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Florida's Economic Relaunch – What's Next?

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Today's "Florida's Economic Relaunch" Agenda

- I. Welcome and What to Expect Today
- II. Survey Results – What You Told Us
- III. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta President
Dr. Raphael W. Bostic
- IV. Open Discussion and Q&A
- V. The Economics of the Recovery
Dr. Jerry Parrish

“There cannot be a crisis next week. My schedule is already full.”

– Henry A. Kissinger

The Environment for Leadership

- Ongoing Global Pandemic (COVID-19)
- Overdue Focus on Equality of Opportunity and Social Justice
- Global Recession With Unknown Duration
- Presidential Election – Florida Matters Most
- Hurricane Season

Pre and Post COVID-19: Florida at a Glance

In February 2020, Florida was:

- The 3rd most populous state growing by 900 people every day, 810 from outside U.S.
- Creating 1 in every 11 U.S. jobs since 2015
- The world's 17th largest economy

In February 2020, Florida had:

- Unemployment at 2.8% with 340,800 unfulfilled jobs
- 20th most diversified economy in the U.S.

Reopening in Florida will be more complicated compared to other states for 4 reasons



Share of tax receipts coming from **Tourism** (accommodation, food services, and recreation)



Share of general revenues coming from **Sales and Use Taxes**



of Florida's population is **aged 65 or older**



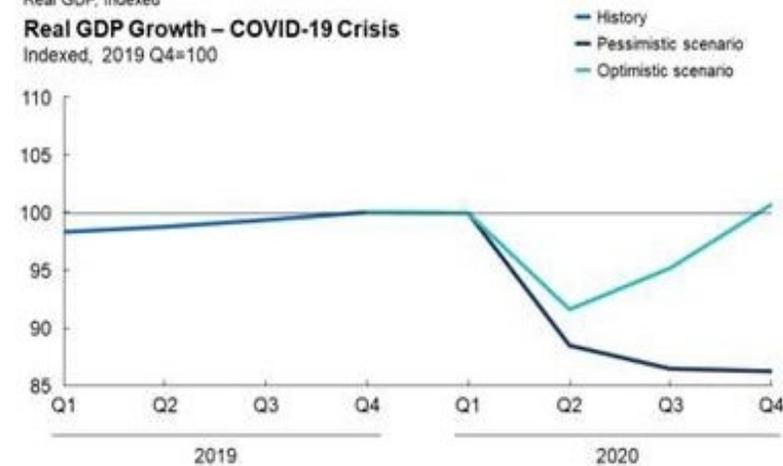
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the beginning of the **hurricane** season in Florida

Potential GDP scenarios

Real GDP, Indexed

Real GDP Growth – COVID-19 Crisis
Indexed, 2019 Q4=100



2020 GDP Growth % Change

-2.3%

-8.9%

Time to Return to Pre-Crisis Quarter

2020 Q4

2024 Q2

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**

Florida Chamber Survey Results – What You Told Us



Now that we've transitioned into Phase 2 of the Governor's Step-by-Step Executive Order, which statement best describes how you believe Florida is doing relative to other states?

I believe Florida is doing a better job than most states	38%
I believe Florida's reopening is comparable to most states	40%
I believe Florida is doing a worse job than other states	10%
Unsure	12%

How do you feel your community has handled phased-in reopening?

Excellent	12%
Very good	31%
Good	39%
Fair	15%
Poor	3%

Do you believe your community has reopened too slowly,
too quickly, or just right?

Too slowly

7%

Too quickly

31%

Just right

62%

If Florida experiences a significant resurgence of the coronavirus,
which of the following best describes how you feel?

The economy needs to remain open regardless	28%
The Governor should implement another executive order	7%
Mandatory safety measures should be put in place	46%
All of the above	19%

Describe how you're feeling about the future of your business right now:

Optimistic	26%
Somewhat Optimistic	39%
Neutral	26%
Somewhat pessimistic	8%
Pessimistic	1%

Unifying Florida's Business Community to End Inequality of Opportunity

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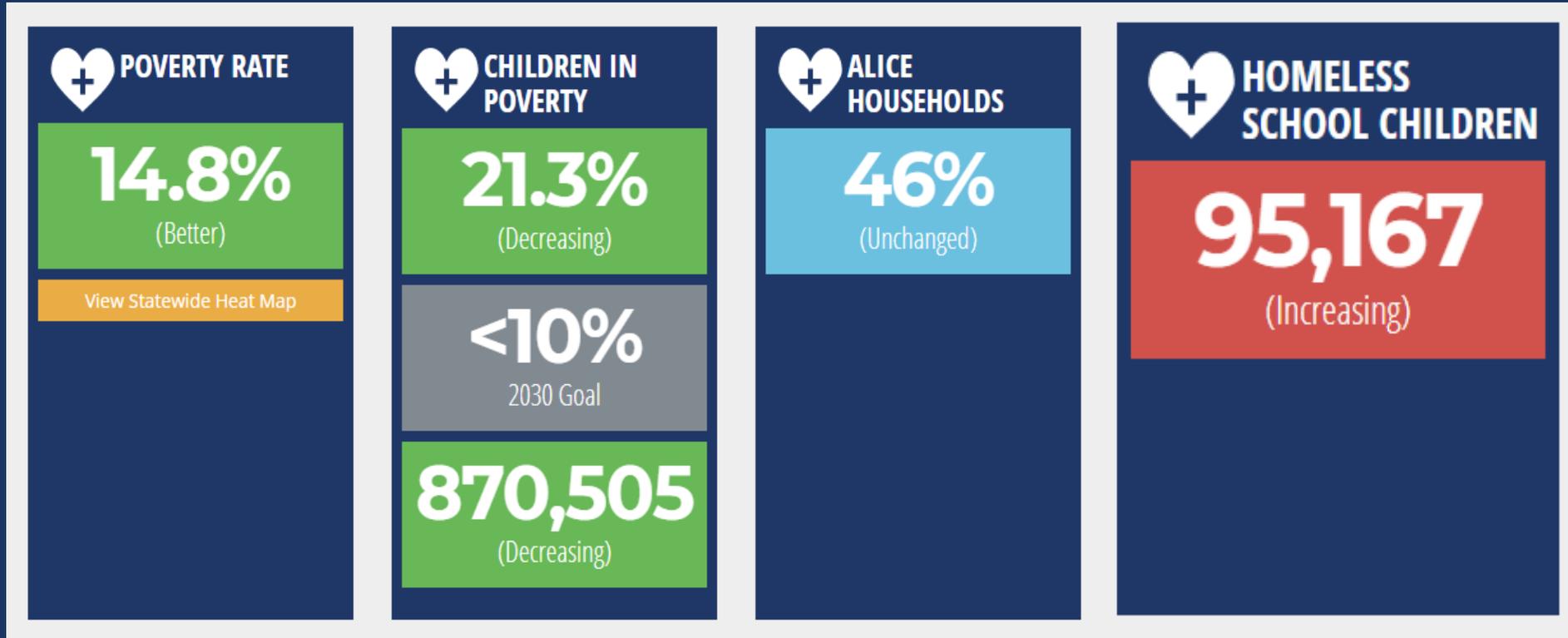
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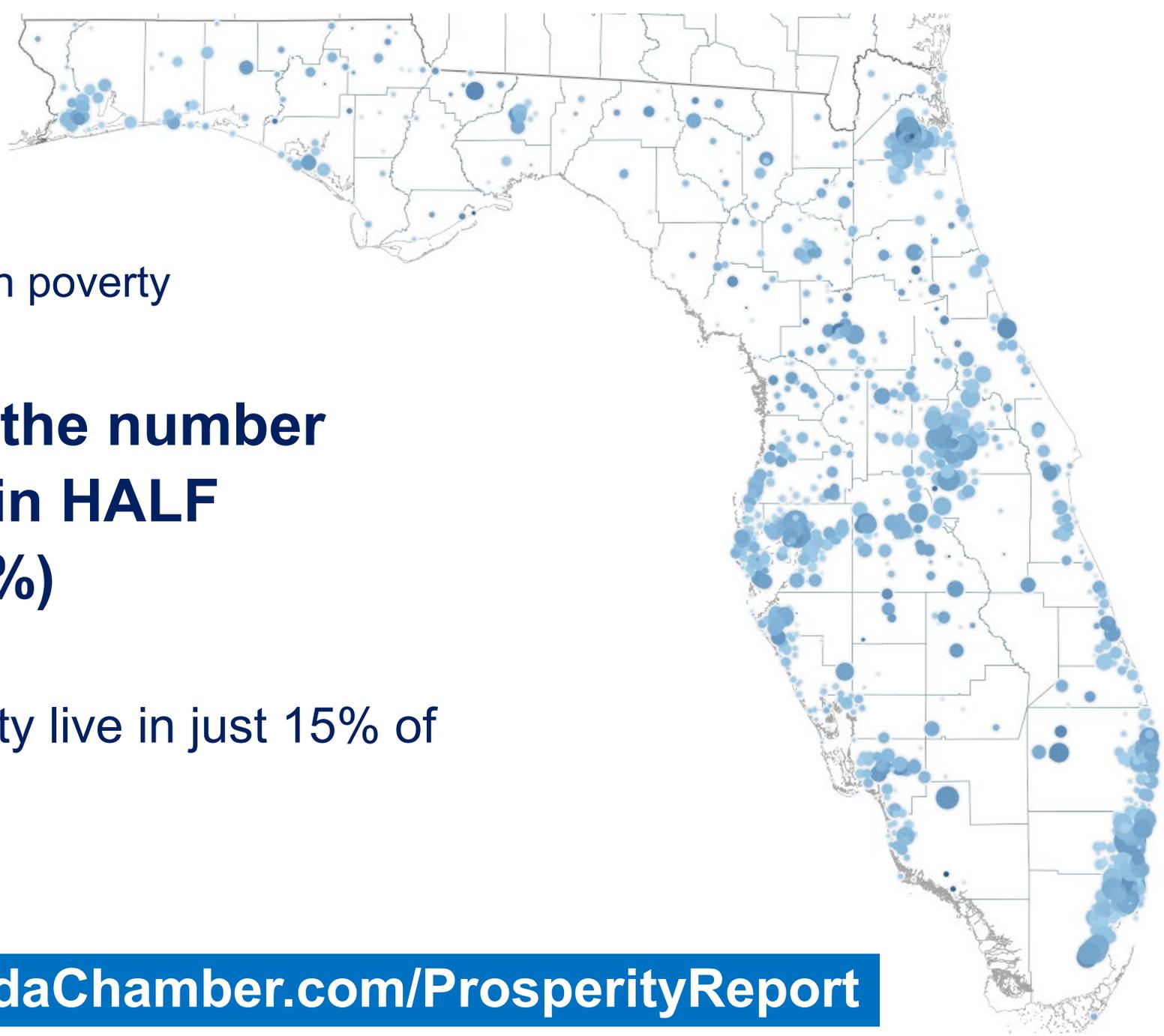
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THE FLORIDA SCORECARD

METRICS TO HELP SECURE FLORIDA'S FUTURE



Ending Inequality



870,505 kids under-18 living in poverty

Florida 2030 Goal: Cut the number of children in poverty in HALF (from 21% down to 10%)

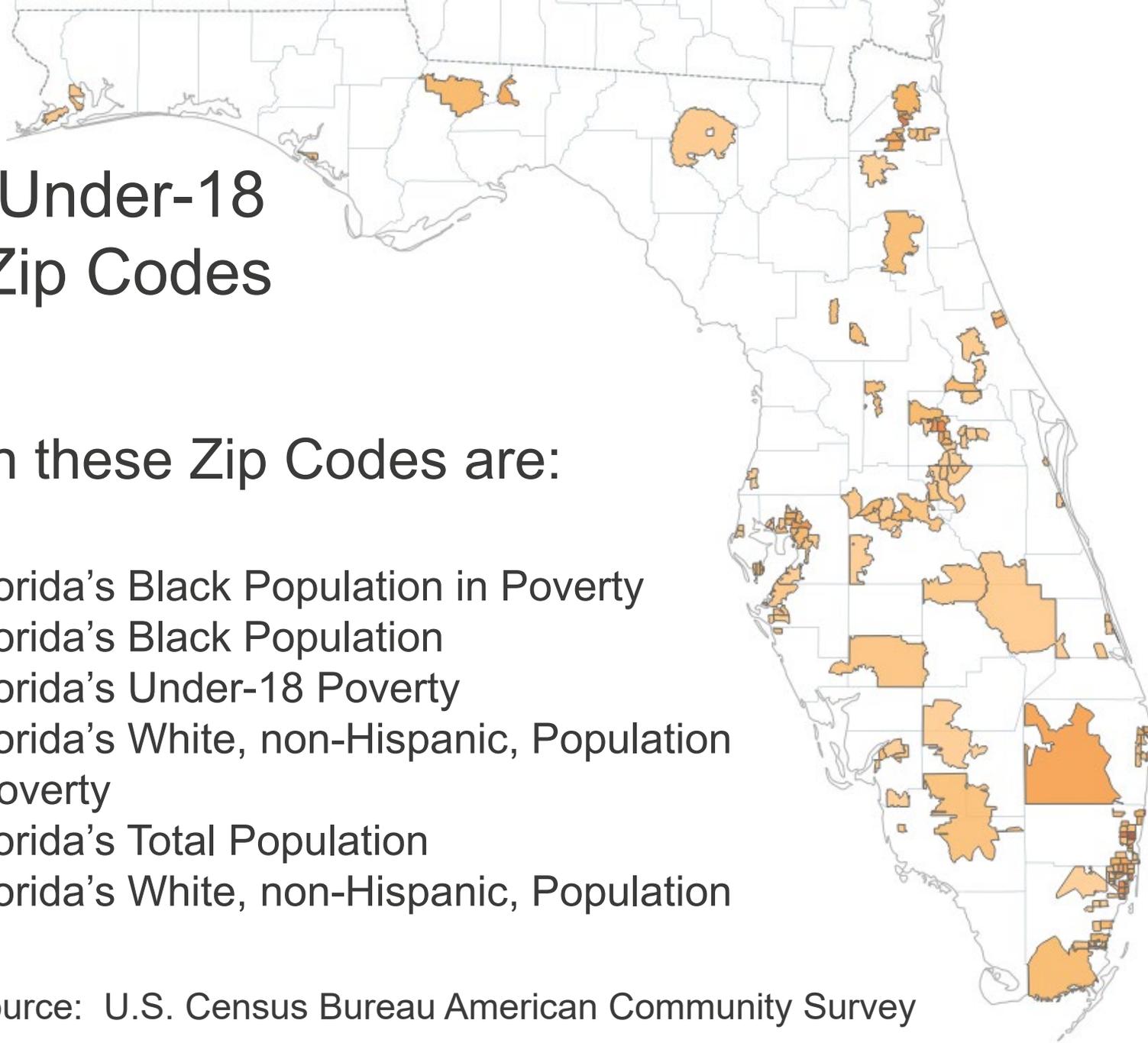
- Florida has 983 zip codes
- Half of all children in poverty live in just 15% of Florida's zip codes (150)

Top 150 Under-18 Poverty Zip Codes

In these Zip Codes are:

- 59.9% of Florida's Black Population in Poverty
- 54.4% of Florida's Black Population
- 50.1% of Florida's Under-18 Poverty
- 35.7% of Florida's White, non-Hispanic, Population in Poverty
- 30.6% of Florida's Total Population
- 25.2% of Florida's White, non-Hispanic, Population

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



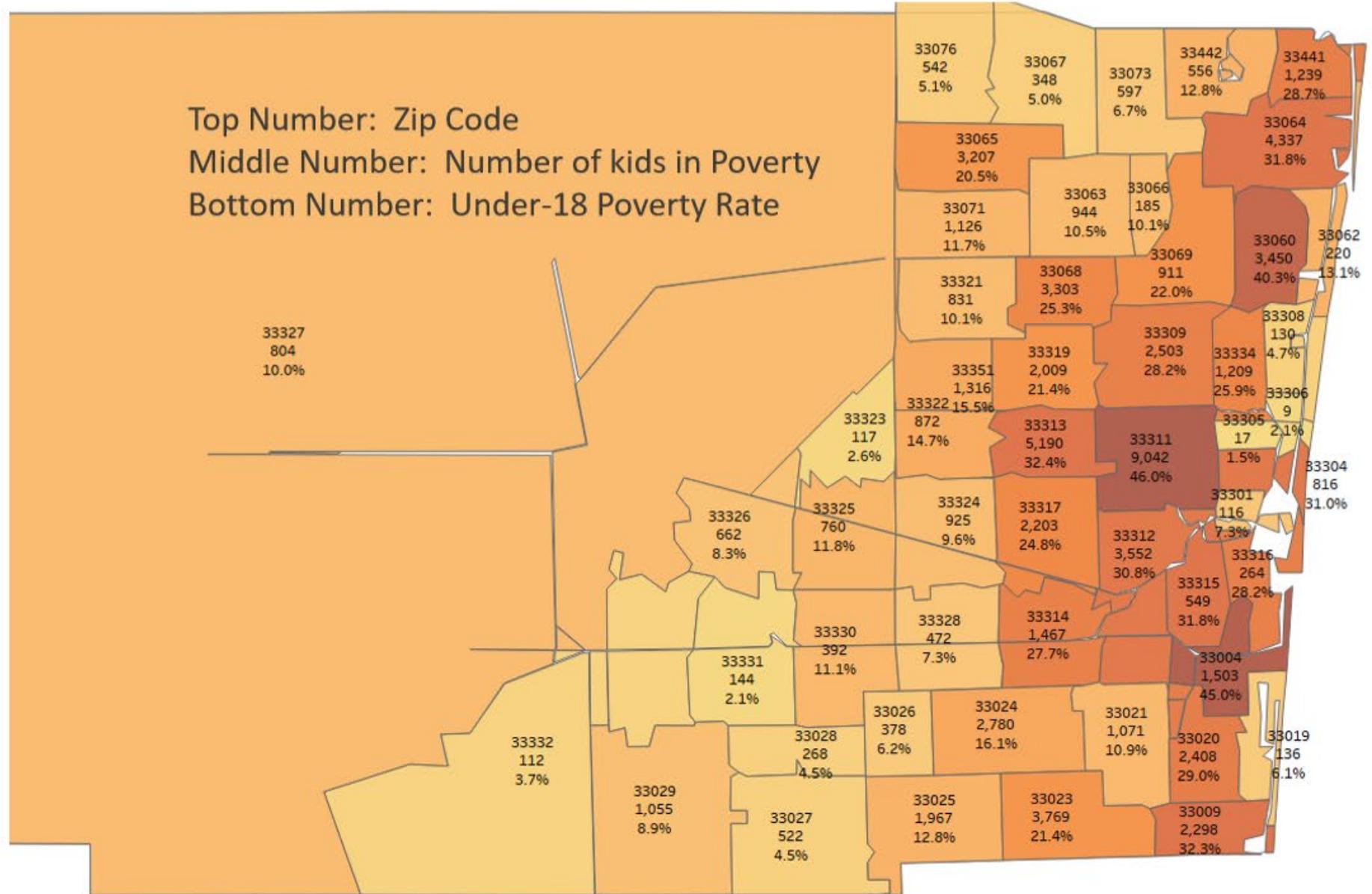
Broward County Under-18 Poverty

 **CHILDREN IN POVERTY**

18.7%
(Decreasing)

<10%
2030 Goal

75,603
(Decreasing)



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

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A Moral and Economic Imperative to End Racism

By Raphael Bostic, President and CEO

As I have observed the protests against police brutality over the past few weeks, I have shared in the outrage of the truly horrific events that brought us to this point. I know many of you are feeling shocked and outraged. My first thoughts are for those who lost their lives and those suffering through these events in very real ways, and I stand with all those peacefully protesting for change.



Dr. Raphael W. Bostic
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Primary issue:

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Key findings:

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Takeaways for practice:

To make informed training choices and plan for potential losses in public benefits, low-income individuals need dynamic tools that capture both short-run roadblocks and long-run gains to career advancement. Career counselors, caseworkers, and financial advisers need these tools to help advise clients on training choices and to plan for the phaseout of benefits. Policymakers can use these tools to align supportive services across and within funding streams, filling in resource gaps for clients and reducing short-term disincentives to train or seek a promotion. While up-front costs on programs that support career advancement may be expensive, the return to investment for the public can be significant.



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Results from Atlanta Federal Reserve Benefits Cliffs Paper

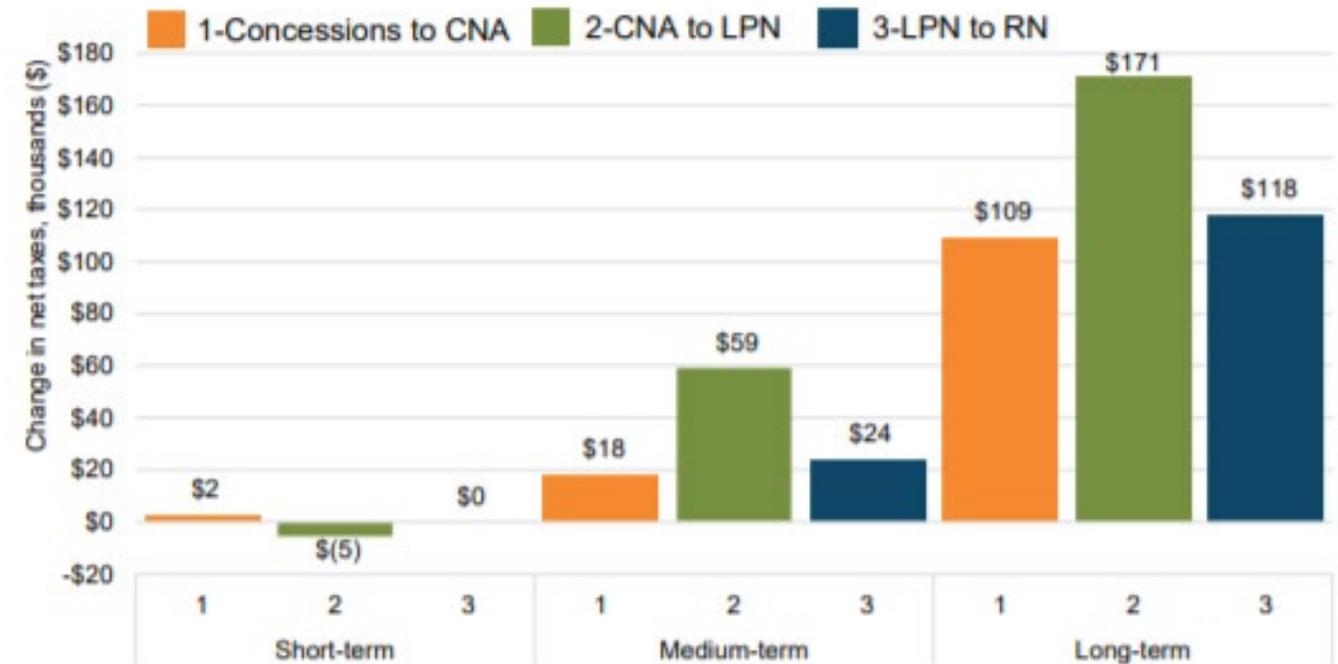
Lifetime Returns to State and Federal Government Taxpayers

CNA: \$109,000/person

CNA to RN: \$289,000/person

Total: \$398,000/person to RN

Figure 6: Short-, Medium-, and Long-Term Net Public Returns Advancement



State of Florida Metrics

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

Florida FutureCast

FLORIDA POPULATION 06/25/2020

22,000,542

COVID-19

NUMBER OF COVID CASES

109,014

(Increasing)

Daily Average New Cases

2,974.5

(Increasing)

WEEKLY PERCENT OF POSITIVE CASES

8.48%

(Increasing)

DAYS SINCE 1ST CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE

115

OPEN JOBS

235,300

(Declining)

1.41M

Unemployed Persons
(Increasing)

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

14.5%

(Increasing)

[View Statewide Heat Map](#)

Jobs Year Over Year Change

-850,400

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3RD GRADE READING SCORES

58%

(Improving)

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100%

2030 Goal

STATE OF FLORIDA VISITORS

\$94.0

Billion Visitor Spending

131.4

Million Visitors

STATE HOUSING STARTS & SALES

8,042

Starts (Declining)

19,622

Sales (Declining)

INCOME MIGRATION

\$1.19M

Per Hour

POVERTY RATE

14.8%

(Better)

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CONSUMER SENTIMENT

76.4

(Improving)

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE

86.9%

(Improving)

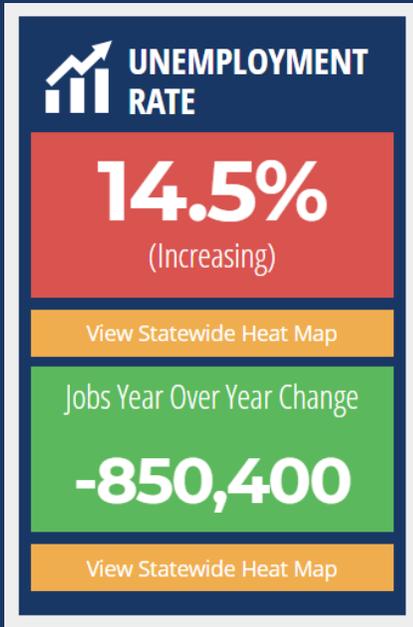
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Job Loss by Category: May 2019 to May 2020

Industry	Job Loss	Percent
Total – All Industries	-850,400	-9.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	-460,500	-36.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-123,800	-6.9%
Professional & Business Services	-104,500	-7.5%
Education & Health Services	-73,300	-5.5%
Other Services	-34,100	-9.6%
Financial Activities	-16,100	-2.7%
Manufacturing	-15,200	-4.0%
Construction	+4,900	+0.9%

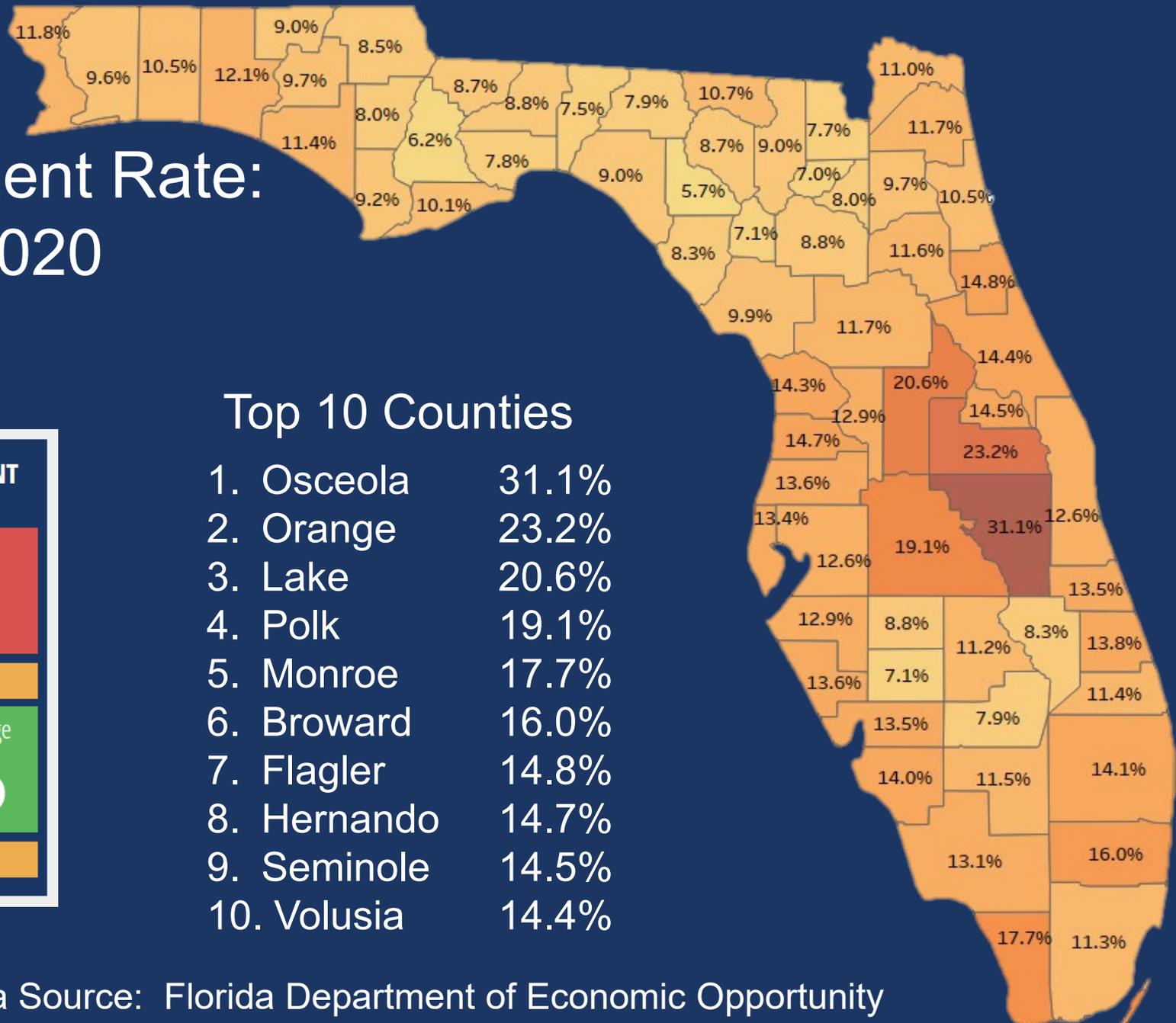
Unemployment Rate: May 2020

Florida



Top 10 Counties

1. Osceola 31.1%
2. Orange 23.2%
3. Lake 20.6%
4. Polk 19.1%
5. Monroe 17.7%
6. Broward 16.0%
7. Flagler 14.8%
8. Hernando 14.7%
9. Seminole 14.5%
10. Volusia 14.4%



Jobs by Quarter – 2019 and Q1 2020, and Forecast



Source: Dr. Rajeev Dhawan, Economic Forecasting Center, Georgia State University



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Governor DeSantis' School Reopening and CARES Act Plan

Reopening Florida's Schools and the CARES Act

Closing Achievement Gaps and
Creating Safe Spaces for Learning



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Florida Chamber Litigation and Regulatory Reform Center

Letter to Senate Majority Leader



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April 30, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support Common Sense Liability Shields for Job Creation Packages

Dear Majority Leader McConnell:

As the state of Florida and our country continue to grapple with the serious impacts it is causing to our collective health and for your ongoing leadership in this time of crisis.

Having seen the early successes of flattening the curve of COVID-19, the Florida Chamber of Commerce is working closely with Governor DeSantis to relaunch Florida's economy, which if it were a country would be the 17th largest in the world. We move from the "Relief" to the "Reopen and Recovery" phase, which is self-evident for significant and comprehensive liability shields for essential businesses that have responded to this crisis and reopened their doors for the first time in weeks.

As the leader of the Florida Chamber's Litigation and Regulatory Reform Center, I saw your recent statements about the impact of lawsuits on businesses in the next federal coronavirus relief package:

"Our response must not be slowed, weakened or exploited by lawyer bonanza in history."

We agree that those necessary liability protections must be included in the next bill in order to avoid heaping "an avalanche of lawsuits" on businesses who have already been sent federal relief in the form of tax breaks to a beleaguered economy.

Our members have long been saddled with an otherwise unworkable legal system down by rampant lawsuit abuse. Despite boasting world renowned education system and top five tax climate, Florida has the fifth highest percentage of lawsuits according to our partners at the U.S Chamber's Institute for Legal Matters. Florida's job creators are likely facing an approaching storm of lawsuits stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

LCC Sign-On Letter

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,

Florida Chamber of Commerce
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
Destin Chamber of Commerce



"If we want even an outside shot at the kind of brisk re-hiring that American workers deserve, we have to make sure opportunistic trial lawyers are not lurking on the sidewalk outside every small business in America, waiting to slap them with a lawsuit the instant they turn the lights back on."

"We are not going to stand idly by while a small group of wealthy lawyers vacuum up this relief money and redirect it into their own pockets." Senator McConnell (5.12.20)



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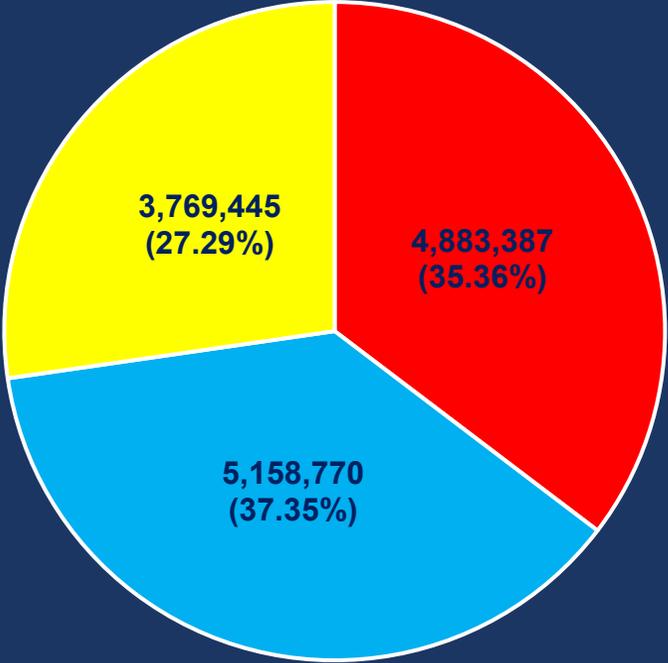
At the Florida Chamber Safety Council, our members know their workforce is their most precious asset. The Florida Chamber Safety Council is making Florida the safest state in America by highlighting our members safety successes, through being an incubator of safety initiatives, best practices, and the go-to resource for safety, health and sustainability and is becoming the national standard for safety leadership.

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PROMOTING SAFETY	ADVOCATING HEALTH	LEADING SUSTAINABILITY
Training curriculum promotes tactical safety strategies, employee-based awareness and behavior change that drive an organization's day-to-day safety culture.	Addressing systemic issues such as mental health, opioid and marijuana use that lead to prevention strategy and long-term wellness initiatives.	Protecting Florida's natural resources is a priority of Florida's business community and it creates a long-term balance where businesses can flourish.

Voter Registration

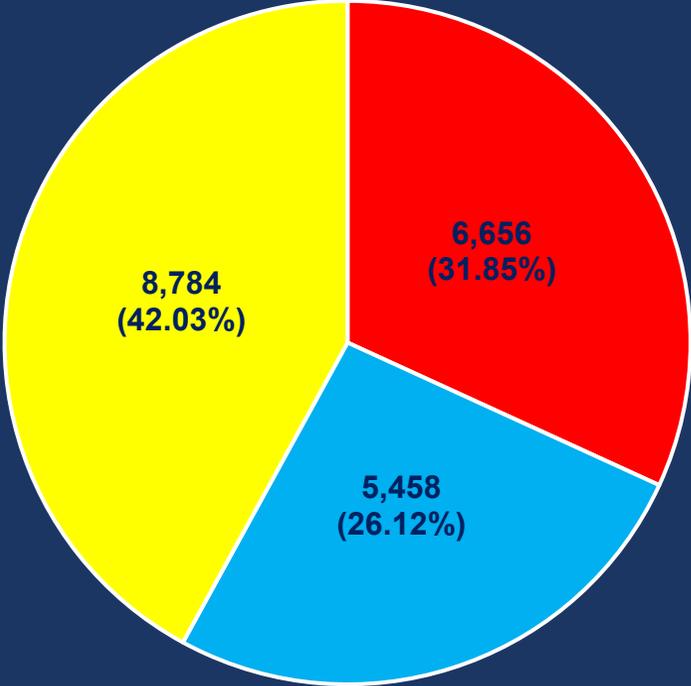
Florida
Registered Voters – as of April
30th, 2020



■ Republican ■ Democratic ■ NPA/Other

Total: 13,811,602

Newly Registered
Voters –
April 2020



■ Republican ■ Democratic ■ NPA/Other

Total: 20,898

Proposed Constitutional Amendments on the 2020 Ballot

Ballot Number	Title of Amendment	Ballot Method	Money Raised
1	Citizenship Requirement to Vote in Florida Elections	Paid	\$2,455,169.00
2	Raising Florida's Minimum Wage*	Paid	\$4,942,616.93
3	All Voters Vote in Primary Elections for State Legislature, Governor and Cabinet	Paid	\$6,975,571.90
4	Voter Approval of Constitutional Amendments	Paid	\$165,500.00
5	Limitation on Homestead Exemptions (HJR 369)	Approved by Legislature	-

*can be accomplished by legislation

What Florida Voters Are Thinking About

Voter Concerns by Media Market

Statewide	Jobs	COVID-19	Racial Issues	Other
	21	17	16	Healthcare 7% Education 6%
Jacksonville	22	17	24	Education 9%
Gainesville	15	23	8	Education 8%
Tallahassee	19	13	31	Education 13%
Panama City/Pensacola	22	11	9	Education 7%
Orlando/Daytona	26	23	13	Healthcare 7%
Tampa/St. Pete	18	19	17	Healthcare 9%
Ft. Myers/Naples	24	14	14	Environment 10%
Broward/Miami	20	14	14	Healthcare 8%
West Palm	19	12	19	Healthcare 7%

Top Voter Concerns

Statewide	Jobs	COVID-19	Racial Issues	Other
	21	17	16	Healthcare 7% Education 6%
Men	22	15	13	Healthcare 5%
Women	20	18	18	Healthcare 8%
Republicans	29	15	9	Healthcare 4%
Democrats	13	16	22	Healthcare 9%
NPA/Other	23	21	17	Healthcare 8%
White	23	19	12	Healthcare 6%
Black	12	12	33	Healthcare 7%
Hispanic	25	14	17	Healthcare 10%



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