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Florida's Economic Relaunch – State of Play

Board of Governors Webinar

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State of Florida Metrics

Click any metric to get more information! (What is this?)

Florida FutureCast

FLORIDA POPULATION 09/15/2020

22,088,029

COVID-19

NUMBER OF COVID CASES

668,846
(Increasing)

Daily Average New Cases

2,700.4
(Decreasing)

WEEKLY PERCENT OF POSITIVE CASES

6.05%
(Increasing)

DAYS SINCE 1ST CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE

197



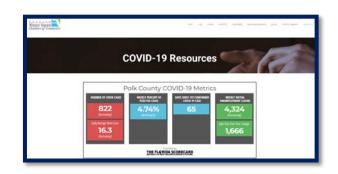


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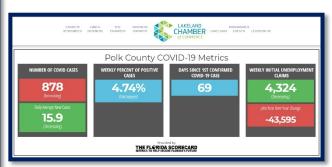




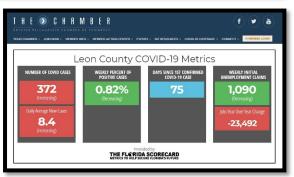




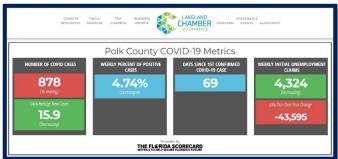














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Local Chamber Distribution of Masks





Do Your Part: Help Stop the Spread

- Anyone could be a carrier of COVID-19 and not know it.
- You play a role in protecting the community against COVID-19.
- This mask will help reduce the likelihood of you spreading the virus to others.
- This mask does not replace the N95 used in healthcare settings and should not be used when caring for those with COVID-19.
- This mask is one way to combat the virus. Social distancing, handwashing and other CDC recommendations should also be followed.

WARNING

To avoid suffocation, keep this plastic bag away from babies and children.

Do not use this bag in cribs, beds, carriages or play pens. This bag is not a toy.

www.PHE.gov/facemask

- Fabric touching skin: 100% cotton. Mask contains silver and copper.
- If skin irritation occurs, immediately stop using the mask. If irritation persists, consult your primary care provider.
- Be mindful when wearing this product if you have lung disease, like emphysema, or chronic heart disease. Stop using this product if you notice difficulty breathing while wearing it.
- Machine wash warm up to 15 times before discarding. Tumble dry high. Do not use bleach, chemicals or disinfectant to wash this product.

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Local Chamber Relaunch Florida Alignment

Aligning national, state and local guidelines for reopening Florida in a strategic way that ensures the safety of all Floridians.

White House guidelines to reopening America (3 phases)

Gov. DeSantis /
State Level

Local Framework



The Local Framework Must Expect a "New Normal"

Until a vaccine and/or treatment becomes widely available, expect a number of social and economic changes

- Social distancing continues
- Remote work continues for many
- Employees are tested for fever before entering office
- E-Commerce expands
- Supply chains gradually shift to domestic
- Large gatherings of non-family groups will require health precautions



Governor DeSantis' Task Force to Reopen Florida: What Others Are Saying "We're going to need a very surgical approach to reopening Florida," Wilson said.

Tampa Bau Times The 90-minute meeting Monday of the group led by Gov. Ron DeSantis and the Florida Chamber of Commerce focused on statistics about the state economy and business leaders thanking DeSantis for his "thoughtful," "decisive" and "proactive" leadership.

DeSantis, a Republican, on Monday announced a "Re-Open Florida Task Force"

The Washington Post

Chamber President and chief executive Mark Wilson said the task force recommendations will have an impact beyond Florida.

DeSantis task force looks for answers on reviving Florida's economy "The whole world is watching us," Wilson said. "They're looking for your recommendations, and my hope is that other states and other nations will look to . . . Florida's restart as not only a national model, but as a global model."



The state's reopening would require a "surgical" response, Chamber President and CEO Mark Wilson said,

Chamber president and chief executive Mark Wilson said the task force

Recommendations will have an impact beyond Florida.

"We need to get the economy back in a safe way," DeSantis said, and "give people (the) confidence they're going to be able to participate in the economy."

Hiami Herald

Chamber CEO Mark Wilson, the first speaker after DeSantis, spent 10 minutes talking about Florida's pre-coronavirus economy and which jobs are most at risk during the shutdown. "If Florida was a nation, we would be the world's 17th-largest economy," Wilson said. "And our goal by 2030 is to be the 10th-largest economy, and we hope you'll keep that in mind as you think about your recommendations."



The chamber's chief economist said an optimistic projection is that Florida's gross domestic product will take a 2.3% hit and should come back by the end of the year. His pessimistic projection is an 8.9% dip in GDP and it could take four years to recover.



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Andrew Wheeler
Administrator
U.S. EPA
FIRIDA
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37 Events / 14,557 Attendees



Senator Marco Rubio U.S. Senate



Dr. Raphael Bostic Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta



Governor Ron DeSantis
Governor of the State of Florida



Joe Jacquot General Counsel Governor Ron DeSantis



Shane Strum
Chief of Staff
Governor Ron DeSantis



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Dept. of Health

2020 Virtual Future of Florida Forum



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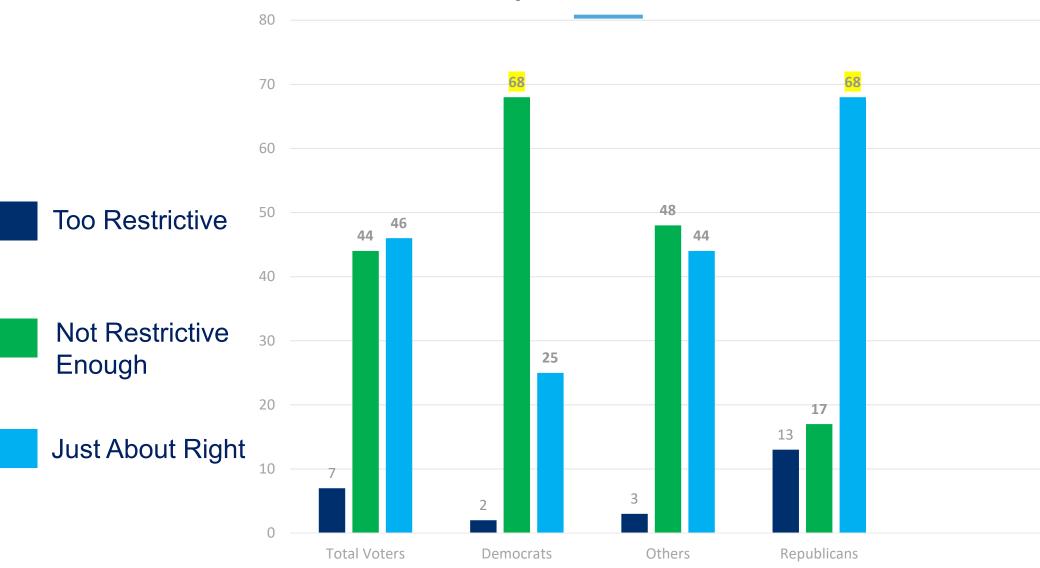
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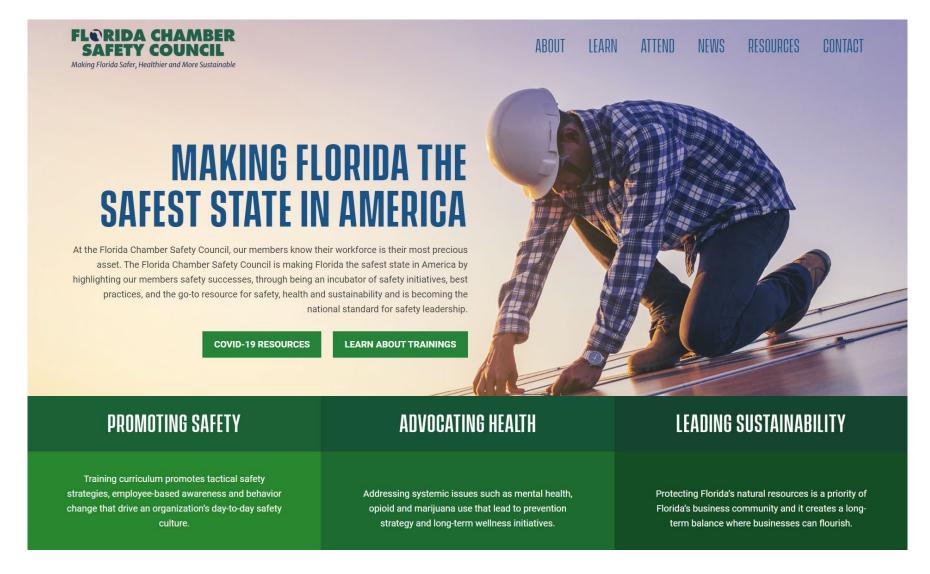
TAB VII

How Has Florida Responded to COVID-19?





Free Safety Training For Local Chamber Partners





188 Nations / Territories – 14 Million Visitors





The Florida 2030 Blueprint: Uniting Businesses For Good

17th to 10th



39 Goals







- 1. How to we plan better for the next 4.5 million Floridians than we did for the last 4.5 million?
- 2. How do we build momentum around what matters?

39 Goals to Create Economic Opportunity in Every Zip Code

WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO?

2030 Targets

GOALS

Global Competitiveness

Grow Florida into a top 10
global economy

Prosperity & High Paying Jobs

Create a path to prosperity for all zip codes in Florida Vibrant & Resilient Communities

Position Florida among the top states for attracting and retaining talent and visitors of all ages

Improving Florida's talent pipeline for a better workforce

>80% of Florida's workforce has essential employability skills

>60% of Floridians 25-64 have a high-value postsecondary certificate, degree, or training experience

95% of entering high school students graduate within 4 years

100% of Florida 8th graders read & perform math at or above grade level

100% of Florida 3rd graders read at or above grade level

100% of children are ready for kindergarten

Creating good jobs by diversifying Florida's economy

Top state for gross domestic product and top quartile most diversified state economy

#1 state for overseas visitors

Goods exports double and services exports triple

Top 5 state for manufacturing jobs

Top 3 state for technology jobs #1 state for business startups

Top 3 state for venture capital investments

Top 3 state for research and development funding and patents issued

Rural county share of Florida gross domestic product **doubles** Preparing Florida's infrastructure for smart growth and development

Diverse, attainable housing to meet future demand

Every resident has access to **public** and **private mobility services**

All major population and economic centers connected to regional, national, and global markets by high-capacity corridors

World's most capable spaceport; toptier airports, seaports, and surface transportation hubs in U.S.

100% of Florida residents have access to high-speed communications connectivity

Diverse and reliable energy, water, and waste management resources to meet future demand

All Florida residents protected by resiliency plans WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO?

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Building the perfect climate for business

Actuarially sound property insurance rates based on actual risk and competition

#1 business tax climate in the nation

Regulatory, labor, and operating risk environments rated among top 5 in the nation

Environmental permitting and local land use processes rated among top quartile in the nation

Occupational licensing laws rated among top 5 in the nation

Legal climate improves to top quartile in the nation

Making government and civics more efficient and effective

GOALS

100% of **state agencies** aligned with Florida 2030 goals

100% of regional economic development plans aligned with Florida 2030 goals

100% of Florida residents covered by regional visioning processes

Increased size and impact of nonprofit and philanthropic sectors

Doubling the rate of Floridians who **volunteer and participate** in civic and public service, moving us from the bottom to the **top quartile**

Championing Florida's quality of life

Top 5 state for overall well being

Florida's brand and reputation as best place to live, work, raise a family, visit, learn, play, relocate, and compete remains top in the nation

> <10% of Florida children live in poverty and 100% have a pathway out

<10% of Florida residents live in housing-cost burdened households

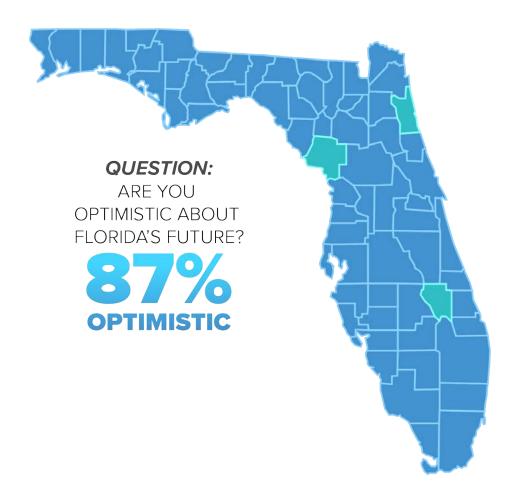
Crime rates rank among the lowest 10 states

Florida **protects and enhances** the value of its arts, culture, heritage, and sense of place





We asked....







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Florida has \$1.1 Trillion GDP (17th)

\$1.19 Million AGI moves to Florida 24/7/365

B.C. – 900 net new people/day

Unemployment Rate Up – by 1 percentage point to 11.3%

1.13 Million Floridians looking for work



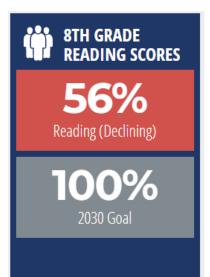


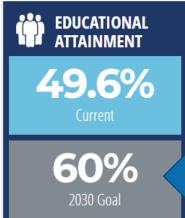
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Talent Matters: TheFloridaScorecard.org





Improving Florida's talent pipeline for a better workforce

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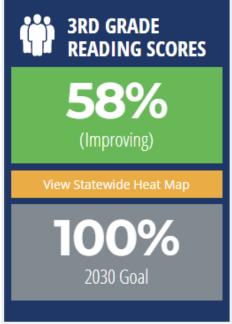
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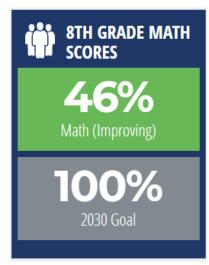
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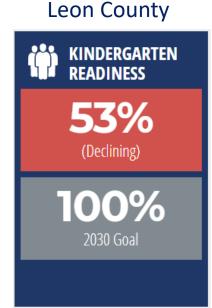


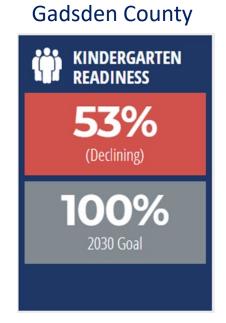


Florida 2030 Blueprint: Improving Florida's Talent Pipeline for a Better Workforce

By 2030: 100% of children are ready for kindergarten





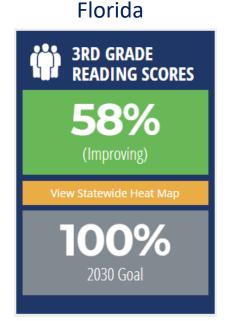


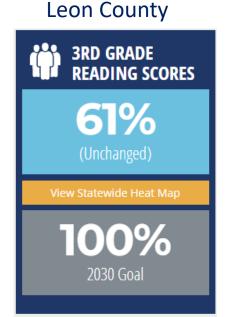


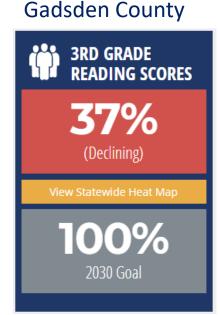


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By 2030, 100% of Florida's 3rd graders read at or above grade level







Florida Business Alliance for Early Learning



Creating Quality Jobs by Diversifying Florida's Economy

Goal: Rural county share of Florida gross domestic product doubles

GDP FOR RURAL COUNTIES

2.47%
(Decreasing)

4.94%
2030 Goal





Goal: #1 state for overseas visitors





Creating good jobs

Building the Perfect Climate for Business



State Lawsuit Climate Report

2015

2017

2019

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Average Daily COVID-19
Case Increase:
Updated September 15, 2020

Florida Cases: 668,846

Increase in Cases: 3,116

Avg. Daily New Cases: 2,700.4

34.1

12.7

18.9

10.1

2.2

2.4

22.9

31.6

Hospitalized: 41,654

Total Tests: 4,975,926

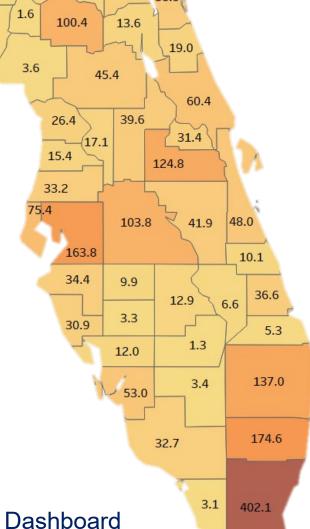
Increase in Tests: 27,851

Florida Deaths: 12,787

Increase in Deaths: 145



Data Source: Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard



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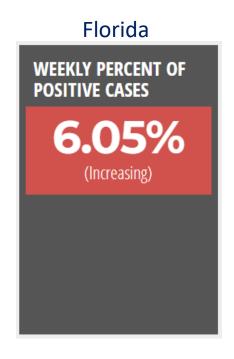
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How Bad Could It Get?





Percent Positive: Updated September 15, 2020



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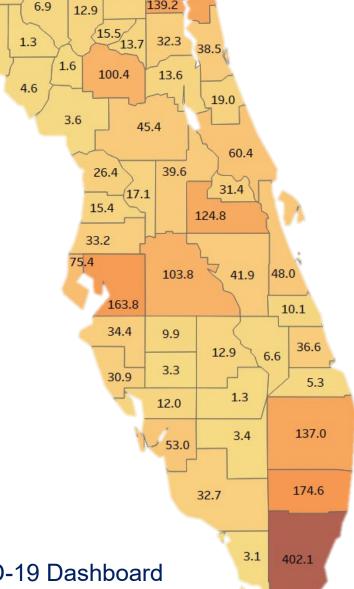
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Data Source: Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard

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Why the real unemployment rate is likely over 11%

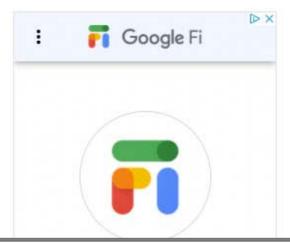
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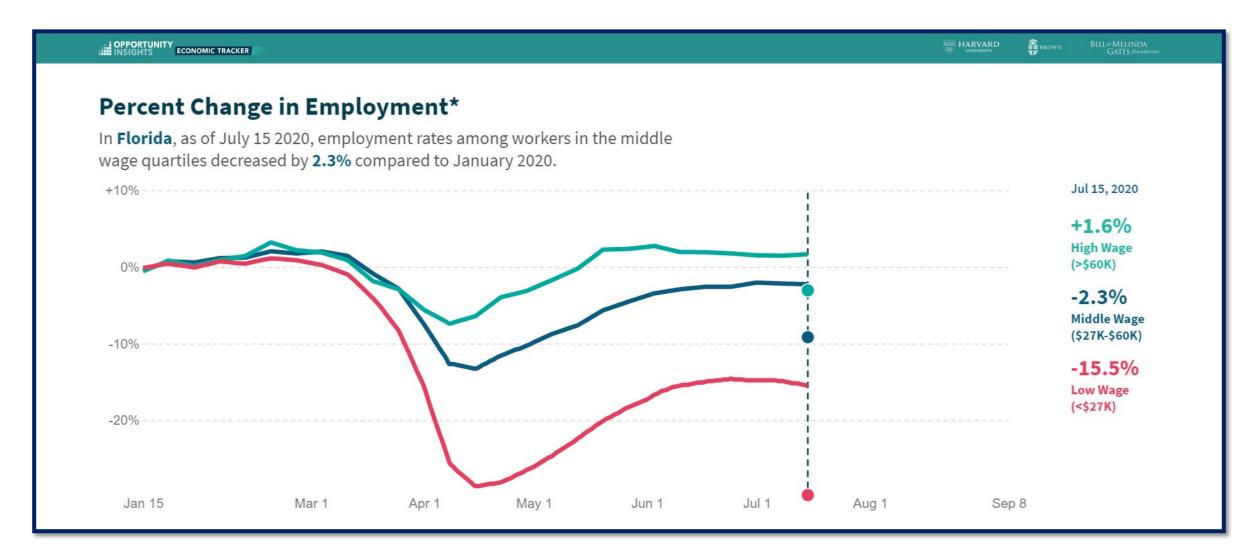
KEY POINTS

- The official U.S. unemployment rate fell to 8.4% in August, from 10.2% in July.
- . That number may significantly understate the true rate, however, according to some economists. The real figure may be higher than 11% when accounting for various factors.
- . That would mean the country is still in the throes of an unemployment crisis worse than any time in the post-second World War era.





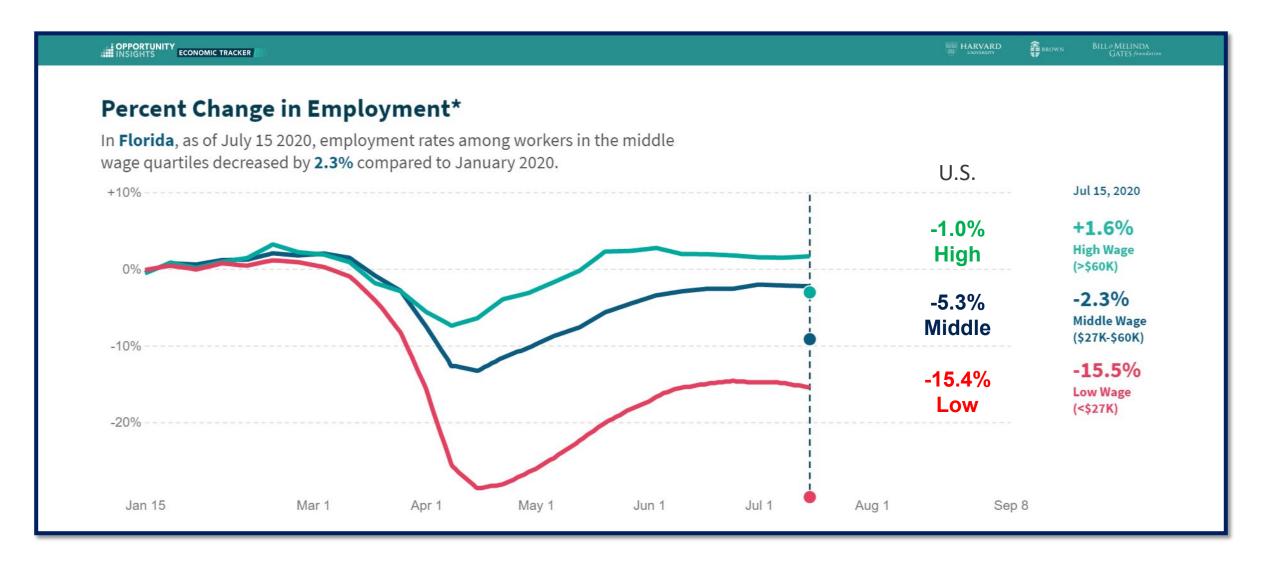
Employment Change by Wage





Source: Opportunity Insights Economic Tracker

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Unemployment Rates for July 2020

7.1%

6.9%

7.4% (7.8%

9.4%

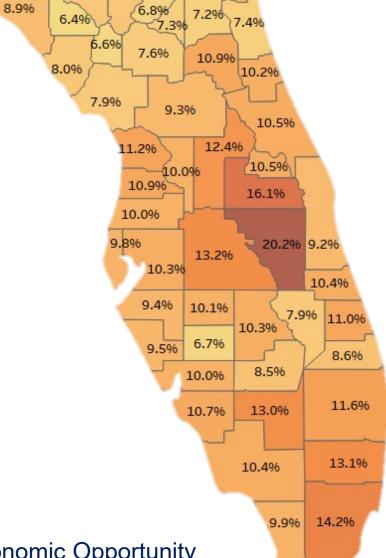
6.4%

6.896

7.7% 7.1%

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7.6%

10.7%

8.1% 8.2% 6.6%



Data Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

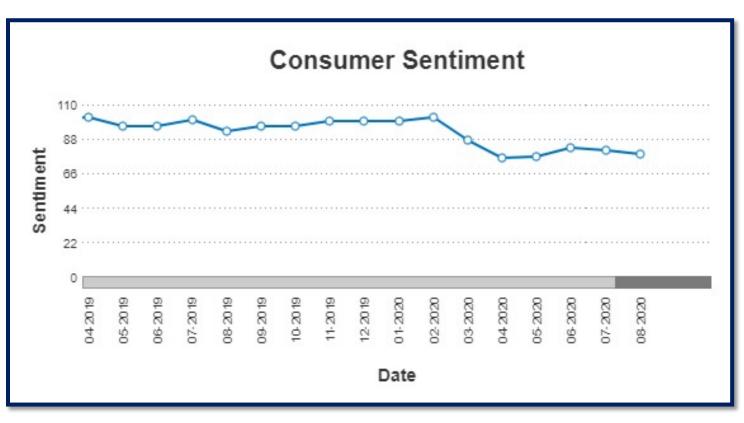
Florida's August Consumer Sentiment Drops 2.1 points to 78.4

July 2020



August 2020





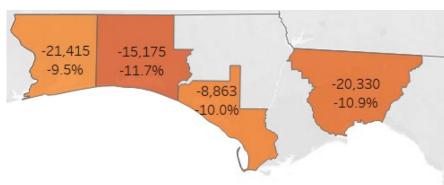


Data Source: University of Florida's Bureau of Business & Economic Research (BEBR)

Job Loss by Category: July 2019 to July 2020

Industry	Job Change	Percent of Industry
Total – All Industries	-497,700	-5.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	-254,400	-20.3%
Professional & Business Services	-74,700	-5.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-58,500	-3.2%
Other Services	-33,900	-9.6%
Education & Health Services	-33,200	-2.5%
Manufacturing	-12,900	-3.4%
Financial Activities	-9,200	-1.6%
Construction	-2,300	-0.4%



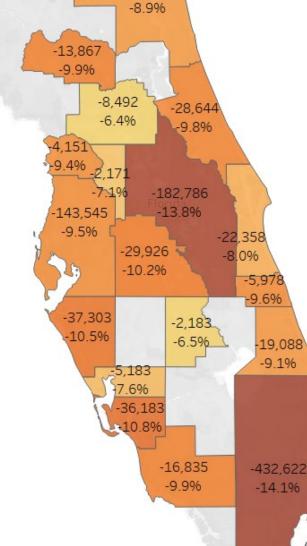


MSA Year-over-Year Job Change: July '19 to July '20

Top MSA Job Loss Percentage:

1.	Miami-Ft.	Lauderdale-West Palm Beach	-14.1%
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- 2. Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford -13.8%
- 3. Crestview-Ft. Walton-Destin -11.7%
- 4. Tallahassee -10.9%
- 5. Cape Coral-Ft. Myers

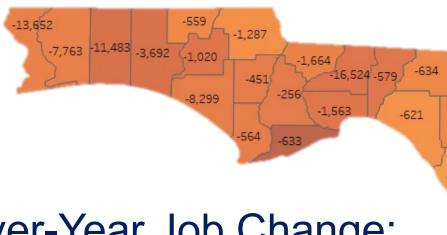


-68,178



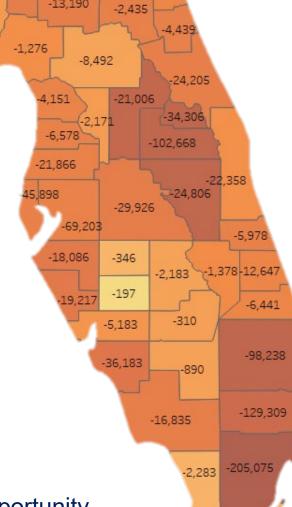
Data Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

-10.8%



Year-over-Year Job Change: July '19 to July '20

Heat Map on Percentages (not shown)



-3,613

-414

-233

-1,431 -2,517

-13,190



Data Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

14 16 13 21 10 15 Industry Diversification by MSA 20 Diversification Rankings Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA 18 Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island MSA Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-West Palm Beach MSA 22 11 12 Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA Jacksonville MSA Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA 4 Panama City MSA #10 Ocala MSA



Florida

17th

(Improving)

Top 12

2030 Goal

INDUSTRY DIVERSIFICATION

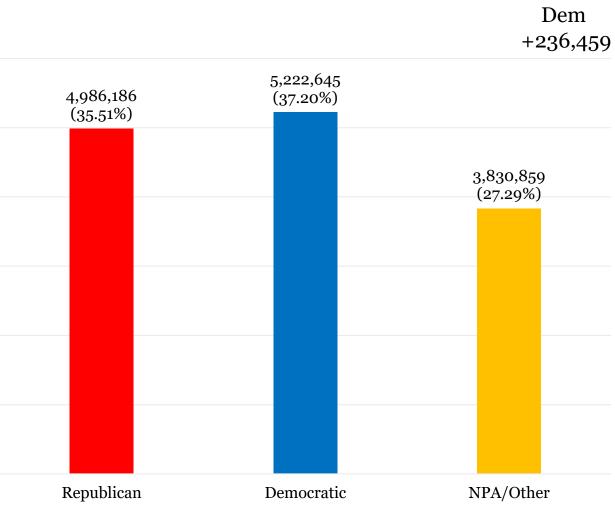
Data Source: Florida Gulf Coast University, Regional Economic Research Institute. Q4 2019

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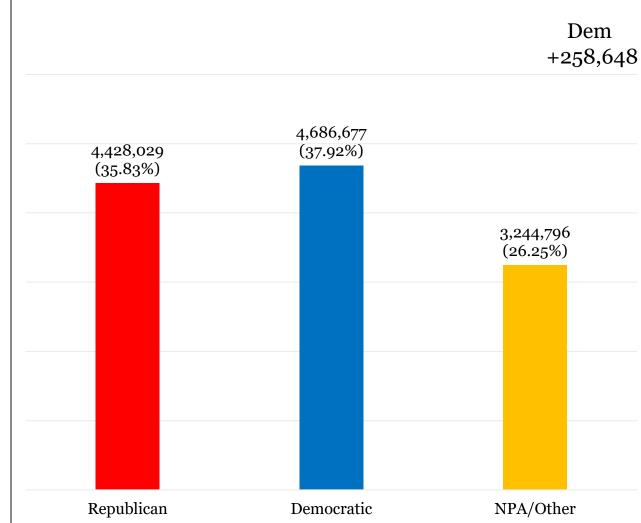
Florida Registration via ChamberHub (as of July 31, 2020)



Total: 14,039,690

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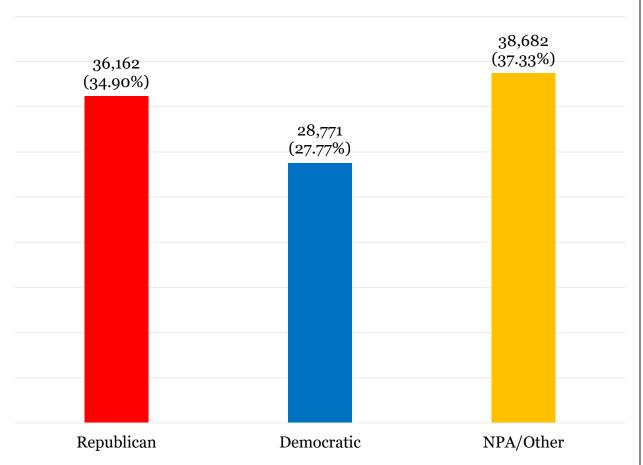
Florida Registration via ChamberHub (as of July 31, 2016)



Total: 12,359,502

Newly Registered Floridians – July 2020

GOP +7,391

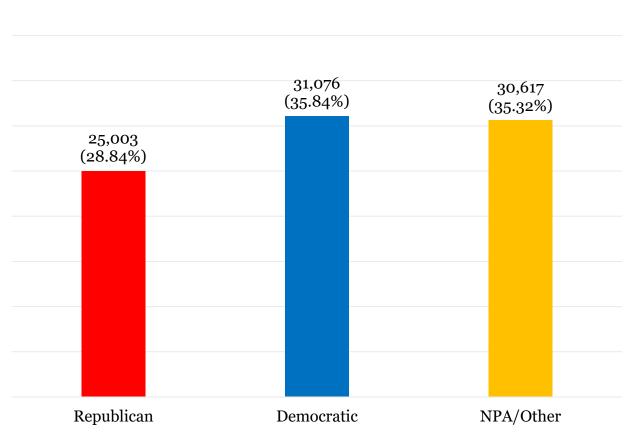




Total: 103,615

Newly Registered Floridians – July 2016

Dem +6,073



Total: 86,696

Primary Election Voter Turnout

2020 Primary Election Turnout

- Vote-By-Mail | 2,342,691 | 60.21%
 - 50% Democrat | 35% Republican | 15% NPA
- Early In-Person | 558,430 | 14.35%
 - 40% Democrat | 53% Republican | 7% NPA
- Election Day | 989,826 | 25.44%

Total Votes 3,890,947 | 28.1% Turnout

2016 Primary Election Turnout

- Vote-By-Mail | 1,280,966 | 43.36%
 - 38% Democrat | 49% Republican | 13% NPA
- Early In-Person | 538,456 | 18.23%
 - 45% Democrat | 47% Republican | 8% NPA
- Election Day | 1,134,513 | 38.41%

Total Votes 2,953,935 | 23.9% Turnout

2020 Highlights:

28.1% turnout is the highest for a statewide Primary since 2002 – highest in a non-gubernatorial since 1992 3/4 of ballots being cast prior to Election Day is a double-digit increase on prior years

3/5 of ballots cast were VBMs which is the first time ever in Florida that a majority of ballots were VBM



Proposed Constitutional Amendments on the 2020 Ballot

Ballot Number	Title of Amendment	FCC Position	Money Raised or Inkinded
1	Citizenship Requirement to Vote in Florida Elections	Neutral	\$8,294.552.95
2	Raising Florida's Minimum Wage*	Oppose	\$5,264,144.70
3	All Voters Vote in Primary Elections for State Legislature, Governor and Cabinet	Oppose	\$7,112,375.90
4	Voter Approval of Constitutional Amendments	Support	\$9,010,146.76
5	Limitation on Homestead Exemptions(HJR 369)	No Position	-
6	Tax Discounts for Certain Deceased Veterans Who Had Permanent Combat Related Disabilities (HJR 877)	No Position	



^{*} can be accomplished by legislation

Amendment 2: Bad for Florida, Worse for Floridians



No State Has Ever Passed a Constitutional Mandate Raising Minimum Wage to \$15 Per Hour



"When you put that in the Constitution, we can't just go back and say, 'Oh, let's tweak it, let's do that.' You literally would have to go back and do another constitutional amendment."

- Governor Ron DeSantis

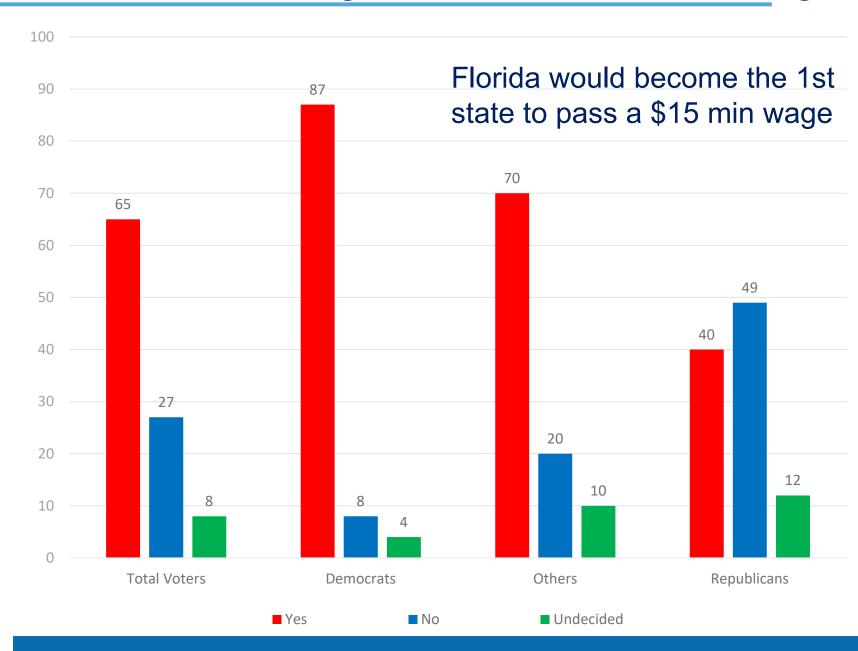
COVID-19 shuttered businesses and increased unemployment....

Now is <u>not the time</u> to Raise Florida's Minimum Wage

Join the Fight Against the Job-Killing \$15 Minimum Wage Mandate

Download our Social Media Toolkit and Sign our Petition to Get Involved www.flchamber.com/minimumwage

Amendment 2 – Raising Florida's Minimum Wage



Yes

No

Undecided



FIPL.org

- Register to host a school...
- E-mail/call to sign up:
- Rick Asnani:
 - rick@fipl.org
 - 561-719-2117
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Are you ready to take the next step in your political future?

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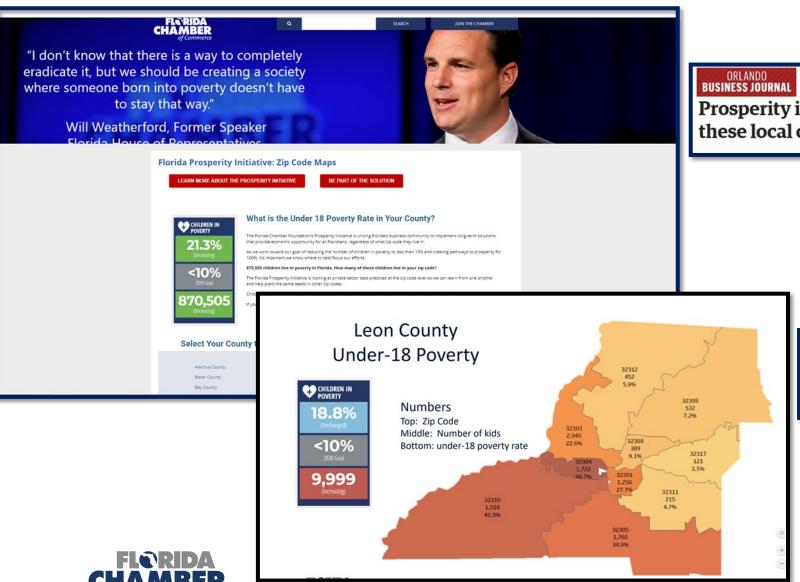
ELECTABLE POSITIONS

City and County races across the State of Florida make up 96% of all the elected offices in the state. Are you ready to make a difference in your community?

Let's get started.



Prosperity Initiative County Maps & Future Projects



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Prosperity initiative: Here's how many children live in poverty in these local counties

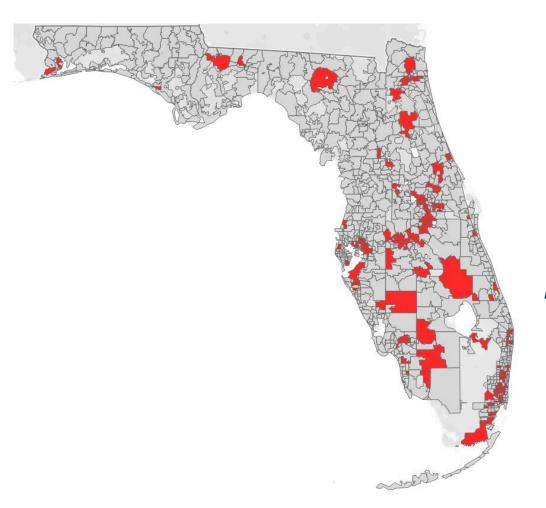
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Florida Chamber maps reveal childhood poverty rates across the state



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Closing Florida's Equity Gaps: Zip Code Analysis of Childhood Poverty



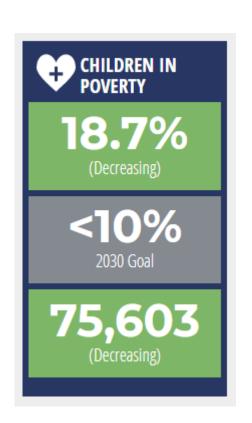
There are **870,505 kids** in Florida living in Poverty

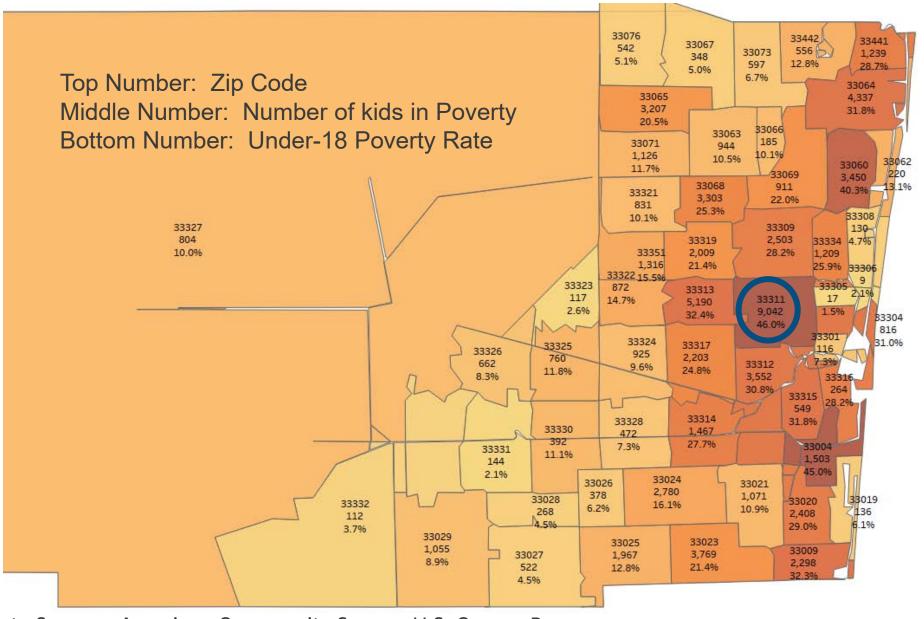
HALF (over 450,000) of children in poverty live in just 150 (15%) of Florida's 983 Zip Codes



Data Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey

Broward County Under-18 Poverty







Data Source: American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau

Broward County: A Look At Equity Gaps Between Adjacent Zip Codes

Zip code 33311 in Broward County contains more children living below the poverty level than any other in Florida yet is directly adjacent to a zip code with some of the lowest poverty levels in the state.

Zip Code: Zip Code: 33311 33305

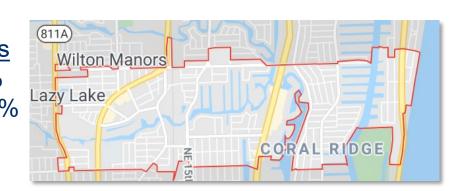
Population: 72.225 Population: 12.292 Under 18: 19,659 Under 18 Pop: 1,123 9,042 Under 18 Below Poverty: Under 18 Below Poverty: Under 18 Poverty Rate: 46.0% Under 18 Poverty Rate: 1.5%

Rank 899 of 983 Highest Number of Kids in Poverty Rank 1 of 983 Highest Number of Kids in Poverty



Demographics Demographics White: 78.2% White: 9.1% Hispanic: 12.6% Hispanic: 6.2% Black: 83.6% Black: 6.8%

Other: 1.1% Other: 2.4%



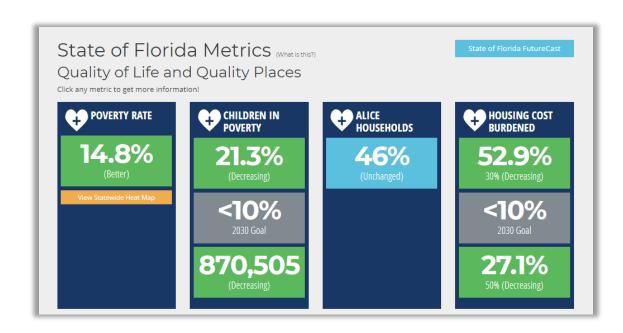
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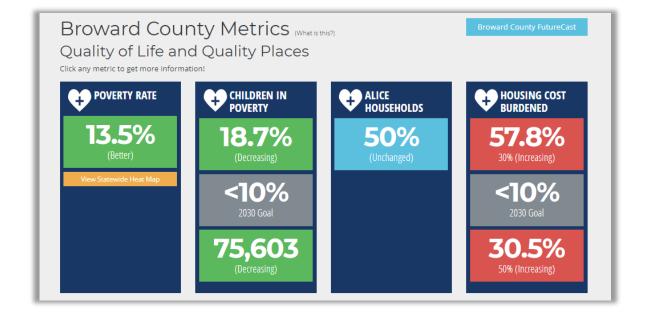


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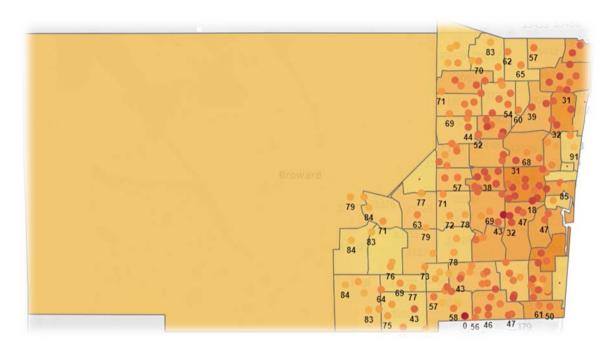






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3rd Grade Reading Scores Map National Reveal September 10, 2020

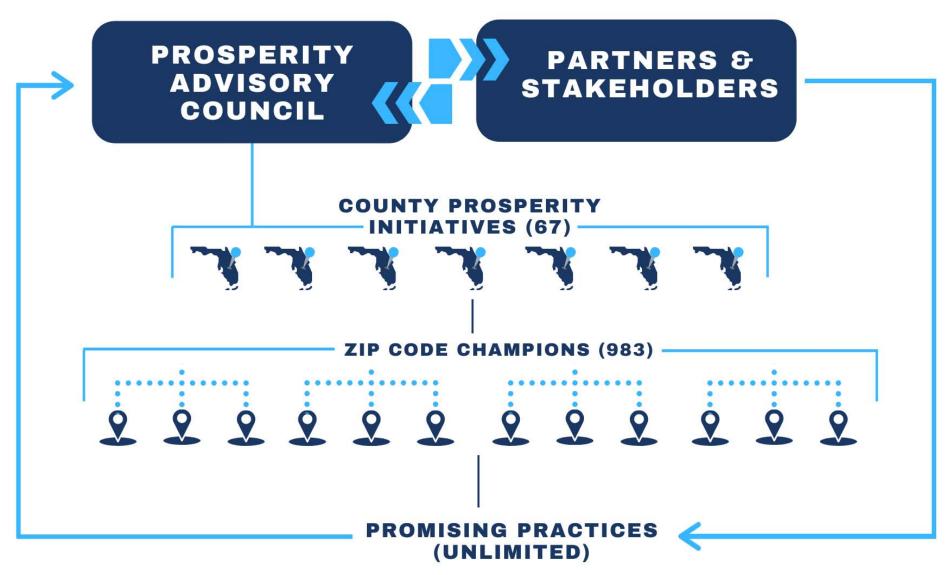


Elementary School Reading Scores by Childhood Poverty Rate of Your County

School Name	Kids Not Reading At Grade Level	Third Grade Reading Scor
ALPHA INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY	9	36
ANNABEL C. PERRY PK-8	46	46
ATLANTIC MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL	12	45
ATLANTIC MONTESSORI CHARTER WEST CAMPUS	4	79
ATLANTIC WEST ELEMENTARY SCHL	71	39
AVANT GARDE ACADEMY K-8 BROWARD	62	63
BANYAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (BROWARD)	49	53
BAYVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (BROWARD)	15	85
BEACHSIDE MONTESSORI VILLAGE	6	92
BEN GAMLA CHARTER SCHOOL (BROWARD)	21	61
BEN GAMLA CHARTER SCHOOL NORTH CAMPUS	7	82
BENNETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	23	51
BETHUNE MARY M ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	48	32
BOULEVARD HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY	45	59
BRIDGEPREP ACADEMY OF HOLLYWOOD HILLS	20	56
BROADVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	65	45
BROWARD ESTATES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	39	34
BROWARD MATH AND SCIENCE SCHOOLS	10	73
CASTLE HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	60	33
CENTRAL CHARTER SCHOOL	94	39
CENTRAL PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	42	71
CHALLENGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	60	60
CHAMPIONSHIP ACAD OF DISTINCTION WEST BROW	25	26
CHAMPIONSHIP ACADEMY OF DISTINCTION AT DAVIE	21	69
CHAMPIONSHIP ACADEMY OF DISTINCTION HOLLYW	35	57
CHAPEL TRAIL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	26	78
CHARLES DREW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	49	39
CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE	26	45
CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE AT DAVIE	12	74
COCONUT CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHL	32	60



How It Works and Where You Can Lead





Addressing the 10 Root Causes: Leadership at the Zip Code Level

Root Cause	Zip Code Root Cause Leader
Job Opportunities	Tallahassee Community College
Education	CareerSource Capital Region
Affordable Housing	The Kearney Center
Health Outcomes	Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare
Food Security	Big Bend 2 nd Harvest
Safe Neighborhoods	Leon County Sheriff's Office
Justice Reform	The Project on Accountable Justice
Child and Family Care	The Learning Pavilion
Agency & Community Voice	Capital Area Community Action Agency

Zip Code: 32304 (Leon County)

Zip Code Quarterback: Dr. Jim Murdaugh (T.C.C.)

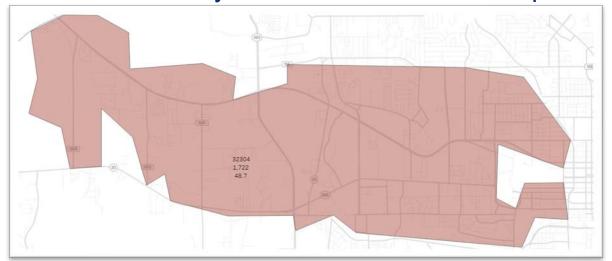
2018 Under-18 Poverty: 1,722

2017 Under-18 Poverty: 1,785

Year to Year Change: -63

Percent of Under-18 Poverty: 48.7%

Childhood Poverty Rank: 165th Out of 983 Zip Codes





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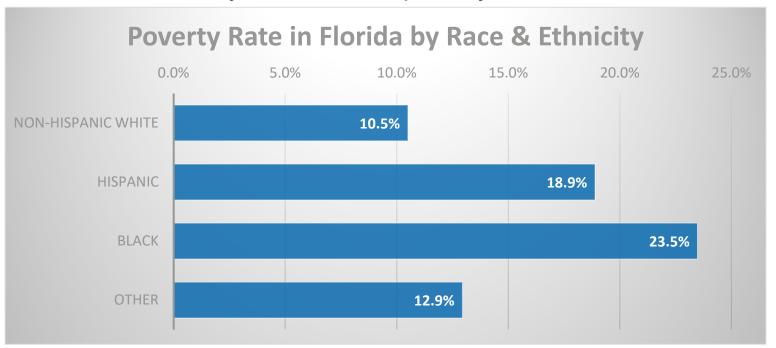


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Race/Ethnicity & Poverty Rates in Florida

Florida's poverty rates differ greatly along racial/ethnic lines, with minority groups noticeably more likely to fall below the poverty level.

This is particularly true for Florida's Black and Hispanic citizens. <u>Black Floridians</u> are more than twice as likely to live below poverty level than White Floridians.





Data Source: American Community Survey, US Census Bureau

More Local Business Lawsuits... You Know They're Coming

June 1, 2020

Dear Florida Congressional Delegation:

As leaders of the business community's efforts to relaunch Florida's economy, the undersigned chambers of commerce in Florida urge Congress to pass timely, temporary and targeted liability relief legislation to provide businesses a safe harbor from unwarranted lawsuits. If left unchecked, the building tsunami of COVID-fueled litigation will endanger the fight against the pandemic and undermine the safe and orderly return to work for millions of Americans.

Businesses have innovated to provide much needed supplies during the pandemic, such as distillers producing hand sanitizer or manufacturers switching their operations to produce personal protective equipment. During the stay-at-home order, essential businesses remained open and were the front lines in providing critical services and supplies. Now millions of other businesses are in the process of reopening, desiring to do so in a safe manner that protects their employees and customers.

This is an unprecedented situation and despite employers' best efforts to comply with all the public health guidance, many are concerned that opening their doors only means they will be forced to defend themselves against an onslaught of frivolous lawsuits. Their concern is driven by the fact that each day brings news of more lawsuits that have already been filed. That is why Congress should provide a safe harbor that holds truly bad actors accountable, but that protects those employers who are working to follow public health and safety guidelines as we relaunch our respective state and local economies. Specifically, temporary protections should remain in place for the duration of the pandemic crisis and response that cover:

- . Businesses that work to follow government guidelines against COVID-19 exposure claims.
- Healthcare providers and facilities on the front lines of the COVID-19 response.
- Manufacturers that repurposed production and distribution to provide PPE, sanitizers, and other needed equipment and supplies.
- . Companies that have donated their stock of supplies to hospitals and medical professionals

Thank you for your consideration of these lawsuit abuse reforms that will allow American businesses to reopen safely and without the fear of lawsuits when trying to do the right thing in response to COVID-19. Your bipartisan leadership on this issue is needed to ensure Florida emerges from the pandemic as quickly and strongly as possible.

Sincerely,

Amplify Clearwater
Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce
Bay County Chamber
Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches
Citrus County Chamber of Commerce
Daytona Regional Chamber
Florida Chamber of Commerce
Greater Bartow Chamber of Commerce

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