



# January Federation Monthly Update

*Uniting Business for Good*

**#CHAMBERSTRONG**

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

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# January 2021 Federation/Advocacy Update Agenda

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- I. Welcome and What to Expect Today
- II. Updated Local Chamber Survey Results
- III. Upcoming Engagement Opportunities for Local Chambers
- IV. President's Report
- V. Economic Update from The Florida Chamber's Chief Economist
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- VII. 2021 Florida Legislative Session Preview
- VIII. Florida Chamber Safety Council in Action
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- X. Open Discussion and Q&A

# I. Welcome and What to Expect Today

# Today's Discussion Leaders

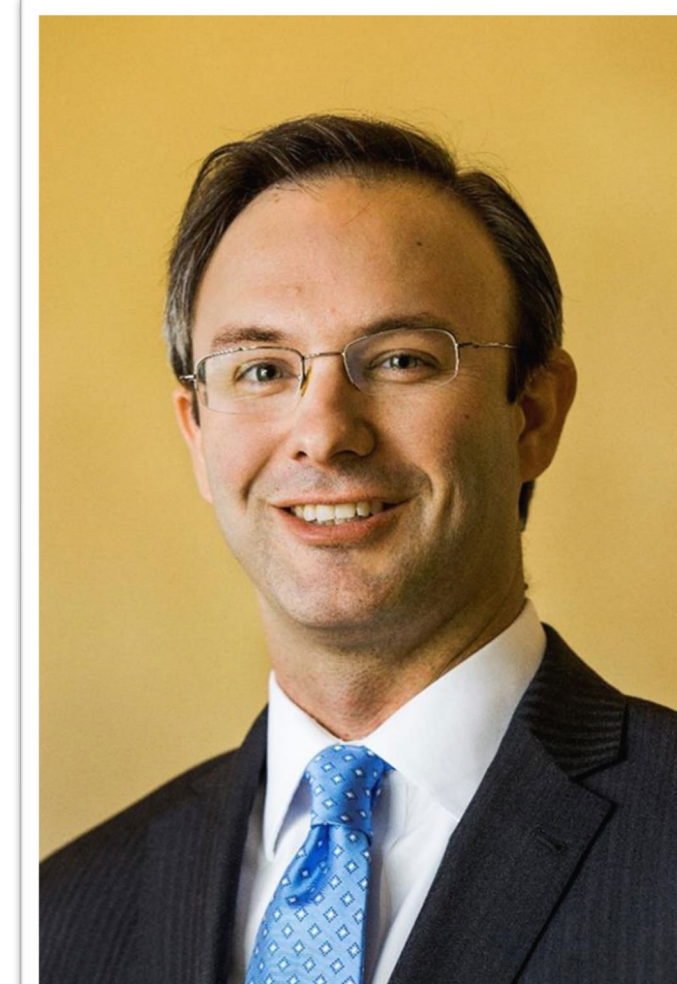
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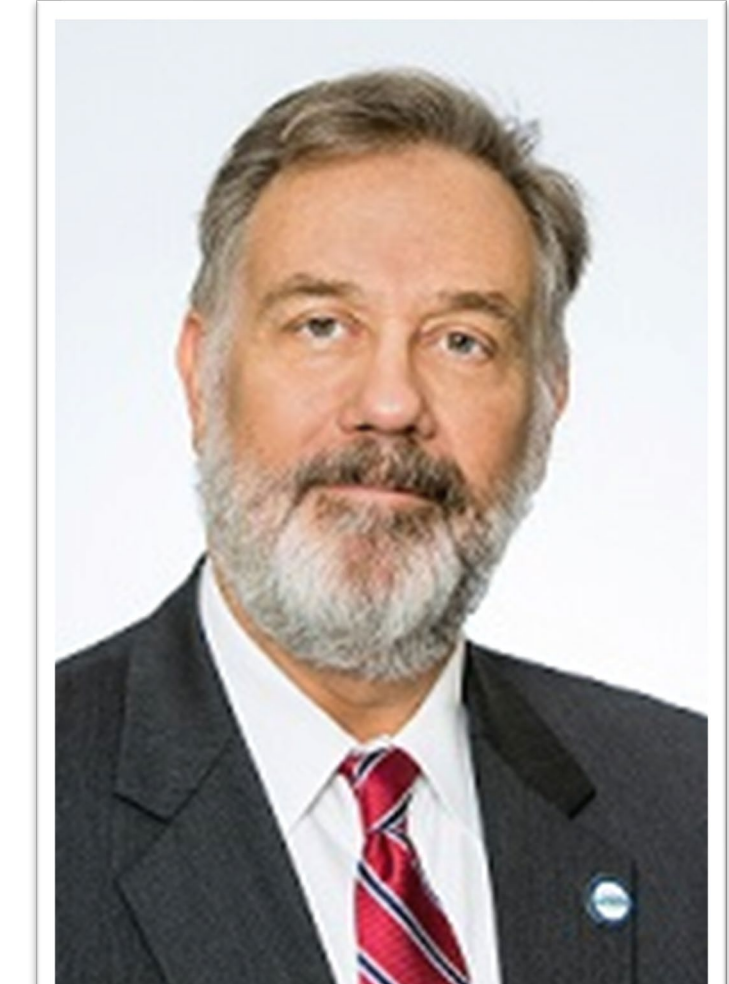
**Mark Wilson**  
*President & CEO*  
Florida Chamber of Commerce



**State Representative Blaise Ingoglia**  
House Commerce Committee  
Chair



**Frank Walker**  
*VP of Governmental Affairs*  
Florida Chamber of Commerce



**Dr. Jerry Parrish**  
*Chief Economist*  
Florida Chamber Foundation



# Congress Finally Included Chambers in PPP Loans – Thank You!



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December 14, 2020

Florida Congressional Delegation

RE: **Chambers of Commerce Urge Your Support for 501(c)(6) Organizations in Continuing Small Business Recovery and Paycheck Protection Program Act**

Dear Members of Florida's Congressional Delegation:

As leaders of Florida's business community, the Florida Chamber of Commerce and the undersigned local chambers of commerce thank you for the actions you've taken to help Florida's job creators keep as many workers employed as possible, while also working to ensure they don't go under during this time of crisis resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

As efforts to reach consensus on the next round of COVID-19 relief face the looming deadline of congressional adjournment for the holidays, we encourage you to support the broad-based eligibility of 501(c)(6) organizations under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and ensure that it is included in any final further COVID-19 legislation. 501(c)(6) organizations, which include chambers of commerce and other organizations that serve your local businesses, are included under both the current Senate and House proposals. We appreciate the leadership Senator Marco Rubio and Representative Greg Steube have demonstrated in putting forth legislation on 501(c)(6) inclusion that has garnered bipartisan support from both chambers. Support for your local chambers of commerce has been an example of the Florida delegation's bipartisan leadership in action.

The continued inclusion of these organizations' eligibility in the PPP program in any final negotiated legislation will not only allow us to protect jobs internally, but help protect the jobs created by the businesses we serve. This is important because:

- Trade associations and economic development organizations are essential services and needed to weather this economic storm so we can help our members stay in business and provide services to your constituents;
- Not-for-profit businesses of all sizes are seeking to improve their liquidity, so they can support their employees, and delay or suspend the remittance of all payroll taxes;
- Expanding and streamlining loan programs for as many businesses as possible experiencing revenue loss as a result of COVID-19 will allow those businesses to convert the loans to grants to the extent that they use the funds to pay their employees and/or other outstanding obligations such as rent or premiums; and
- Enabling the creation of credit facilities to provide loans and loan guarantees to all employers negatively impacted by COVID-19 means they can maintain operations, many of which are (or support) critical infrastructure services, and pay their employees.

The Florida Chamber and other organizations across Florida are doing their part, uniting hundreds of thousands of businesses and working with our governor and the state legislature to keep Floridians safe and the economy open. We're counting on you to set aside partisan politics and keep leading. We all stand ready to continue helping Florida businesses to survive this crisis and eventually thrive again.

In unity for Florida's future,

*Securing Florida's Future*



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Florida Congressional Delegation

*Mark Wilson*

Mark Wilson  
President and CEO

CC: Charles Caulkins, Chair, Board of Directors

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Lake Nona Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Lake Wales Area Chamber of Commerce & EDC  
Lakeland Chamber of Commerce  
Leesburg Area Chamber of Commerce  
Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce  
Maitland Area Chamber of Commerce  
Manatee Chamber of Commerce  
Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce  
Melbourne Regional Chamber  
Miramar Pembroke Pines Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Nassau County Chamber of Commerce  
Navarre Beach Area Chamber of Commerce  
Niceville Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce  
Northeast Polk Chamber of Commerce  
North Port Area Chamber of Commerce  
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St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce  
St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce  
Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce  
Tampa Bay Chamber  
Tarpon Springs Chamber of Commerce  
Tavares Chamber of Commerce  
The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce  
The Greater Plant City Chamber of Commerce  
Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce  
Umatilla Chamber of Commerce  
Upper Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce  
Uptown Chamber of Commerce  
Walton Area Chamber of Commerce  
West Orange Chamber of Commerce  
Ybor City Chamber of Commerce  
Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce

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# Local Chamber PPP Loan Guidance

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## PPP Loan Guidelines for 501(c)(6) Organizations:

- The PPP program is open through March 31, 2021, or until the new funding is exhausted.
- If you are a 501(c)(6), a local news media organization, or a housing cooperative, you may be newly eligible for a loan.
- 501(c)(6) organizations if:
  - They do not receive 15% of receipts from lobbying;
  - Lobbying activities do not comprise more than 15% of activities;
  - Cost of lobbying activities does not exceed \$1 million during the most recent tax year;
  - Has 300 or fewer employees;
  - Professional sports leagues or orgs with the purpose of promoting or participating in a political campaign or activity are not eligible under this section.

The administration's PPP program guidelines can be found at [www.treasury.gov](http://www.treasury.gov) and the U.S. Small Business Administration's search tool to find a bank that offers PPP loans can be found at [www.sba.gov/paycheckprotection/find](http://www.sba.gov/paycheckprotection/find)



# THE FLORIDA SCORECARD

## METRICS TO HELP SECURE FLORIDA'S FUTURE

View County Data...



TALENT SUPPLY  
& EDUCATION



INNOVATION &  
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INFRASTRUCTURE &  
GROWTH LEADERSHIP



BUSINESS CLIMATE &  
COMPETITIVENESS



CIVICS &  
GOVERNANCE



QUALITY  
OF LIFE

## State of Florida Metrics

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

Florida FutureCast

FLORIDA POPULATION 01/13/2021

22,215,753

### COVID-19

NUMBER OF COVID  
CASES

1.50M

(Increasing)

Daily Average New Cases

15,087.9

(Increasing)

WEEKLY PERCENT OF  
POSITIVE CASES

12.65%

(Increasing)

DAYS SINCE 1ST  
VACCINE IN FLORIDA

31

DAYS SINCE 1ST  
CONFIRMED COVID-19  
CASE

317



OPEN JOBS

359,200

(Increasing)

651,000

Unemployed Persons  
(Declining)

Last Call on 12/10/20

282

8.61%

1.07M

8,605.0



# Local Chamber COVID-19 Resources

## Polk County COVID-19 Metrics

### NUMBER OF COVID CASES

**43,363**  
(Increasing)

Daily Average New Cases

**507.9**  
(Increasing)

### WEEKLY PERCENT OF POSITIVE CASES

**15.76%**  
(Decreasing)

### DAYS SINCE 1ST VACCINE IN FLORIDA

**31**

### DAYS SINCE 1ST CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE

**302**

### UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE

**22,797**  
(Increasing)

Jobs Year Over Year Change

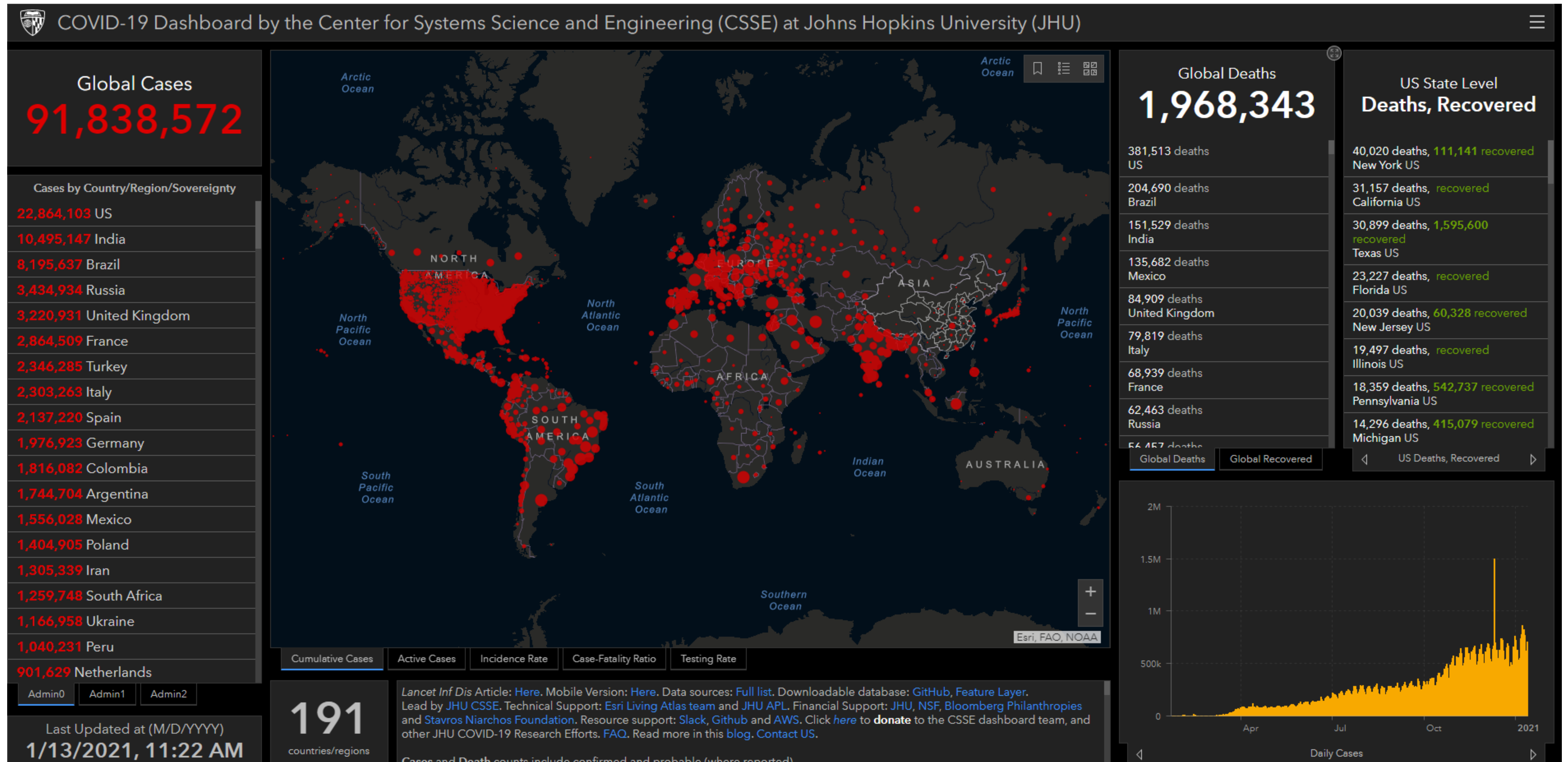
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# 191 Nations / Territories – 14 Million Visitors





# Current COVID-19 Trends and Outlook

STATE POPULATION ^ v	DAILY NEW CASES PER 100K ^ v	INFECTION RATE ^ v	POSITIVE TEST RATE ^ v	ICU CAPACITY USED ^ v	TRACERS HIRED ^ v
1 ● Northern Mariana Islands 108,000	● 1.6	● ---	● ---	● ---	● ---
2 ● Hawaii 1,420,000	● 13.8	● 1.14	● 3.7%	● 66%	● 31%
3 ● Puerto Rico 3,190,000	● 22.8	● 0.97	● 9.9%	● 61%	● ---
4 ● North Dakota 762,000	● 27.7	● 0.93	● 3.9%	● 53%	● 47%
5 ● Vermont 624,000	● 27.7	● 1.20	● 4.0%	● 67%	● 6%
6 ● Oregon 4,220,000	● 28.1	● 1.04	● 8.5%	● 67%	● 11%
7 ● Michigan 9,990,000	● 33.9	● 1.03	● 8.9%	● 78%	● 6%
8 ● Minnesota 5,640,000	● 34.5	● 1.02	● 5.6%	● 73%	● 11%
30 ● Florida 21,500,000	● 74.1	● 1.11	● 13.2%	● 84%	● 3%

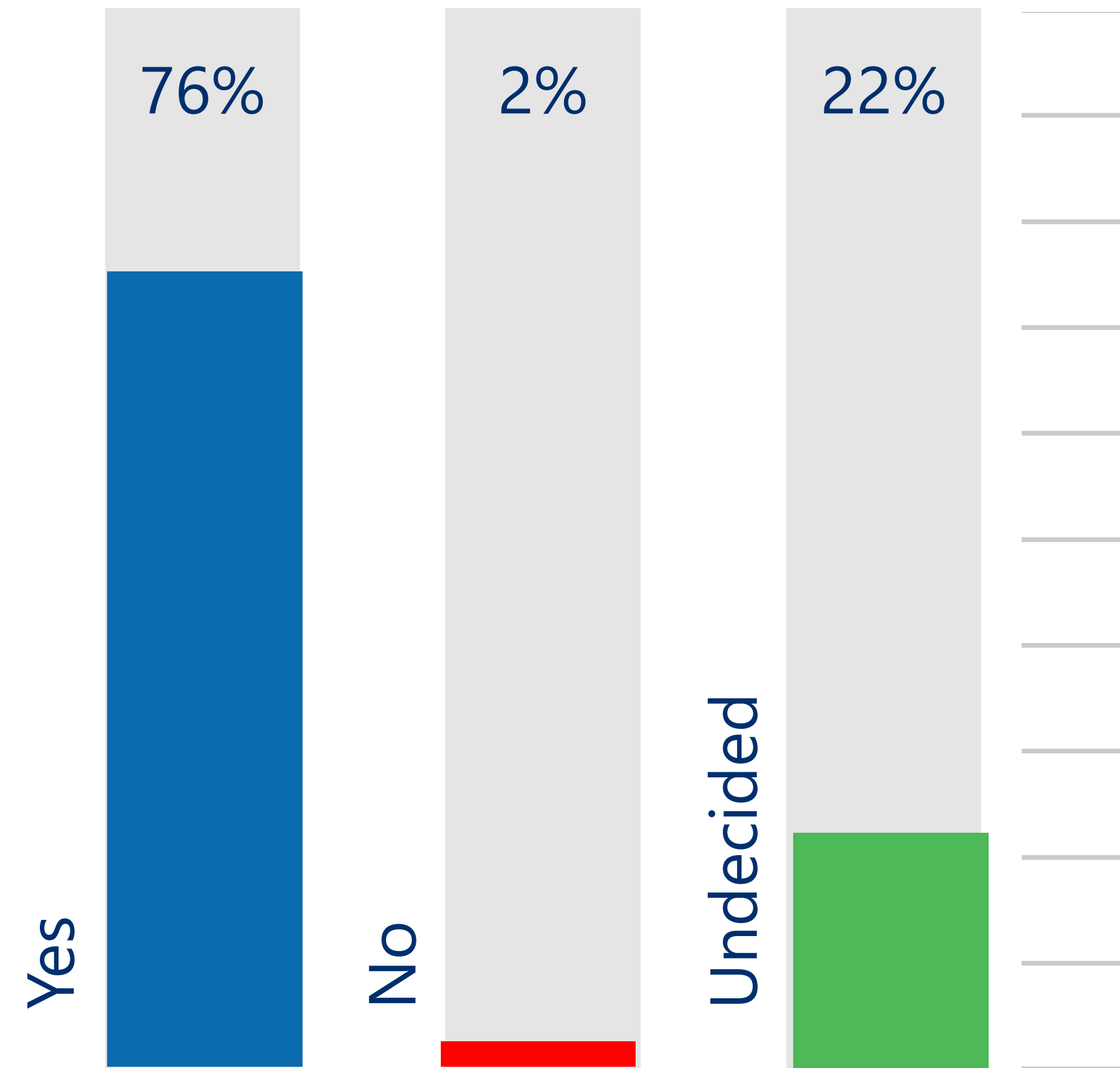


# II. Brand New Local Chamber Survey Results



## Local Chamber Survey Results

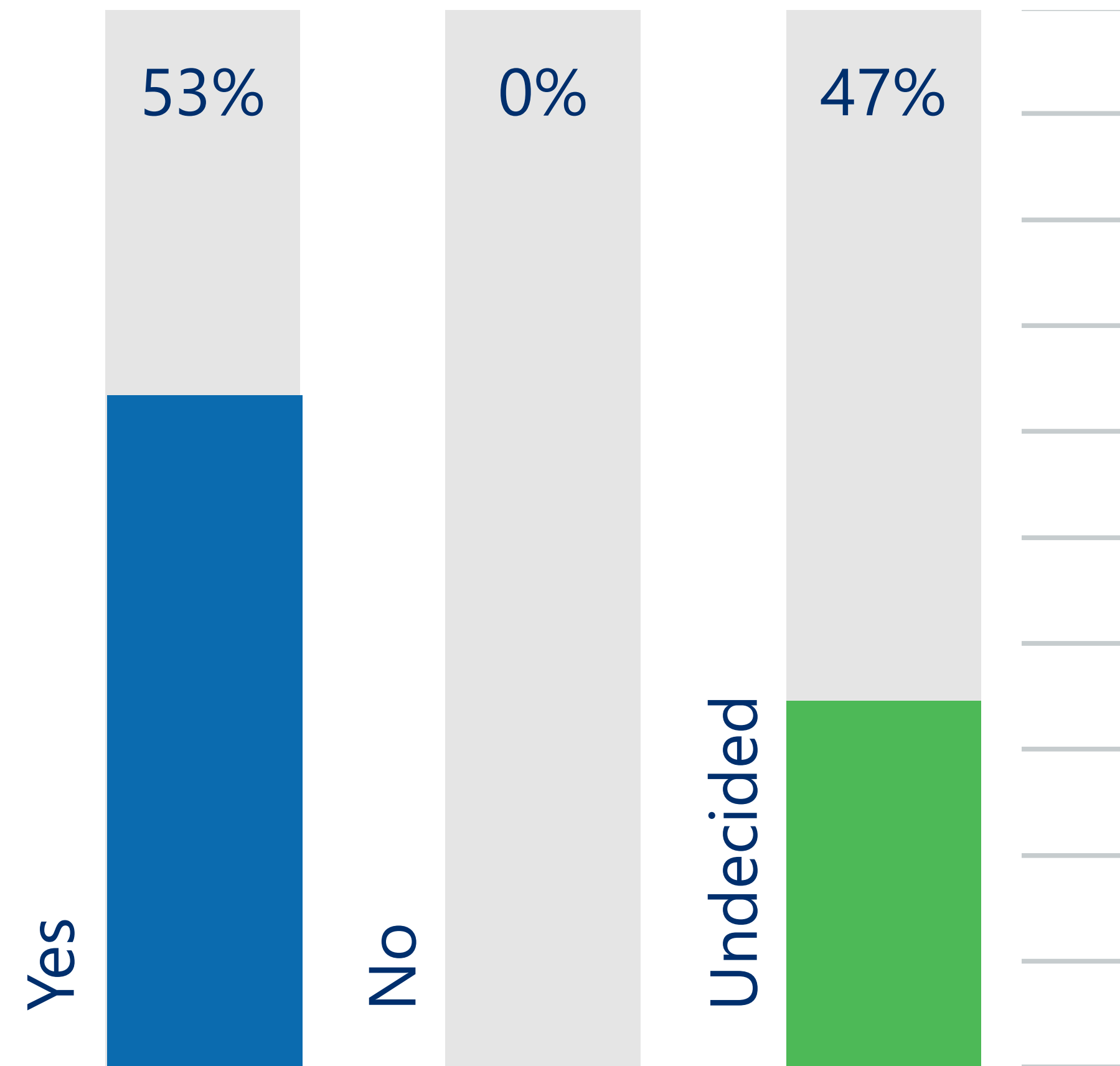
Does your Chamber support the Florida Chamber's efforts for to provide COVID-19 liability protection to businesses that have made efforts to follow state and federal health guidelines?





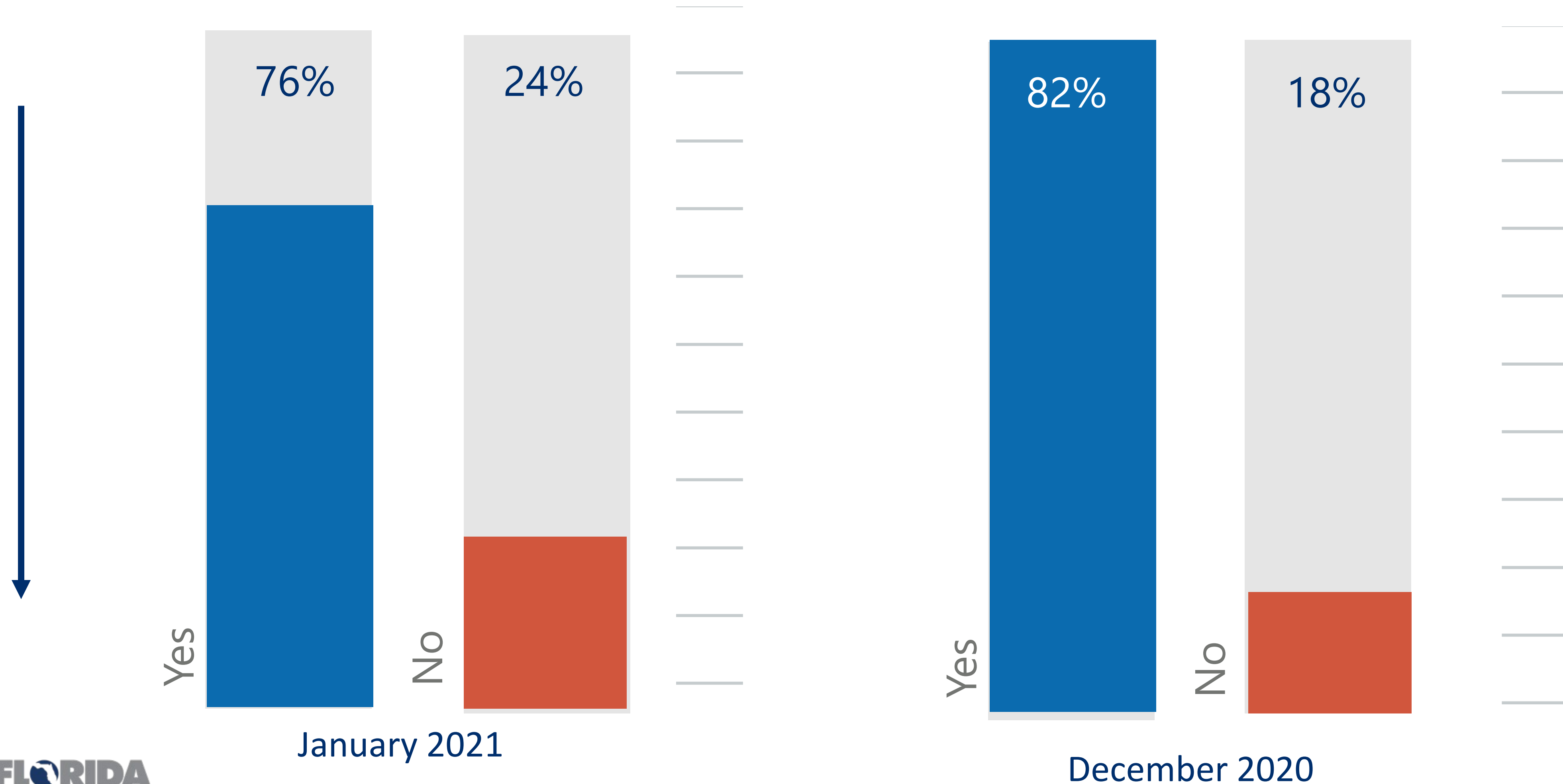
## Local Chamber Survey Results

Florida is 1 of only 2 states that do not collect sales tax on online purchases. Does your Chamber stand with the Florida Chamber's efforts for Florida to collect this sales tax?



## Local Chamber Survey Results

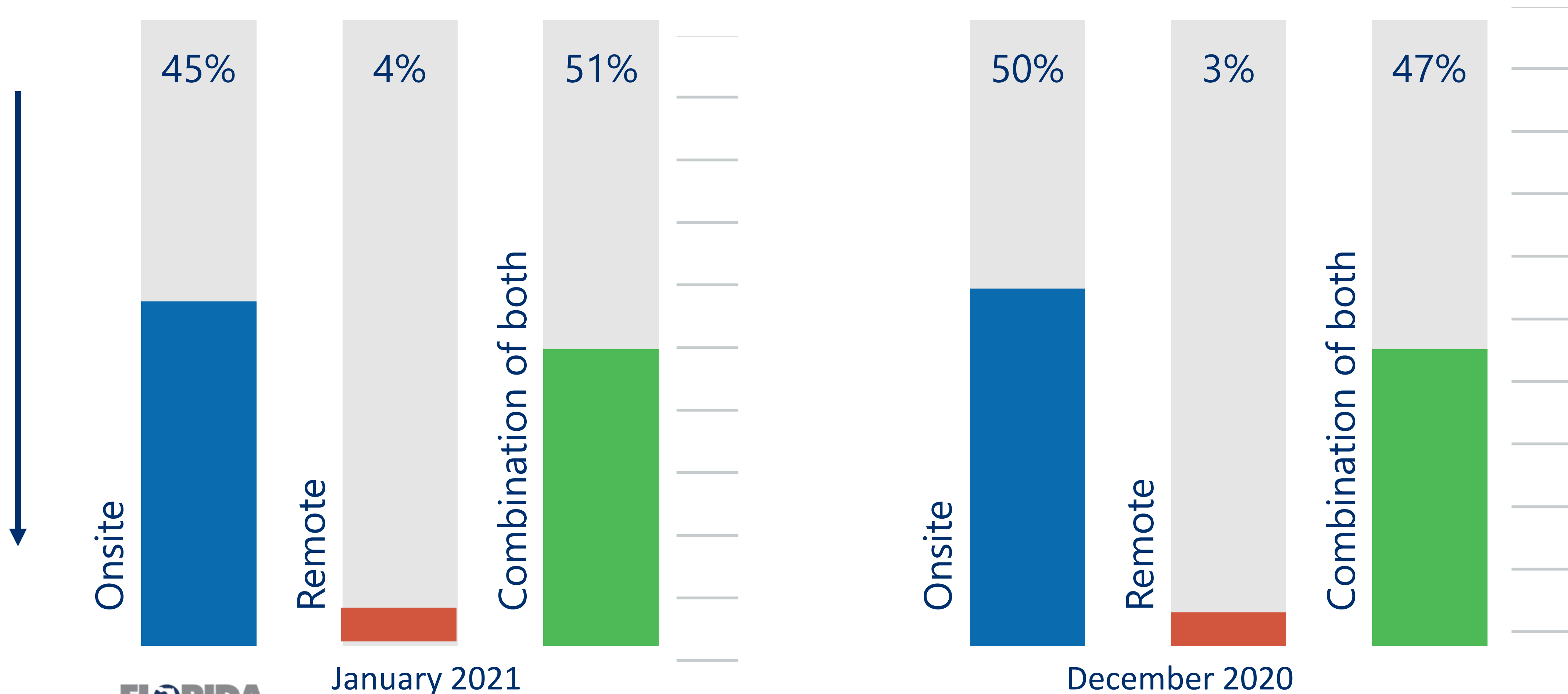
# Is your chamber office open to outside visitors?





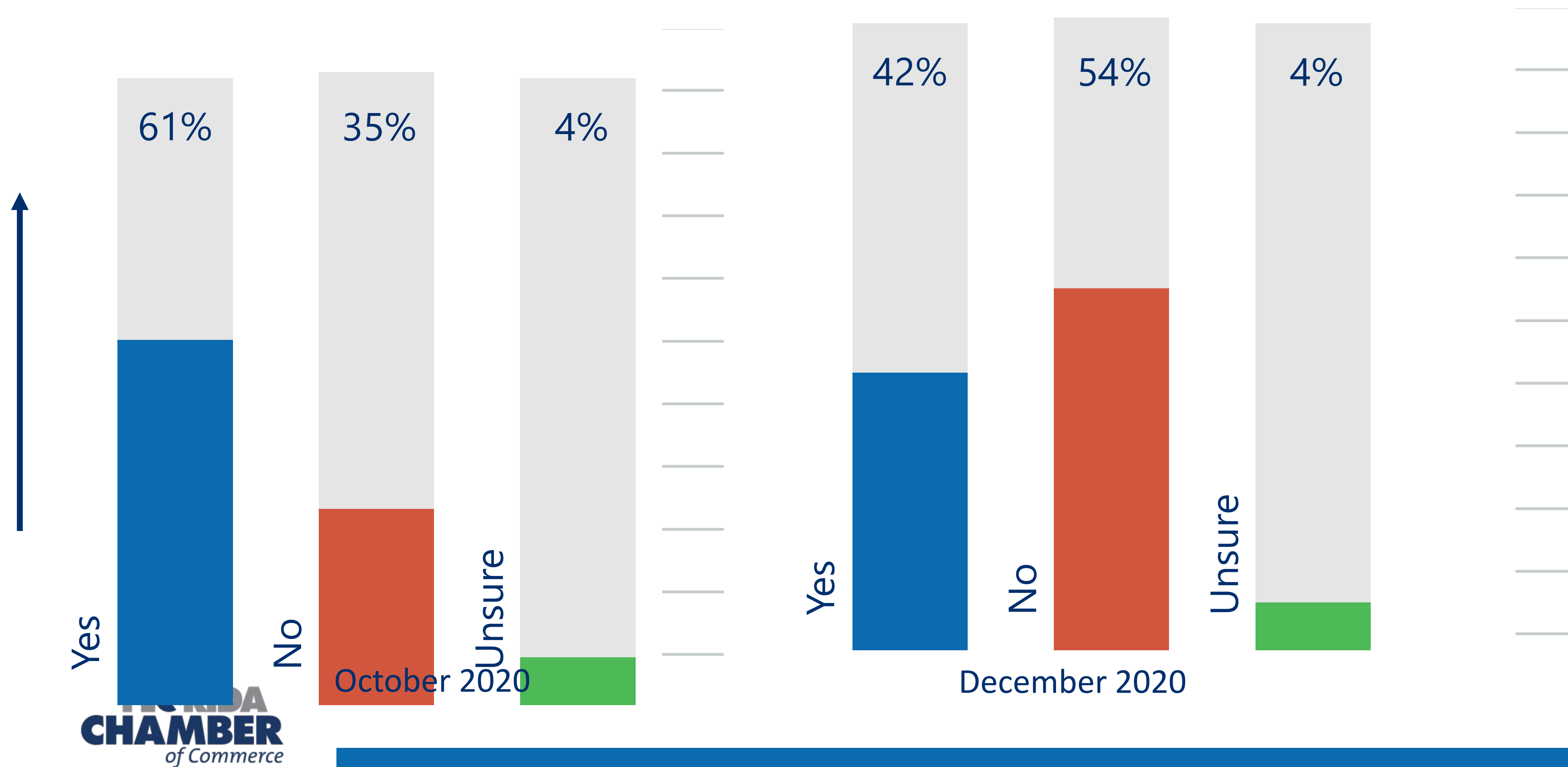
## Local Chamber Survey Results

# Are your employees working onsite or remote?



## Local Chamber Survey Results

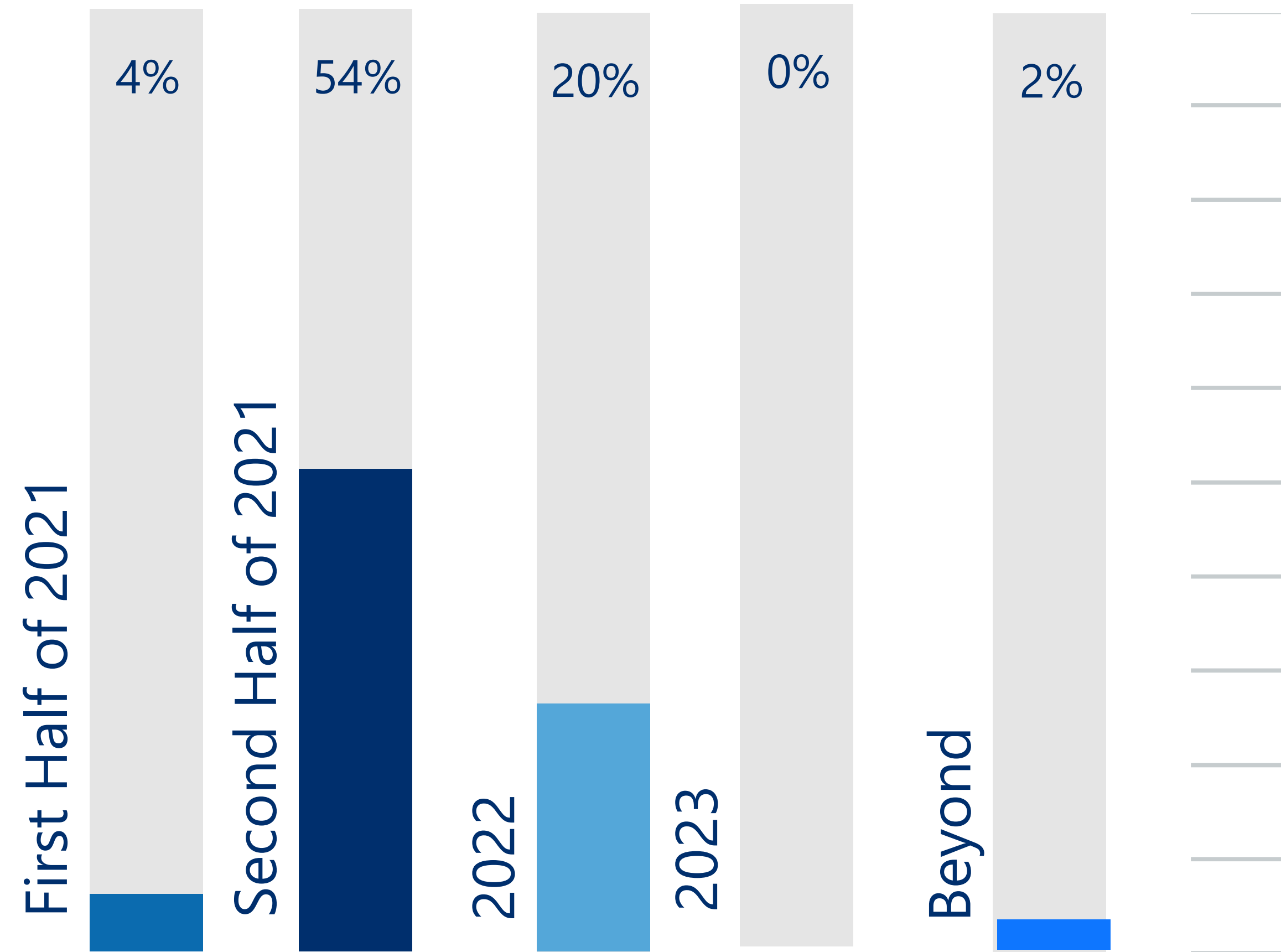
# Have any of your staff members tested positive for COVID-19?





## Local Chamber Survey Results

When do you believe things will get back to normal?



# III. Upcoming Engagement Opportunities For Local Chambers



# Upcoming Engagement Opportunities for Local Chambers

## **2021 Economic Outlook & Jobs Summit (Virtual)**

January 28, 2021

## **Florida Chamber Federation Monthly Update (Virtual)**

February 10, 2021

## **2021 Southeastern Leadership Conference on Safety, Health & Sustainability**

May 2021

## **2021 Florida Business Leaders Summit on Prosperity & Economic Opportunity**

May 26, 2021



# 2021 Economic Outlook & Jobs Summit



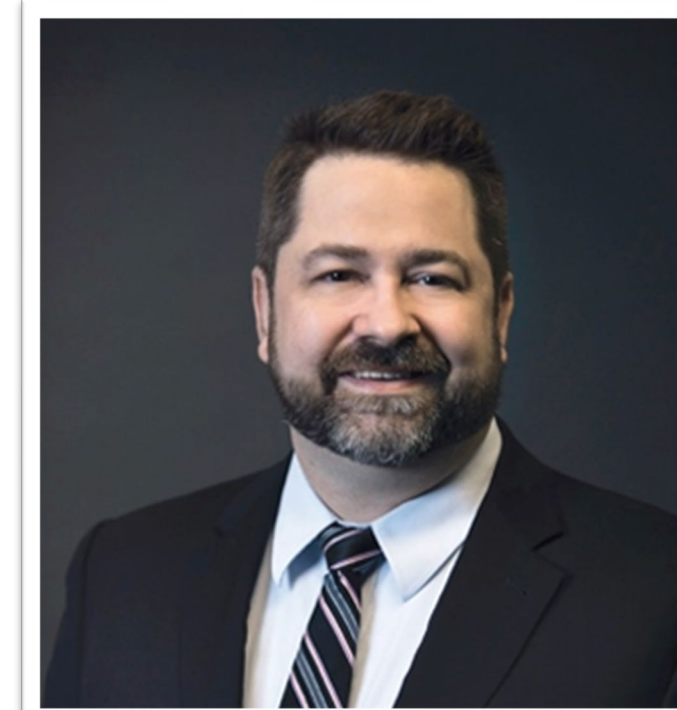
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PNC Capital Advisors



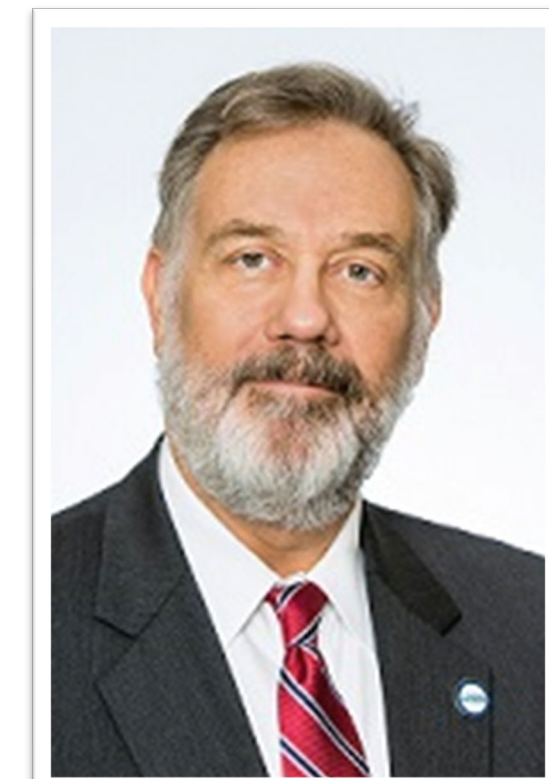
**Dane Eagle**  
*Executive Director*  
Department of Economic Opportunity



**Marc Hoenstine**  
*Director, Economic Development*  
Duke Energy  
**\*Presenting Sponsor**



**Brad O'Connor, Ph.D.**  
*Chief Economist*  
Florida Realtors



**Dr. Jerry Parrish**  
*Chief Economist*  
Florida Chamber Foundation



**Jimmy Patronis**  
*Chief Financial Officer*  
State of Florida



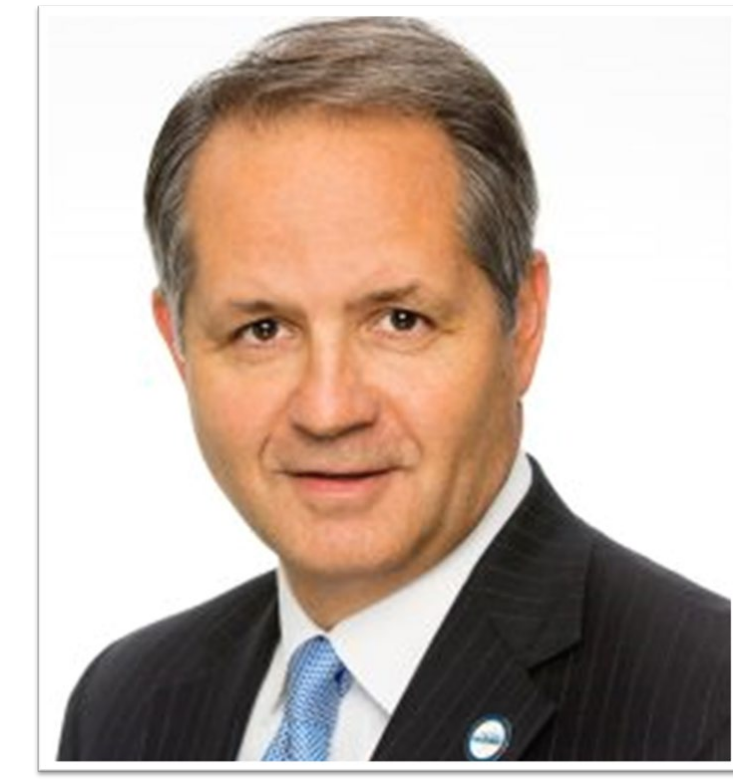
**Jamal Sowell**  
*Secretary of Commerce and  
President & CEO*  
Enterprise Florida, Inc.



**Crystal Stiles**  
*Senior Director, Economic Development*  
Florida Power & Light Company



**Mark Vitner**  
*Managing Director, Senior Economist*  
Wells Fargo



**Mark Wilson**  
*President & CEO*  
Florida Chamber of Commerce



# IV. President's Report

# Local Chamber Advocacy Committee

## **Weekly Advocacy Special Briefing for Local Chambers**

Monday, March 8, 2021	10:00 – 11:00 AM
Monday, March 15, 2021	10:00 – 11:00 AM
Monday, March 22, 2021	10:00 – 11:00 AM
Monday, March 29, 2021	10:00 – 11:00 AM
Monday, April 5, 2021	10:00 – 11:00 AM
Monday, April 12, 2021	10:00 – 11:00 AM
Monday, April 19, 2021	10:00 – 11:00 AM
Monday, April 26, 2021	10:00 – 11:00 AM

# The Florida Chamber's New "Open For Business Campaign"

**Move Your Business  
to Florida**



**<https://www.flchamber.com/Open4biz/>**



Florida is Open for Business – Flc

flchamber.com/openforbiz/

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Move Your Business  
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Businesses Large and Small are Welcome to Florida

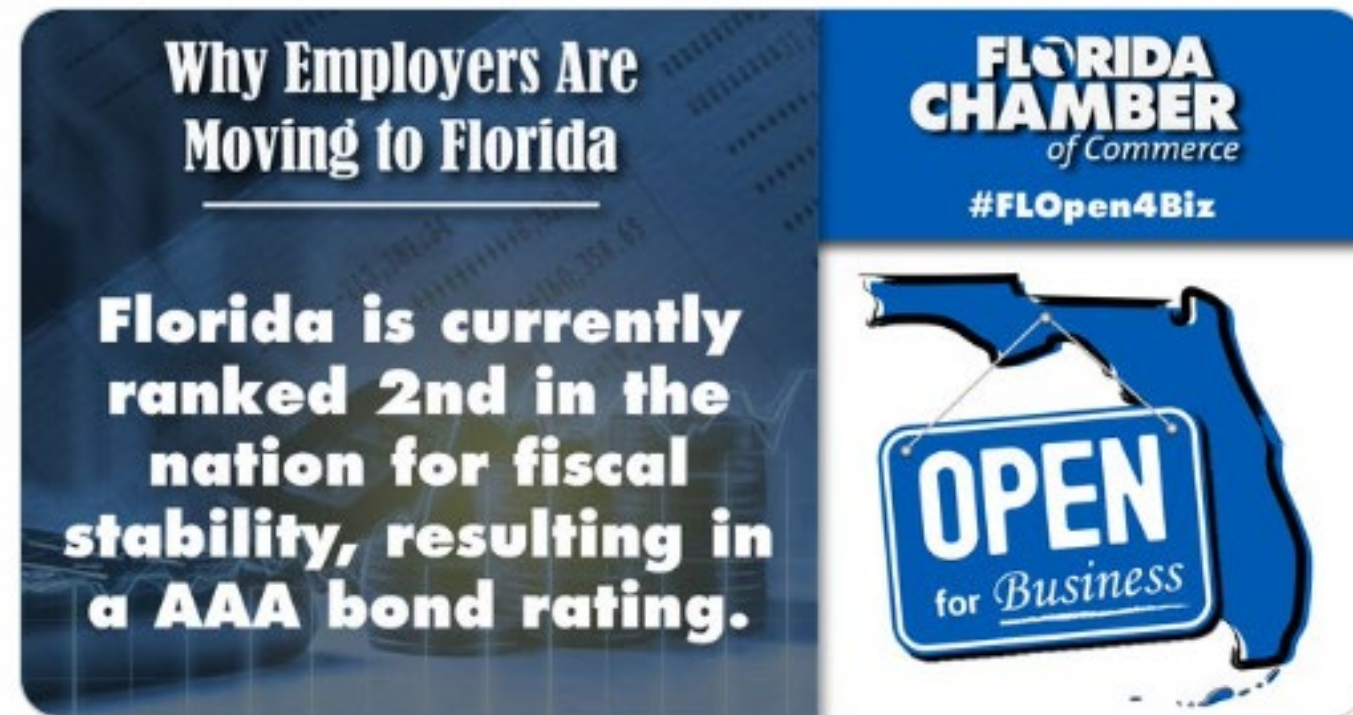
As the economy rebounds from the COVID-19 global pandemic, the Florida Chamber of Commerce is encouraging employers to make the move to Florida with its new "Open for Business" campaign. Recent trends show major employers and corporations are considering relocating employees and operations from high-cost states like New York and California to high value locations with a low-cost of living. Florida is a prime location for consideration with its competitive offerings and pro-business, pro-jobs climate.


Constantly ranked one of the best states for business, Florida is committed to keeping regulatory requirements and business taxes low. That, along with a strong economy and zero personal state income tax, makes it a better state to do business.

10 Reasons Employers Are Moving to Florida...



 **Florida Chamber** @FIChamber · Dec 29, 2020  
Federal bailouts and mismanaged budgets are the norm in many states (most commonly New York, Illinois and California), Florida has fiscal stability which means stability for your bottom line. Florida wants your business and welcomes businesses big and small #FLOpen4Biz #flapol



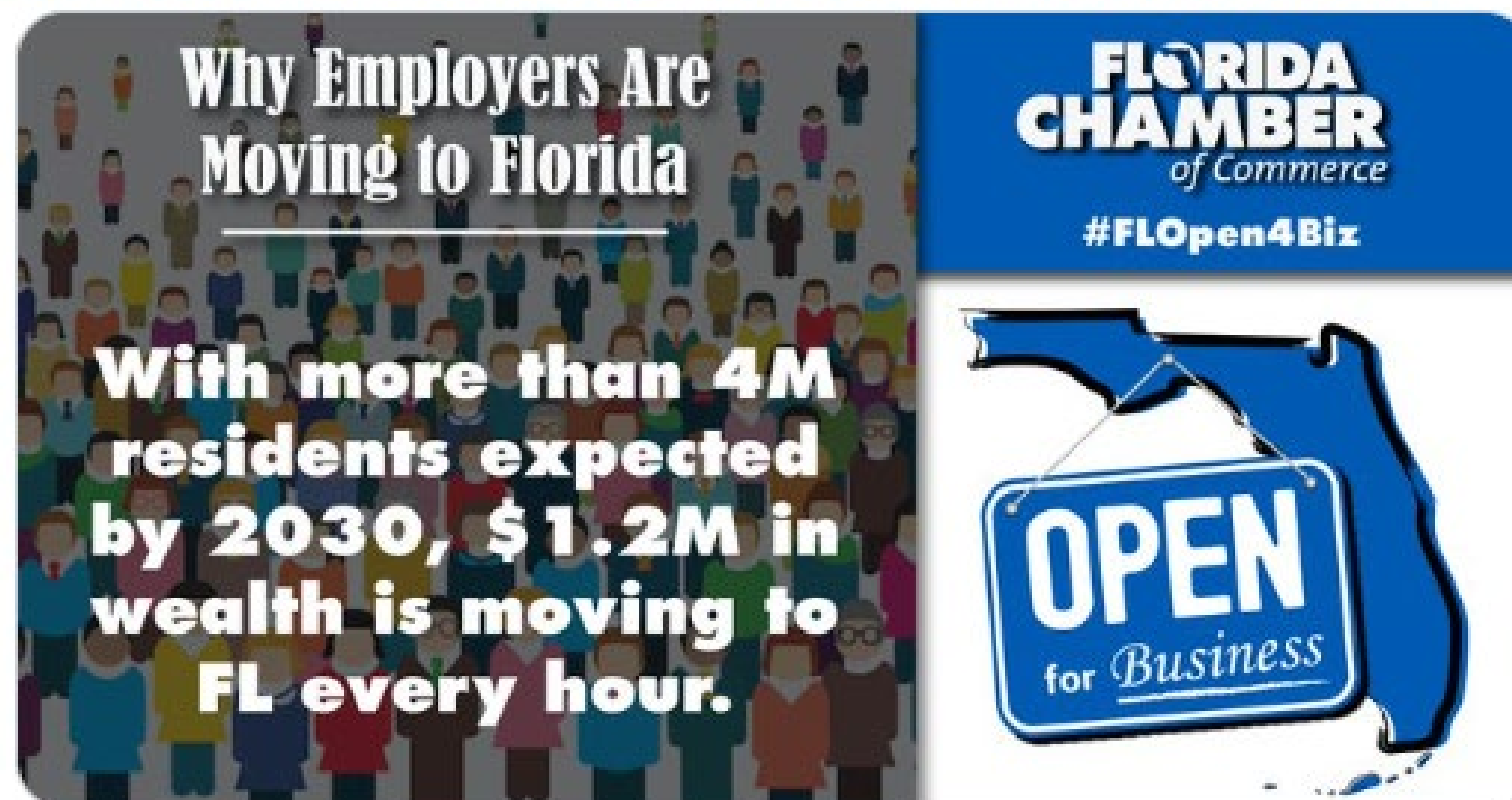
 **Florida Chamber** @FIChamber · Jan 4  
Failed political ideologies and petty power grabs have hurt #smallbiz in many states across the country. Florida wants your business and our leadership will support it. @GovRonDeSantis @WiltonSimpson @ChrisSprowls #FLOpen4Biz #Flapol




 **Florida Chamber** @FIChamber · Jan 6  
A focus of our @FLChamberFDN #Blueprint2030 is the future of Florida's workforce. If you move your business to FL you can be assured that the talent of your workforce will be secure for generations. #FLOpen4Biz @EducationFL @CareerSourceFL




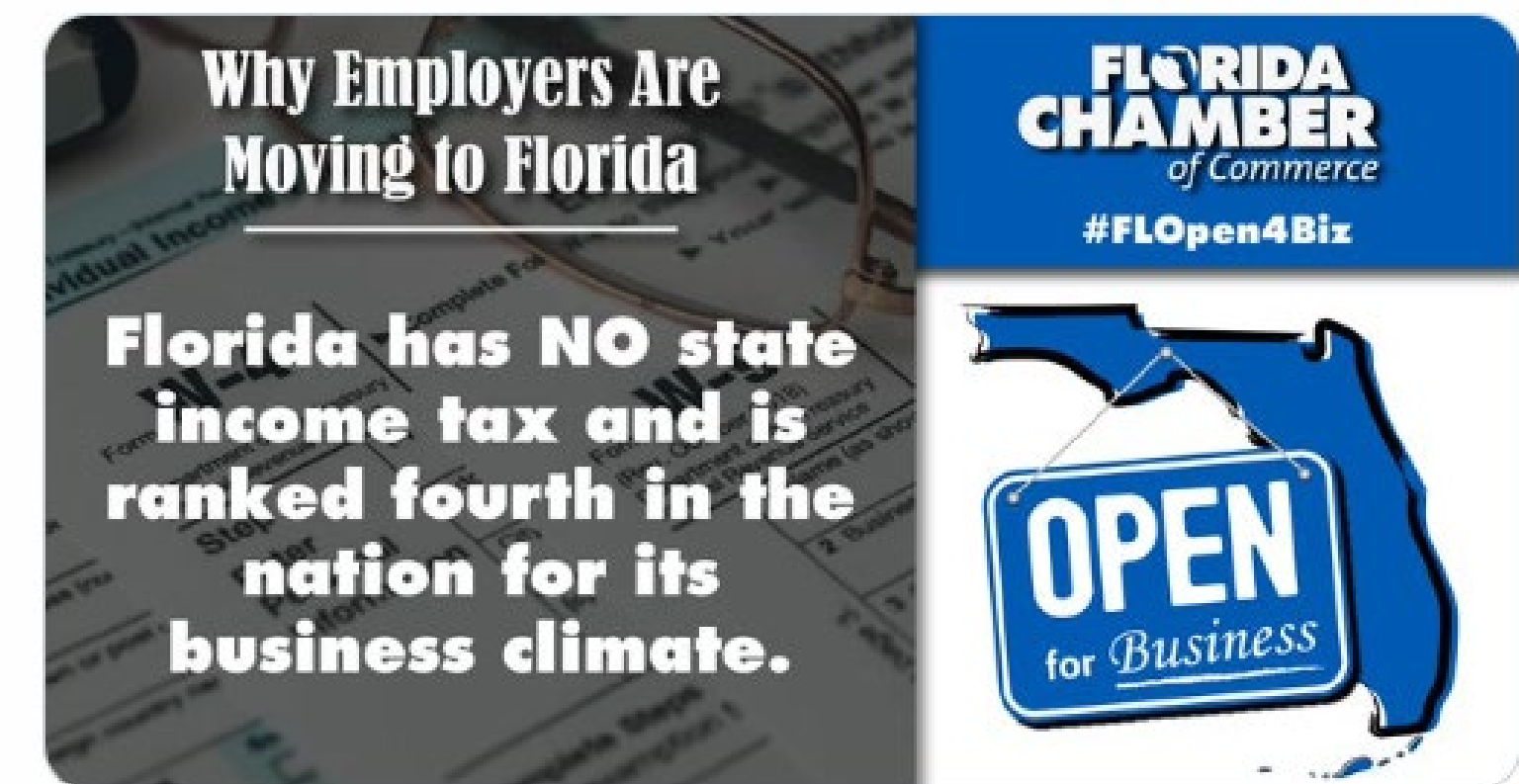
 **Florida Chamber** @FIChamber · Jan 11  
Many businesses call Florida home because there is endless potential for growth. Join us in the Sunshine State and let's keep free enterprise alive @EnterpriseFL #FLOpen4Biz #Blueprint2030 flchamber.com/openforbiz/



 **Florida Chamber** @FIChamber · Dec 22, 2020  
While many states continue crippling their economies with stay-at-home orders and unrealistic restrictions, Florida is open for business #FLOpen4Biz – Here are 10 Reasons Employers Should Call Florida Home: flchamber.com/open4biz



 **Florida Chamber** @FIChamber · Dec 23, 2020  
Are you being told you can't open or operate your business properly but are still paying state taxes? Then you might live in New York or California. Employers are welcome in Florida and it's time to move #FLOpen4Biz #Flapol









# Florida Chamber Perspective on Despicable Acts in our Nation's Capitol

## OFFICIAL STATEMENT

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"America is at a crossroads. Yesterday's acts in our nation's capital are both disappointing and despicable and will make January 6, 2021 among the lowest days in our nation's history. This can also be the beginning of a reunification of America, that is frankly long overdue.

"At times of national crisis, 22 million Floridians are reminded that we are blessed with a state that is headed in the right direction and a business community that is focused on securing Florida's future and setting an example for America to follow.

"Florida must lead and come together as it is clear that we cannot solely look to D.C. for leadership. Florida's business community must unite for good, now more than ever, and work alongside our state leaders to continue moving Florida forward in the right direction to secure Florida's future – undeterred and more focused than ever."

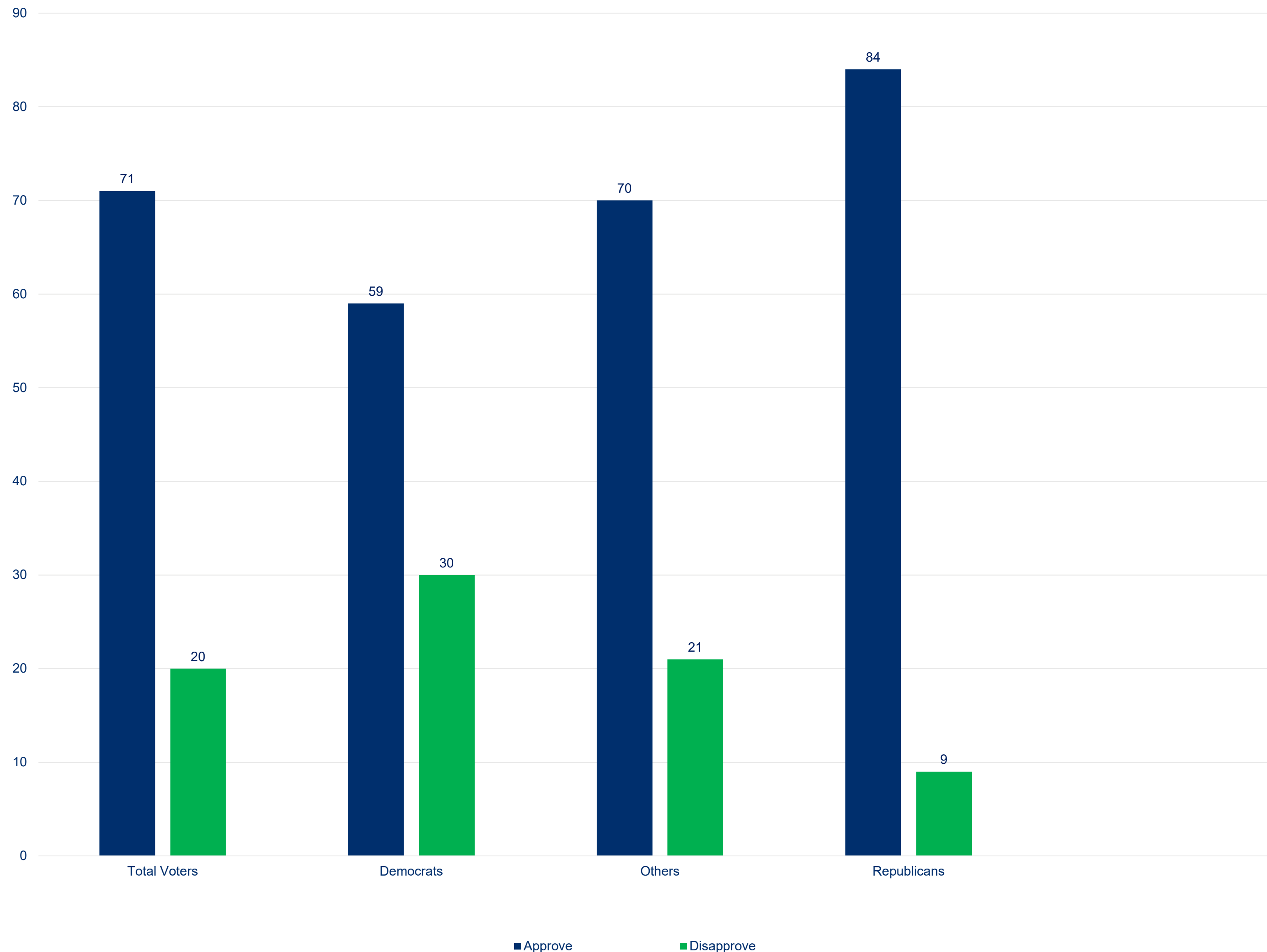
- Mark Wilson, President & CEO, Florida Chamber of Commerce



# COVID-19 Liability Protections

■ Approve of  
Protecting  
Businesses if  
they follow  
guidelines from  
being sued

■ Disapprove of  
Protecting  
Businesses if  
they follow  
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# Join Other Chambers of Commerce United in support of COVID-19 Liability Protections

Amplify Clearwater  
Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County, Inc.  
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Daytona Regional Chamber  
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FLORIDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# In the News



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## ***FLAPOL***

### **Last Call for 1.6.21 — A prime-time read of what's going down in Florida politics**

January 6, 2021

The legislative announcements were met with praise from Florida's business community.

"Florida has the fifth-worst legal climate in America and the last thing we need are a tsunami of frivolous COVID lawsuits as we seek to relaunch Florida's economy. It's important to provide Florida businesses, who are doing the right thing by their customers and employees, the assurance that they can continue doing their part to relaunch Florida's economy without fear of facing frivolous lawsuits," Florida Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Mark Wilson said.

# Local Chambers in support of COVID-19 Liability Protections



January 12, 2021

Rep. Wyman Duggan  
Chair, Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee  
417 House Office Building  
402 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Re: HB 7 – Civil Liability for Damages Relating to COVID-19

Dear Chairman Duggan,

As the Civil Justice & Property Rights Committee takes up HB 7 relating to civil liability for damages relating to COVID-19 on January 13, the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce urges the Committee to support this bill.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created a situation that has made running a business extremely difficult during these times. Although employers may take extraordinary measures to follow government guidelines to ensure that their offices, stores and shops are properly sanitized, they use and require customers and employees to use PPE and socially distance themselves, and have retrofitted their facilities with protective infrastructure and spacing to provide the safest environment possible, the nature of COVID-19 cannot guarantee 100% protection.

We believe that HB 7 is a good step in providing reassurance to businesses that if they take the steps to comply with government-issued standards and guidelines, and are not grossly negligent in their approach to COVID-19 protections, they should be able to operate without fear of frivolous COVID-19 lawsuits.

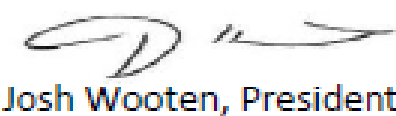
It is important that we keep the doors of our businesses open if we are ever to allow our economy to recover. We need to give our businesses the assurance that if they do the right thing, their exposure to civil liability in the wake of this pandemic will be limited.

We thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



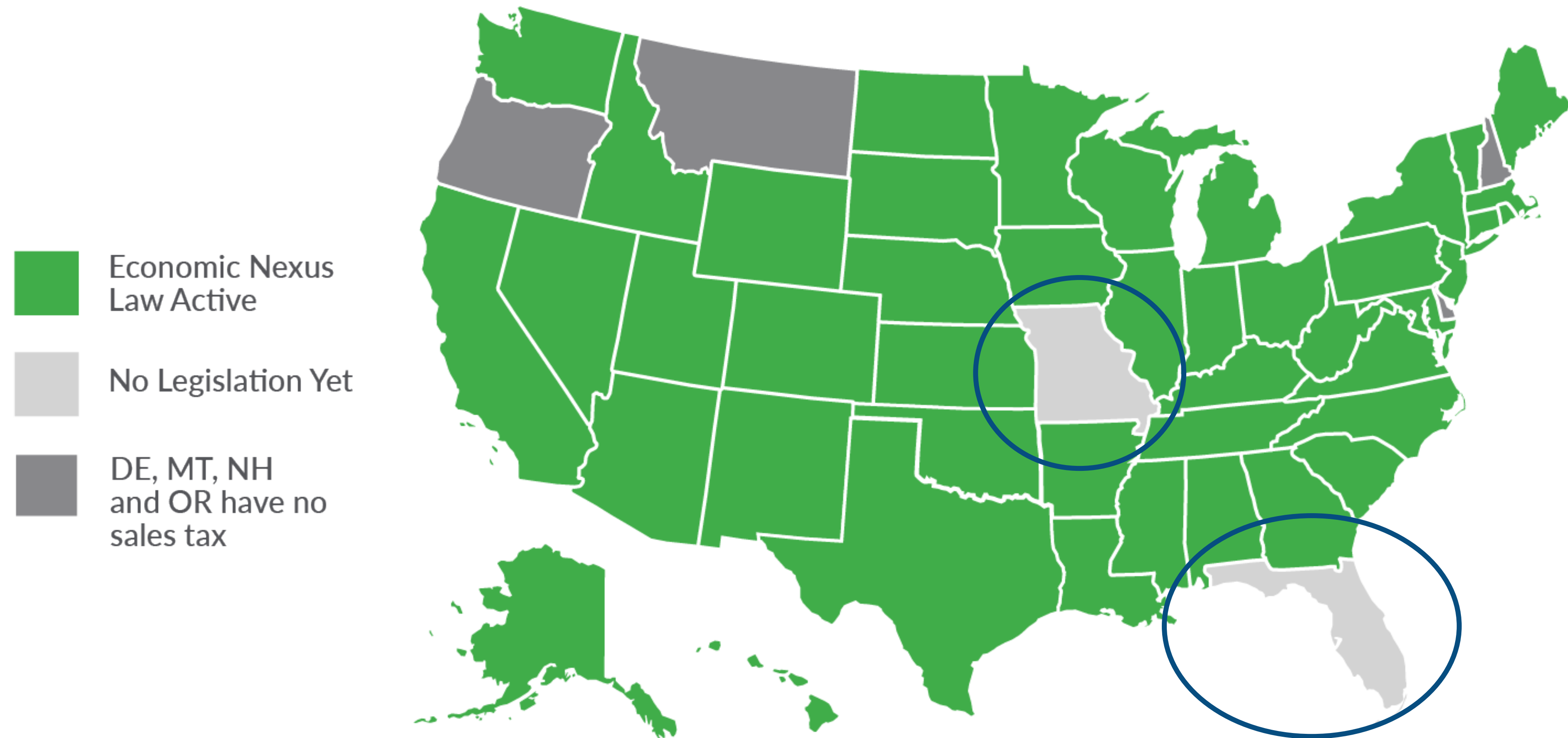
John Murphy, Chair, Government Affairs Committee



Josh Wooten, President / CEO

# Online Sales Tax Collection

Leveling the playing field for Local Businesses





# Join Other Chambers of Commerce United in support of Online Sales Tax Collection

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Jackson County Chamber  
Lakeland Chamber  
Nassau County Chamber  
Oviedo-Winter Springs Chamber  
Sanibel Captiva Chamber  
Tampa Bay Chamber  
West Orange Chamber



2021 Florida Workforce Needs Survey

**[www.flchamber.com/workforcesurvey](http://www.flchamber.com/workforcesurvey)**



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CHAMBER**  
*of Commerce*

# V. A Look At The Economy & COVID-19

## Dr. Jerry Parrish

**FLORIDA  
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www.theFloridaScorecard.org

Unemployment rate drops to 6.4%

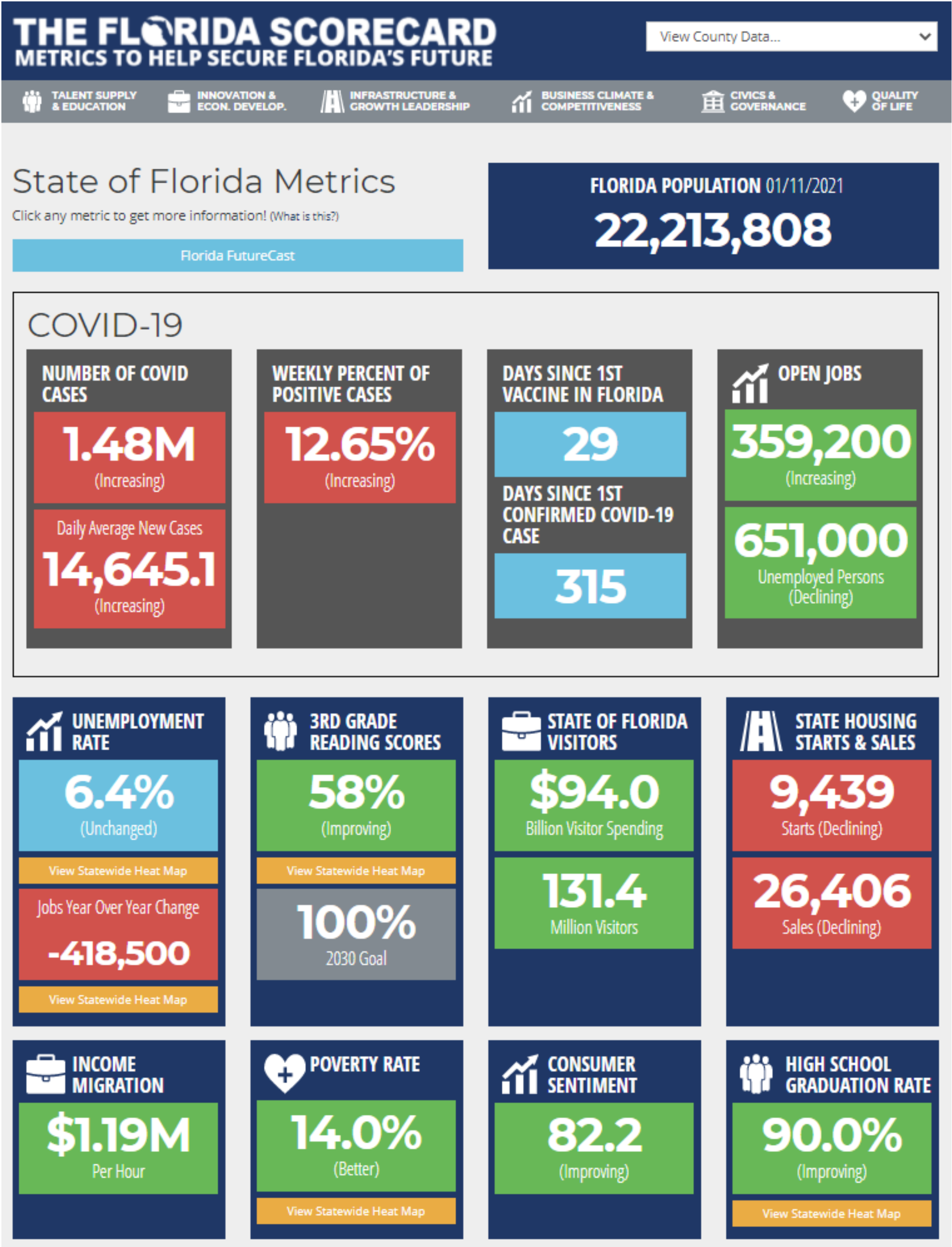
651,000 Floridians looking for work

-418,500 jobs year over year  
(dropped another 10,900)

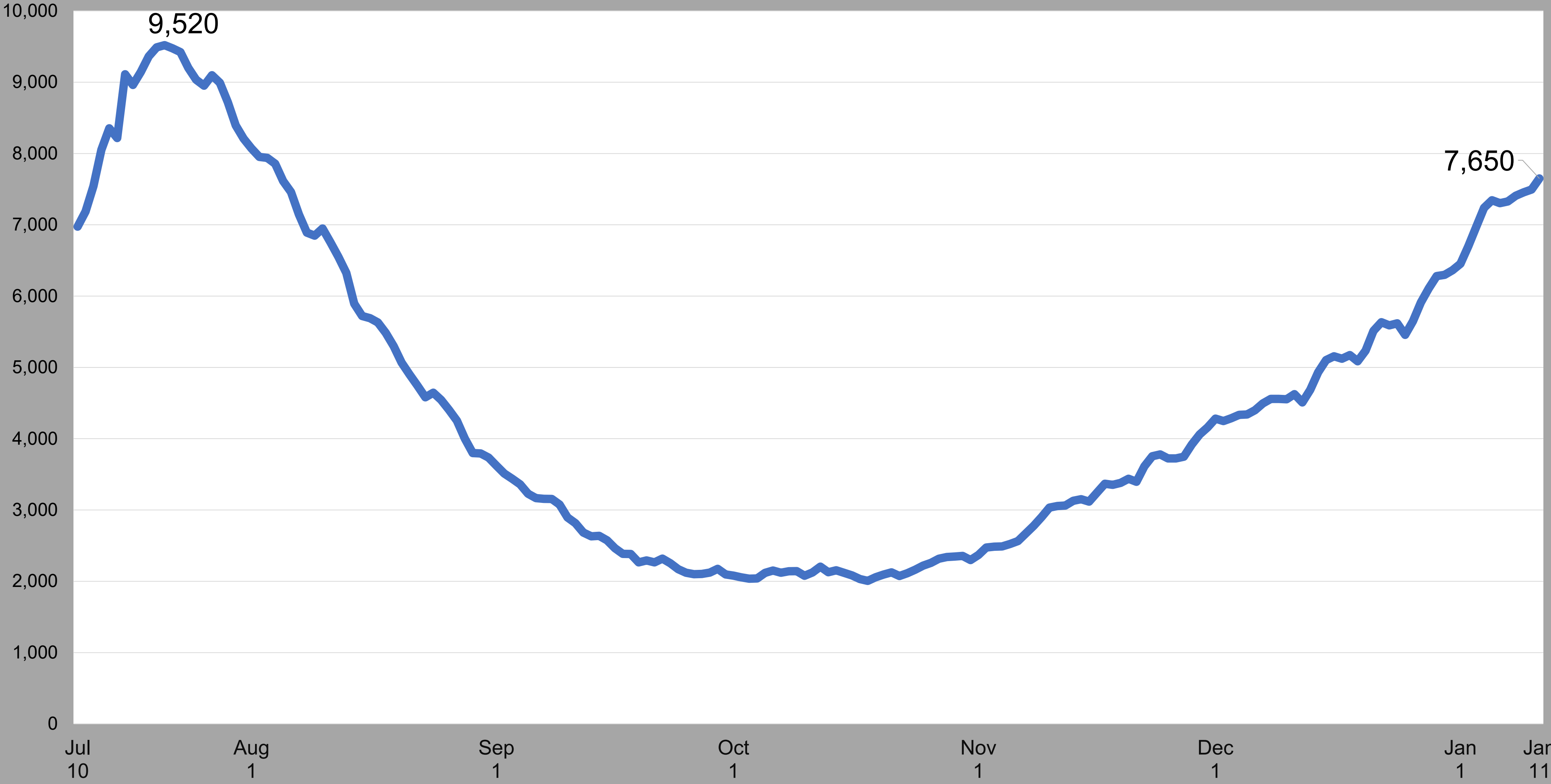
359,200 Open Jobs (+35,300)

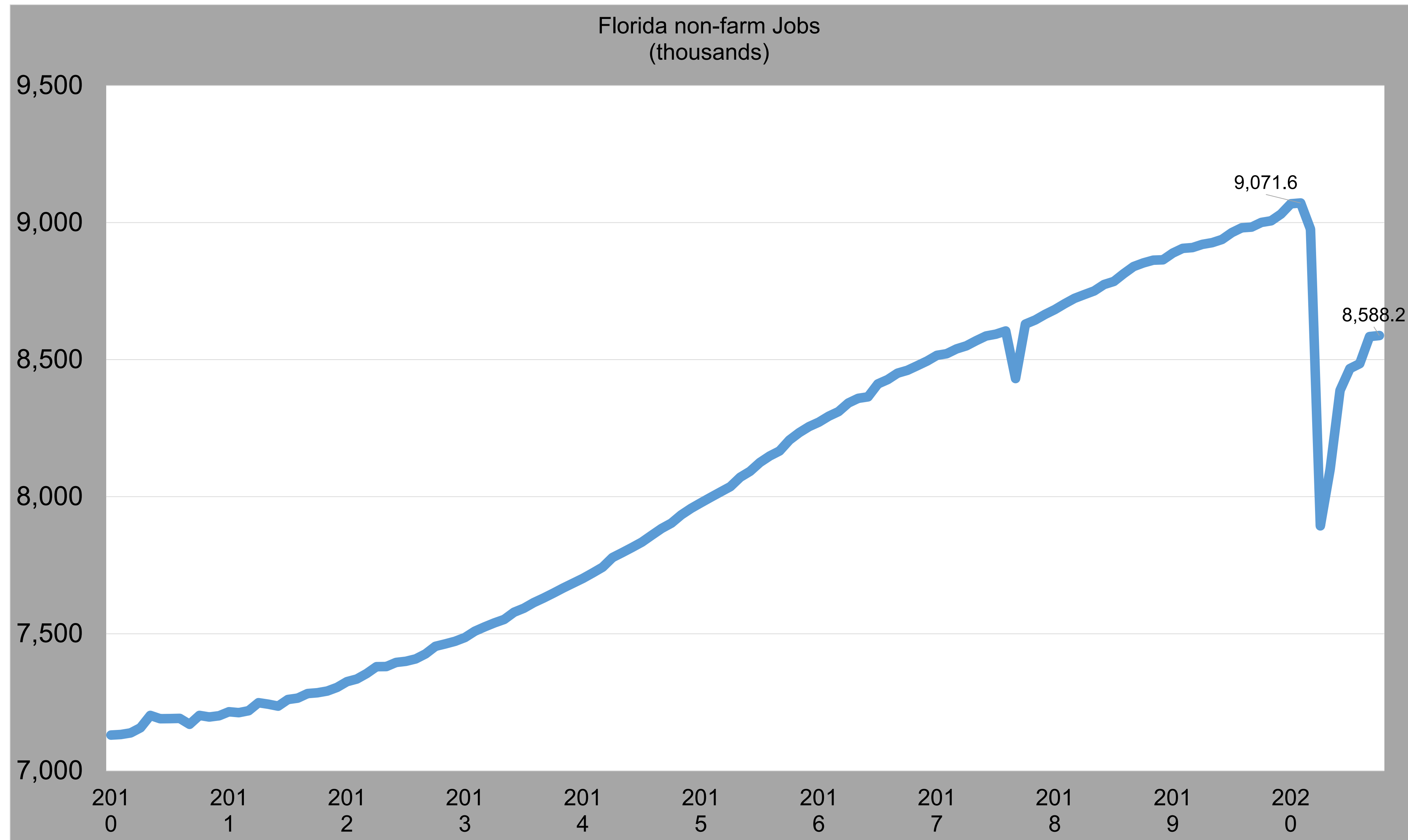
Consumer Sentiment Increased to 82.2

New “Days since 1<sup>st</sup> Vaccine in Florida”



Florida: Current COVID Hospitalized

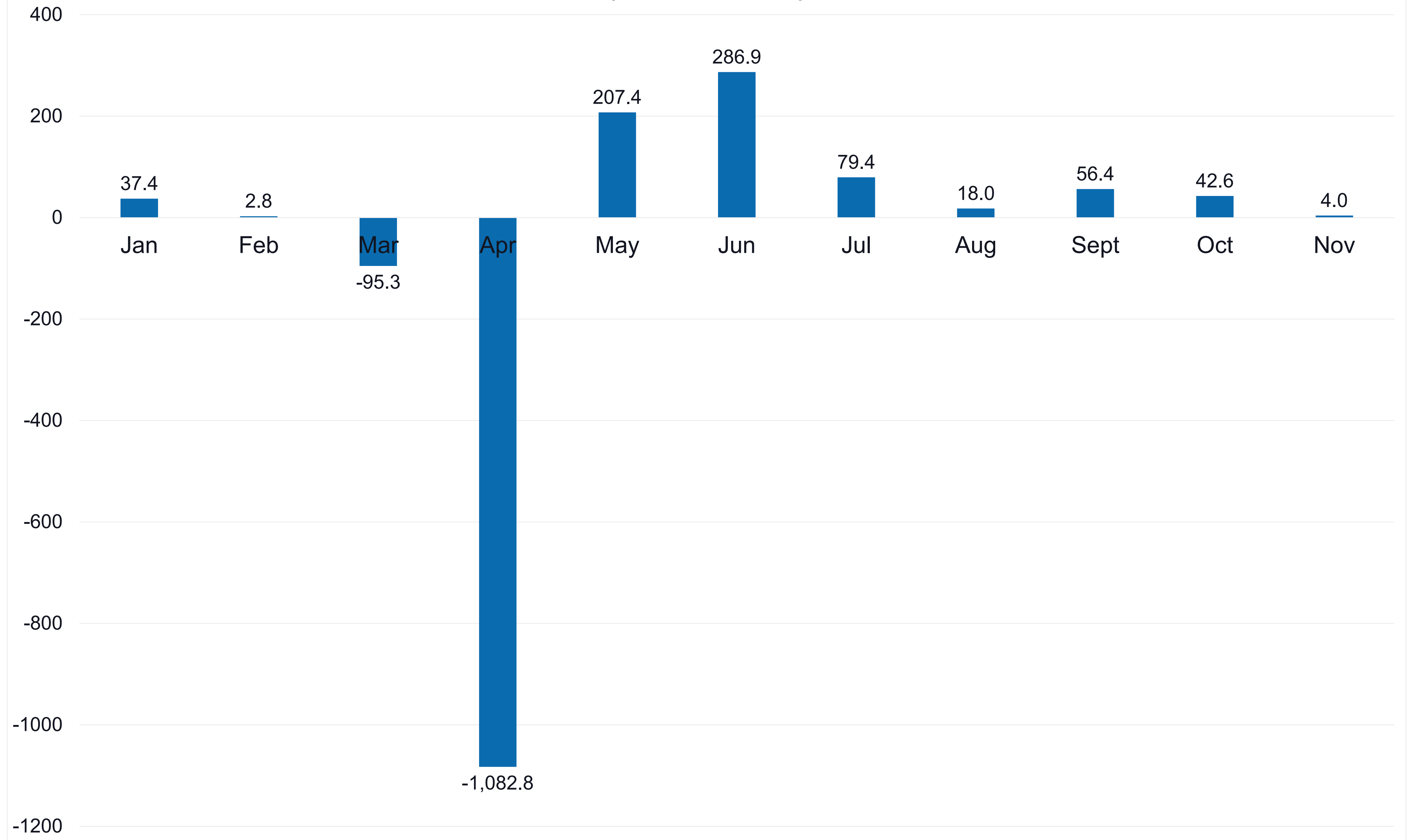




Data Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)



## 2020 Month-over-Month Job Gains/Losses (thousands)

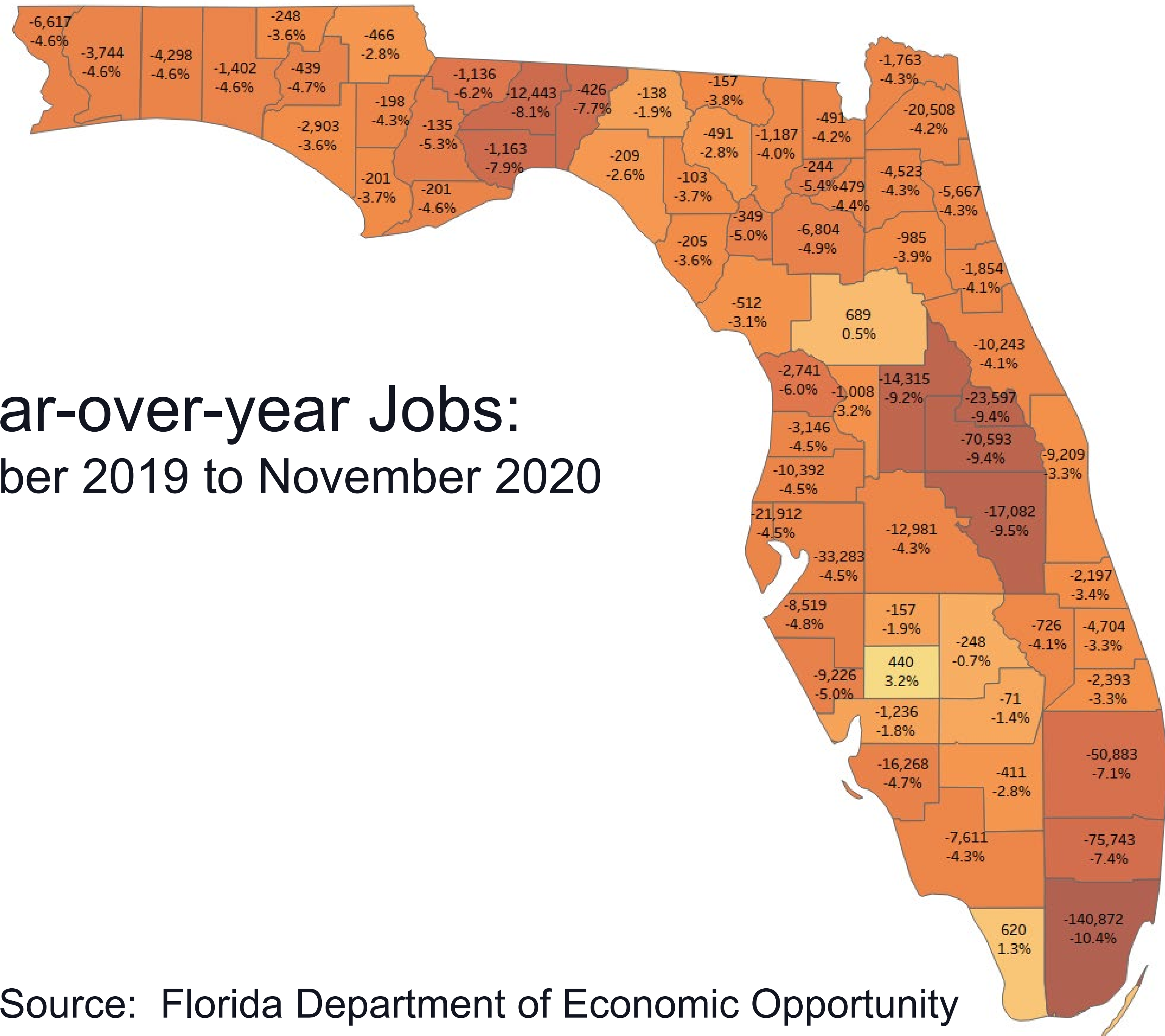


Data Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, seasonally adjusted

# Job Loss by Category: October 2019 to October 2020

Industry	Job Change	Percent of Industry
<b>Total – All Industries</b>	<b>-418,500</b>	<b>-4.6%</b>
Leisure & Hospitality	-187,500	-14.9%
Professional & Business Services	-53,800	-3.9%
		<div> <div></div> <div>Accommodation -37.0%</div> <div>Food Service -10.3%</div> </div>
Government	-45,700	-4.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	-43,800	-2.4%
Education & Health Services	-25,500	-1.9%
Construction	-11,700	-2.0%
Financial Activities	-7,900	-1.3%
Manufacturing	-6,600	-1.7%

# Year-over-year Jobs: November 2019 to November 2020



Data Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity



**Labor Force Changes**  
**Year-over-Year: Loss of 277,000**  
**from the labor force. -2.6%**

**We lost 4,302 people. -2.4%**

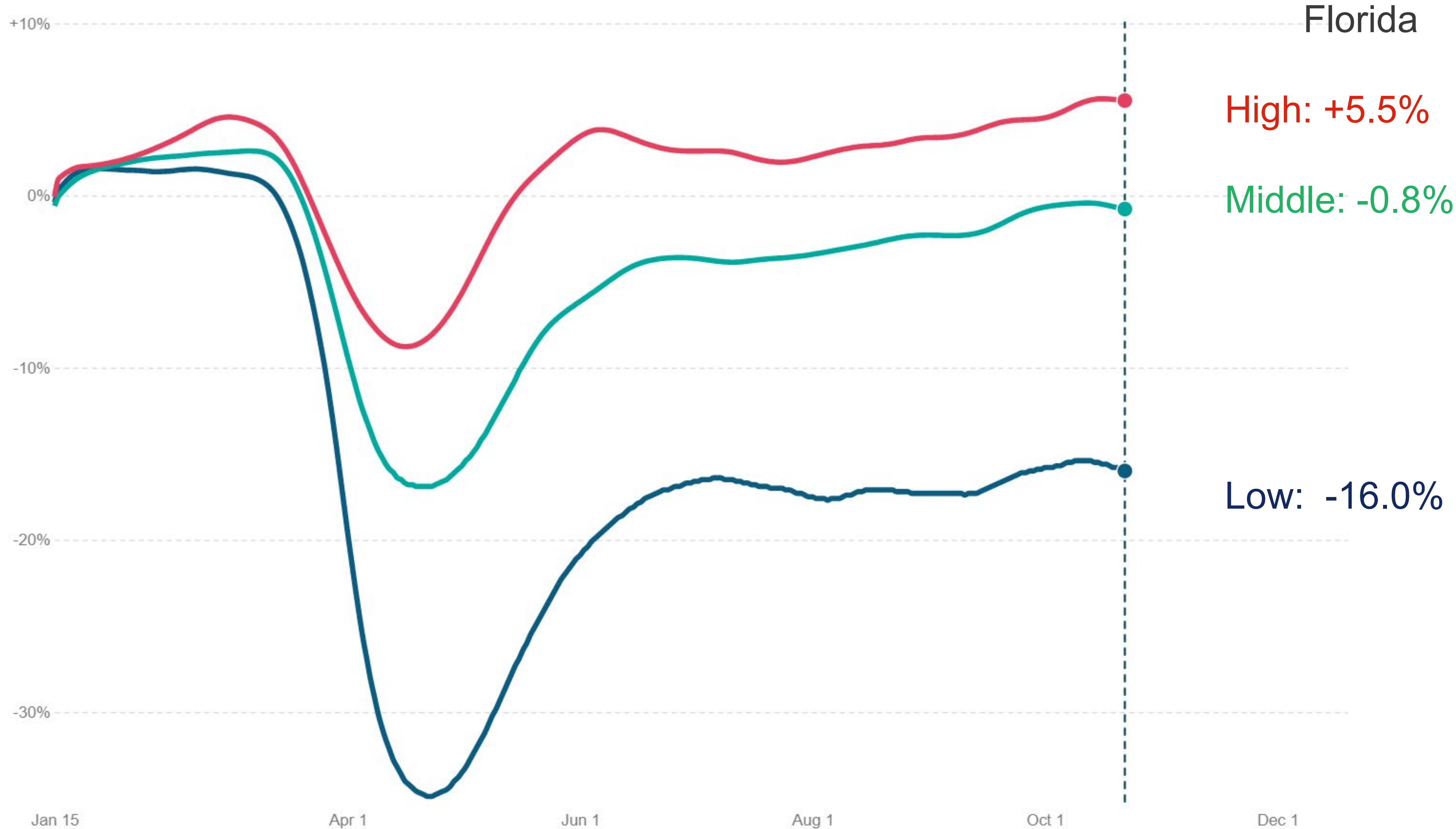
**Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity**

Manatee lost 4,302 people. -2.4%

The logo for the Florida Chamber Foundation. It features the word "FLORIDA" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The letter "O" is replaced by a blue silhouette of the state of Florida. Below "FLORIDA" is the word "CHAMBER" in a larger, bold, blue sans-serif font. At the bottom, the word "Foundation" is written in a smaller, italicized, blue serif font.

# Percent Change in Employment\*

In **Florida**, as of **October 22 2020**, employment rates among workers in the bottom wage quartile **decreased** by **16%** compared to January 2020 (not seasonally adjusted).

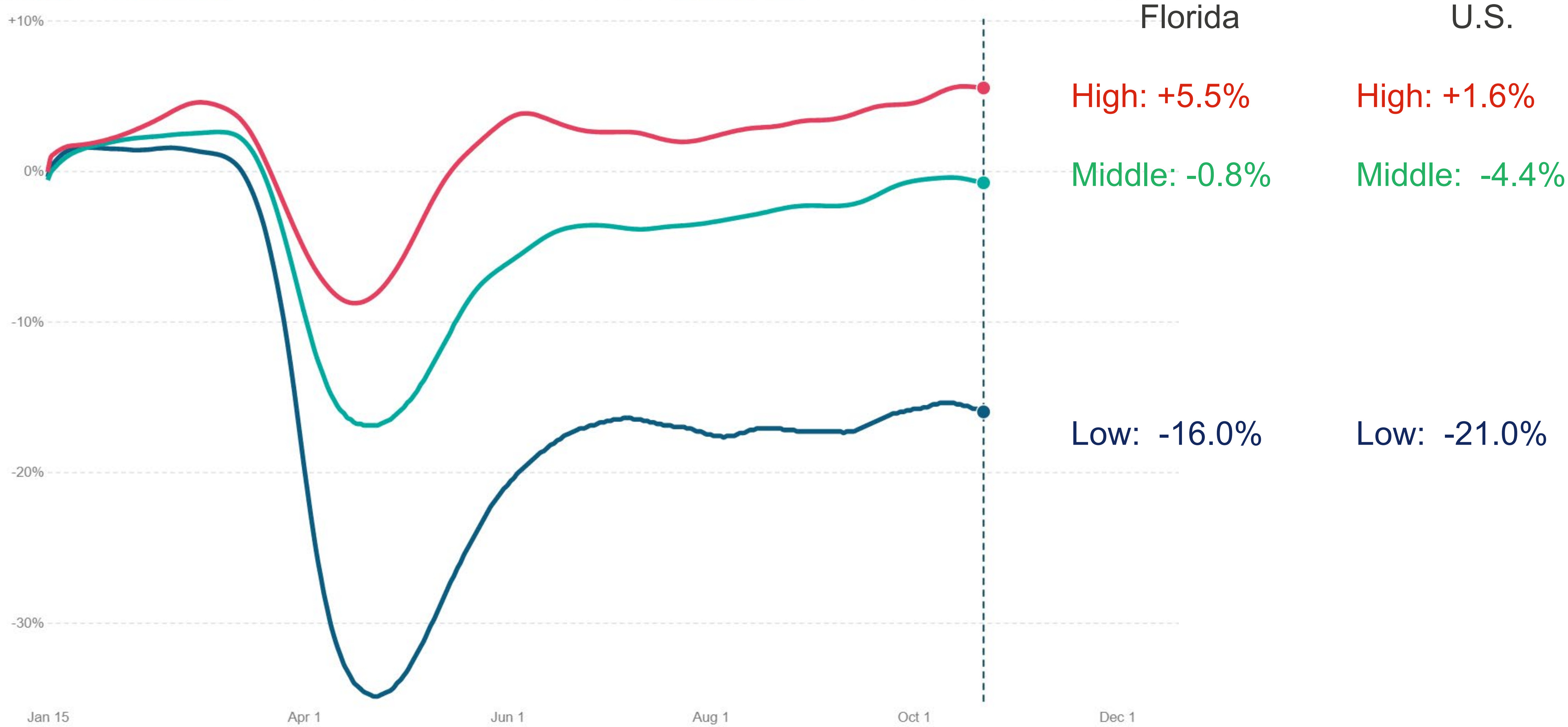


Source: Opportunity Insights Economic Tracker



Percent Change in Employment\*

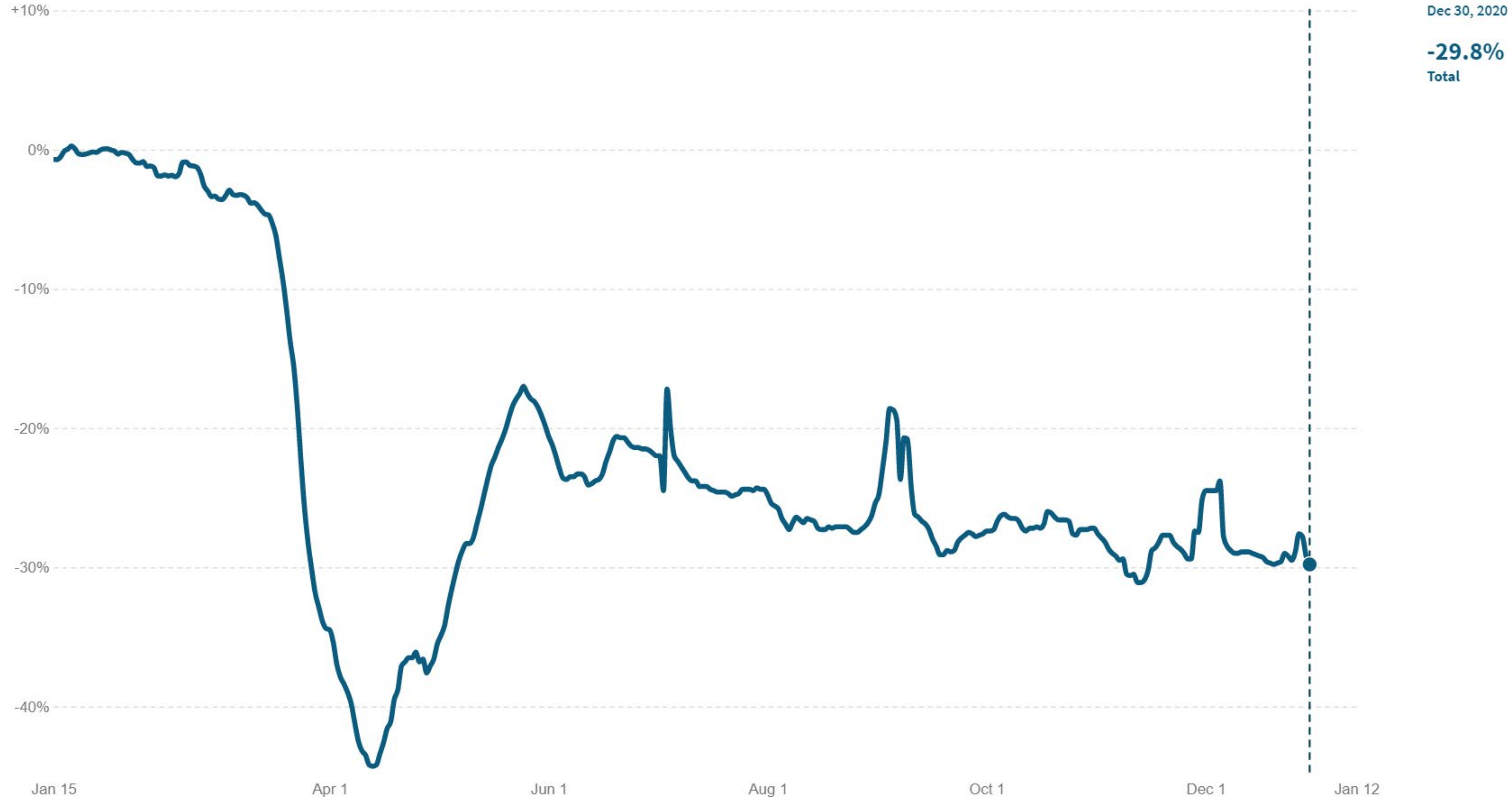
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# Percent Change in Number of Small Businesses Open\*

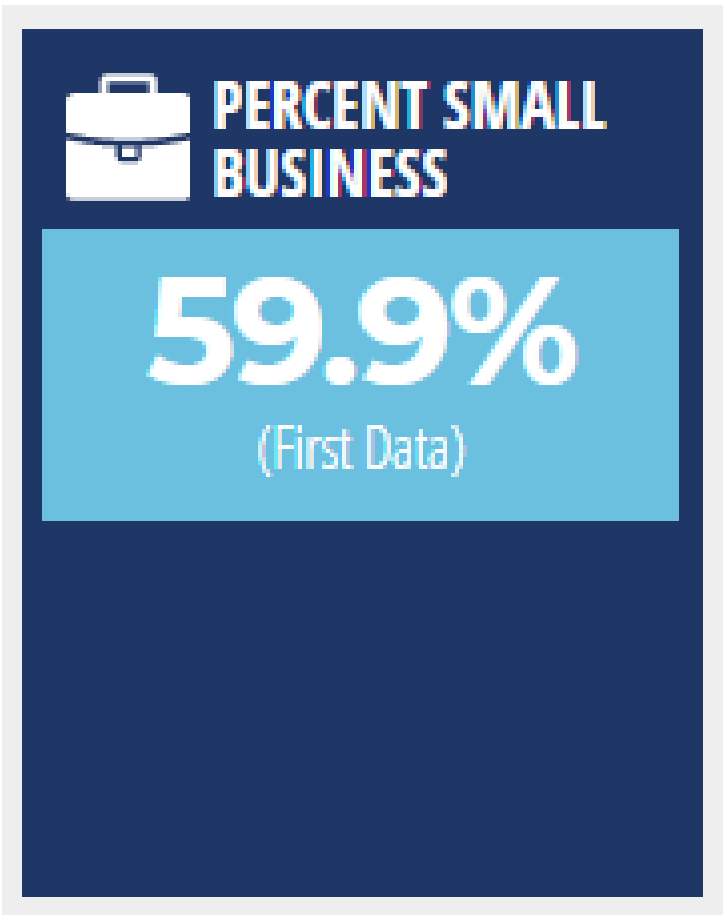
In **Florida**, as of **December 30 2020**, the number of small businesses open **decreased** by **29.8%** compared to January 2020.



Source: Opportunity Insights Economic Tracker

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Percent of Florida’s Net New Jobs  
Created by Businesses with Less  
than 100 employees

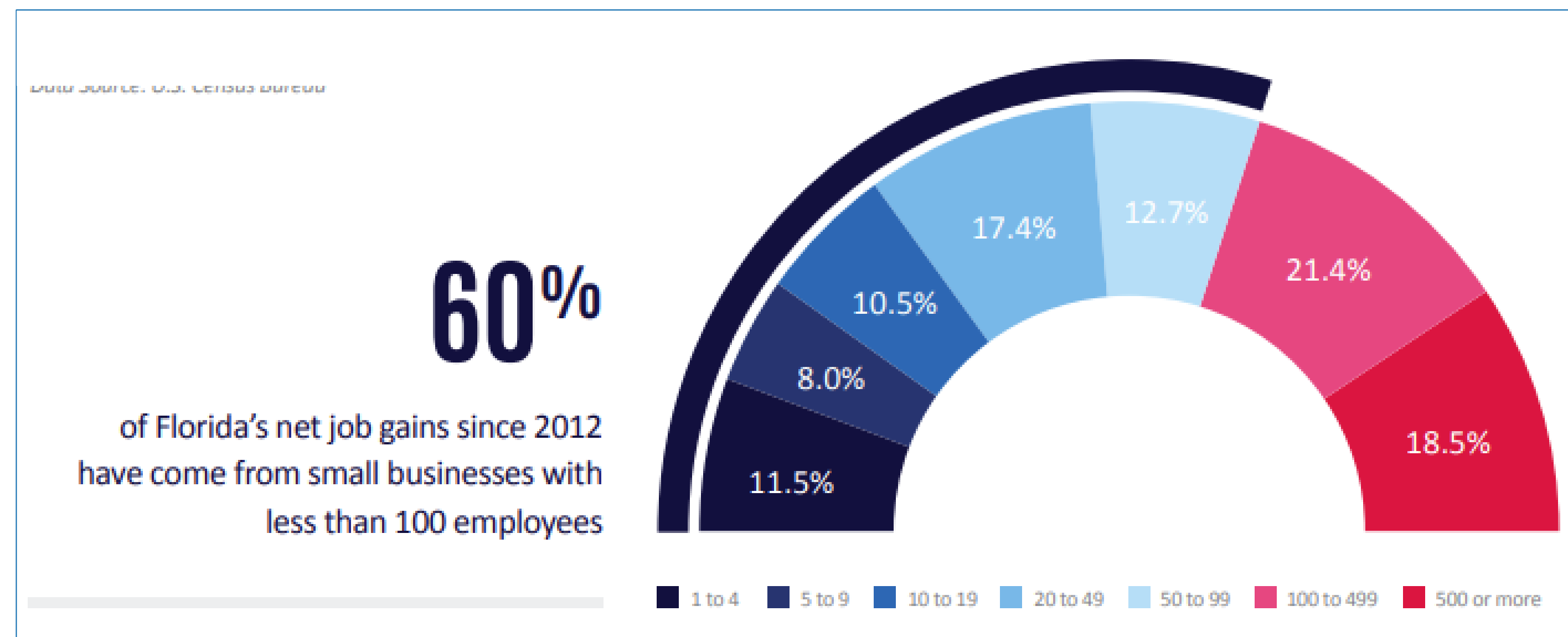
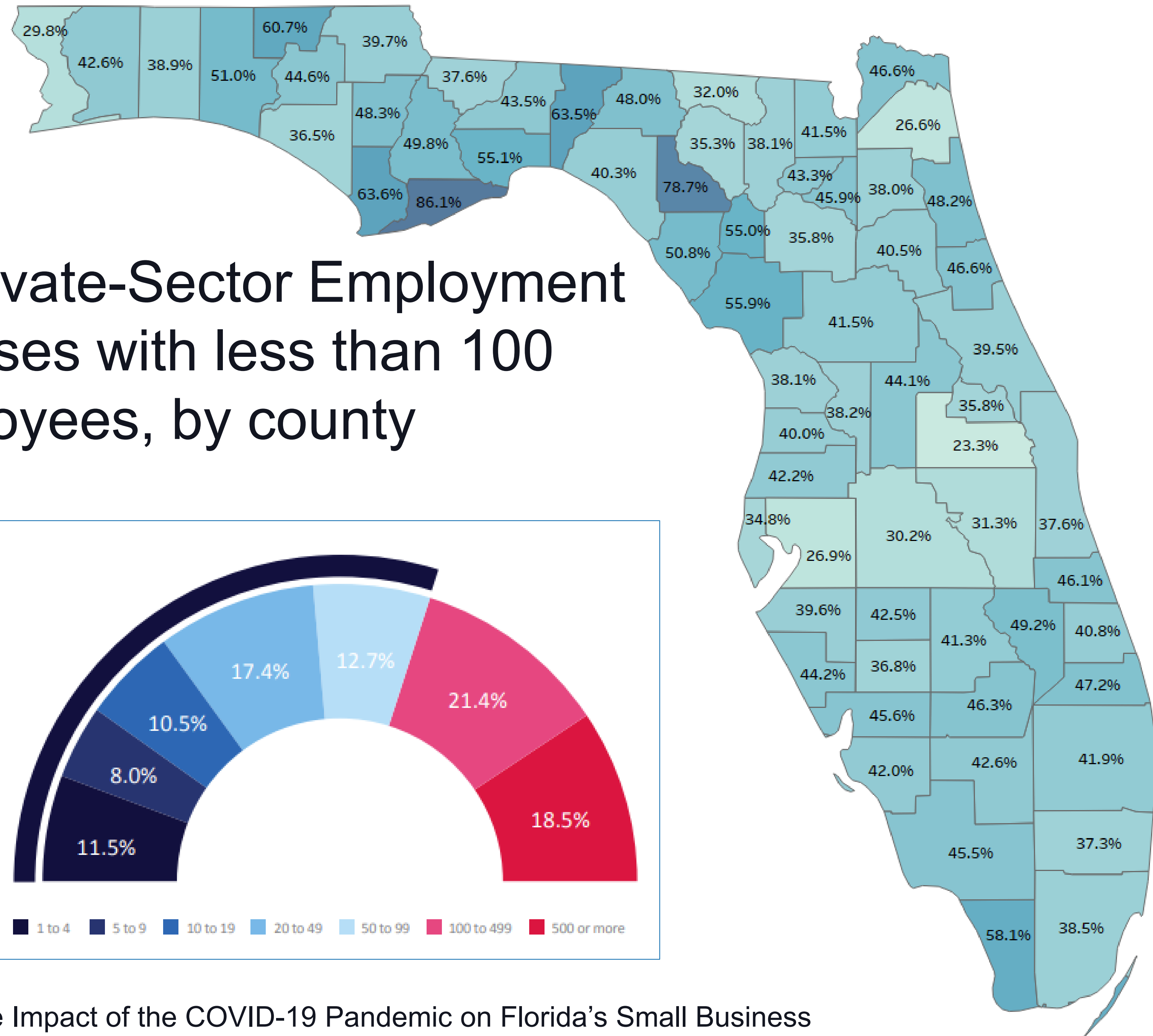


# The Impact of the COVID-19 PANDEMIC on Florida’s Small Businesses

October 2020

FLORIDA CHAMBER Foundation   AMERICA'S SBDC FLORIDA   Haas Center UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA

# Percent of Private-Sector Employment at Businesses with less than 100 employees, by county





Sign up at: <https://www.flchamber.com/events/>

# ECONOMIC OUTLOOK & JOBS SOLUTION SUMMIT



**JANUARY 28, 2021**

*A Virtual Event*

**1:00-4:00pm**

**FLORIDA  
CHAMBER**  
Foundation

*Presented by*



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# VI. Special Local Chamber Briefing with **Representative Blaise Ingoglia**

# Session Preview with State Representative Blaise Ingoglia



**Mark Wilson**  
President and CEO  
*Florida Chamber of Commerce*



**State Representative Blaise Ingoglia**  
House Commerce Committee Chair





# Frank Walker

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Vice President of  
Governmental Affairs

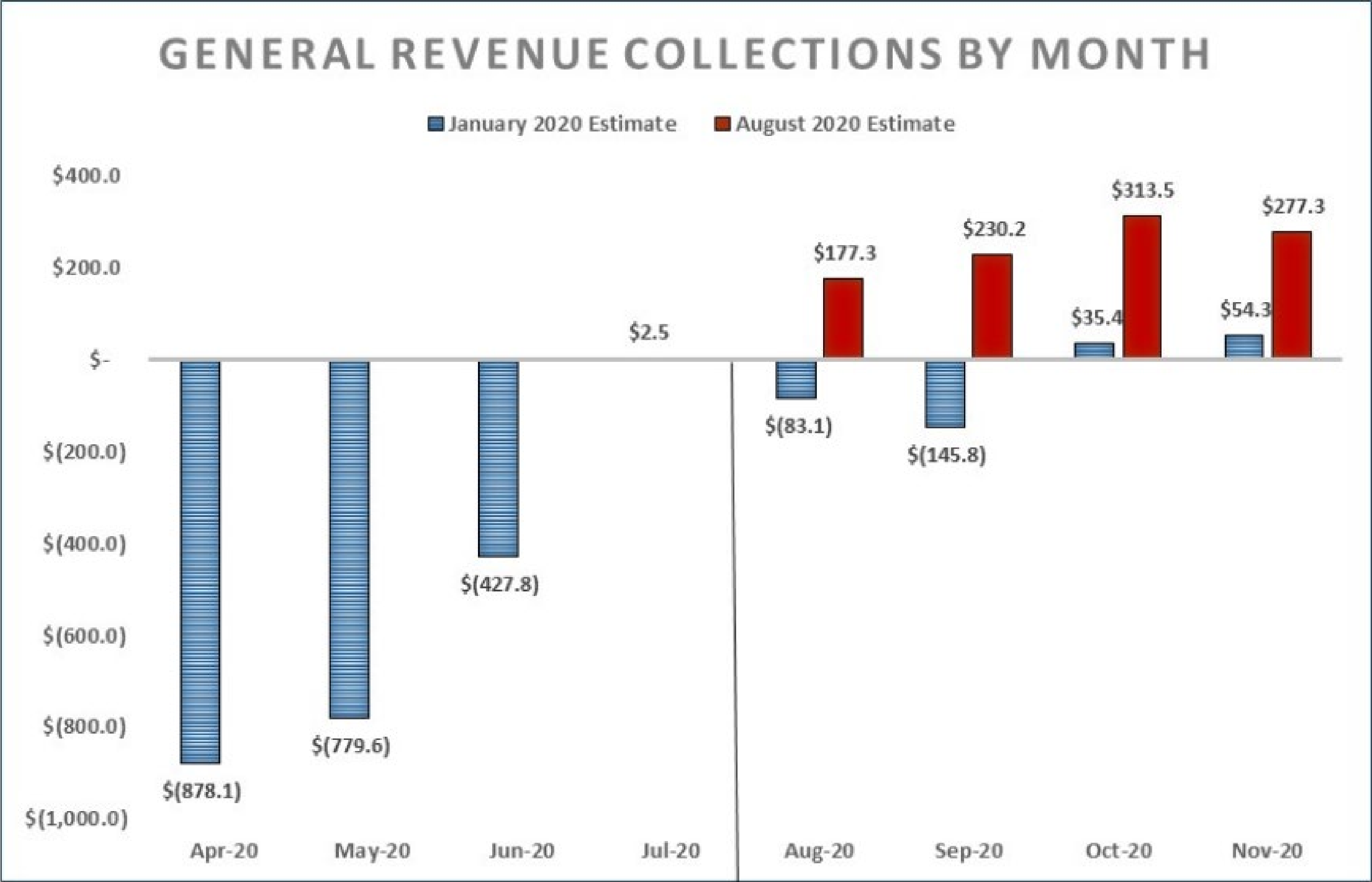
Florida Chamber of  
Commerce

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# VII. 2021 Florida Legislative Session Preview

# COVID's Impact on Florida's Budget

In August 2020, the Revenue Estimating Conference revised its general revenue estimates to show an anticipated loss of \$3.4 billion from pre-pandemic estimates for FY 20-21.





# Legal Reform

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# Legal Reform

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 Car Accidents  Truck

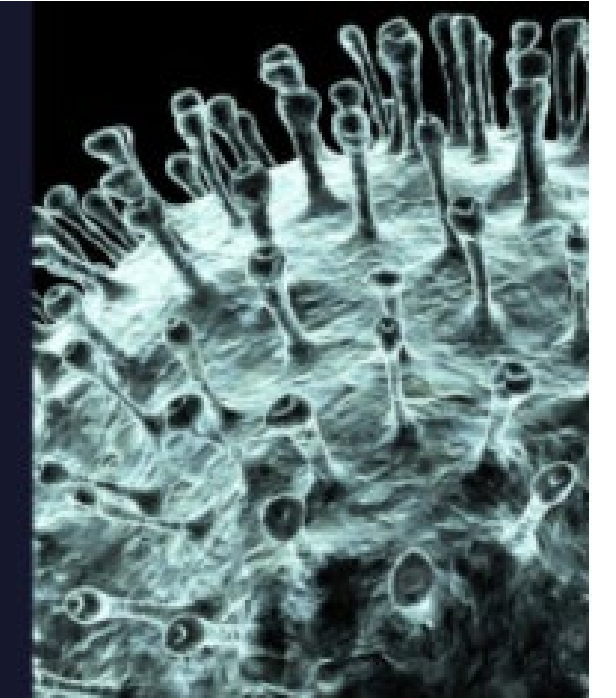
## Coronavirus Lawsuit E

### What Kind of Florida Businesses Can Be Held Liable for Exposing You to Coronavirus?

Short answer? All kinds. Potentially.

 RIDDLE & BRANTLEY

Many governments and companies face lawsuits alleging negligence during the coronavirus public health crisis.



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## Coronavirus Lawsuits

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COVID-19 INCREASING IN FLORIDA PERSONAL INJURY LAWSUITS, DO YOU HAVE CASE?

# Civil Liability for Damages Relating to COVID-19

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HB 7: Sponsored by  
Rep. Lawrence McClure



SB 72: Sponsored by  
Sen. Jeff Brandes

## HB 7 Committee References:

Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee (On Agenda: 1/13/21 at 4:00 pm)  
Pandemics & Public Emergencies Committee  
Judiciary Committee

## SB 72 Committee References:

*not assigned*

## HB 7 and SB 72 (Identical)

### What the Bill Does:

- Protect business entities, educational institutions, governmental entities, and religious institutions and its persons
- Heighten the standard
- Support a good faith effort
- Apply retroactively
- Implement a 1 year statute of limitations

### What the Bill Does Not:

- Include health care providers or facilities
- Offer blanket immunity to bad actors
- Provide protections past the conclusion of the pandemic
- Deny injured parties the ability to have their day in court



# Sales and Use Tax Legislation

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HB 15: Sponsored by  
Rep. Chuck Clemons



SB 50: Sponsored by  
Sen. Joe Gruters

HB 15 Committee References:  
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SB 50 Committee References:  
Commerce and Tourism  
Finance and Tax  
Appropriations

# Pension Reform

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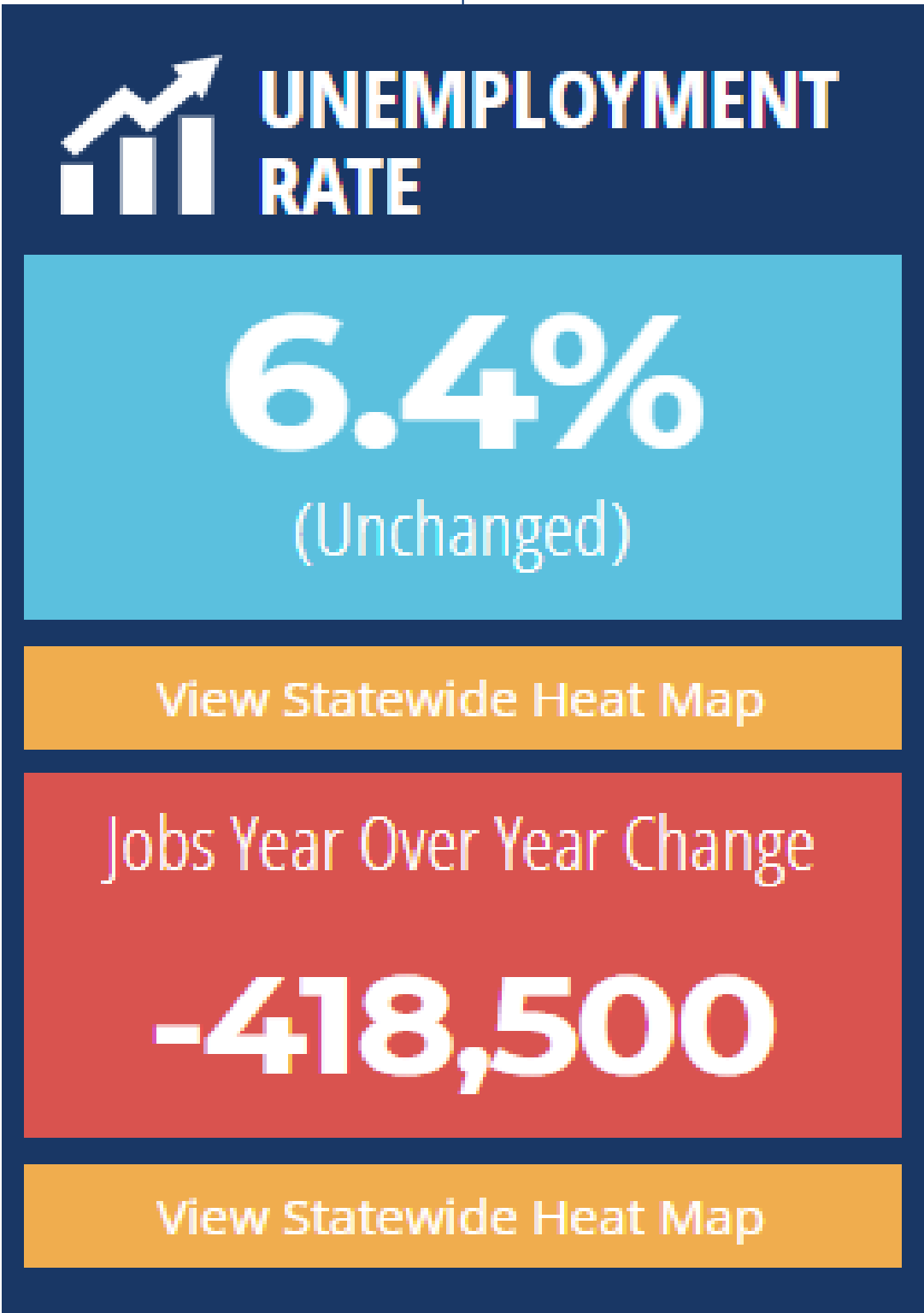
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**Another stiff pension bill  
looms for Florida schools**

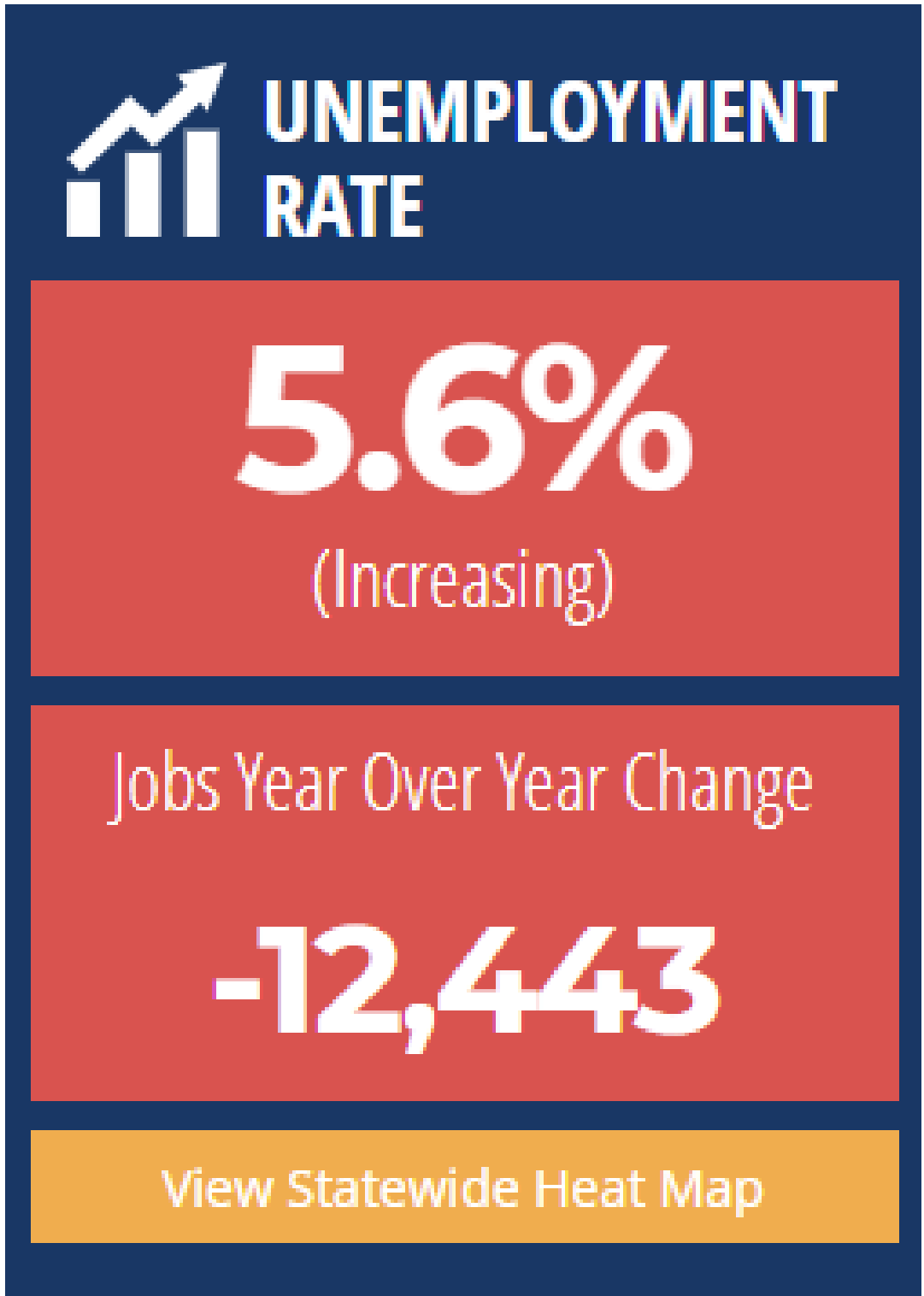
**“The Florida Retirement System’s  
pension liability jumped nearly 6  
percent this year, to \$32.1 billion”**

# Education and Workforce Training

## State Metrics



## Leon County Metrics





# Economic Development

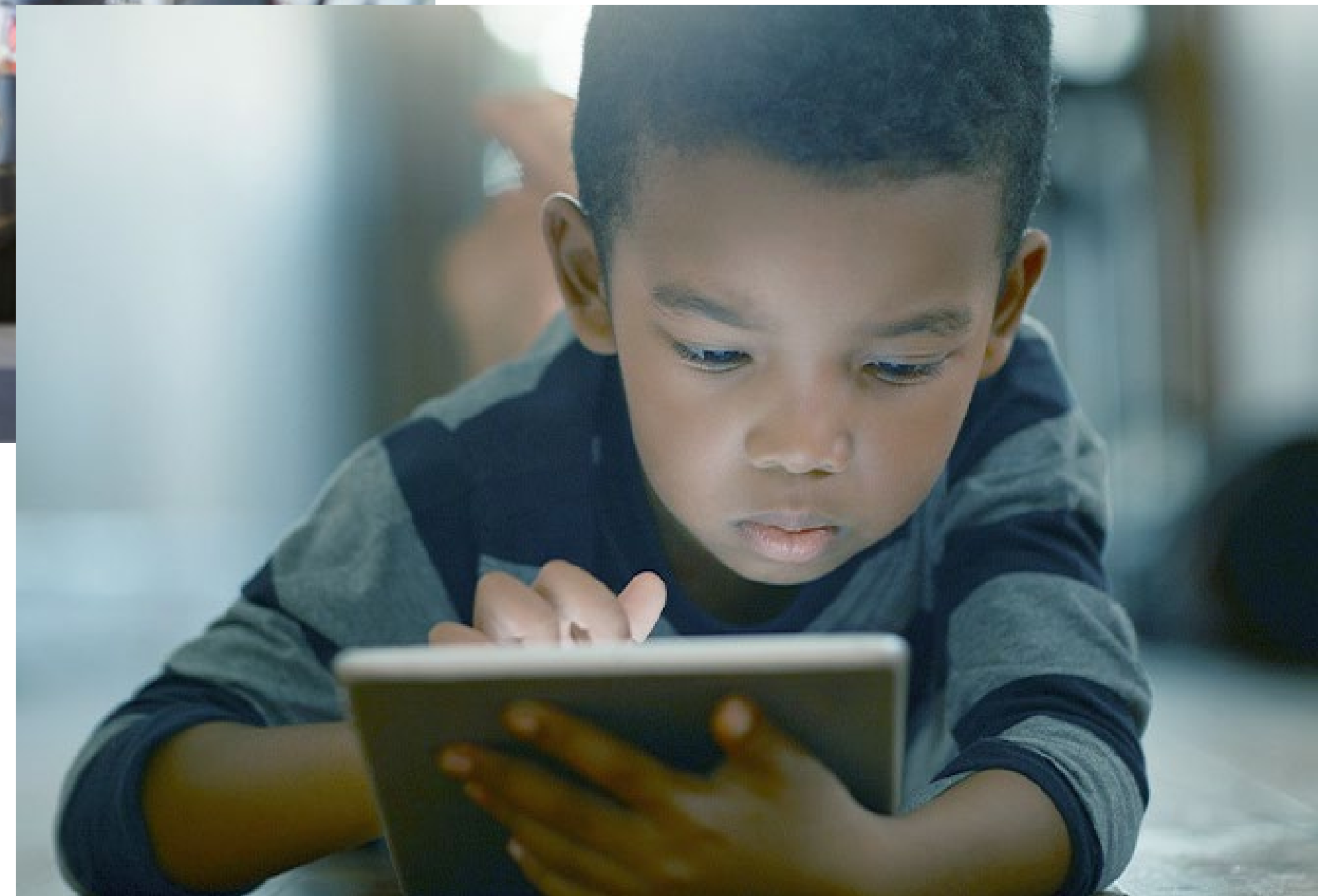
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# Infrastructure

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# New Congress/Administration. New Normal?





# VII. Florida Chamber Safety Council In Action

# MAKING FLORIDA THE SAFEST STATE IN AMERICA

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 and best practices, and the go-to resource for safety, health, and sustainability and is becoming the national standard for safety leadership.

[COVID-19 RESOURCES](#)

[LEARN ABOUT TRAININGS](#)

[www.flchambersafety.com](http://www.flchambersafety.com)







## **Work Care: Harnessing Mental Wellness in the Workplace**

**Dr. Aaron Weiner, PhD**

Live Webinar on February 18, 2021 9-11a.m. EST



## **OSHA 30hr General Industry Training**

**Diego A. Sanchez, CSP, ASP, OHST, CHST**

February 23 - 26th



# VIII. Recruiting Better Local Candidates

# 2020 FIPL.org Report Card



**7** Campaign Schools



**8** Counties



**34** Local  
Chamber Hosts



**14** Community Partner  
Co-sponsors



**9** Trainers



**72** Speakers



**390** Participants



**291** Graduates



**10%** of attendees  
ran for office in 2020



**80%** of  
students plan to  
run in the future

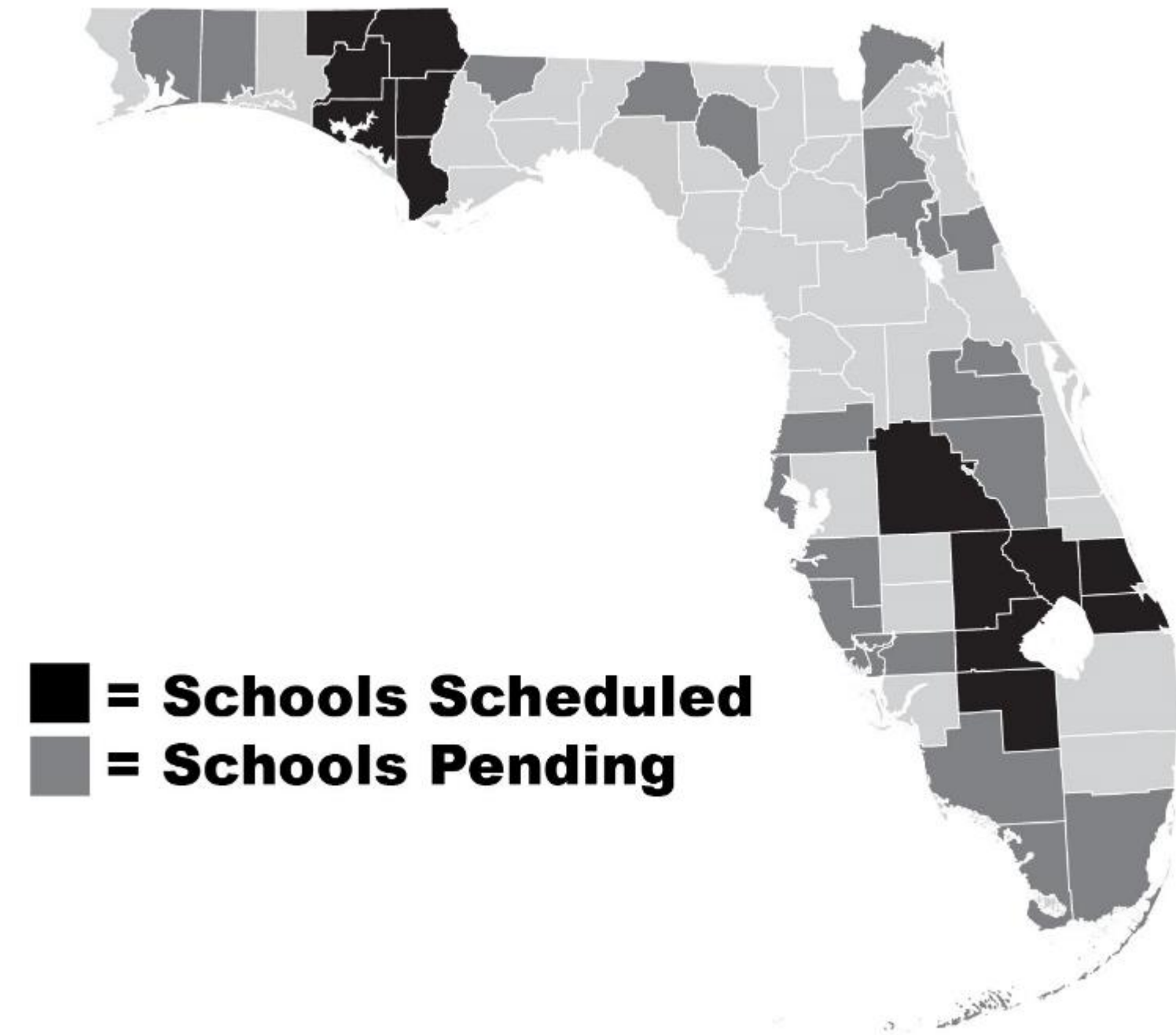


# 2021 FIPL Goal: 12 Campaign Schools

## Counties with 2021 Elections:

Clay  
Collier  
Flagler  
Gadsden  
Gulf  
Jackson  
Madison  
Martin  
Miami-Dade

Okaloosa  
Orange  
Osceola  
Pasco  
Pinellas  
Polk  
Seminole  
Suwannee  
Walton



**Contact Andrew Wiggins to schedule – [awiggins@flchamber.com](mailto:awiggins@flchamber.com)**

# Campaign School and Community Leadership Training Agenda (online webinar)

## **Webinar Series (3 consecutive days)**

- Webinar Day 1: Planning to Run, Leadership Opportunities and Strength Finders Assessment
- Webinar Day 2: Campaign Planning, Organization and Operations
- Webinar Day 3: Campaign Communications, Grassroots and Get Out Vote

## **Webinar Schedule (select one time slot for three days; times flexible)**

- Morning series: 9:30 am to 12:00 pm
- Evening series: 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm



# Open Discussion and Q&A

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# January Federation Monthly Update

*Uniting Business for Good*

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Wednesday, January 13, 2021

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