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Uniting Business for Good

Florida's Economic Relaunch – Federal Update & Forecast

September 1, 2020

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Today's "Relaunch Florida" Agenda

- I. Welcome and Meeting Overview— **Lauren Lichtenberg**
- II. President's Perspective — **Mark Wilson**
- III. Litigation & Regulatory Reform Center — **Mark Wilson**
- IV. Federal Forecast & Update — **Senator Marco Rubio**
- V. President's Perspective Cont. & Survey Results — **Mark Wilson**
- VI. Meeting Recap and Action Needed — **Mark Wilson**



Uniting Florida's Businesses For Good

Why Making Florida More Competitive Matters

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II. President's Perspective
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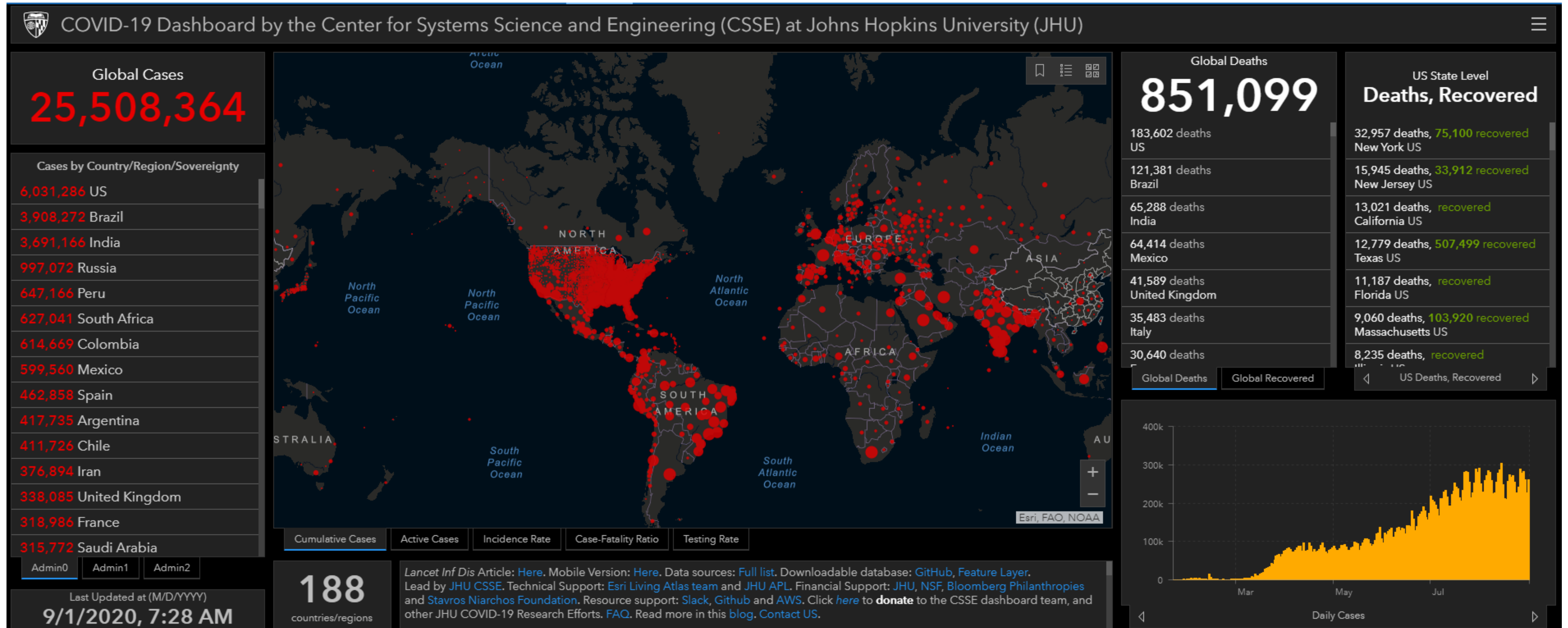
**Relaunch & Reimagine Florida's Future
Stronger Together, Reuniting Business For Good**

**Tuesday, October 20 – Thursday, October 22
1 – 4 p.m. EDT Each Day**

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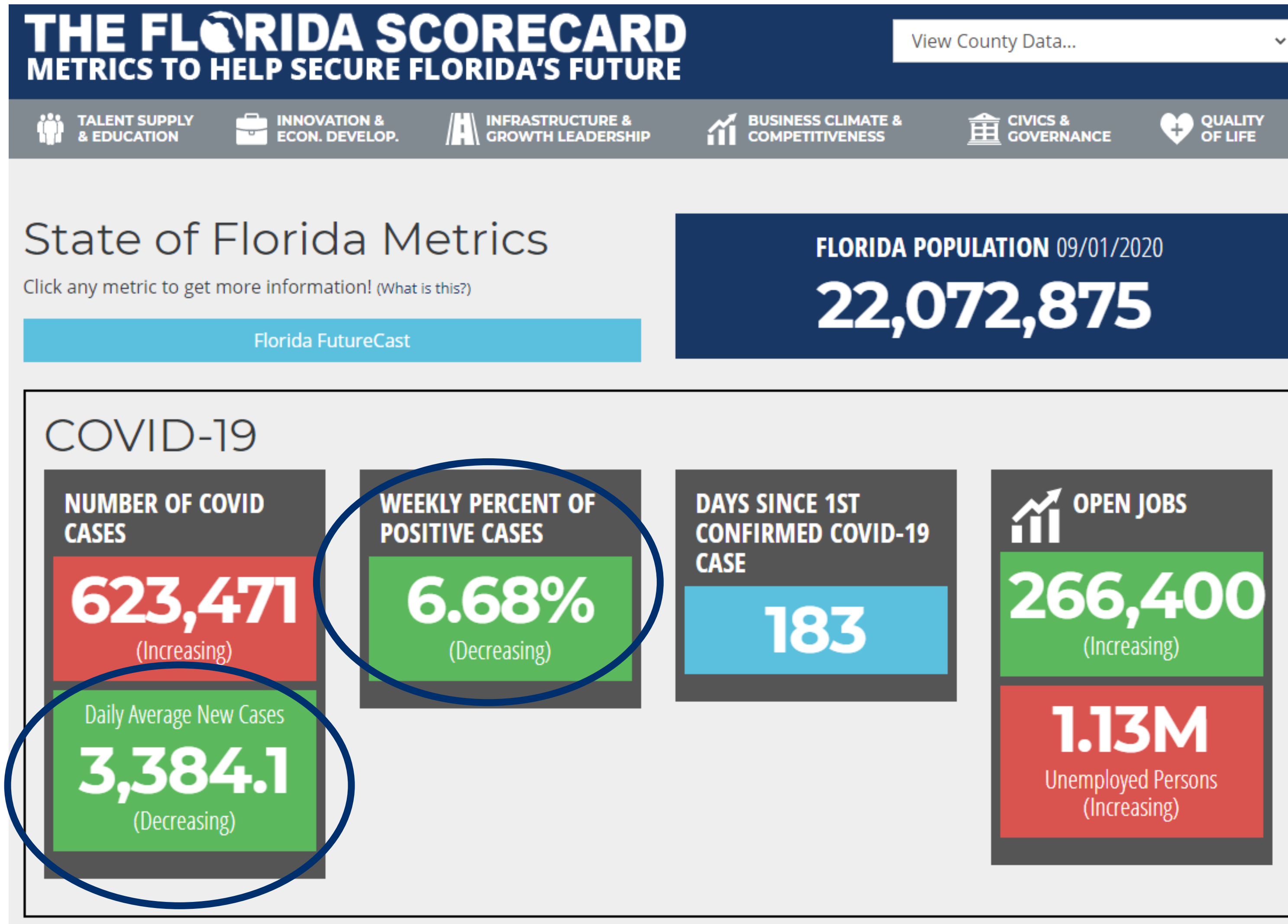
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188 Nations / Territories – 14 Million Visitors

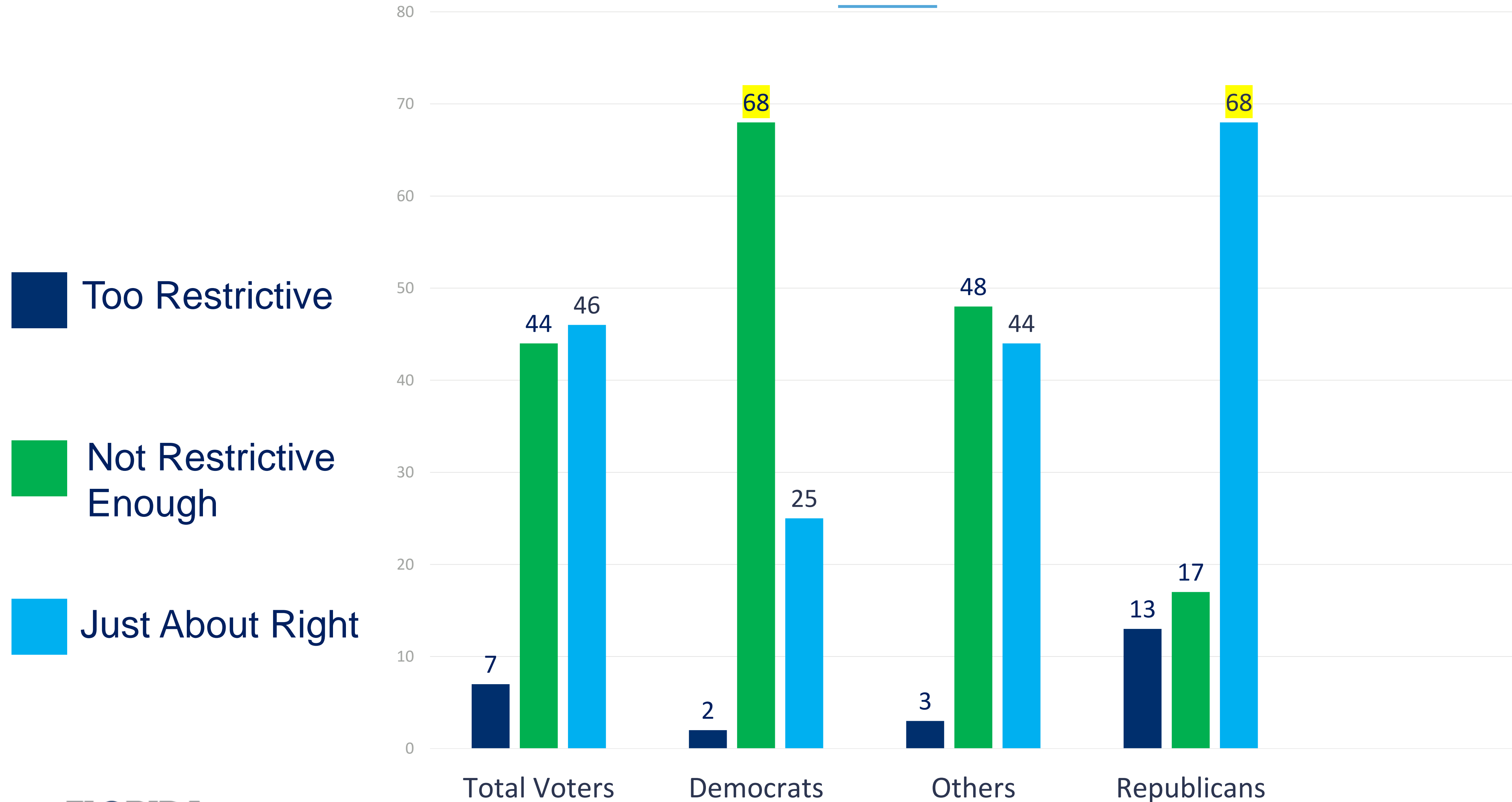


TheFloridaScorecard.org

COVID-19 Data



How Has Florida Responded to COVID-19?





III. Litigation & Regulatory Reform Center

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Litigation and Regulatory Reform Center

<https://www.flchamber.com/florida-chamber-litigation-center/>



The screenshot shows the website for the Florida Chamber of Commerce's Litigation & Regulatory Reform Center. The header features the Florida Chamber of Commerce logo, a search bar, and a "JOIN THE CHAMBER" button. A banner image with a map of Florida in the background contains the text: "Uniting To Fix Florida's Broken Legal Climate And Improve Florida's Regulatory Climate". The main heading is "Florida Chamber Litigation & Regulatory Reform Center". Below this is a paragraph of text about a national survey. The page is divided into four sections, each with an image and a red button: "AMICUS BRIEFS" (scales of justice), "COVID-19 LIABILITY PROTECTIONS ADVOCACY" (microscopic virus particles), "REGULATORY REFORM" (hands cutting a red ribbon), and "WHITE PAPERS & SCHOLARLY RESOURCES" (an open book).

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Uniting To Fix Florida's Broken Legal Climate And Improve Florida's Regulatory Climate

Florida Chamber Litigation & Regulatory Reform Center

Florida's lawsuit climate ranked 46th out of 50 in a new national survey released by the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform (ILR). The city of Miami ranked among the ten worst jurisdictions in the nation. The *2019 Lawsuit Climate Survey: Ranking the States*, conducted by the renowned polling firm The Harris Poll on behalf of the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform, questioned senior business executives about the fairness and reasonableness of state court systems. The poor perception of Florida's legal climate is critical because 89 percent of survey participants—an all-time high—said a state's lawsuit environment is likely to impact their company's decisions about where to locate or do business.

AMICUS BRIEFS

COVID-19 LIABILITY PROTECTIONS ADVOCACY

REGULATORY REFORM

WHITE PAPERS & SCHOLARLY RESOURCES

Florida's Legal Climate

- Florida's lawsuit climate ranked 46th out of 50 in a new national survey released by the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform (ILR).
- Florida is the second worst "Judicial Hellhole" behind California.
- Legal Climate Costs each family \$4,442 per year.
- 3rd most expensive auto insurance rates.
- 21st highest workers' comp rates with 60% in decreases in the last 15 years.
- The city of Miami ranked among the ten worst jurisdictions in the nation.
- According to the 2019 Lawsuit Climate Survey: Ranking the States conducted by The Harris Poll, 89% of participants said a state's lawsuit environment is likely to impact their company's decision about where to locate or do business.

<https://www.flchamber.com/florida-chamber-litigation-center/>

- Tracking Mask Ordinances.
 - Mask Ordinance Resource Center
 - Down to the County and City level
- Liability Protections from COVID-19
- Wilsonart v. Lopez
 - *Florida Chamber of Commerce Files Amicus Brief to Move Florida to Align With the Federal Standard for Granting Summary Judgement*

What is Amendment 2?

“The amendment would raise the minimum wage to \$10 per hour beginning Sept. 30, 2021, and increase it an additional dollar each year until it reached \$15 in 2026. After that, future increases would be adjusted annually for inflation.”

Orlando Sentinel

- Amendment 2 will be on the 2020 November ballot
- Mandates the statewide minimum wage increase to \$15/hr
- **Only** statewide mandated \$15/hr wage embedded in a state constitution
- Requires 60% approval for passage
- If this passes, in just a few years, forced cost-of-living adjustments means that Florida will have the **highest minimum wage in the nation**



www.FLChamber.com/minimumwage

Florida's Economy Drives the Nation



A GDP larger than all but 16 countries in the world and the 4th largest in the USA.



Florida's GDP is more than \$1,100,000,000,000 and still growing, adding \$2 billion per day.



Florida is the fastest growing state in the South and the 3rd fastest in the nation.



Florida is responsible for more than 1 of every 11 new jobs created nationwide.

How Amendment 2 Would Put the Brakes on Florida's Economy

Economic Studies Find:

- An increase in teen unemployment and fewer teens in the workforce.
- Entry level, training and part-time workers will see a dramatic reduction in paid work hours.
- Businesses relocate to neighboring states for experienced labor at a more competitive rate.
- Rapid expansion of work automation which shrinks the labor force which leads to job losses and layoffs.
- Minimum wages set a minimum productivity requirement that hurts young people, part-time employees, minorities, elderly workers and disabled workers.
- Will cost the state more than \$700 million annually in lost revenue and a \$4.7 billion increase in social service expenditures.
- A minimum wage increase negatively impacts those on fixed incomes by driving up inflation and dramatically increasing the cost of living and goods.

"...Florida Chamber of Commerce President **Mark Wilson** offered cautions. Specifically [he] called out the constitutional amendment heading for the ballot this year that would ask voters to mandate increases in the minimum wage to eventually \$15 an hour."

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Senator Marco Rubio

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Future of Florida Forum 2017



United States Senator Marco Rubio joins the Florida Chamber Foundation's Future of Florida Forum after his congressional vote on tax reform to share his thoughts with Florida's leaders.

D.C. Fly-In 2019

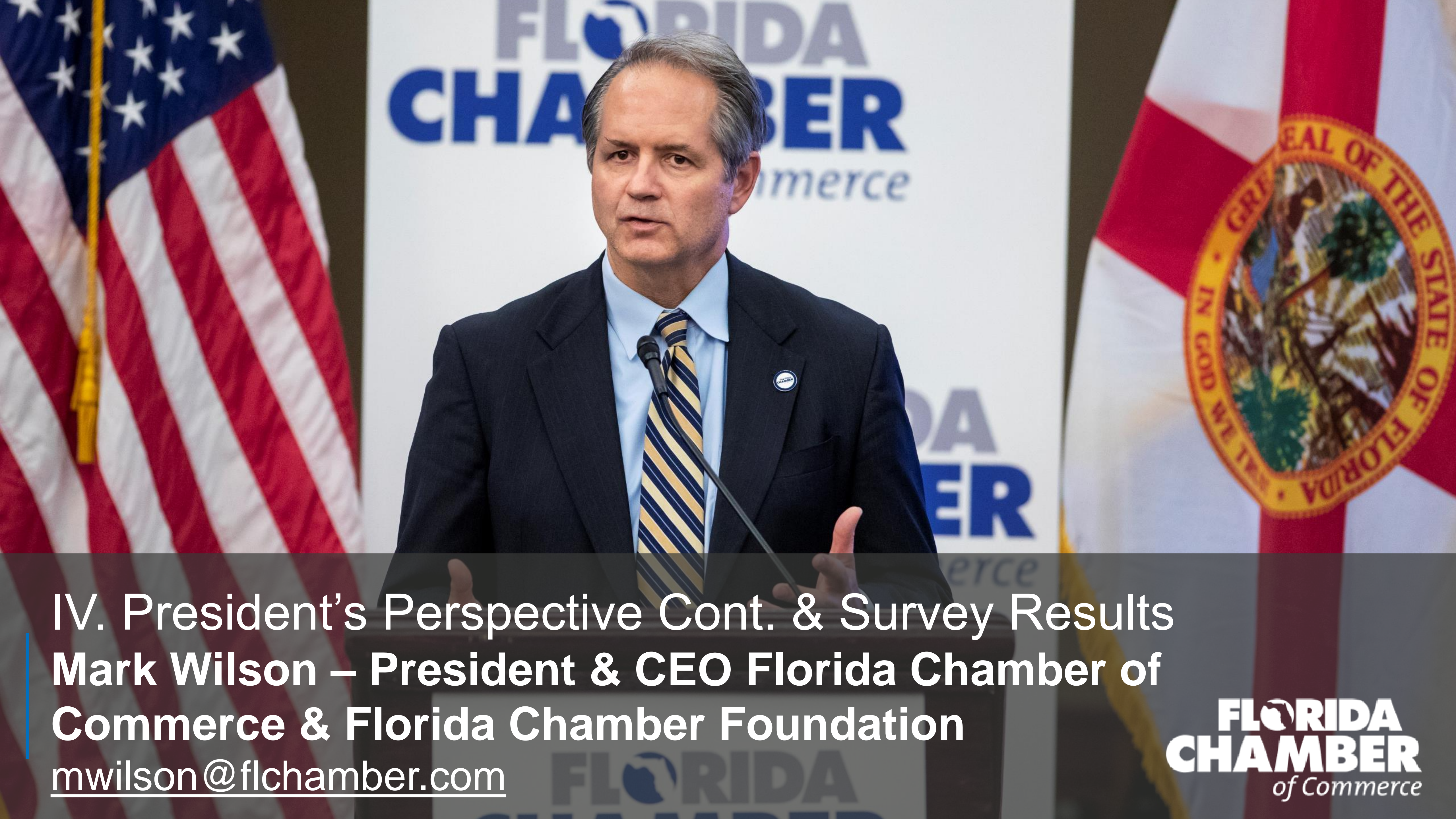




IV. Federal Update & Forecast

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Connecting Business to Answers



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AHCA



Governor Ron DeSantis
Governor of the State of Florida



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General Counsel
Governor Ron DeSantis



Andrew Wheeler
Administrator
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Dr. Raphael Bostic
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Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta



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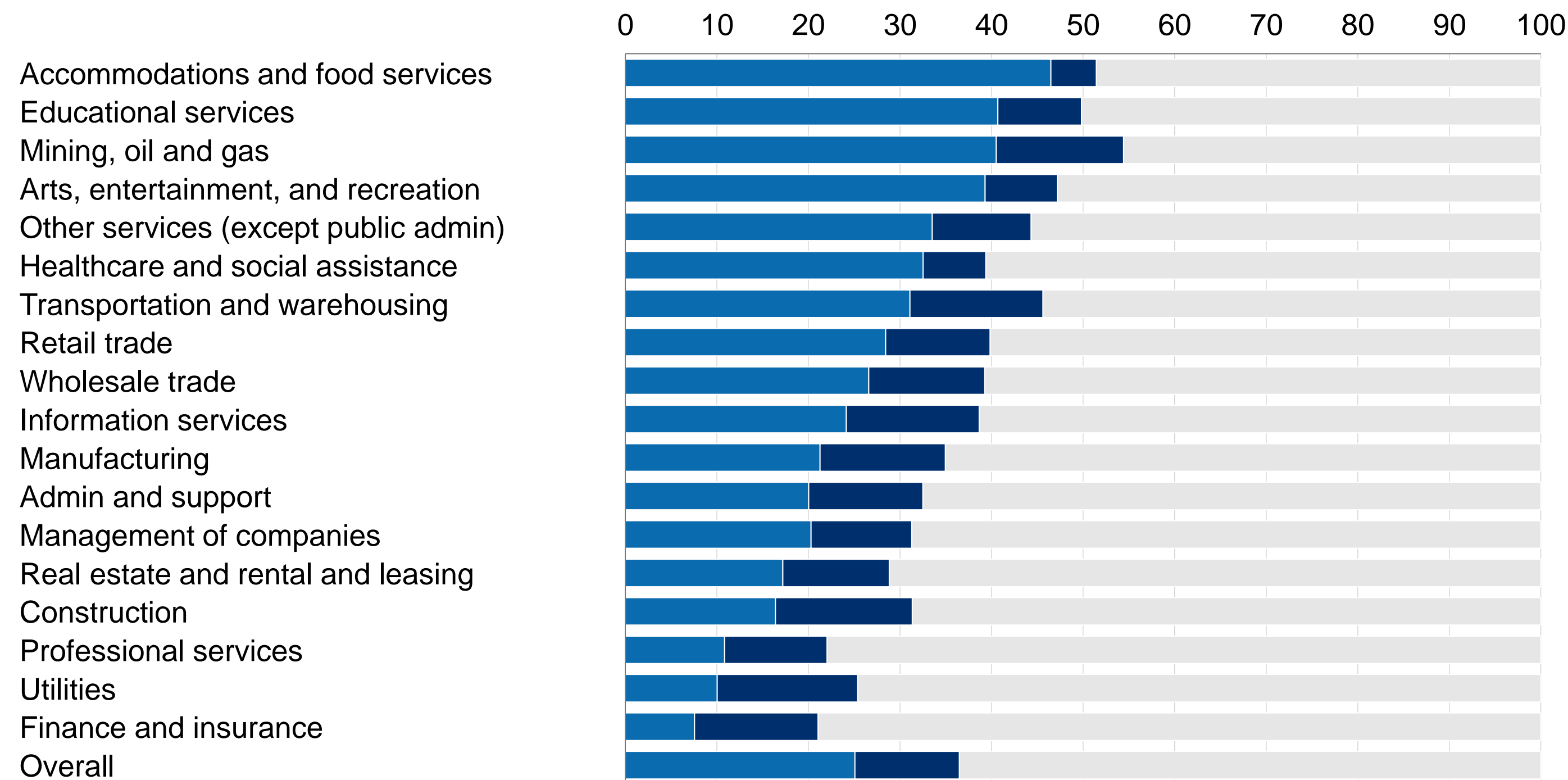


Dr. Scott Rivkees
State Surgeon General
FL Dept. of Health

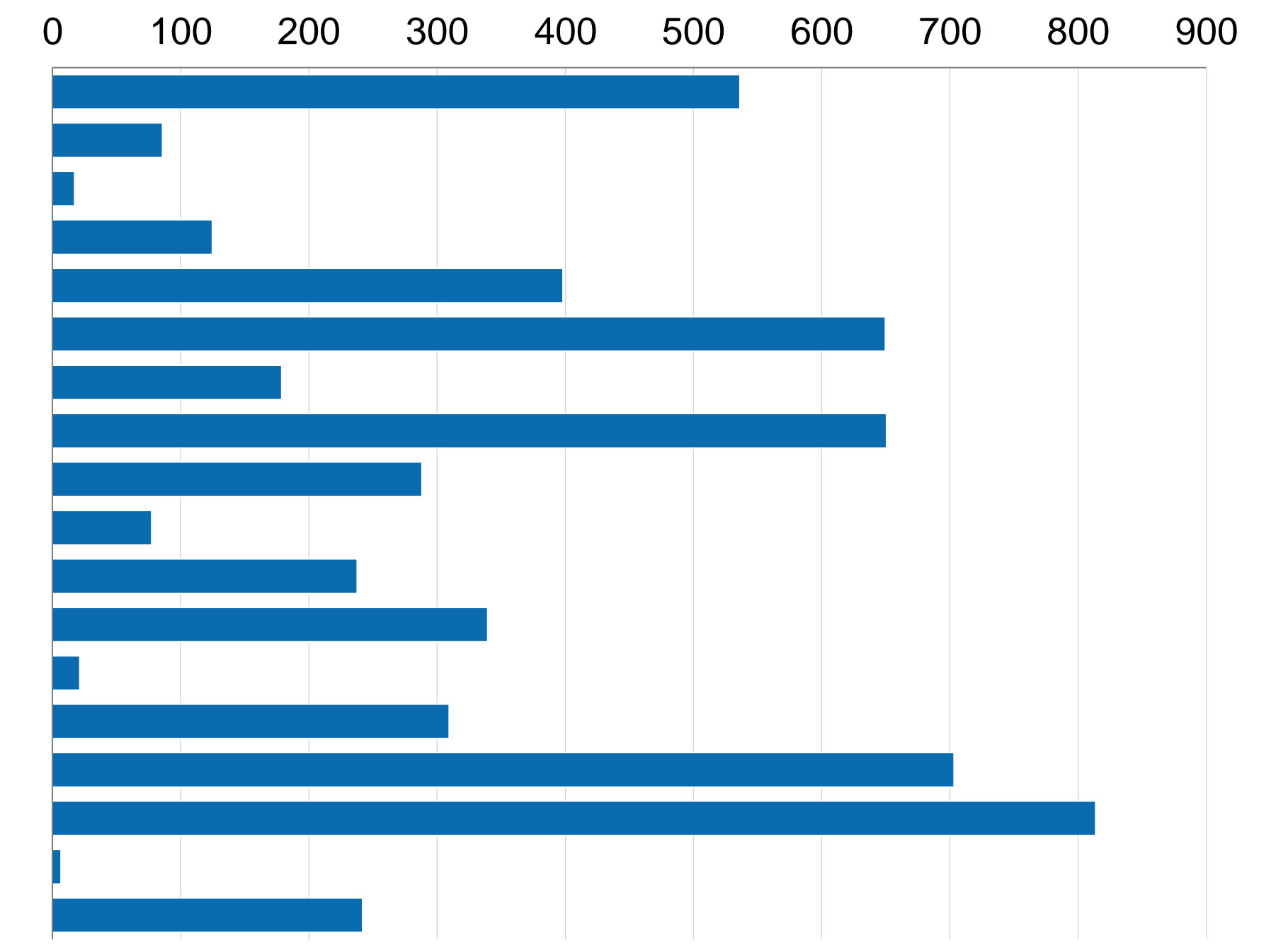
In some sectors, more than a quarter of small businesses may close permanently

Small businesses vulnerable to permanent closure

Small businesses reporting negative, effect from crisis, % of firms in sector



Small businesses in sector, thousands



5.7 million small businesses

Note: Small and medium-sized businesses in the agriculture, forestry, fishery, and hunting sector were excluded because of inconsistent data reporting. Small and medium-sized businesses in the religious, grant-making, civic, professional, and similar organizations (NAICS 813), funds, trusts, and other financial vehicles (NAICS 525), and rail-transportation (NAICS 482) subsectors also excluded because of inconsistent data reporting.

Statistics of US Businesses, 2017

Source: Statistics of US Businesses, 2017, Federal Reserve Banks' Small Business Credit Survey, 2019, Annual Business Survey, 2018, Census Bureau Small Business Pulse Survey Week 4, 2020; "How are small businesses adjusting to COVID-19? Early evidence from a Survey," 2020; Labor CUBE

Business

Japan to Pay at Least \$536 Million for Companies to Leave China

Bloomberg News

July 18, 2020, 8:33 AM EDT

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Japan's government will start paying its companies to move factories out of China and back home or to Southeast Asia, part of a new program to secure supply chains and reduce dependence on manufacturing in China.

Fifty-seven companies including privately-held facemask-maker Iris Ohyama Inc. and Sharp Corp. will receive a total of 57.4 billion yen (\$536 million) in

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Florida Chamber Survey Results – What You Told Us



How many Floridians does your business employ?

1-25	42%
26-50	8%
51-100	2%
More than 100	48%

As of today, what percentage of your employees
have you been able to bring back to your office (workforce)
since Florida began reopening in phases?

Less than 25%	24%
26-50%	18%
51-75%	10%
76-99%	15%
100%	19%
Never left workplace	14%

Even if you followed CDC, EPA,
DOH and OSHA guidelines, are you concerned
your business may face a lawsuit due to COVID-19?

Yes	49%
No	32%
Not Applicable	19%

What is most important to your business in Phase 4 COVID-19 relief legislation?

Liability Protection against unwarranted lawsuits	23%
Financial Support for small and midsize Employers	16%
Financial Support for childcare and K-12 Schools	4%
Inclusion of 501(c)(6) organizations (such as Chambers of Commerce and Association businesses) in PPP fund Eligibility	21%
All of these are important in the recovery of my business	36%

How have diminished relations with China affected your business?

My business is doing better	1%
My business has been harmed	7%
This does not affect my business	57%
Not sure	35%

From your current position, what is your outlook on Florida's economy over the next six months?

Very positive	6%
Positive	42%
Neutral	38%
Negative	13%
Very Negative	1%



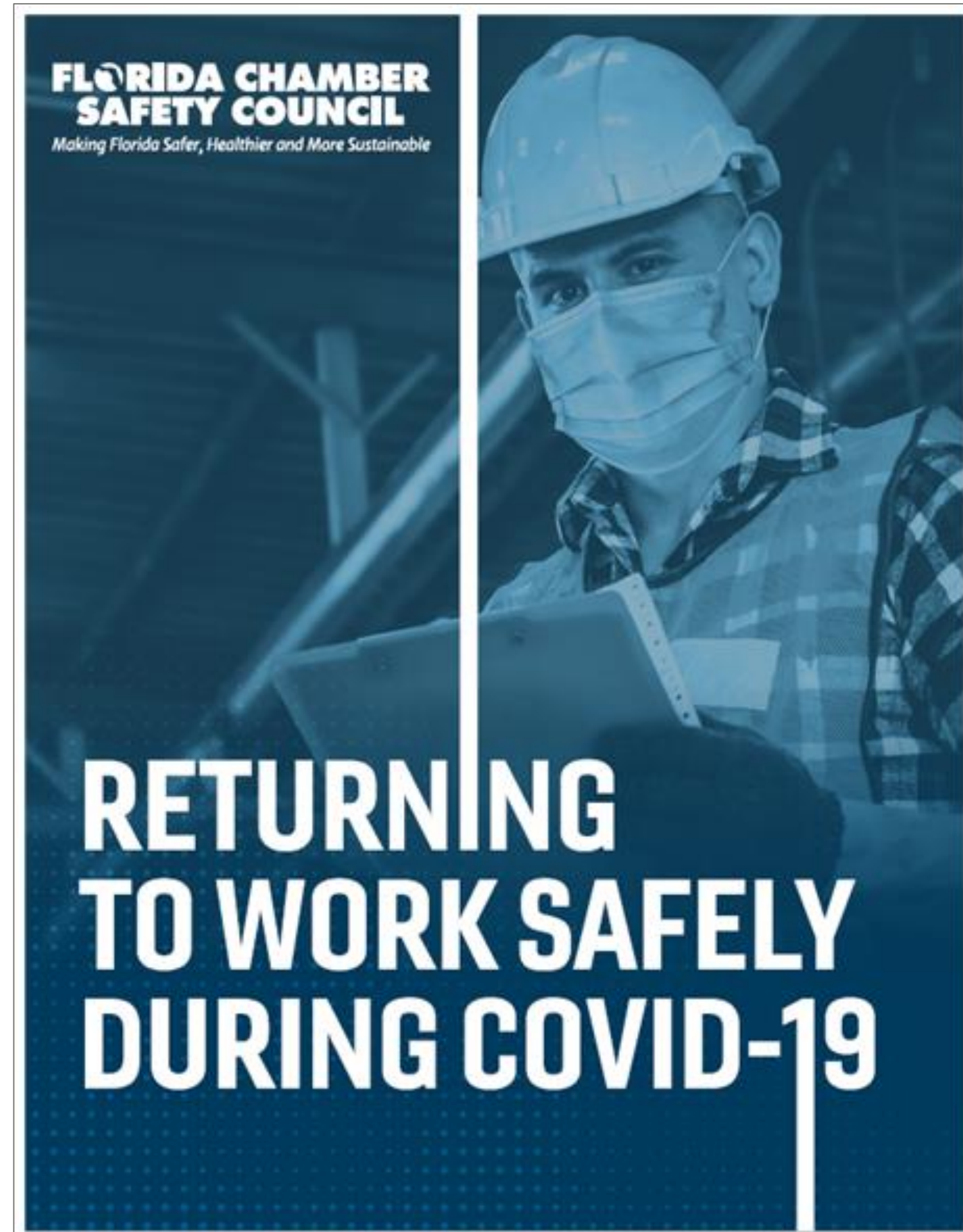
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Free Downloadable Guide to Reopening Safely



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Keep Up with the Latest COVID News



Weekly *Facts Not Fear* COVID Newsletter

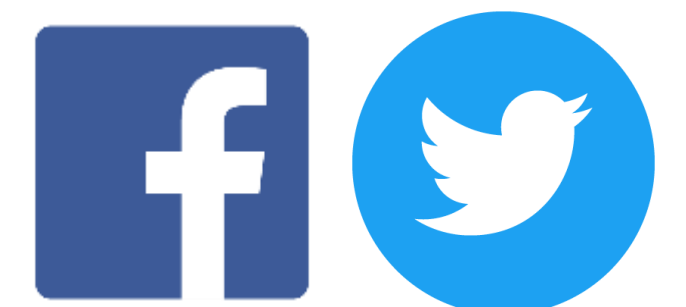
- The latest news and analysis on COVID trends
- Safety Resources from the Florida Chamber Safety Council
- COVID Legislative News and Updates
- Florida Business and Free Enterprise at Work during COVID-19

Latest COVID Numbers Reported Daily at:

TheFloridaScoreCard.Org

&

[@FIChamber](https://twitter.com/FIChamber)



Take the Small Business COVID Impact Survey



The Florida SBDC Network, Florida Chamber Foundation, and the University of West Florida Haas Center have partnered to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Florida's small business.

Take the Survey at:

www.floridasbdc.org/disaster/covid-impact-survey

Deadline is **September 1; aka TODAY!**

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, September 10
@ 10:00 a.m. EST

**Florida Chamber Foundation Business
Alliance for Early Learning** will be
unveiling **New Statewide Tool for 3rd
Grade Reading Scores**

Presentation will include:

- Overview of the tool and demonstration
- 3rd Grade Reading Scores and other relevant data
- Q&A with key stakeholders



Next Board of Governors “Relaunch Florida” Webinar

Monday, September 21, 2pm EDT



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Dr. Jerry Parrish
Chief Economist
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A nighttime photograph of a city skyline, likely Miami, with numerous skyscrapers illuminated against a dark sky. The lights from the buildings and a bridge in the foreground reflect on the water in the bay.

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September 2020 Exclusive Board of Governors Call

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