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2021 LEGISLATIVE DAY

March 17, 2021 | Leon County





FAC PRESIDENT



Palm Beach County Commissioner **Melissa McKinlay** was elected to the Board of County Commissioners in 2014, served as Mayor in 2017/2018 and was reelected in 2018 without opposition. Prior to her election, Commissioner McKinlay spent nearly twenty years advocating on behalf of women, children and families as a Legislative aide to the Palm Beach County Legislative Affairs Office, to members of Congress and the US Senate, and as a volunteer with several organizations including the Junior League.

Melissa McKinlay

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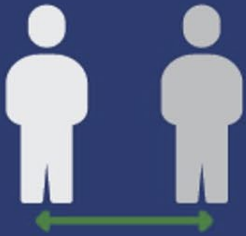
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COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

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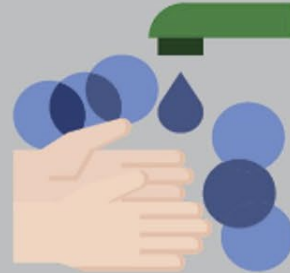
Keep about 6 ft between you & others when possible.

WEAR YOUR MASK



Wear a mask in buildings & crowded public spaces.

CLEAN UP



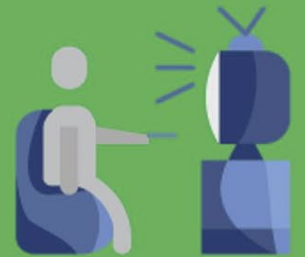
Wash hands or sanitize frequently.

AVOID HUGS & HANDSHAKES



Choose social distancing over hugs & handshakes.

STAY PUT



Not feeling great? Stay in & participate virtually.



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SPEAKER

Bill Proctor is a member of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners. He represents the citizens of Leon County District 1, which includes the central city and southside areas.



Bill Proctor

Leon County
Commissioner



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FAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Virginia "Ginger" Delegal has almost 25 years of experience working with Florida's local governments. She began her career at Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson where she was a shareholder and a member of the General Governmental Law Group. In April 2003, Ms. Delegal joined FAC as General Counsel and has led several successful pieces of complex statewide constitutional litigation on behalf of FAC and the counties, including the first Supreme Court argument for FAC in decades.



Ginger Delegal

FAC Executive Director

@GingerDelegal



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FAC RECOGNITION

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FAC Events Manager



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FAC RECOGNITION

Nick Maddox was elected to serve the citizens of Leon County in 2010 with the goal of bringing diversity, increased transparency, and a competitive edge to a county he has grown to love. Nick's passion for football and winning has translated quickly to success for Leon County and its redevelopment areas, quality of life, and environmental preservation.



Nick Maddox

Leon County
Commissioner
FAC Immediate Past
President
@Nick_J_Maddox



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Thank You, #91!





SPEAKER



Secretary of State **Laurel M. Lee** was appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis as Florida's 36th Secretary of State and began serving in February 2019. Secretary Lee previously served as the Circuit Court Judge in Florida's Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in Hillsborough County. She was appointed to the Circuit Court by Governor Rick Scott in 2013 and re-elected without opposition in 2014.

Laurel Lee

Secretary of the State
@FLSecofState



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SPEAKER



As President & CEO, **Jamal Allen Sowell** leads Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI), the principal economic development organization for Florida. With his team, Sowell works closely with economic development partners and private-sector businesses across the state to strengthen and diversify Florida's economy.

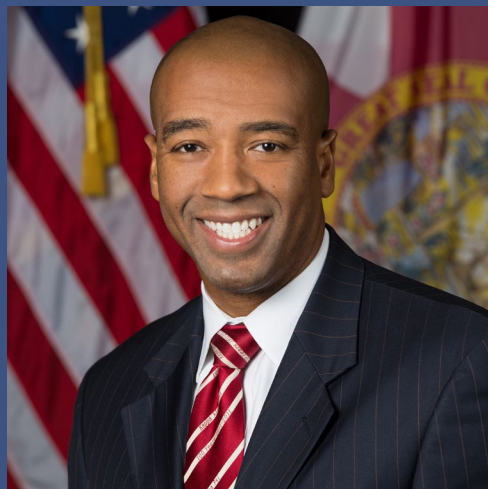
Jamal Sowell

Secretary of Commerce
@JamalSowell



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Keeping Florida Competitive

Florida Secretary of Commerce Jamal Sowell

President & CEO, Enterprise Florida

Keeping Florida Competitive

Enterprise Florida's Mission

- Economic development arm of the state
- Created In 1996
- 59-member board
- Chaired by Governor Ron DeSantis
- Representation from the public & private sector

Keeping Florida Competitive

Enterprise Florida's Mission

**Facilitating
international trade
and exporting**

**Marketing Florida
as the premier
business state in
the nation**

**Supporting Minority
& Small Businesses**

**Assisting with
expansion of
established
businesses in Florida**

**Recruiting
companies from all
over the world to
locate in Florida**

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RURAL TOOLKIT

Enterprise Florida's Rural Expansion Toolkit Awards \$348,400 to 14 Rural Counties

By admin | February 16, 2021

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Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced \$348,400 has been awarded to 14 rural counties and cities for site preparation projects. The awards are part of Enterprise Florida's Rural Expansion Toolkit initiative to assist rural communities with broad-based economic engagement and capacity building efforts.

"Many rural communities throughout the state that are seeking to attract investment need just a little bit of assistance to get them to where they want to be," said Governor Ron DeSantis. "From helping with site preparedness to simple marketing, this grant from EFI will help serve that purpose and will have a significant impact."





The New York Times

DEALBOOK NEWSLETTER

Is Goldman Sachs Going to Florida?

CRAIN'S CHICAGO BUSINESS

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September 23, 2020 05:15 PM

Hedge funds head for Florida with taxes on rich rising elsewhere

Chicago-based Balyasny Asset Management, with about \$8 billion of assets, intends to open an outpost in Miami as more firms across the nation mull a migration to the low-tax state.

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Tech icon criticizes San Francisco, announces move to Florida: 'Impossible to stay here'

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Blackstone Joins Rush to Miami With Office for Technology Staff

By Jonathan Levin
October 8, 2020, 11:44 AM EDT

SOUTH FLORIDA
BUSINESS JOURNAL

Prominent venture capitalist on his move to South Florida: 'You're getting an infusion of people who are motivated, connected'

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Goldman sparks Florida's effort to become Wall Street south

Simultaneously, many executives and top performers have escaped New York for spacious homes in South Florida to wait for the vaccine, with ...

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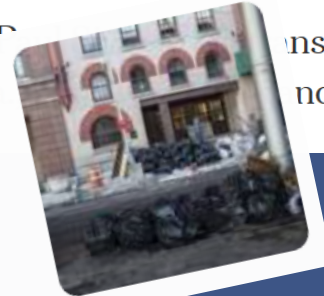
Billionaire investor Carl Icahn to leave New York for Florida

The New York Times

Hedge Fund Magnate Is Moving His \$41 Billion Firm From N.Y. to Florida

The firm, Elliott Management, led by Paul Singer, is moving its headquarters to West Palm Beach, Fla.

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Forbes

Wall Street Banks And Tech Companies Are Fleeing New York And California

There is a steady exodus of businesses moving out of New York and California ... While the banks are primarily relocating to Florida and other ...

Richmond investment bank relocates headquarters to Florida

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Keeping Florida Competitive

TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL

How North Carolina stands to gain as Florida loses key tax credit for job recruitment

**TAMPA BAY
BUSINESS JOURNAL**

State incentives that attract companies to retain and relocate HQs and expansions are gone. Now what?

QTI and Florida Job Creation

The Qualified Target Industry (QTI) Tax Refund incentive was created for companies that create high-wage jobs in targeted high value-added industries.

How Does QTI Help Floridians?

Hundreds of businesses have participated in the QTI Tax Refund program, creating thousands of jobs for Floridians.

- **More Important Than Ever**

As legislative and business leaders across the state look to rebuild Florida's economy from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, providing tools like the QTI Tax Refund encourage businesses to look at our state for job creation projects.

- **Changing Lives**

More than 70 percent of job creation projects established through the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) over the last four years have utilized the QTI Tax Refund program, creating more jobs for Floridians. Many of these high-wage jobs may not have been created without the availability of the QTI Tax Refund program.

- **Retaining Talent**

Job creation allows recent graduates across the state to find a job in Florida's high-wage, high-growth targeted industries, and securing the state's highly-skilled workforce.

- **Quality of Life**

Better jobs mean a higher quality of life, stability, and a brighter future for Floridians.



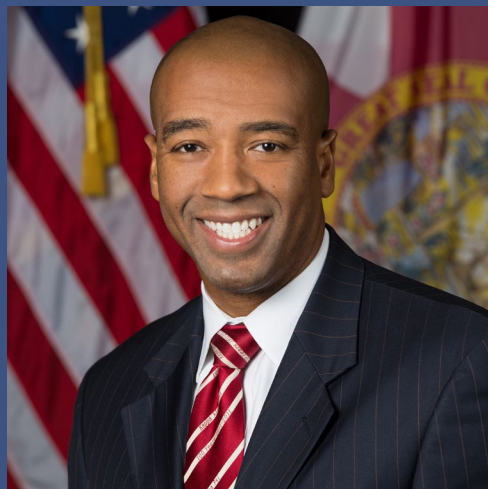
STATE OF FLORIDA TOTALS (active & completed projects)

Net New High-Wage Jobs Documented
to Date: 79,985

For every \$1 the state of
Florida invests in businesses,
\$4.34 is generated

(source: EDR, Jan 2020)

Data from active and completed projects



Keeping Florida Competitive

Florida Secretary of Commerce Jamal Sowell

President & CEO, Enterprise Florida



QUESTION & ANSWER



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SPEAKER



Attorney General **Ashley Moody**, a fifth generation Floridian, was born and raised in Plant City, Florida. She attended the University of Florida where she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting and law degree. She later attended Stetson University College of Law earning a Masters of Law in International Law.

Ashley Moody

Florida Attorney General
@AGAshleyMoody



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SPEAKER

Kevin J. Thibault was named Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) by Governor Ron DeSantis on January 18, 2019. As Secretary, Thibault oversees the lead agency in state government with the statutory responsibility to coordinate the planning and development of a safe, viable, and balanced transportation system serving all regions of the state, and to assure the compatibility of all components, including multimodal facilities.



Kevin Thibault

Secretary of the Florida
Department of
Transportation
@FDOT_Secretary



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Kevin J. Thibault, P.E.
Florida Department of Transportation

VITAL FEW – VISION FOR FLORIDA

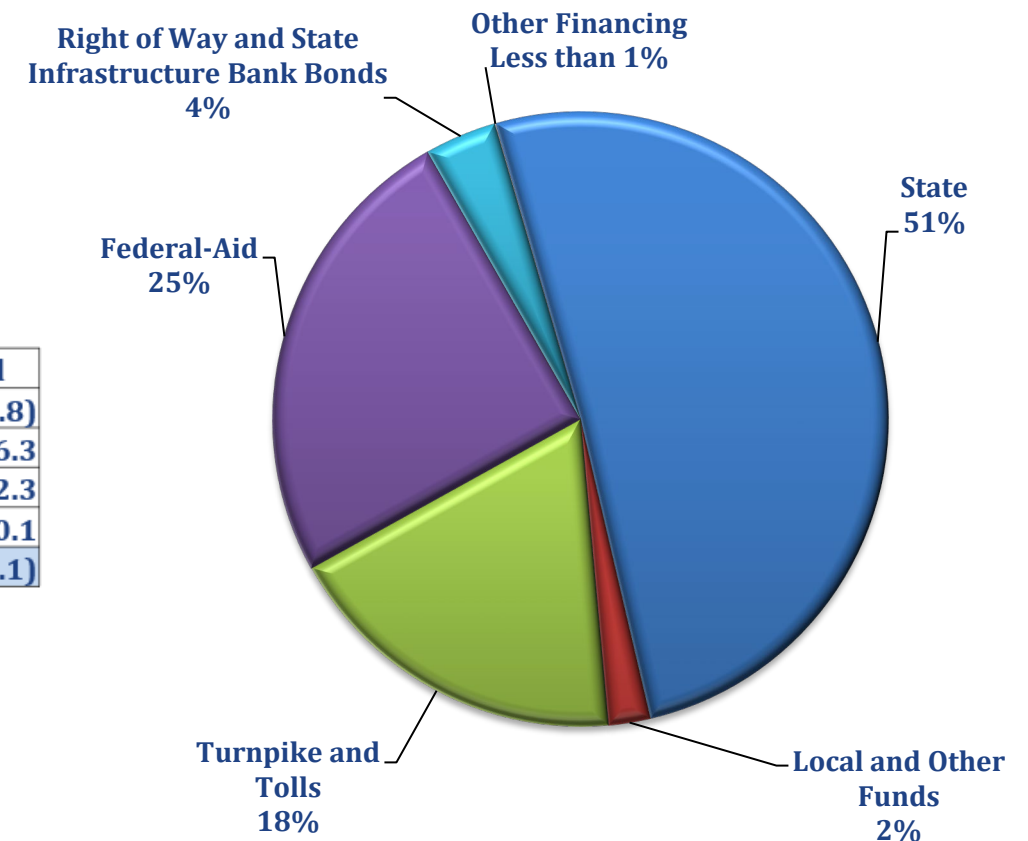


BUDGET IMPACTS

Revenue Estimating Conference Impacts: Aug. 2020 - Dec. 2020 (\$ in millions)

Description	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	Total
August Transportation REC	(432.2)	(273.8)	(197.7)	(187.6)	(198.9)	(195.6)	(1,485.8)
August GR REC (Doc Stamps)	1.6	25.1	25.0	25.7	25.1	23.9	126.3
December Transportation REC	(14.1)	(20.2)	4.0	21.6	44.0	47.0	82.3
December GR REC (Doc Stamps)	45.5	27.9	29.2	29.8	30.5	17.2	180.1
Total Cash Impact	(399.2)	(241.0)	(139.5)	(110.5)	(99.4)	(107.5)	(1,097.1)

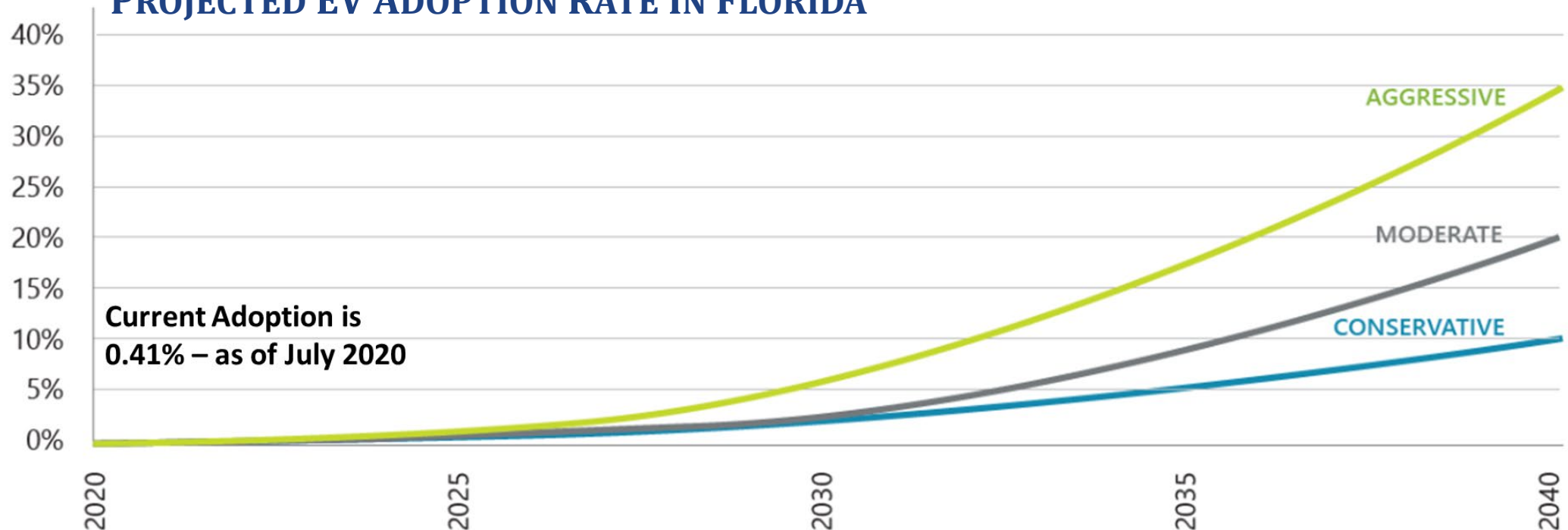
FUNDING BY SOURCE



PREPARING FOR A FUNDING SHIFT

ELECTRIFICATION OF VEHICLES

PROJECTED EV ADOPTION RATE IN FLORIDA



\$10.4 BILLION BUDGET

\$9.47 billion for the State Transportation Work Program

- Infrastructure Capacity
- New Highway Construction
- Bridge Repairs
- Seaport
- Aviation
- Transit Program Improvements
- Safety Initiatives



\$50 million for the Economic Development
Transportation Fund, also known as the ***Road Fund***

Thank you!

QUESTIONS?



March is **Florida Bicycle Month**! In Florida, bicycles play an important role in the lives of our residents and visitors. When riding, wear a helmet, use lights and reflectors when riding at night, and always ride in the direction of traffic, because Safety Doesn't Happen By Accident! For more information and resources, visit www.fdot.gov/bicyclesafety.



QUESTION & ANSWER



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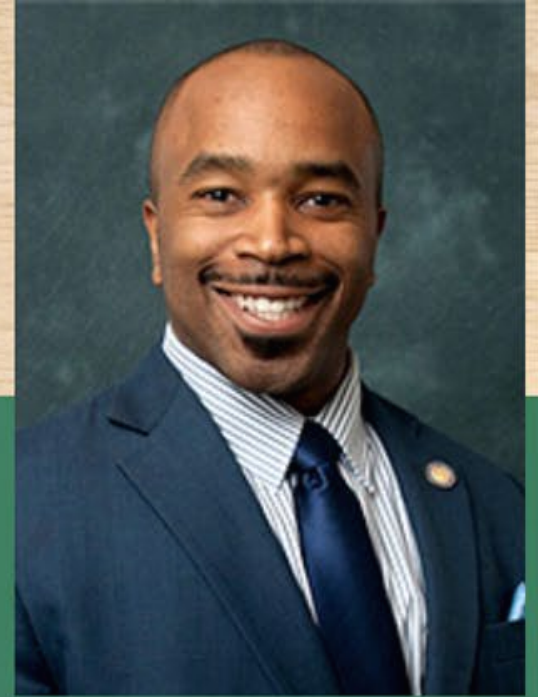


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SPEAKER



Bobby Powell Jr. is a member of the Florida State Senate, representing District 30. Powell assumed office on November 8, 2016. Powell earned his B.S. in Public Relations from Florida A&M University in 2003 and his M.P. in Urban & Regional Planning from Florida State University in 2006.

Senator Bobby Powell

Florida Legislative Black
Caucus Chair
[@BobbyPowellJr](#)



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SPEAKER

Born and raised in Miami, **Commissioner Nikki Fried** graduated from the University of Florida, where she received her bachelor's, master's and juris doctor degrees. As an attorney, she was head of the Felony Division at the Alachua County Public Defender's Office and worked in private practice in South Florida, defending homeowners against foreclosure during the 2007-2008 housing crisis.



Nikki Fried

Florida Department of
Agriculture and
Consumer Services
Commissioner
[@nikkifried](#)



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SPEAKER



Dane Eagle was appointed Executive Director of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity by Governor Ron DeSantis in September 2020. Upon assuming his role at DEO, he has prioritized an issue that is a priority to counties large, medium, and small – access to broadband.

Dane Eagle

Department of Economic
Opportunity Director
@DaneEagle



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Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

Dane Eagle, *Executive Director*

Florida Association of Counties

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Department of Economic Opportunity



DEO Total Employees: 1,827

Statewide Economic Overview: January 2021

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity recently announced Florida has had **nine** consecutive months of month-over-month job growth.

Florida has gained private sector jobs over the past month, lowering the unemployment rate.

National Unemployment Rate: 6.3%

Florida Unemployment Rate: 4.8%

**Private Sector Growth
April – January 2021:
714,900 jobs**

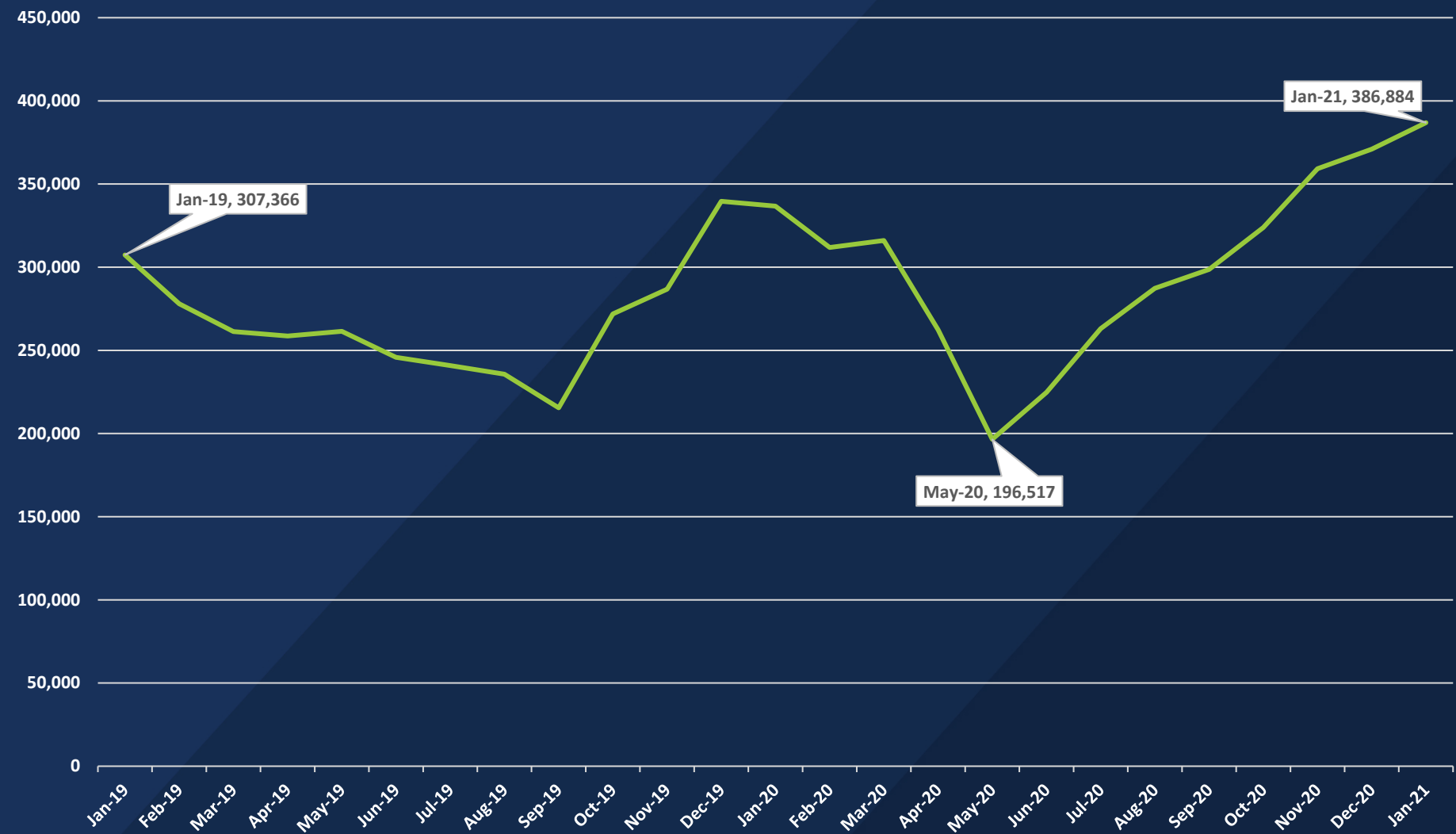
**Private Sector Growth
January 2021:
1,700 jobs**

Private-sector industries gaining the most jobs over-the-month were:

- Trade, Transportation, and Utilities +4,400
- Construction +3,500
- Education and Health Services +3,200
- Other Services +1,700
- Professional and business services +500

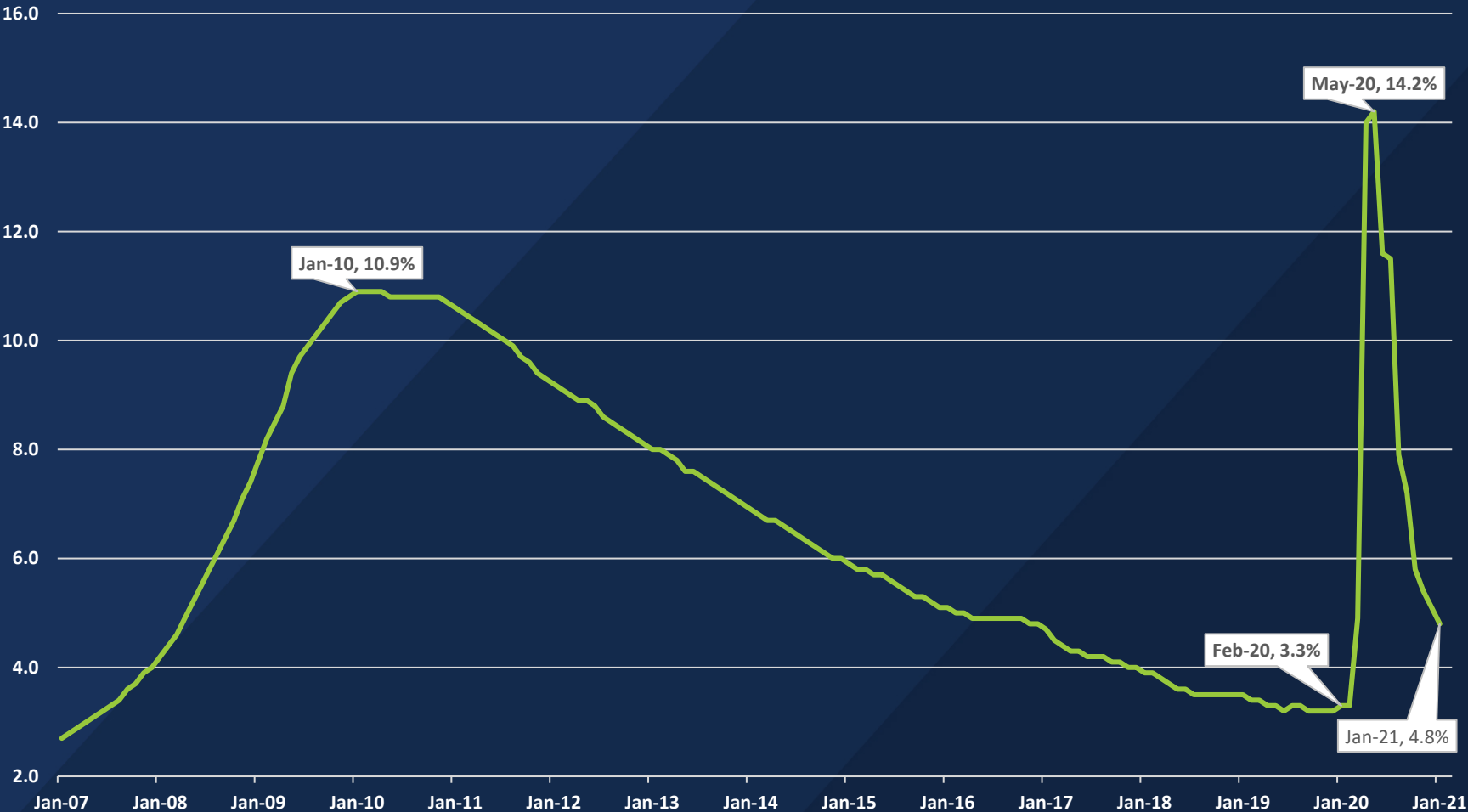
Florida Online Job Ads

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research. Prepared March 2021

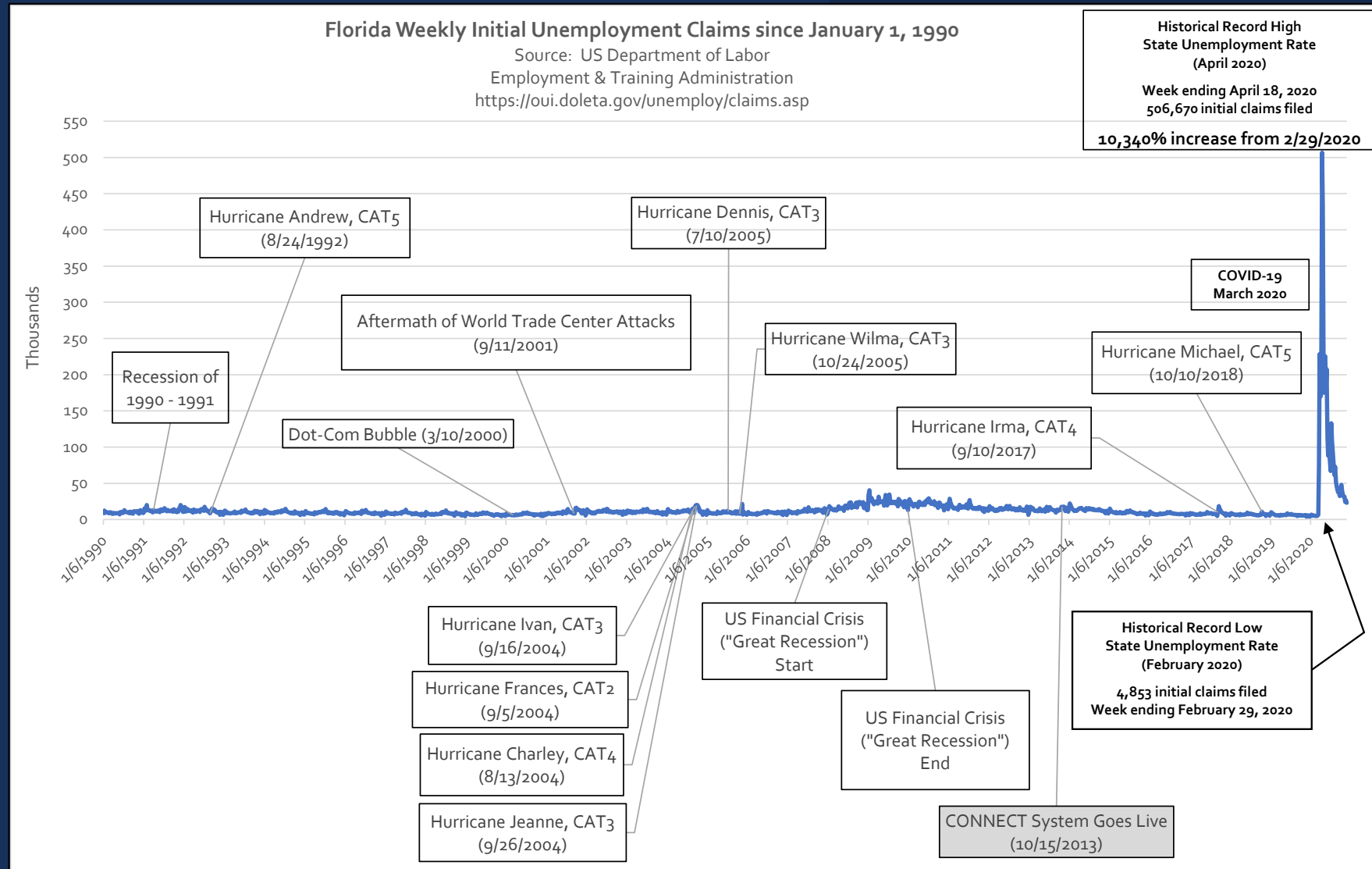


Florida Unemployment Rate

Florida Unemployment Rate (Seasonally Adjusted) January 2007 – January 2021



Weekly Claims | January 6, 1990 – February 27, 2021



Economic Development: Grant Funding

The Department of Economic Opportunity has provided investments in Florida communities throughout the state.

Last year, the Department of Economic Opportunity has provided **more than \$113 million** to communities throughout the state through the following programs:

Division of Community Development

- Community Development Block Grants
- Community Development Projects
- Technical Planning and Assistance
- Weatherization Assistance Program
- Home Energy Assistance Program
- Community Services Block Grants
- Rebuild Florida Programs

Strategic Business Development

- Space, Defense, and Infrastructure Grants
- Florida Job Growth Grant Fund
- Competitive Florida
- Military Base Protection

Economic Development: Available Grant Funding

The Department of Economic Opportunity has the following programs available for communities to apply for grant funding:

Division of Community Development

- Rebuild Florida Hometown Revitalization Program
- Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Entitlement Program
- Competitive Florida Partnership
- Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant Program
- Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund

Strategic Business Development

- Florida Defense Reinvestment Grant Program
- Florida Defense Infrastructure Grant Program

Governor DeSantis' Recommended Budget

“Florida Leads” Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Budget

Major Programs Funded	Amount
Affordable Housing Programs	\$423.3 Million
Florida Job Growth Grant Fund	\$50 Million
VISIT Florida	\$50 Million
Statewide Branding Campaign	\$5 Million
Space Florida – Aerospace Financing Program	\$6 Million
Florida Office of Broadband	\$3.2 Million

2021 Legislative Priorities

This Legislative Session, the Department is supporting the following bill proposals:

- **SB 1948 (Sen. Bean) / HB 1463 (Rep. LaMarca): Department of Economic Opportunity: Reemployment Assistance Program Modernization**
- **SB 968 (Sen. Gainer) / HB 379 (Rep. Giallombardo): Public Records/Economic Development Agency**
- **SB 982 (Sen. Gruters) / HB 6071 (Rep. LaMarca): Tax Refund Program for Qualified Target Industry Businesses**



Thank You.



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Davin Suggs
FAC Public Policy Director



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SESSION COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

HOUSE PROTOCOLS

- Capital Complex is closed to the public and only open to visitors in the legislative process. Access to the House is based on registration for committee meetings or scheduled appointments that require the visitor to be escorted around the building.
- Visitors who want to attend House committee meetings must register no later than three hours before the start of the meeting.
- Preferred communication is through phone call or videoconference. If in-person meetings are necessary, visitors will be limited by office space and be appointment only. A Member's staff must escort visitors into and out of the building.

SENATE PROTOCOLS

- All Senate protocols remain the same as committee weeks. All public testimony will take place at the Civic Center and appearance cards should be printed or filled out at the Civic Center. During Session, the public gallery will remain closed. In person meetings will be limited to phone calls, teleconferencing, or outdoor meetings.



SB 1924 OPPOSITION

SB 1924 – LIMITATIONS ON EMERGENCY POWERS OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

This legislation requires that emergency measures issued by a political subdivision be narrowly tailored to a compelling public safety or public health emergency and specifies additional requirements for local emergency measures.

- Provide the Governor and/or the Legislature (by concurrent resolution) with the power and **AUTHORITY TO INVALIDATE** an order, an ordinance, a proclamation, a rule, or any other measure issued by a political subdivision to address a purported emergency if they determine that such order unnecessarily restricts a constitutional right, fundamental liberty, or statutory right of a citizen.
- Provide that all local emergency orders would expire after 10 days, however the order could be extended before its expiration by a majority vote of the governing body. Upon expiration of the order, a substantially similar order **CANNOT** be adopted during the same emergency.
- Provide that the **BURDEN OF PROOF LIES WITH THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION** (local government) that a local emergency order (in addressing a purported emergency) that deprives any person of a constitutional right, fundamental liberty, statutory right, or property: 1.) serves a compelling governmental interest; 2.) is narrowly tailored; 3.) accomplishes the intended goal through the use of the least intrusive means





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