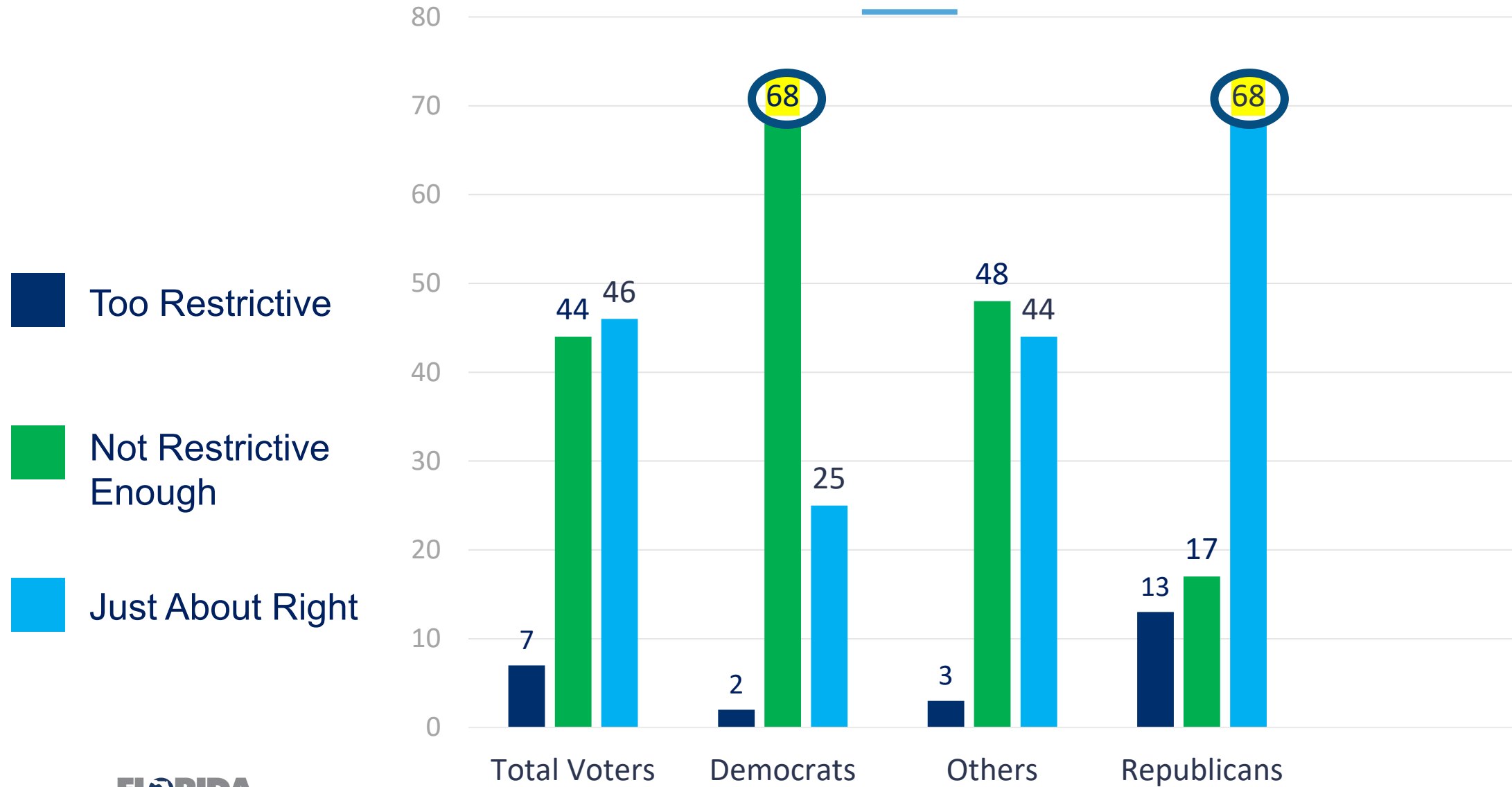




# Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce 2021 Economic Outlook

**Mark Wilson | President & CEO | Florida Chamber of Commerce**  
**January 26, 2021**

# How Has Florida Responded to COVID-19?



# Florida At-A-Glance

Unemployment rate drops to 6.1%

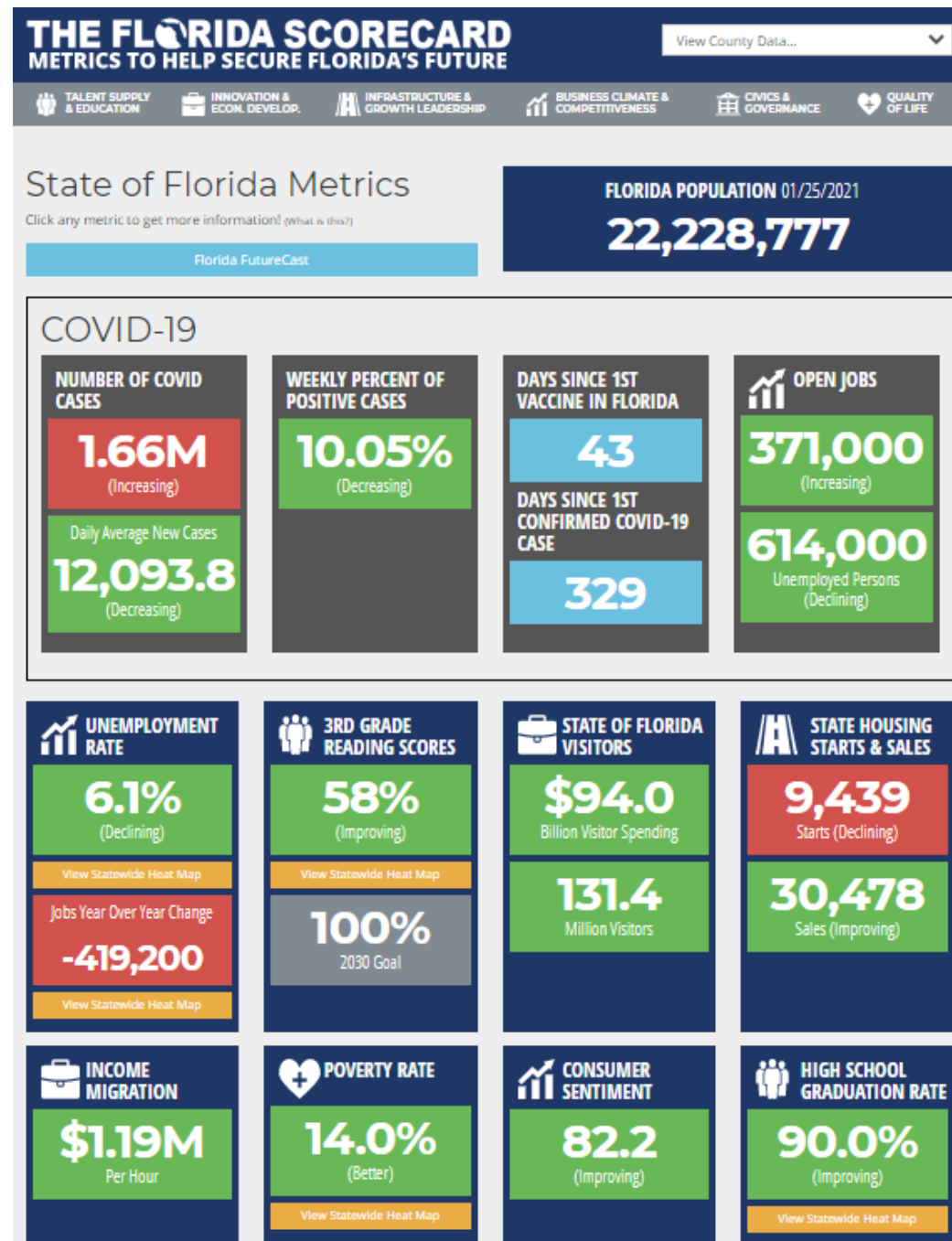
614,000 Floridians looking for work

-419,200 jobs year over year  
(dropped another 10,900)

359,200 Open Jobs (+35,300)

Consumer Sentiment Increased to 82.2

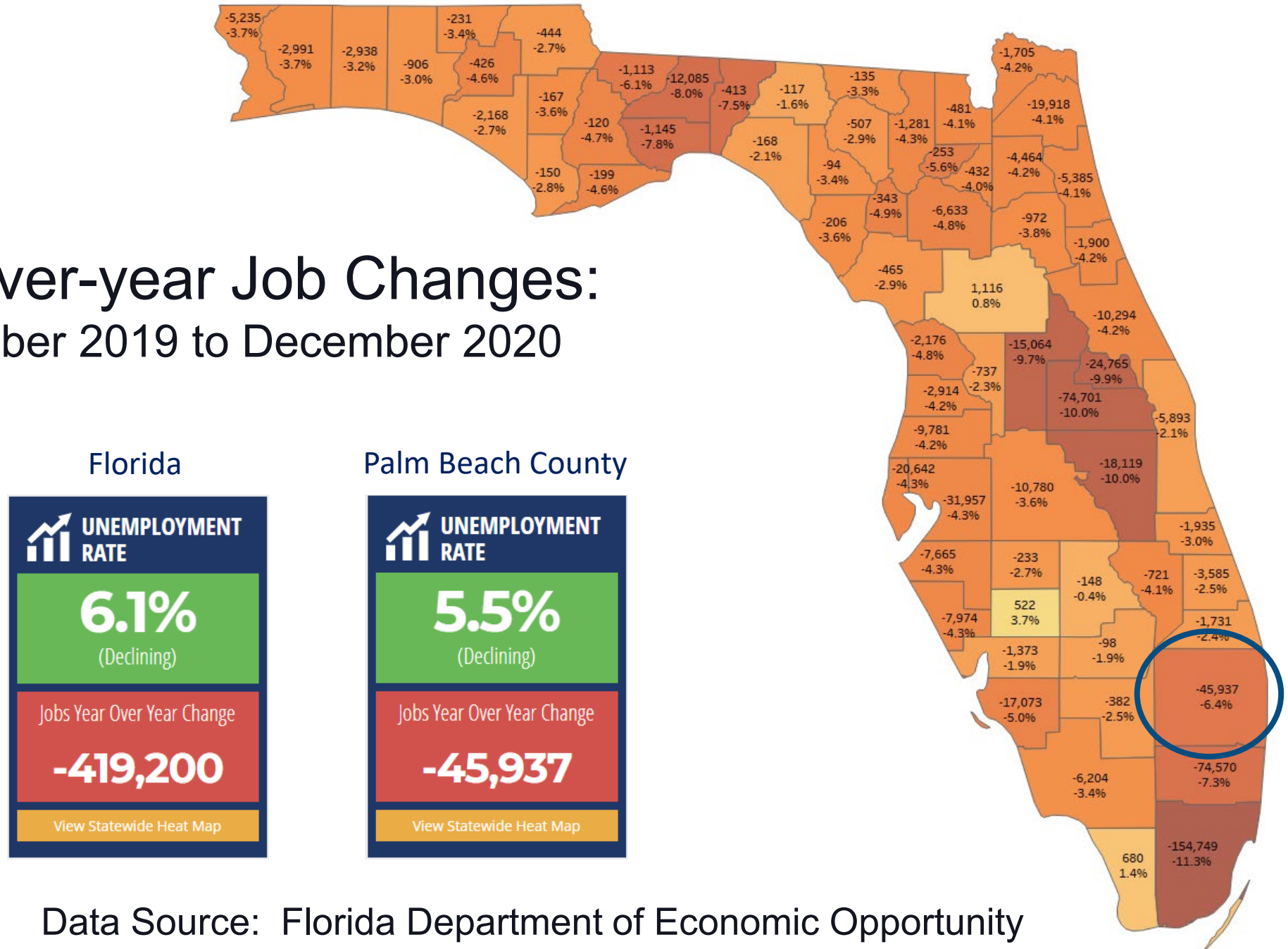
[www.theFloridaScorecard.org](http://www.theFloridaScorecard.org)




## Job Loss by Category: December 2019 to December 2020

Industry	Job Change	Percent of Industry
<b>Total – All Industries</b>	<b>-419,200</b>	<b>-4.6%</b>
Leisure & Hospitality	-197,000	-15.5%
Professional & Business Services	-52,000	-3.7%
Information	-12,100	-8.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-43,300	-2.4%
Education & Health Services	-29,100	-2.1%
Construction	-9,900	-1.7%
Financial Activities	-100	<-0.1%
Manufacturing	-4,400	-1.1%

# Year-over-year Job Changes: December 2019 to December 2020



# Palm Beach County Under-18 Poverty



CHILDREN IN POVERTY

18.1%

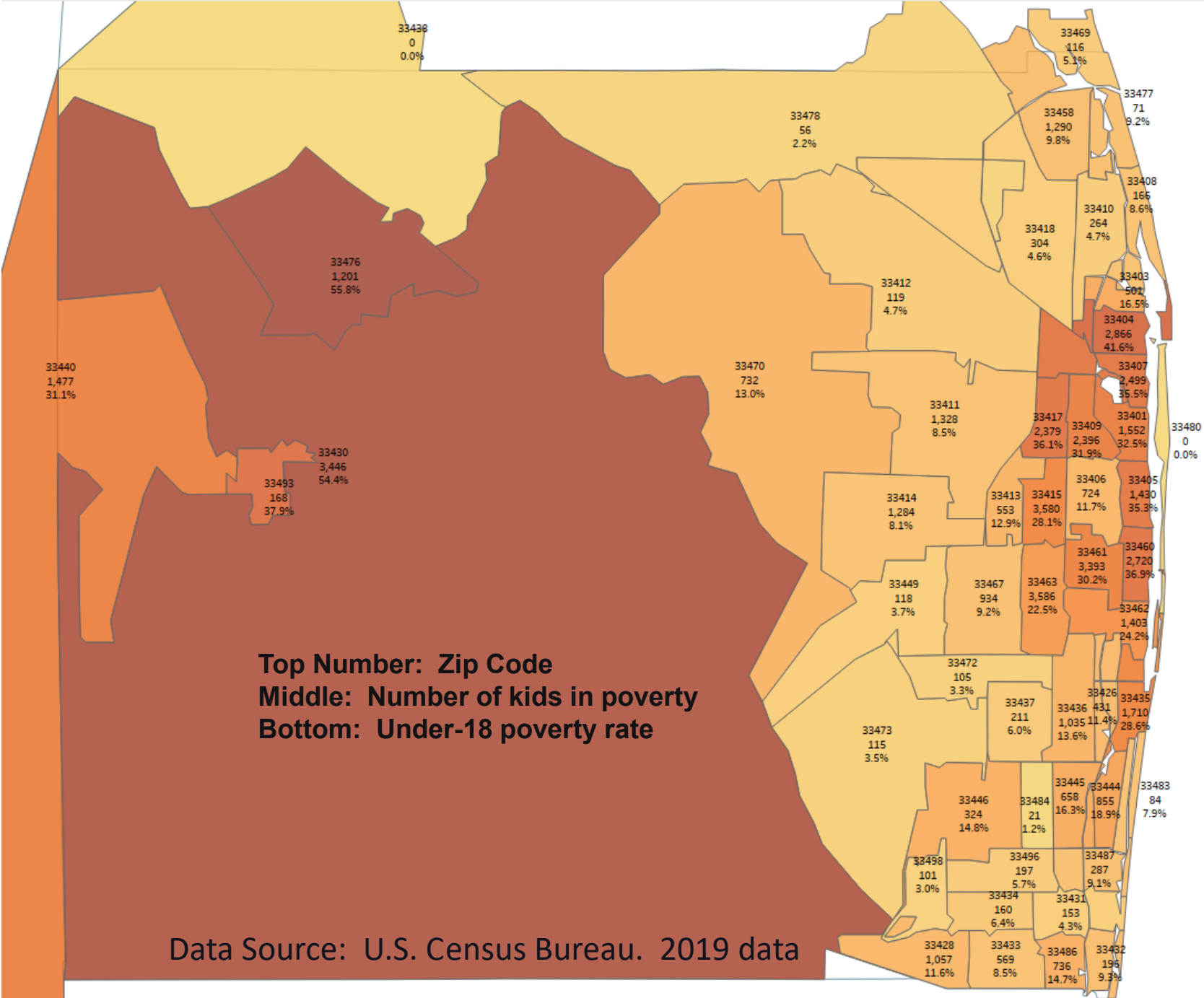
(Decreasing)

<10%

2030 Goal

50,177

(Decreasing)

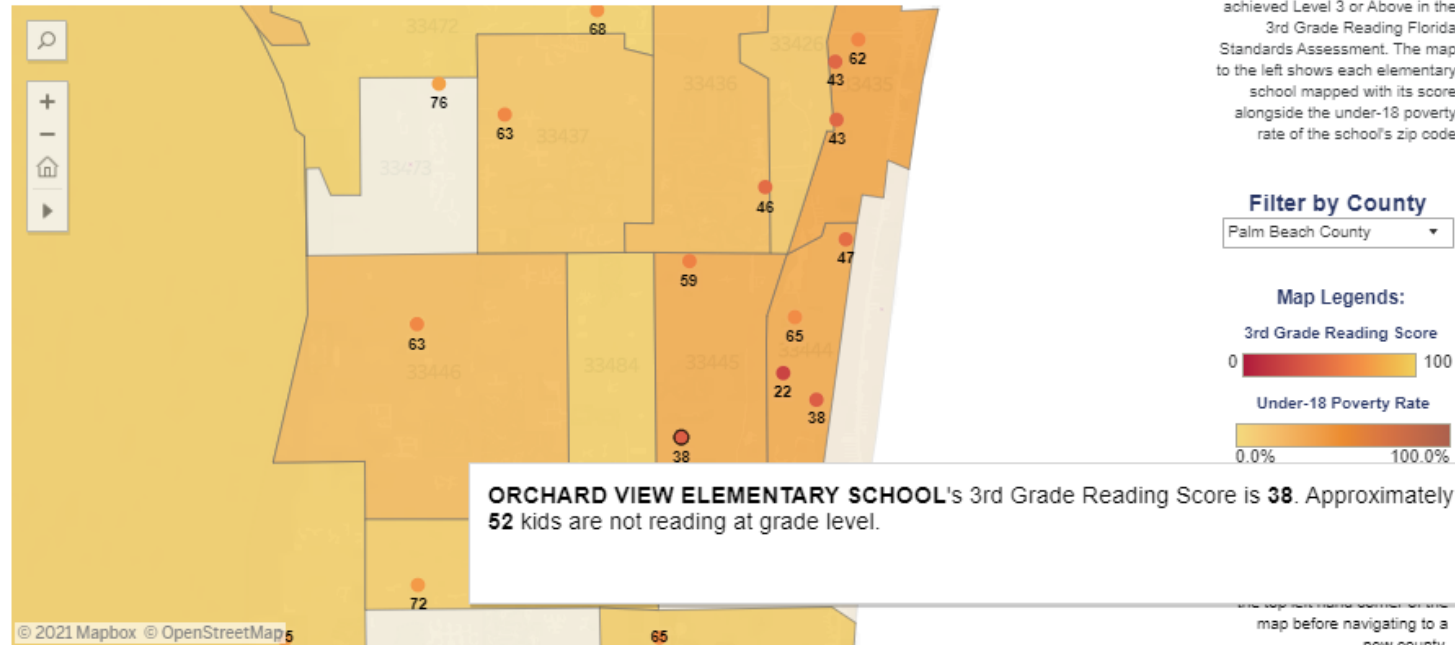


Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau. 2019 data



## Florida Chamber Foundation Prosperity Initiative

### Elementary School Reading Scores by Poverty Rate of Children



Third grade reading scores are available below for each of the elementary schools in the county. Scroll down to see all of the school listings.

### Elementary School Reading Scores in Palm Beach County

School Name	Kids Not Reading At Grade Level	Third Grade Reading Score
ACADEMY FOR POSITIVE LEARNING	8	50
ACREAGE PINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	18	72
ADDISON MIZNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	40	75
ALLAMANDA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	37	61
BANYAN CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	64	59
BARTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	119	22

# Recruiting Better Candidates



**Florida Institute**  
for Political Leadership

"TOMORROW'S LEADERS START HERE"

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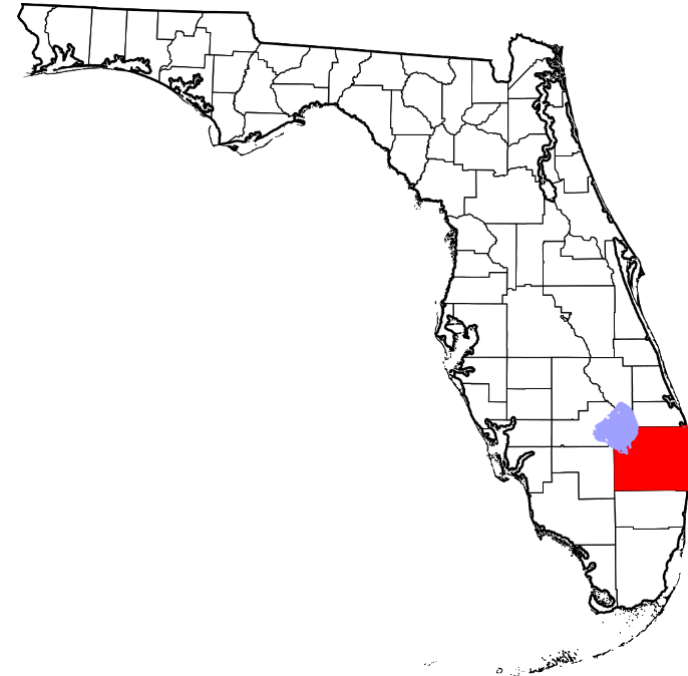
## *Palm Beach County has 20+ local elections in 2021-2022*

### 2021 Local Races:

- 2 Boca Raton City Council Seats
- 3 Delray City Commission Seats
- 2 Riviera City Council Seats

### 2022 Local Races:

- 3 County Commission Seats
- 4 School Board Seats
- 3 Boynton City Commission Seats
- 4 Riviera City Council Seats
- 2 Palm Beach Gardens Council Seats
- 3 Jupiter Council Seats



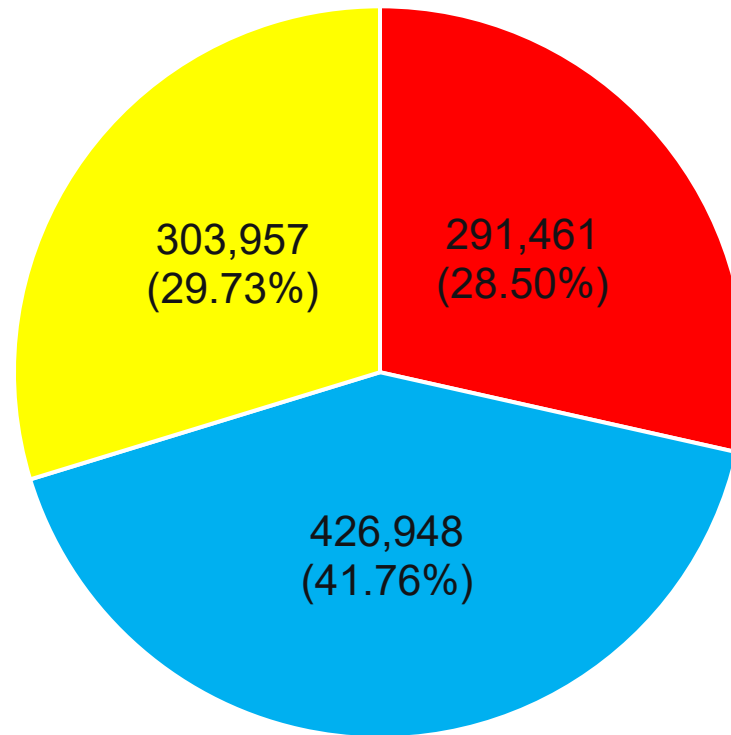
To learn about running for office or to host a local candidate school

– Contact Andrew Wiggins | [awiggins@flchamber.com](mailto:awiggins@flchamber.com)

**www.FIPL.org**

# Voter Registration – ChamberHub

## Palm Beach County Registered Voters – as of January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021



■ Republican ■ Democratic ■ NPA/Other

Total: **1,022,366**

Democrats +135,487

# Palm Beach County – Recent Election Results



## 2020 President

Biden (D) 56.1%

Trump (R) 43.3%

Others 0.6%

## 2016 President

Clinton (D) 56.2%

Trump (R) 40.9%

Others 2.9%

## 2016 US Senate

Murphy (D) 53.7%

Rubio (R) 44.1%

Others 2.2%

## 2018 Governor

Gillum (D) 58.2%

DeSantis (R) 41.1%

Others 0.7%

## 2018 US Senate

Nelson (D) 58.4%

Scott (R) 41.6%

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