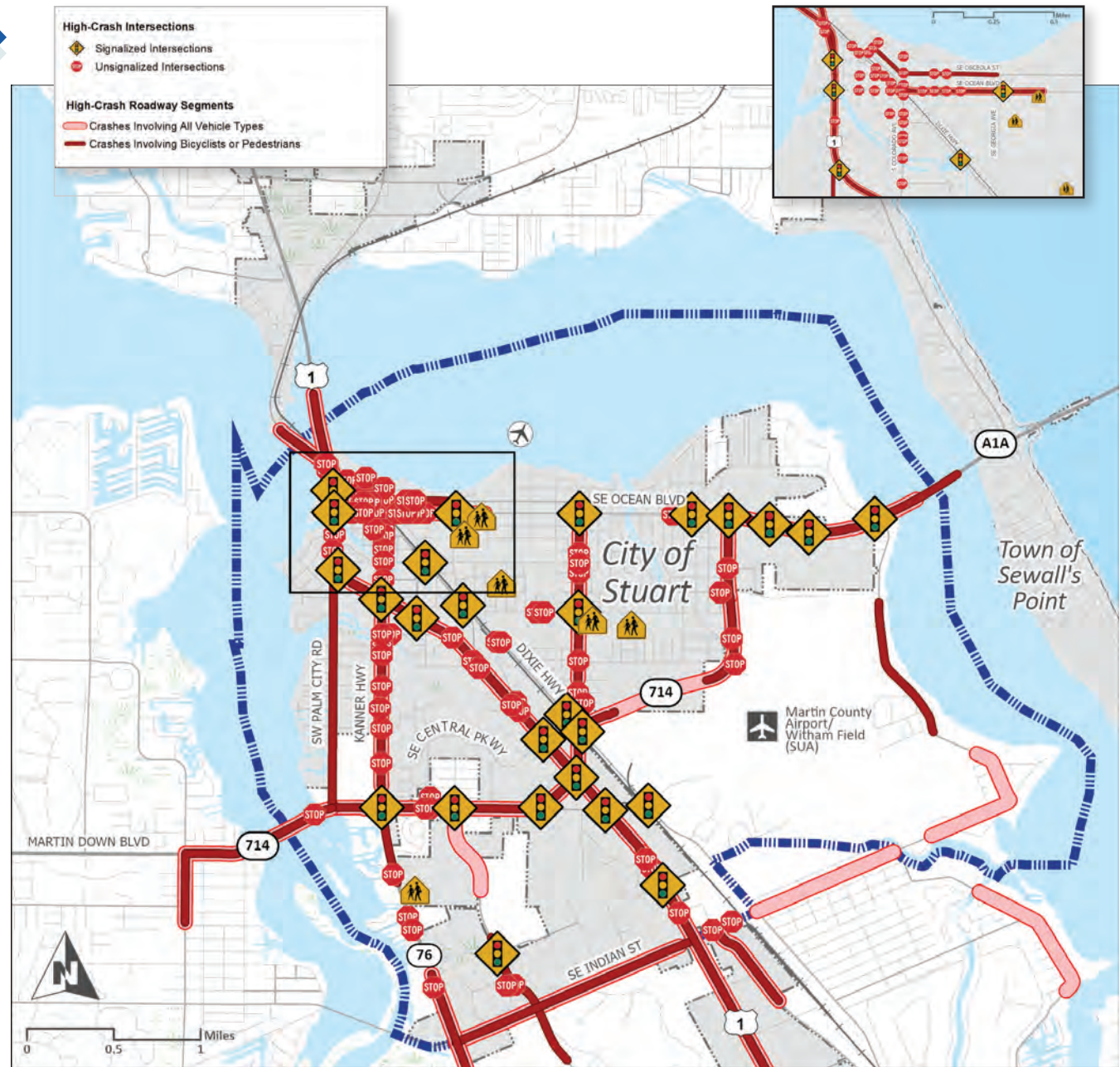
Crash Occurrences

Total Fatal of Serious Injury Crashes (All Vehicle Types)

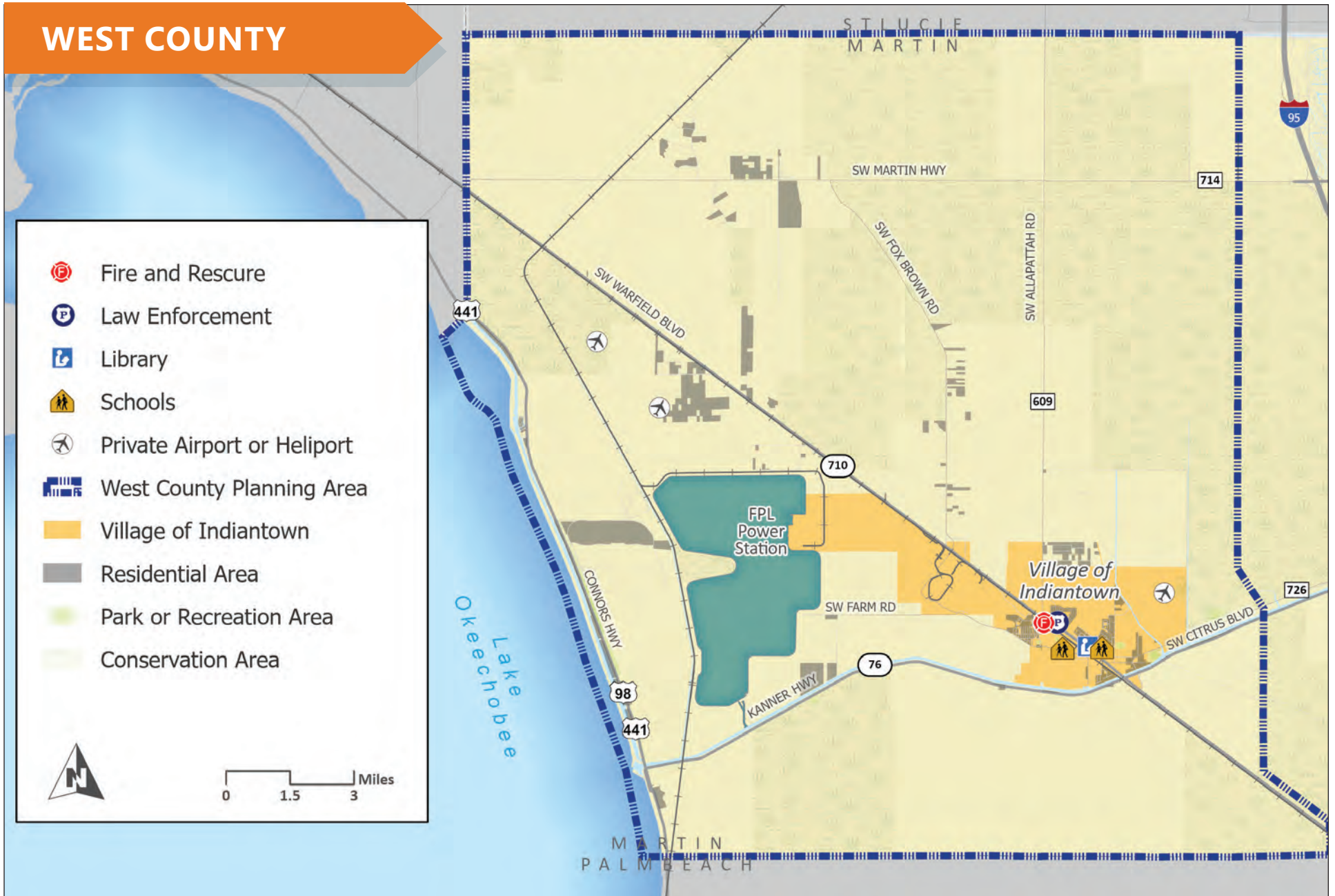
98 Crashes 11 Fatal / 87 Serious Injury

Total Fatal or Serious Injury Crashes (Involving a Bicyclist or Pedestrian)

25 Crashes 1 Fatal / 24 Serious Injury



WEST COUNTY



Overview & Key Features

The West County Planning Area encompasses the westernmost portion of Martin County and is the largest in terms of area, covering roughly 260 square miles or 44% of the County total. It borders St. Lucie County to the north, Palm Beach County to the south, and Lake Okeechobee to the west.

West County has a population of 10,583 residents, or 6.7% of the Martin County total.

- 23.3% of West County’s population live in a household with income below the poverty level,
- 74.4% identify as a racial or ethnic minority, and
- 12.5% are aged 65 or older.

It contains 2,731 households, or 3.4% of the County total.

- 11.6% of the households in West County are home to a person with Limited English Proficiency (LEP),
- 27% are home to a person with a disability, and
- 8.5% do not own a personal vehicle.

Key features of the West County Planning Area include:

- Village of Indiantown
- Martin County Fire Rescue Station 24
- Martin County Sheriff’s Office - Indiantown Substation
- Elisabeth Lahti Library
- Warfield Elementary School
- Indiantown Middle School
- Indiantown High School
- Indiantown Airport
- Brady Ranch Airport
- Horseshoe Acres Airpark
- Timers Powers Park / Rodeo Arena

Summary Stats

The following socioeconomic indicators, which are commonly used for transportation planning purposes, show how the West County Planning Area compares to all of Martin County:



Household with Persons with Disability



Households with Limited English



High School/ Bachelor’s Degree

West County	27.0%	11.6%	53.0%/6.3%
Martin County	26.5%	2.1%	91.4% / 33.5%



Minority Population



Persons Below Poverty Level



Persons 65+

West County	74.4%	23.3%	12.5%
Martin County	24.8%	10.3%	31.4%



Zero-Vehicle Households



30+ minute Commute Time



% of Telecommuters

West County	8.5%	50.0%	5.0%
Martin County	4.8%	39.3%	9.8%

Demographics

Population
10,583

Households
2,731

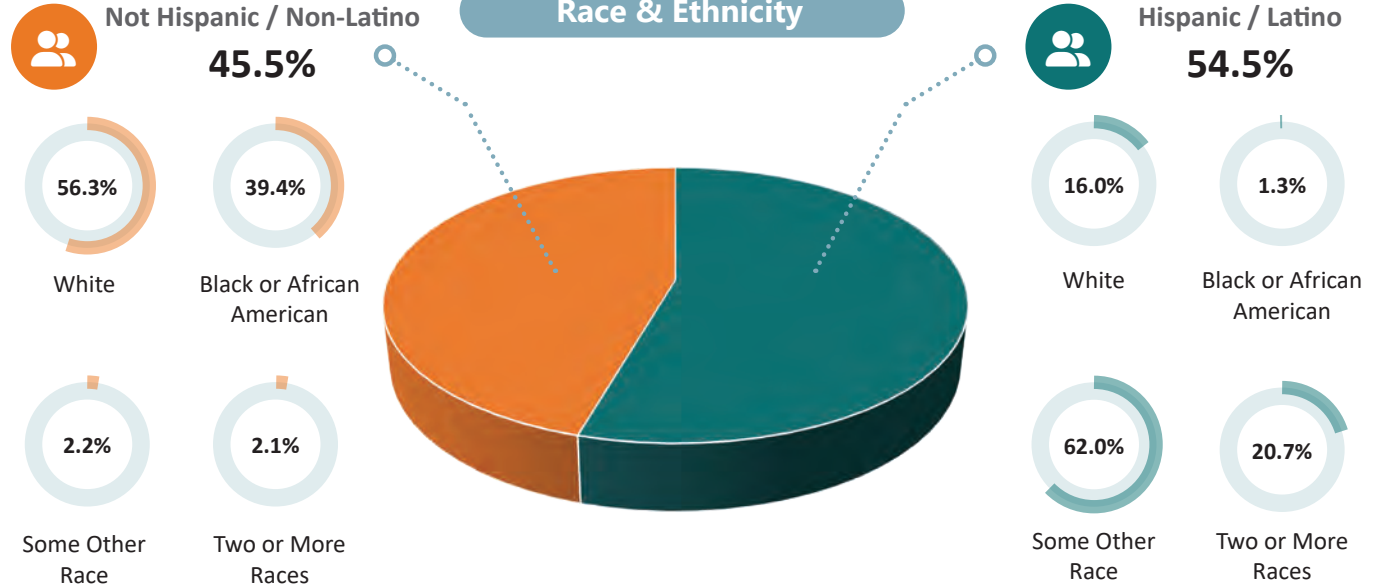
Persons 65+
1,321

Minority Population
7,874

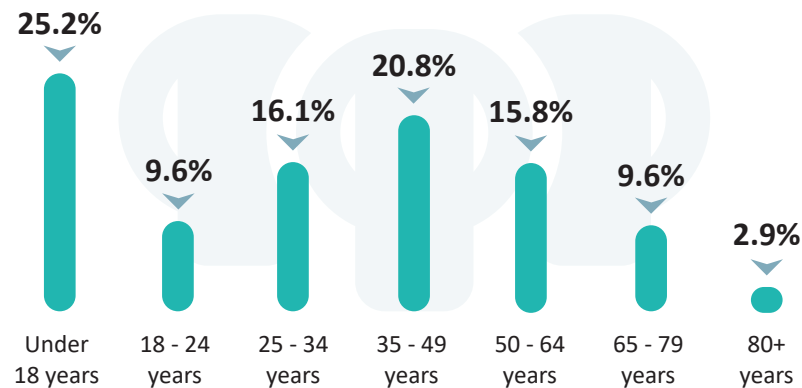
Household with Persons with Disability
27.0%

Limited English Proficiency Households
11.6%

Race & Ethnicity



Age Groups



Economic Data



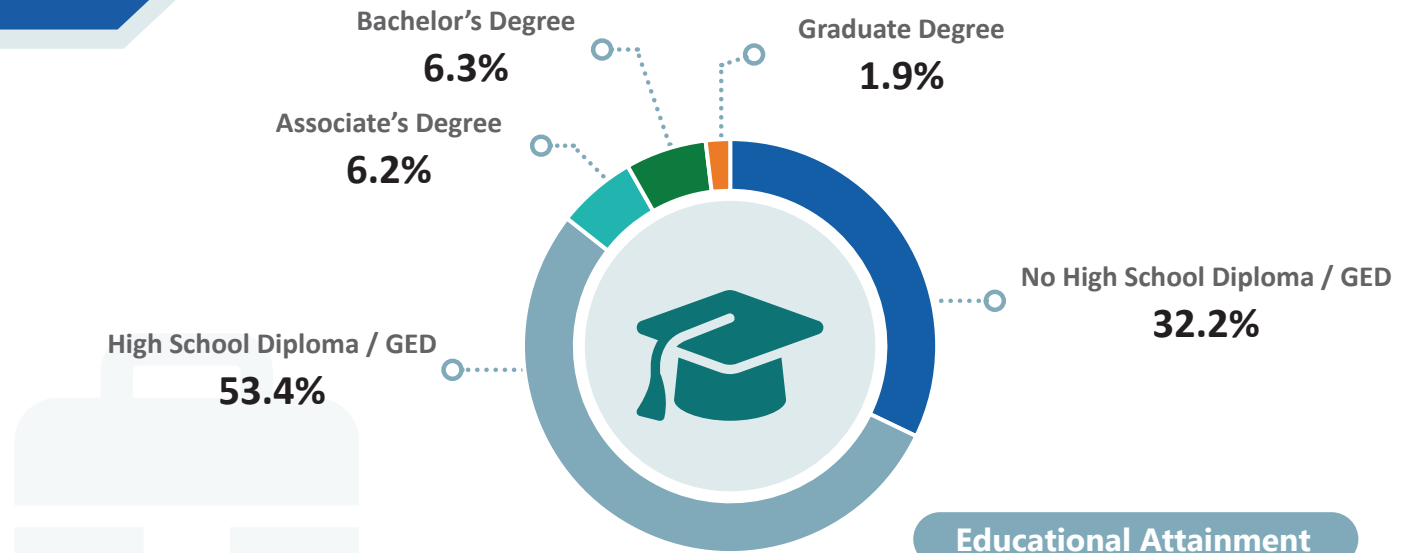
48.0%
of Population is 16+
and are in the Labor Force



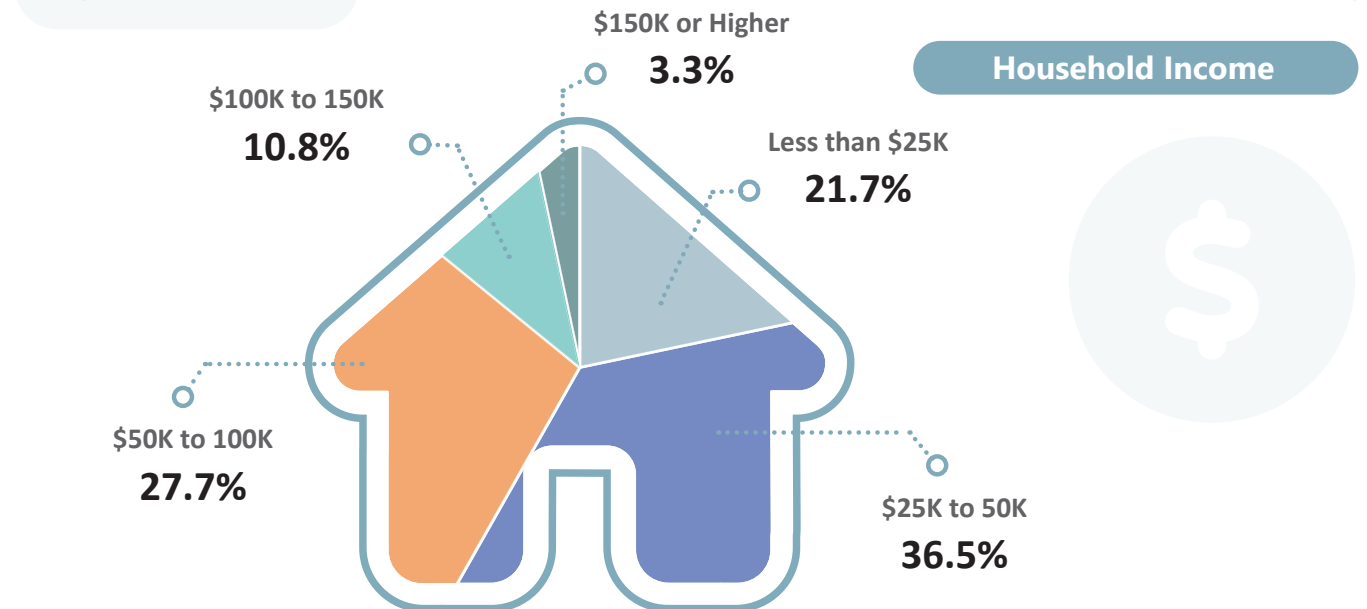
91.0%
of the Labor Force
are Employed



Most Common Household
Income Range
\$25K - \$50K



Educational Attainment



Household Income

Commuting Characteristics



Zero-Vehicle Households
8.5%



93.2%
Use a Vehicle to Get to Work



5.0%
of Workers Telecommute

Travel Time to Work



49.7%



94.0%



99.0%

Means of Travel to Work

By Vehicle



72.2%
Drove Alone



21.0%
Carpooled

Other Modes of Transportation



0.1%
Public Transportation



0.6%
Walked



0.9%
Taxicab, motorcycle,
bicycle, other means

Departure Time for Work



Early Morning
(Before 7AM)
52.6%



Morning
(7AM - 9AM)
25.3%



Later Morning
(9AM - Noon)
9.6%



Afternoon
(Noon or Later)
12.5%

Crash Characteristics

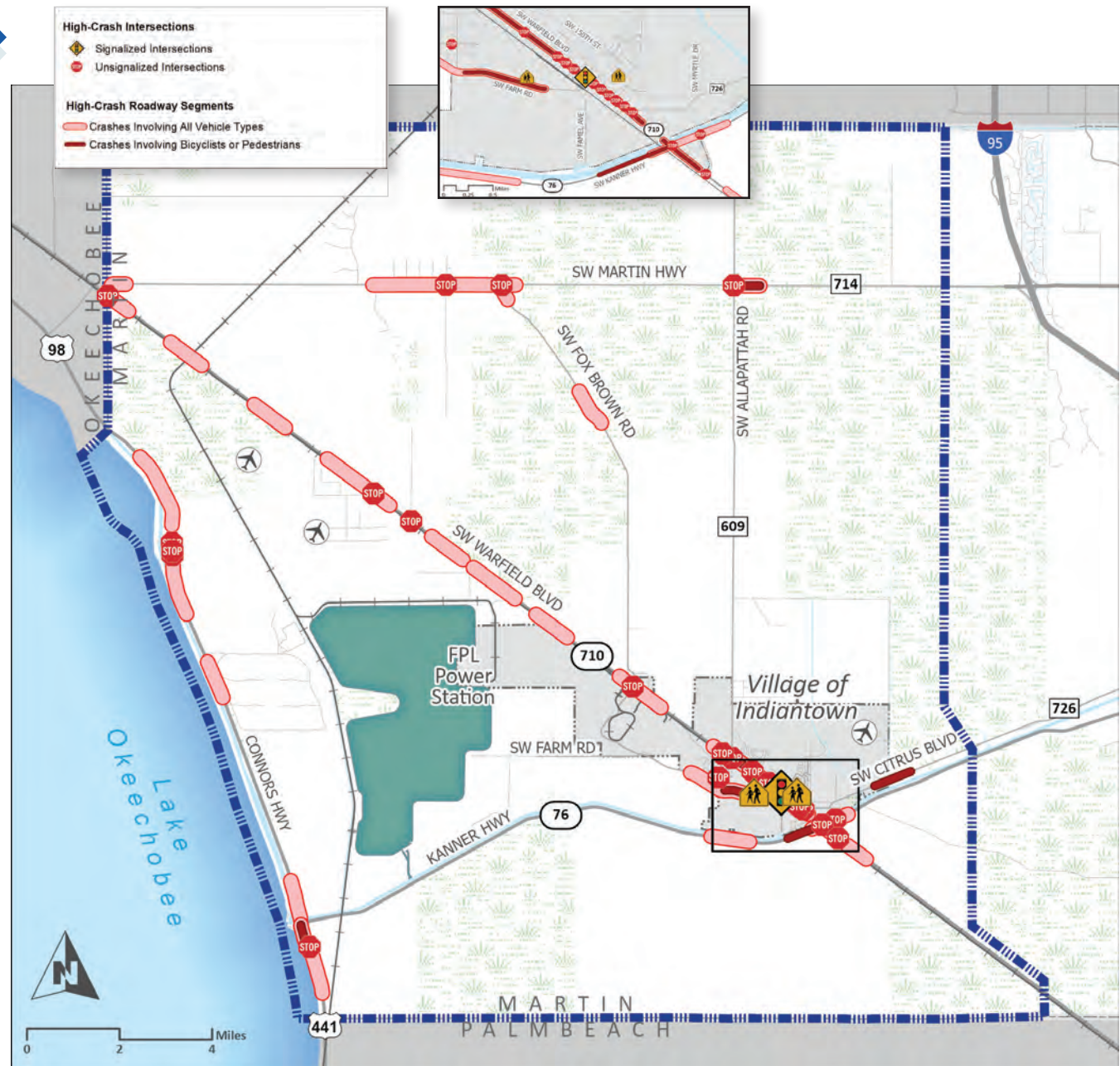
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Crash Occurrences

Total Fatal of Serious Injury Crashes (All Vehicle Types)	
57 Crashes	21 Fatal / 36 Serious Injury

Total Fatal or Serious Injury Crashes (Involving a Bicyclist or Pedestrian)	
6 Crashes	2 Fatal / 4 Serious Injury





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