




# Leading Florida To Less Poverty, Through More Prosperity

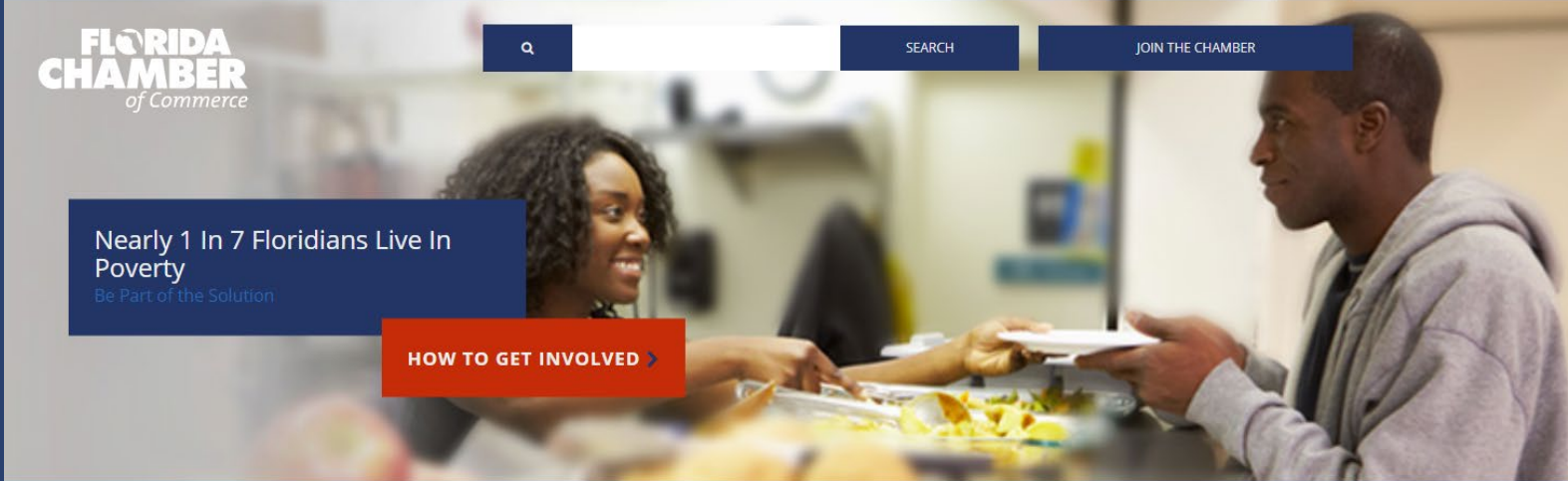
Mark Wilson, President & CEO, Florida Chamber of Commerce

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**Nearly 1 In 7 Floridians Live In Poverty**  
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Florida, like many states across the nation, has a poverty problem. Nearly one in four Florida children live in poverty. Five million Floridians are on food stamps, and more than half of all Florida students are eligible for free and reduced lunches and more than 3.3 million Floridians don't know where their next meal will come from. There will always be poverty, the kind that results from temporary setbacks such as job loss, sudden illness, foreclosures, or unexpected challenges, and the Florida Chamber believes social safety nets are needed and necessary to help bridge the crises. The goal of these programs should be to get Americans who have fallen on hard times back on their feet. Florida's business community can help break this cycle and create greater opportunities for the next generation. By incorporating greater educational opportunities and allowing free enterprise to create more private-sector jobs, we can make generational poverty a thing of the past and the American Dream of economic freedom a reality.




### Video

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**Robin Safley on Paths to Prosperity, Food and More**

**Katherine Bustamante**  
Learn More About the Prosperity Initiative. We caught up with Robin Safley, Executive Director of Feeding Florida to discuss issues like food...




### Best Practices

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**Promising Practices and Resources**

**Florida Chamber Foundation**  
Learn About the Prosperity Initiative Share Your Promising Practice Promising Practices What programs and initiatives work in different communities around the...



### Upcoming Events

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**Stay Involved in the Conversations**

**Katherine Bustamante**  
Learn About the Initiative Prosperity & Economic Opportunity Webinar and Call: Justice July 26, 2018 2:00 p.m. EDT Help us continue the...



**“We believe that private philanthropy has an important role to play in shaping Florida’s great future. I take great pride our philanthropic community and especially the opportunity the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation to support the Florida 2030 project.”**

*David Odahowski  
President, Edyth Bush Charitable  
Foundation*



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## Florida Prosperity Initiative

By 2030, less than 10% of  
Florida children will live in  
poverty, and 100% will have a  
pathway out.



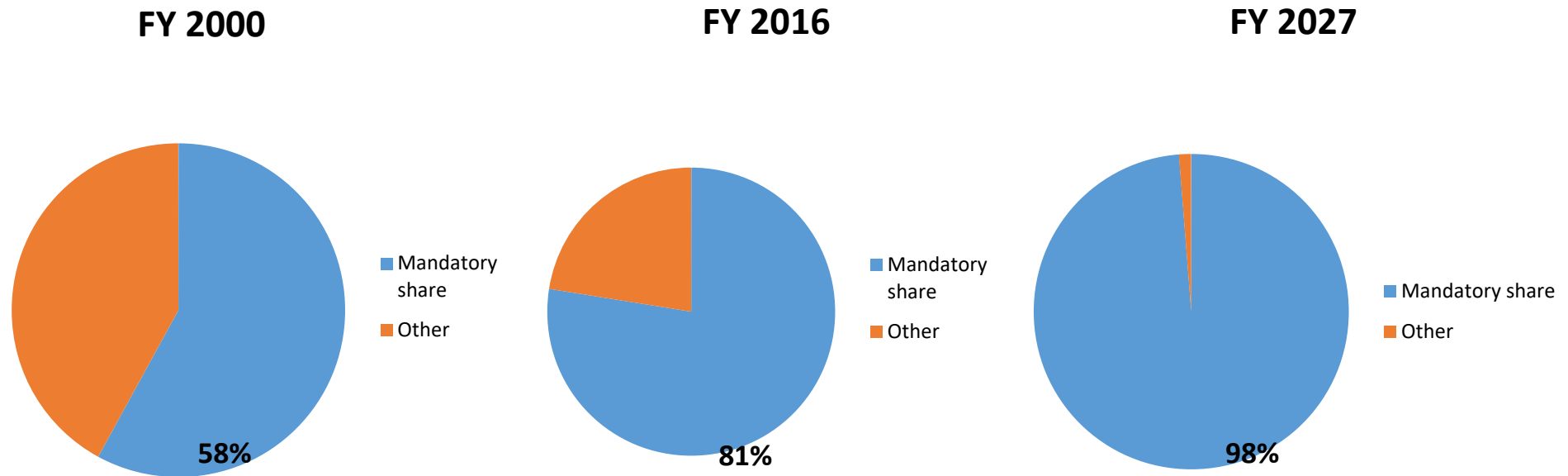
**\$9 per hour vs. \$25 per hour**

**Is A Single Parent In  
Florida Better Off Making  
\$18,000 or \$50,000?**

# Generational Poverty

**A Moral Problem?  
OR  
An Economic Problem?**

# Federal Mandatory Spending as a Share of Total Revenues



Source: CBO Baseline (June 2017)

Mandatory Spending (Entitlements + Net Interest)



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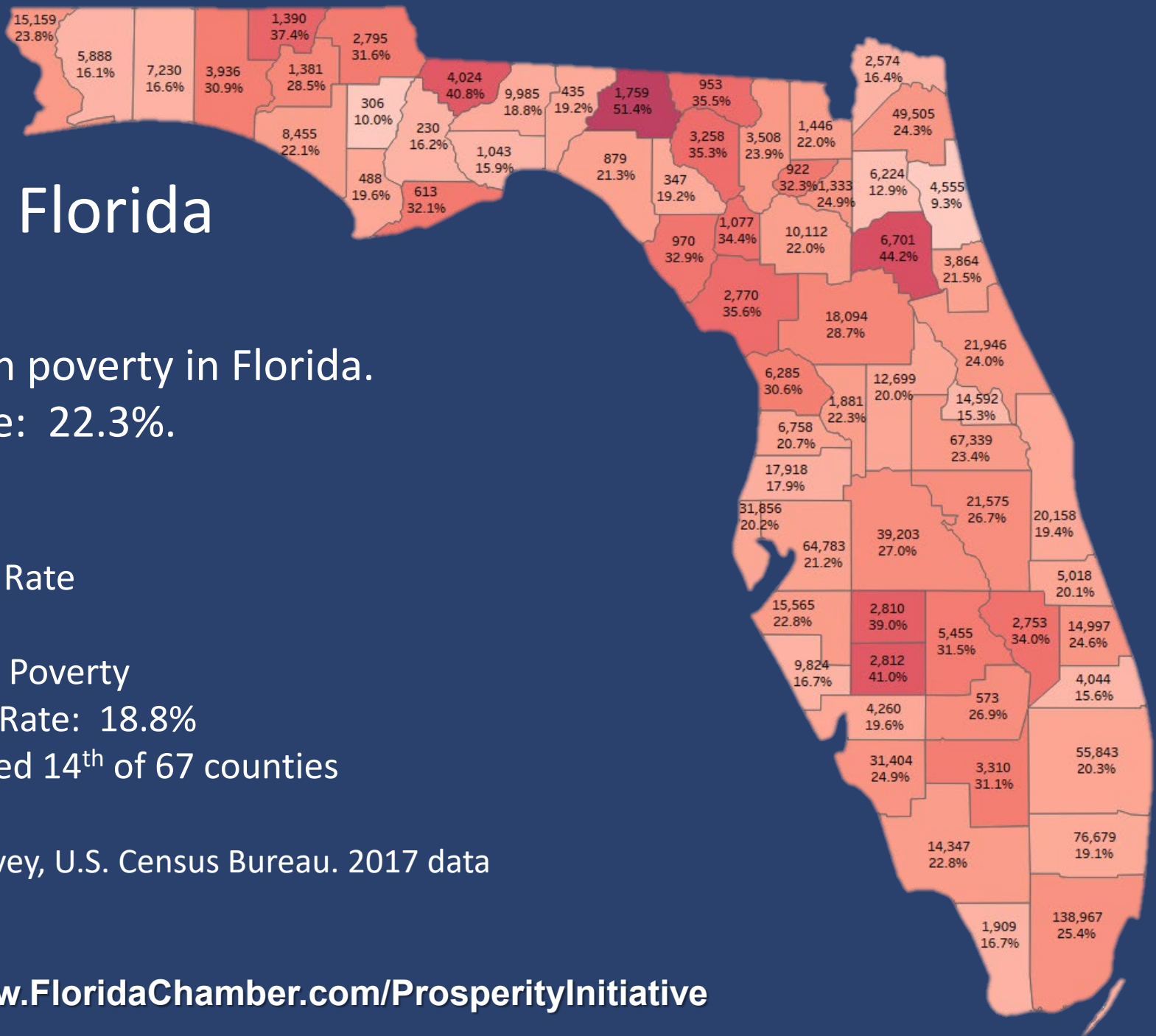
# Under-18 Poverty in Florida

There are 901,772 kids living in poverty in Florida.  
Florida's under-18 Poverty rate: 22.3%.

Top Number: Kids living in Poverty  
Bottom Number: Under-18 Poverty Rate

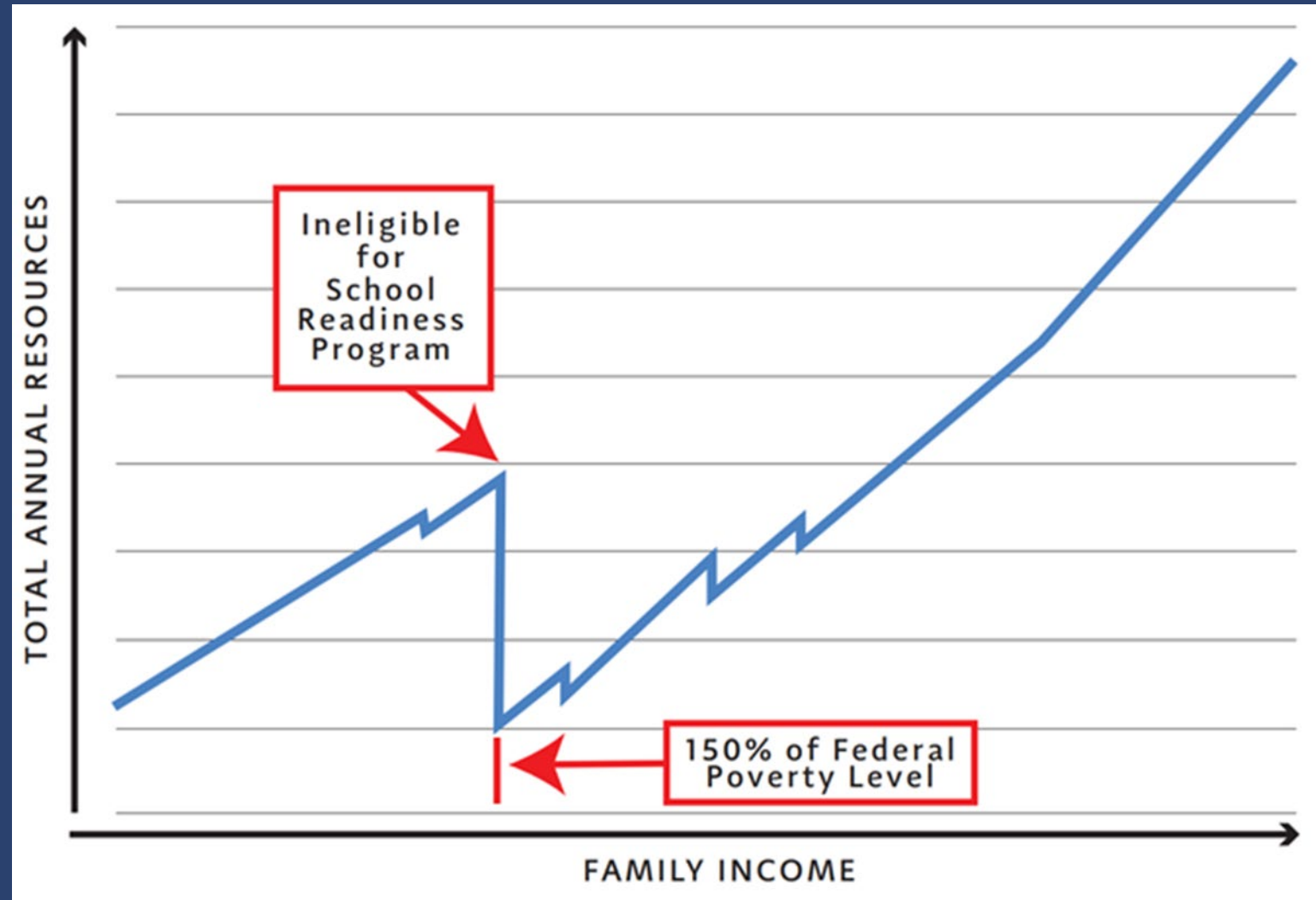
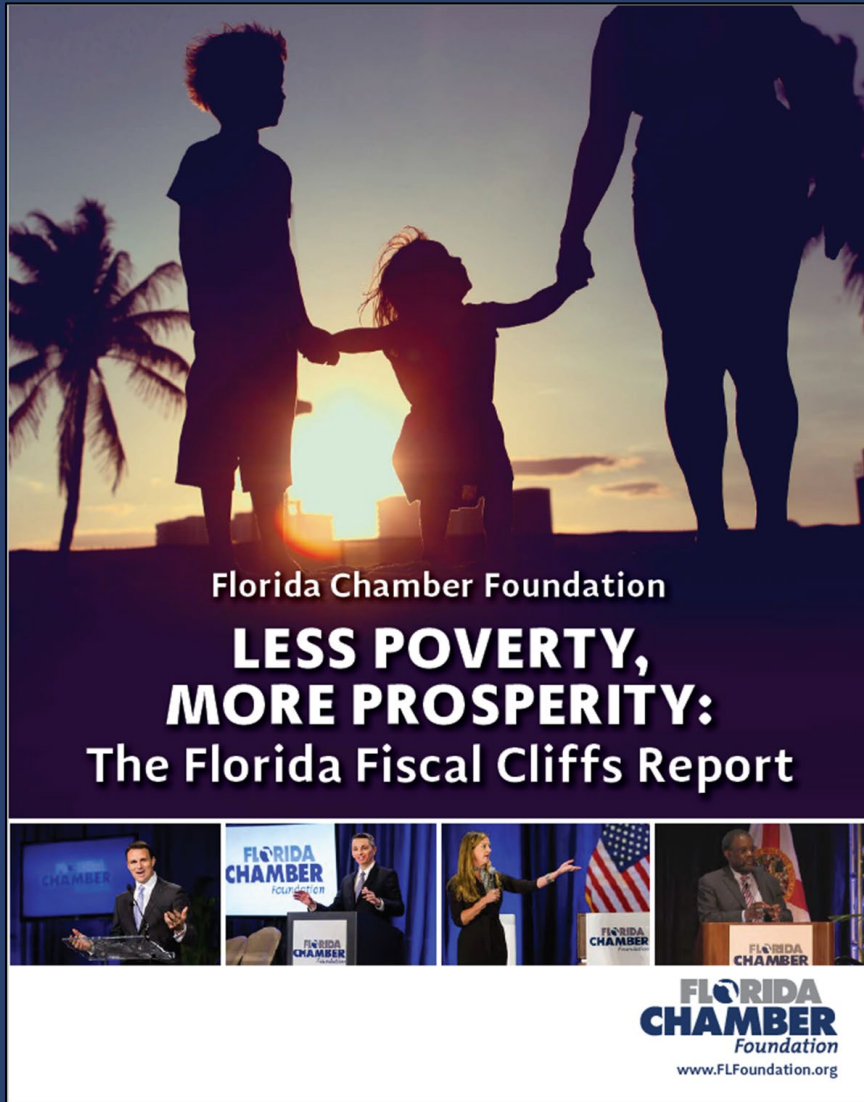
Leon County: 9,985 kids living in Poverty  
Under-18 Poverty Rate: 18.8%  
Leon County Ranked 14<sup>th</sup> of 67 counties

Data Source: American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau. 2017 data





# Fiscal Cliffs Analysis



[www.FloridaChamber.com/ProsperityReport](http://www.FloridaChamber.com/ProsperityReport)

# Our Research Uncovered 10 Root Causes of Poverty

1,472 Florida Zip Codes / 983



Job Opportunities  
Education / Training  
Housing  
Transportation  
Health  
Food Security  
Child & Family Care  
Safety  
Justice

Agency-Community Voice



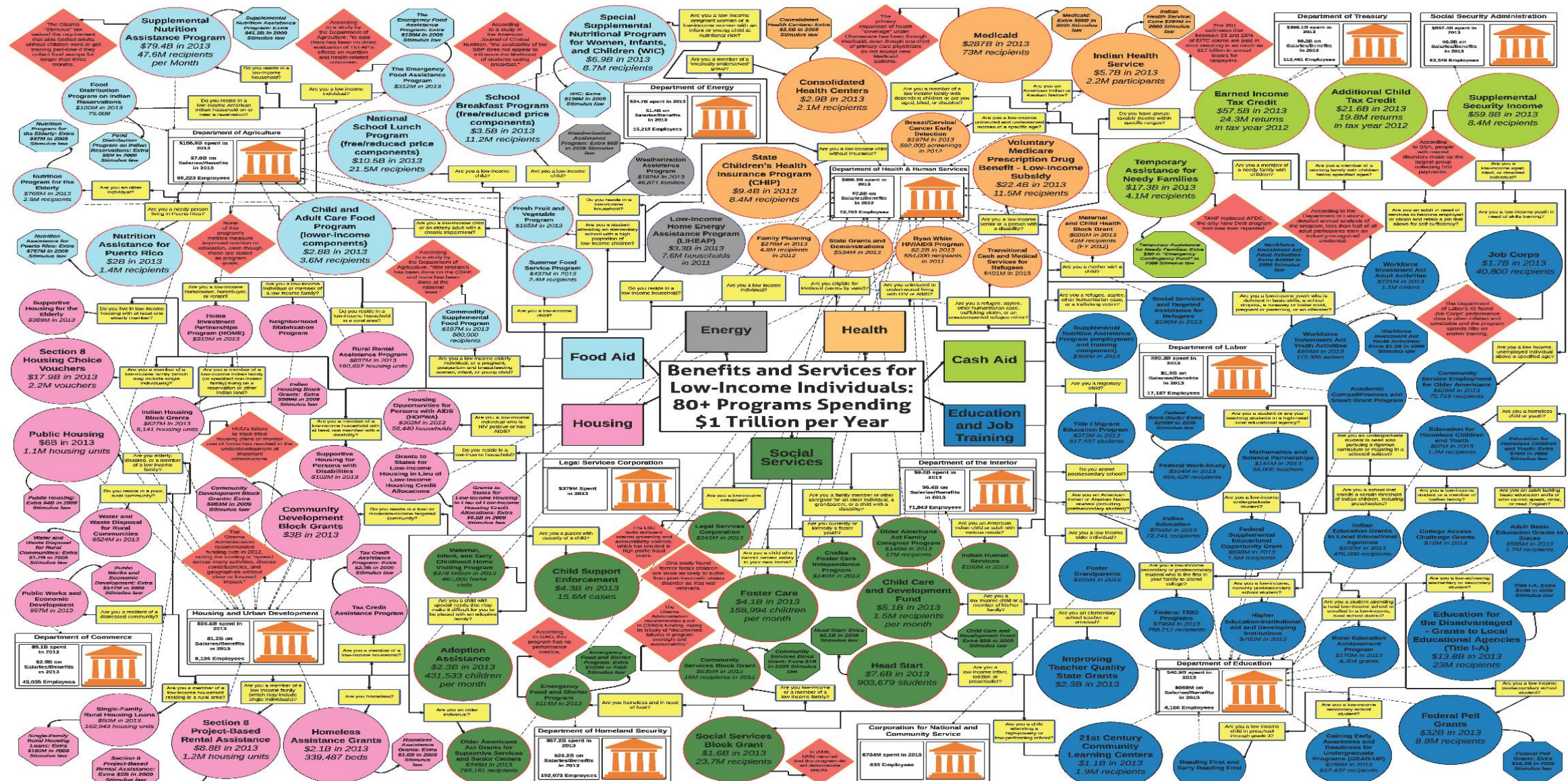
Smart People / Stupid Systems

# Congressional Action on the Horizon?



“In my view, the battle of this generation is between economic equality and economic opportunity – between those who believe that everyone is entitled to equal outcomes and those who believe everyone should have an equal opportunity at earned success.”





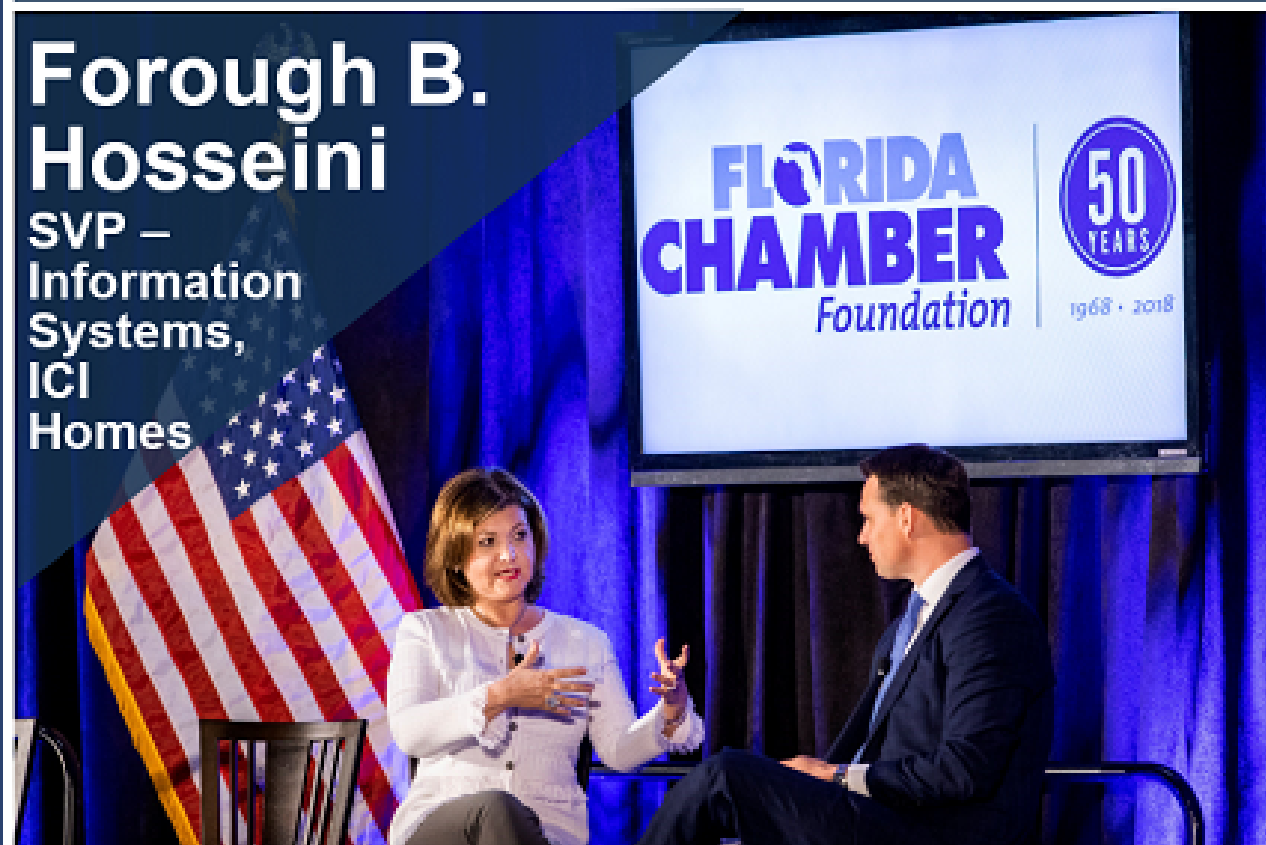
Source: House Ways and Means Committee staff, using Congressional Research Service reports and other data.



# PROMISING PRACTICES

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SVP –  
Information  
Systems,  
ICI  
Homes



“Some community issues are too massive for any single nonprofit to solve and yet too important for community leaders to ignore.

Family and youth homelessness is one such issue for communities around the country.”



# Hope Place Visit (Promising Practices Site Visit)

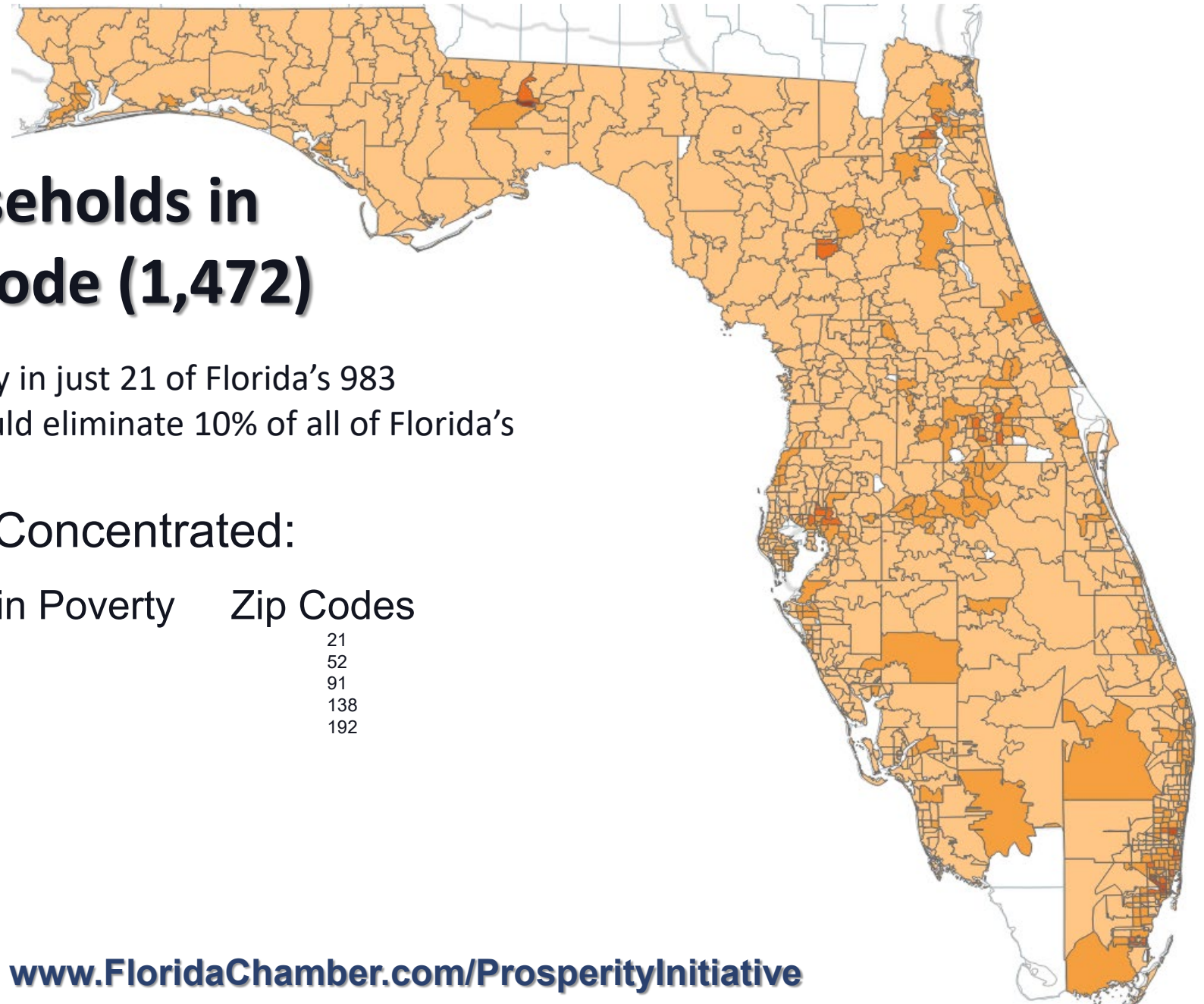


# Number of Households in Poverty by Zip Code (1,472)

“If you eliminated the poverty in just 21 of Florida’s 983 populated zip codes, you would eliminate 10% of all of Florida’s poverty”

## Poverty is Concentrated:

Households in Poverty	Zip Codes
10%	21
20%	52
30%	91
40%	138
50%	192





# Under-18 Poverty in Leon County

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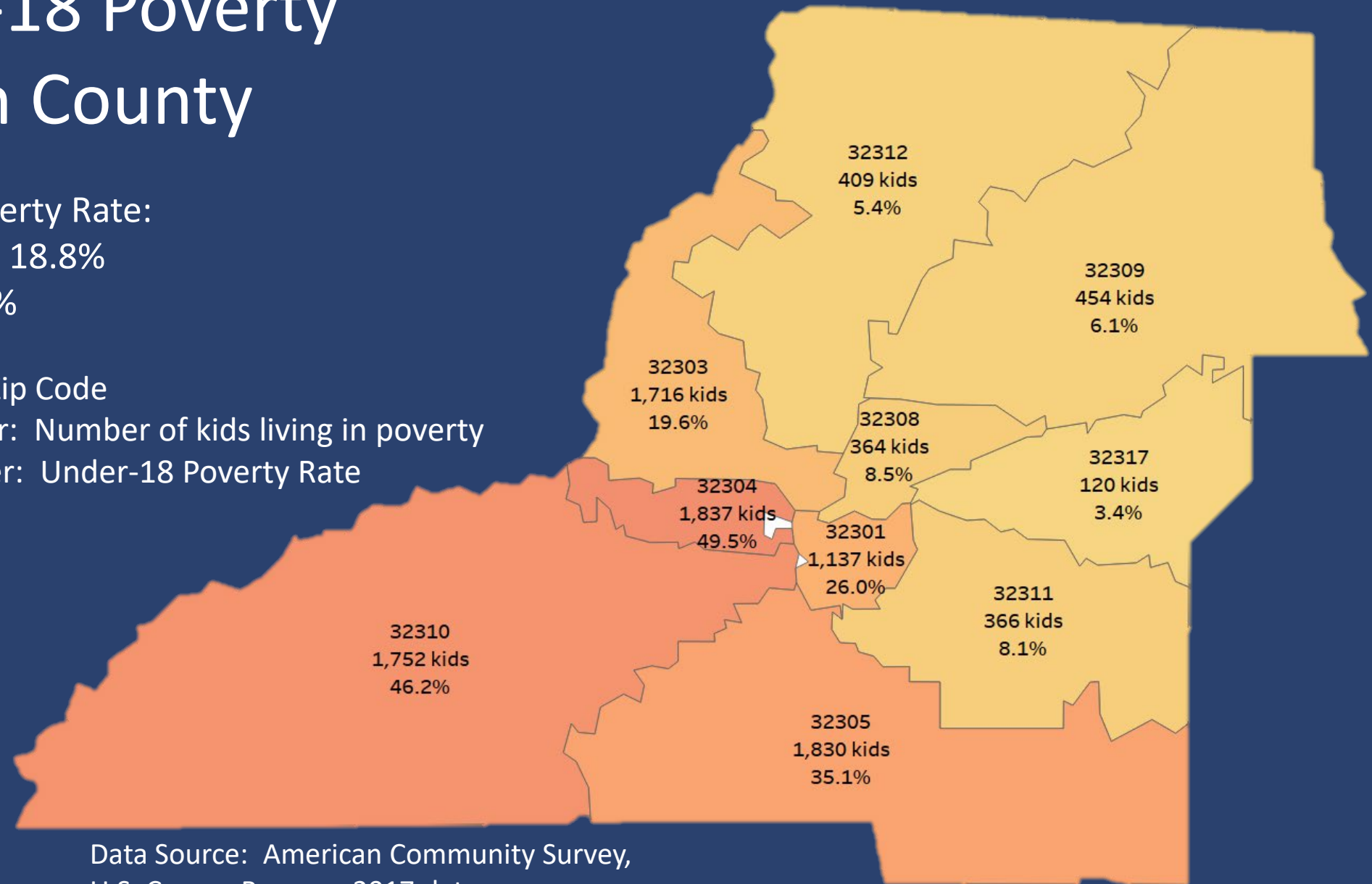
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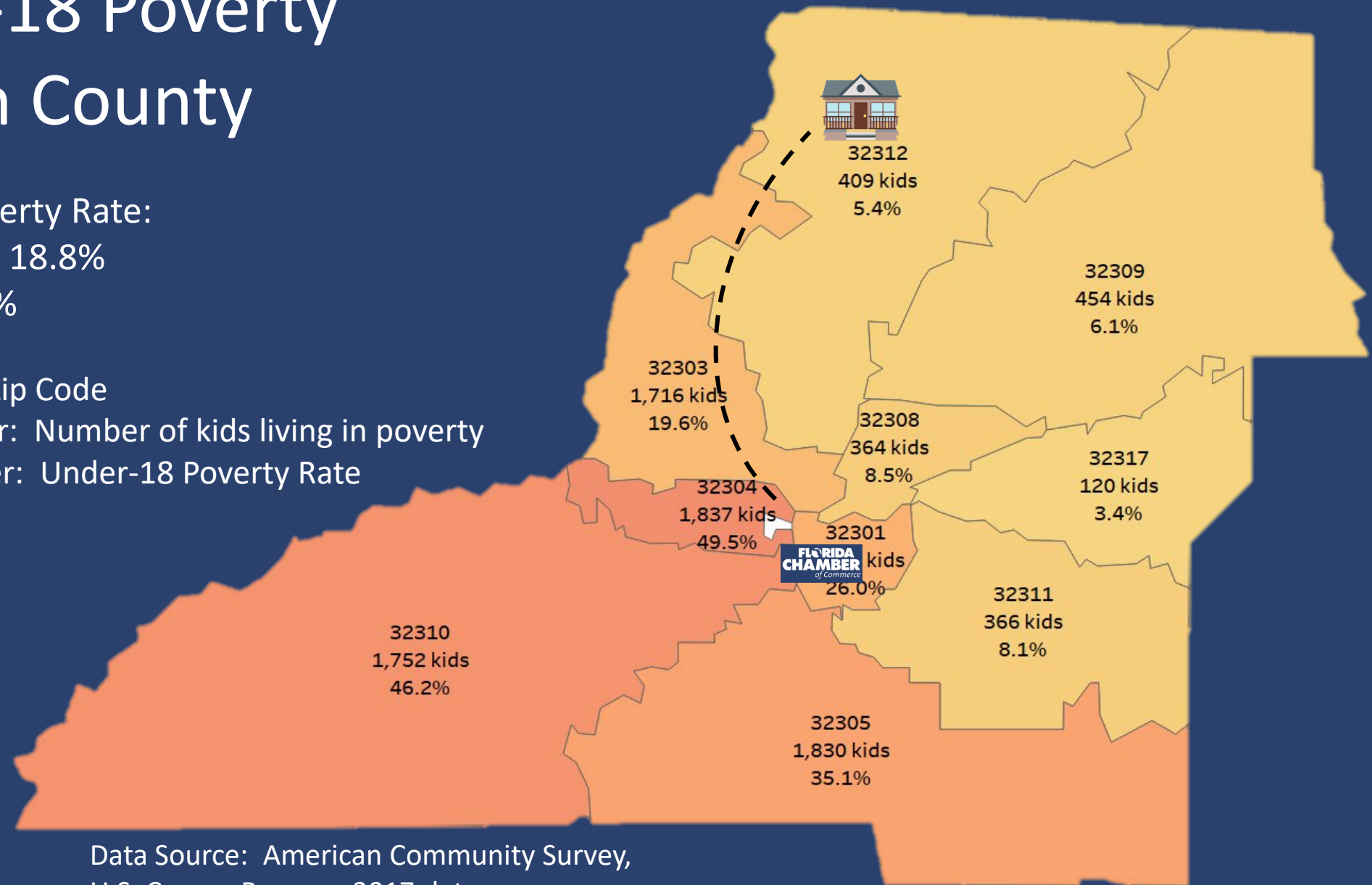
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Florida's poorest zip code is in Tallahassee. For Chamber speaker, it's a rallying cry

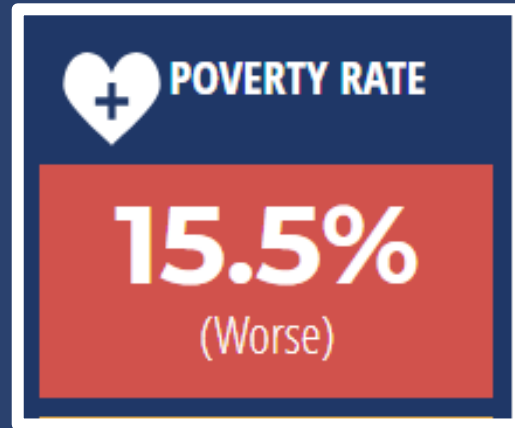
*“Wilson stressed how the private sector can make a significant difference in helping children read at grade level and excel later in school and in life, which feeds into the state's workforce needs and priorities.”*

-Tamaryn Waters, Tallahassee Democrat

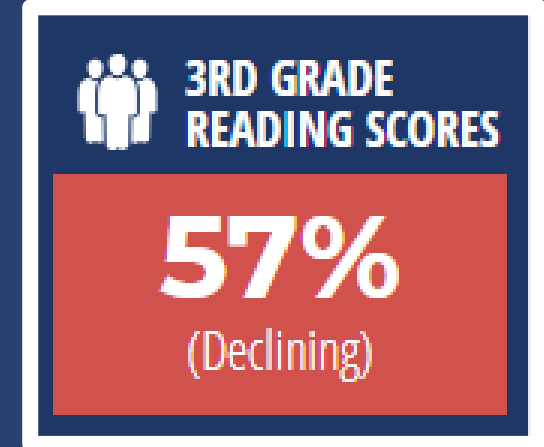


# Find Your County's Poverty Rates

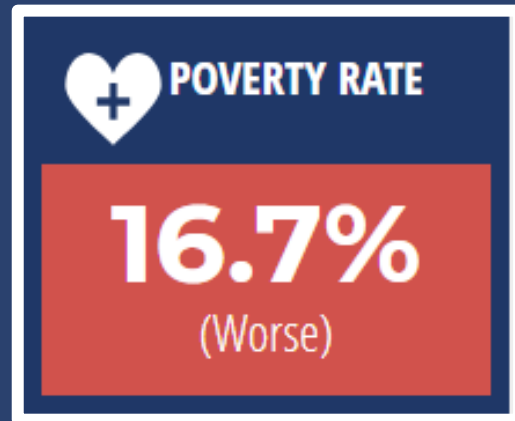
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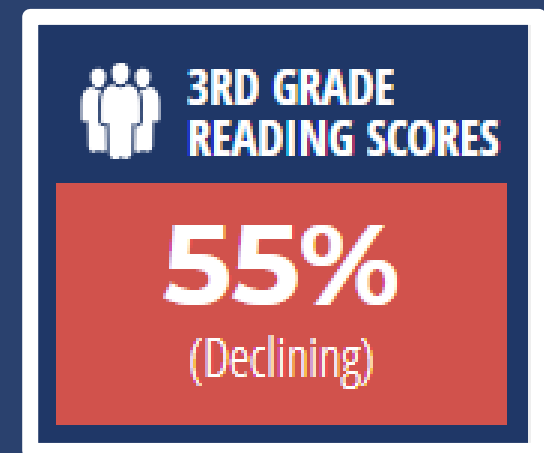
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Orange  
County



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# Let's Blame the 1%ers



# Three ways to make a difference

1. Download this Presentation at [www.FloridaChamber.com/FPN](http://www.FloridaChamber.com/FPN)
2. Learn about the Florida Chamber's Prosperity's Initiative at [www.FloridaChamber.com/ProsperityInitiative](http://www.FloridaChamber.com/ProsperityInitiative)
3. Provide promising practices and ideas for the prosperity research initiative.
4. Contact Tony Carvajal at [tcarjaval@flchamber.com](mailto:tcarjaval@flchamber.com).

# May 2019 Florida Chamber Prosperity Summit

Join us in May for the Florida Chamber Foundation Florida Business Leaders' Summit on Prosperity and Economic Opportunity, May 21-22, 2019, West Palm Beach.



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