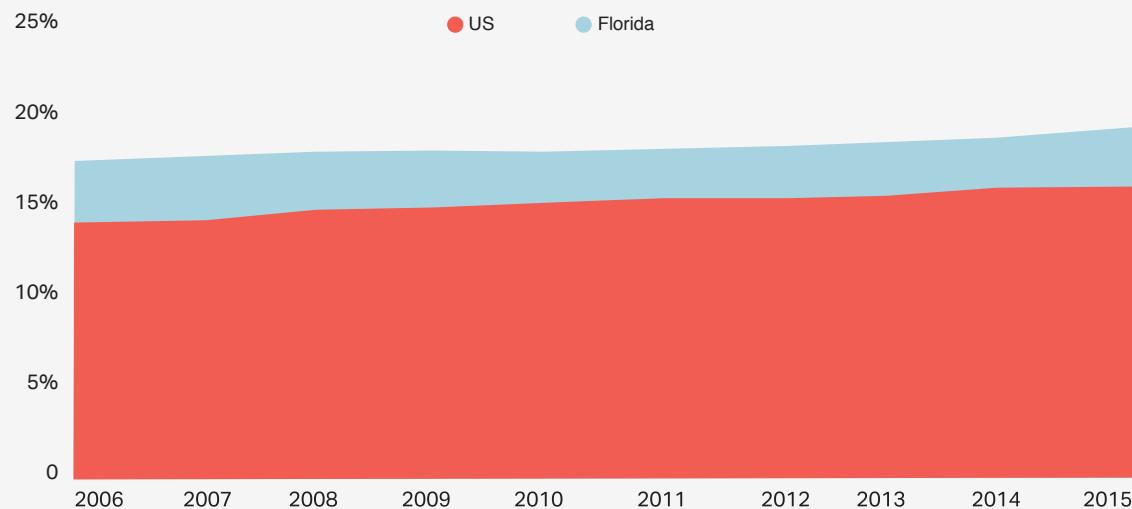


TRENDS \ Trends to Watch

Florida's Elderly Population Share Increases

19.5% of the population is 65+ years old compared to the national average of 14.9%



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Transportation Impacts and Implications

Florida has consistently had a larger share of elderly population (65+) especially as compared to the national average. Additionally, Florida's share of 65+ population is growing at a faster rate. In the past decade the share of elderly population increased 2.7 percent in Florida, while the national increase was at 2.5 percent. Florida's median age of 41.8 years old remains consistently higher than the national average of 37.8 years old in 2015.

As seniors age beyond their years of driving ability, it is necessary that they have access to adequate public transportation, transportation disadvantaged services, or family, social networks

or institutional venues for providing mobility. Lack of access to transportation can lead to social isolation and severely diminish their quality of life. Transportation is critical for connecting people with healthcare, goods, services, and social engagement. With a larger and growing share of elderly population, Florida will need to continue providing transportation alternatives for seniors.

Sources: FDOT CTD

Impacted Goals

