





2017 USF-Nielsen Sunshine State Survey

Data Release 1

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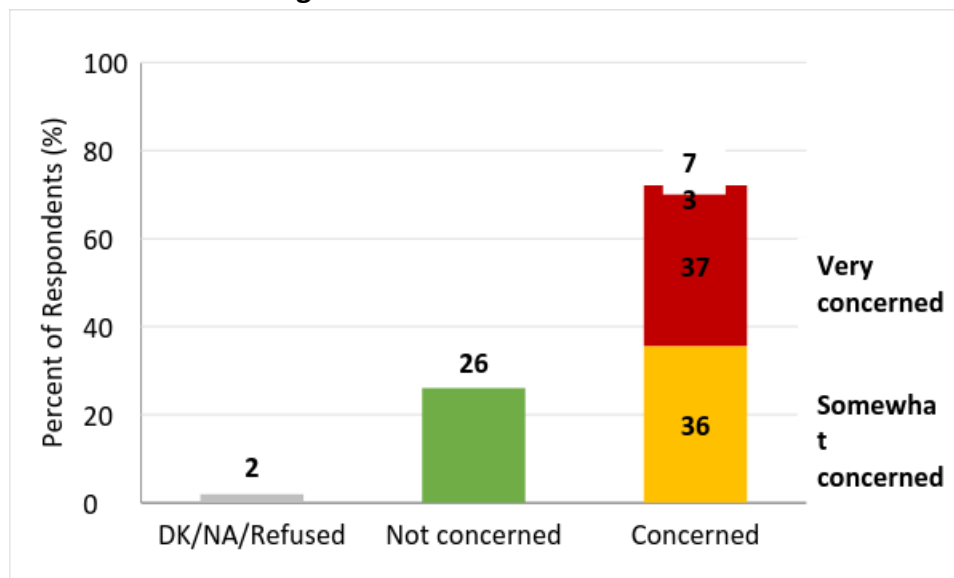
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Detailed Analysis

Concern About Cost of Nursing Home Care

- About three-in-four Floridians (73%) are concerned about the cost of nursing home care for themselves, a family member, or a friend. Broken down further, 37% of adult Floridians are *very* concerned about nursing home costs, while 36% are somewhat concerned. Twenty-six percent are not concerned.
- Concern over the cost of nursing home care for oneself, a family member, or a friend is highest among women, older Floridians, African Americans, the unemployed and retired Floridians, and residents living in a household with an income less than \$75,000.
- Regionally, concern about the cost of nursing home care for oneself or a loved one is highest in the Orlando region. (See Methodology Statement for list of counties in each region.)
- See Significant Factors tables, below, for more detail on demographic differences.

Almost three-in-four Floridians are concerned about the cost of nursing home care for themselves or a loved one



Question wording: “How concerned are you about the cost of nursing home care for a family member, a friend, or for yourself?”

Note: Figures may not add to 100% due to rounding.

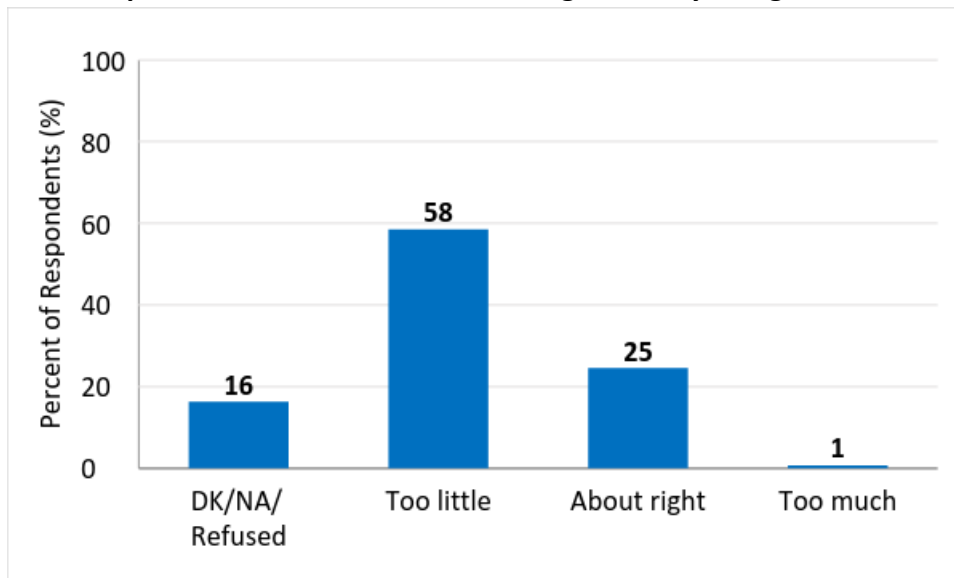
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State Doing Enough to Protect Seniors Assets from Being Stolen by Caregivers?

- Most Floridians (58%) say that the *state does too little* to protect seniors’ assets from being stolen by caregivers. A quarter (25%) say the state is doing about right in this area. Only 1% say the state is doing too much, and 16% did not offer an answer.
- The highest share of “too little” ratings for the state’s efforts to protect seniors’ assets from being stolen by caregivers come from women, older Floridians, African Americans and Hispanics, and the unemployed and retired Floridians.
- Regionally, residents of Miami/Ft. Lauderdale, Palm Beach, and Tampa Bay give the highest share of “too little” ratings for the state’s efforts to protect seniors’ assets from being stolen by caregivers, while residents of Naples, Orlando, and North Florida are less critical.
- See Significant Factors tables, below, for more information on demographic differences.

Most Floridians say that the state does too little to protect seniors’ assets from being stolen by caregivers



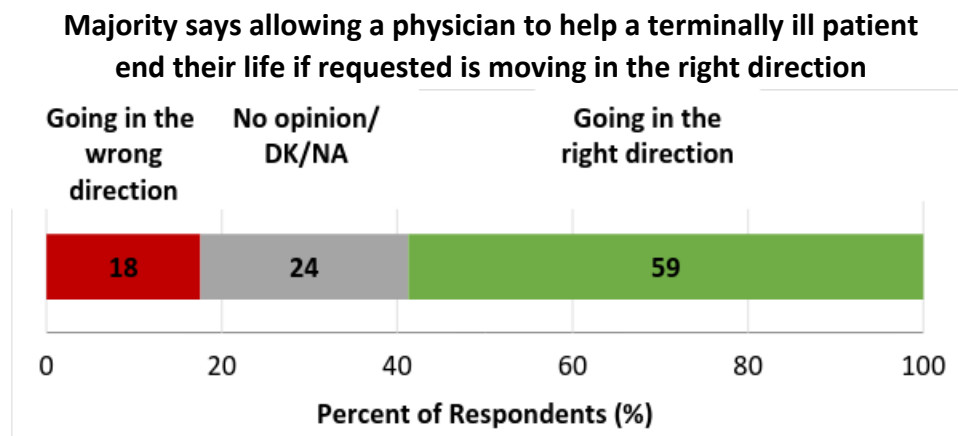
Question wording: “Is the State of Florida doing too much or too little to protect seniors’ assets from being stolen by caregivers, or is the State doing about right?”

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Right Direction/Wrong Direction: Physician Assisted Suicide

- Most Floridians (59%) say allowing a physician to help a terminally ill patient end their life if requested is moving in the right direction. Eighteen-percent see this as moving in the wrong direction, and 24% did not express an opinion.
- Older Floridians, whites and Hispanics, and the unemployed and retired Floridians are most likely to see allowing doctors to help terminally ill patients end their life if desired as moving in the right direction. Half of African Americans did not express an opinion on the issue.
- Regionally, higher shares of residents of the I-4 regions of Orlando and Tampa say allowing doctors to assist terminally ill patients end their life if desired is moving in the right direction than those elsewhere in the state. Only about half of residents of North Florida (48%) say the change is moving in the right direction.
- See Significant Factors tables, below, for more information on demographic differences.



Question wording: “There are lots of issues facing Florida today. If the State of Florida were to, if terminally ill patients ask for it, allow doctors to help them end their life, would you say that is going in the right direction or the wrong direction, or do you have no opinion about it?”

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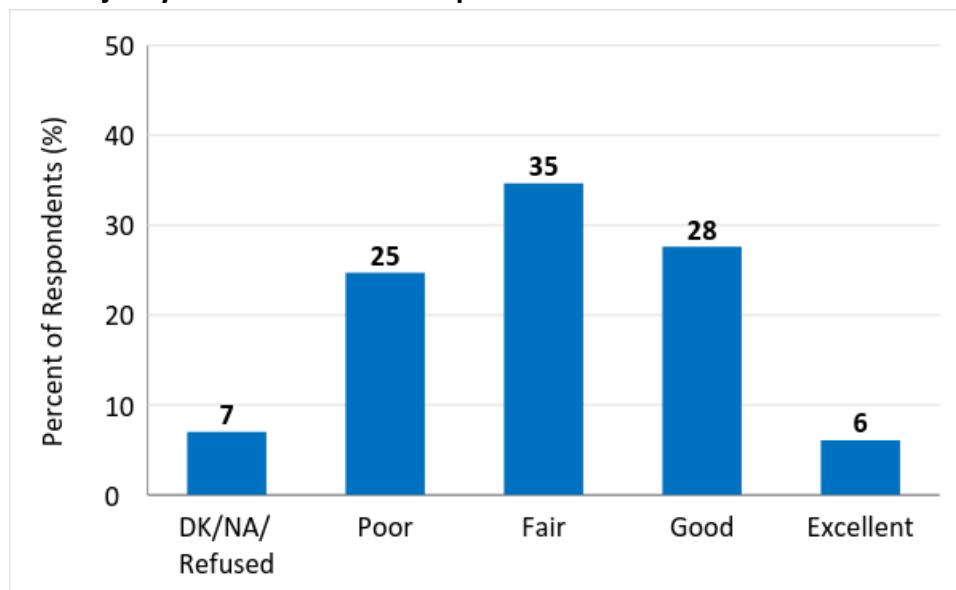
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State Government Performance Ratings – Providing Health Care for Seniors

- Floridians are split on the state’s performance providing health care for seniors, with 34% giving positive ratings (good: 28%, excellent: 6%), 35% saying the state’s performance is “fair,” and 25% saying the state’s performance in this area is “poor.”
- Since 2014, the share rating the state government’s performance as “poor” has been rising, from 20% in 2014 to 25% this year.
- The state gets more positive ratings for its performance providing health care for seniors from men, those ages 80 and older, whites and Hispanics, those not in the workforce, and residents with only a high school education or less.
- Residents of Palm Beach and Miami/Ft. Lauderdale give the most positive ratings for the state’s performance providing health care for seniors. Residents of Naples give sharply negative ratings, with about four-in-ten (38%) rating the state’s performance as “poor.”
- See Significant Factors tables, below, for more information on demographic differences.

Majority calls for better state provision of health care for seniors



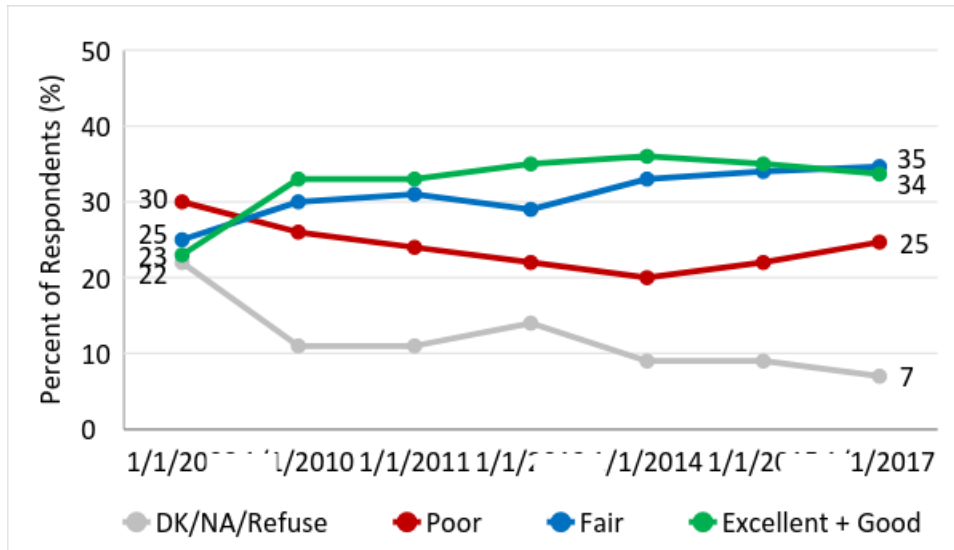
Question wording: “How good a job does the state do providing health care for seniors?”

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Since 2014, poor ratings for state performance providing health care for seniors up slightly while positive ratings are down



Question wording: "How good a job does the state do providing health care for seniors?"

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Source: Annual USF-Nielsen Sunshine State Surveys.

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Crosstabulation Analysis

This section provides analysis of all statistically significant differences among several demographic, socioeconomic, and geographic groups. *If results by a certain group are not shown, then any differences cannot be reliably attributed to actual differences between the groups.*

Concern About Cost of Nursing Home Care

Significant Factors: Concern About Cost of Nursing Home Care

Respondent Characteristics		Concern about cost of nursing home care			
		DK/NA/Refused	Not concerned	Somewhat concerned	Very concerned
		%	%	%	%
All Floridians		2	26	36	37
Gender ***	Male	3	30	39	28
	Female	1	23	32	44
Age Group ***	18-34	1	43	31	25
	35-54	3	23	37	38
	55-64	1	16	37	46
	65-79	1	17	40	42
	80 and older	4	21	34	41
Child at Home **	Yes	4	30	36	31
	No	1	24	36	39
Race/Ethnicity *	White	1	27	36	35
	African-American	<1	26	35	39
	Hispanic	4	24	37	34
	Other	2	22	28	48
Employment Status ***	Full Time	3	28	37	32
	Part Time	<1	36	34	30
	Not in Work Force	2	34	31	34
	Unemployed	0	21	39	40
	Retired	2	18	35	44
Household Income ***	<\$35,000	1	24	37	39
	\$35,000-\$74,999	<1	24	35	41
	\$75,000+	1	30	38	31
	DK/NA/Refused	10	28	29	34
Child Enrolled in School *	Child in School	4	28	36	32
	No Child in School	1	25	35	38

Note: See full notes at end of table.

Significant Factors: Concern About Cost of Nursing Home Care, *cont.*

Respondent Characteristics		Concern about cost of nursing home care			
		DK/NA/ Refused	Not concerned	Somewhat concerned	Very concerned
		%	%	%	%
All Floridians		2	26	36	37
Region ***	Tampa Bay	3	25	38	33
	Miami/Ft. Lauderdale	2	23	36	39
	Orlando	1	26	31	43
	Palm Beach	0	30	35	35
	North Florida	2	35	33	31
	Naples	4	12	44	39

Significance levels: * 0.05; ** 0.01; *** 0.001

Question wording: “How concerned are you about the cost of nursing home care for a family member, a friend or for yourself? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not concerned?”

Note: Rows sum to total. Figures may not add to 100% due to rounding. Results for Naples based on a small number of responses and should be interpreted with caution.

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State Doing Enough to Protect Seniors’ Assets from Being Stolen by Caregivers?

Significant Factors: State Doing Enough to Protect Seniors’ Assets from Being Stolen by Caregivers?

Respondent Characteristics		Is the state doing enough to protect seniors’ assets from being stolen by caregivers?			
		DK/NA/Refused	Too Little	About Right	Too Much
		%	%	%	%
All Floridians		16	58	25	1
Gender *	Male	16	56	27	1
	Female	16	61	22	<1
Age Group **	18-34	14	52	33	1
	35-54	18	59	21	1
	55-64	16	60	24	1
	65-79	16	69	16	0
	80 and older	17	53	29	2
Child at Home *	Yes	21	53	26	<1
	No	14	61	24	1
Race/Ethnicity ***	White	17	54	29	1
	African-American	16	72	12	0
	Hispanic	15	63	22	<1
	Other	17	60	23	0
Employment Status **	Full Time	17	58	24	1
	Part Time	12	54	34	0
	Not in Work Force	22	45	32	1
	Unemployed	11	61	27	1
	Retired	17	64	18	1
Child Enrolled in School *	Child in School	22	52	26	1
	No Child in School	14	61	24	1
Region *	Tampa Bay	16	59	23	1
	Miami/Ft. Lauderdale	13	65	22	<1
	Orlando	20	55	25	0
	Palm Beach	10	63	27	0
	North Florida	19	51	28	2
	Naples	21	57	22	0

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Right Direction/Wrong Direction – Physician Assisted Suicide

Significant Factors: Right Direction/Wrong Direction: Physician Assisted Suicide

Respondent Characteristics		Right/Wrong Direction: If terminally ill patients ask for it, allow doctors to help them end their life		
		Going in the Wrong Direction	No Opinion/DK/NA	Going in the Right Direction
		%	%	%
All Floridians		18	24	59
Age Group **	18-34	16	25	59
	35-54	19	25	57
	55-64	20	24	56
	65-79	16	19	65
	80 and older	16	25	60
Race/Ethnicity ***	White	17	19	64
	African-American	18	50	32
	Hispanic	18	19	63
	Other	19	22	59
Employment Status **	Full Time	19	22	59
	Part Time	13	33	54
	Not in Work Force	20	33	48
	Unemployed	21	17	62
	Retired	16	22	62
Region **	Tampa Bay	19	20	61
	Miami/Ft. Lauderdale	18	25	57
	Orlando	14	18	68
	Palm Beach	13	27	59
	North Florida	23	29	48
	Naples	16	31	53

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State Government Performance Ratings – Providing Health Care for Seniors

Significant Factors: State Government Performance Ratings – Providing Health Care for Seniors

Respondent Characteristics		State government performance ratings: Providing health care for seniors				
		DK/NA/ Refused	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
		%	%	%	%	%
All Floridians		7	25	35	28	6
Gender ***	Male	7	20	37	29	8
	Female	7	29	33	27	4
Age Group ***	18-34	6	22	39	24	9
	35-54	8	25	35	29	4
	55-64	4	30	29	28	10
	65-79	8	26	39	24	4
	80 and older	13	18	22	41	6
Child at Home *	Yes	5	26	41	24	5
	No	8	24	32	29	7
Race/Ethnicity *	White	8	25	32	29	6
	African-American	4	27	39	22	9
	Hispanic	5	19	40	29	6
	Other	9	34	31	22	4
Employment Status ***	Full Time	7	24	37	29	3
	Part Time	4	25	34	24	13
	Not in Work Force	6	13	40	38	3
	Unemployed	11	30	29	20	10
	Retired	7	26	33	28	6
Household Income **	<\$35,000	5	29	30	26	10
	\$35,000-\$74,999	7	23	39	26	5
	\$75,000+	8	20	38	30	4
	DK/NA/Refused	10	31	25	28	6
Education ***	High School or less	7	20	30	32	12
	Some College	7	24	34	28	7
	College Grad	7	27	37	26	3
Child Enrolled in School *	Child in School	5	25	41	24	5
	No Child in School	8	25	32	29	6

Note: See full notes at end of table.

Significant Factors: State Government Performance Ratings – Providing Health Care for Seniors, *cont.*

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		%	%	%	%	%
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Region *	Tampa Bay	8	21	36	28	7
	Miami/Ft. Lauderdale	7	28	29	27	9
	Orlando	8	24	37	27	4
	Palm Beach	3	23	37	31	6
	North Florida	8	21	38	27	6
	Naples	7	38	28	27	0

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