



The Briefing –Wednesday – September 14 –2022

The last Briefing was Tuesday – September 13 - 2022

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The primary recipients are elected officials in Florida's small counties.*

*How's your weather - <https://weather.com/>
Keep an eye on the Tropics! See embedded map below!*

[Week 3 - College Football Schedule](#)

Note – I will be out of office Wednesday and Thursday in meetings in South Florida

The Quick

CONTINUED ACTION REQUESTED

Minimum Wage Requirement for Direct Care Medicaid Employees

We are requesting any county that is impacted by the Legislative mandate requiring county Medicaid providers to pay a \$15 minimum wage to direct care employees to contact the Governors Office and AHCA with the following request:

“We request is that provisions be made and directions be given that a sufficient amount of the funding appropriated in Line Item 211 be set aside to increase the wages of those direct care service employees in the counties to a minimum level of \$15 an hr.”

You can email the above statement to:

Governor DeSantis – GovernorRon.Desantis@eog.myflorida.com

Chris Spencer – chris.spencer@laspbs.state.fl.us

Stephanie Kopelousos – stephanie.kopelousos@eog.myflorida.com

AHCA Secretary Simone Marstiller - simone.marstiller@ahca.myflorida.com

Copy your House and Senate member with the message.

U.S. Census Bureau Releases Reports

Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2021

America's child poverty rate plunged in 2021, hitting a record low and accelerating a decadelong decline. That's the main message from Census Bureau data [released](#) yesterday. The most recent decline can be linked directly to the increase in the child tax credit that was implemented in July 2021 but then expired at the end of that year — which means that next year's number is likely to see a rare increase.

The U.S. Census Bureau report found that real median household income in 2021 was not statistically different than 2020. The official poverty rate of 11.6% was also not statistically different between 2020 and 2021. The Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM) rate in 2021 was 7.8%, a decrease of 1.4 percentage points from 2020. Meanwhile, the percentage of people with health insurance coverage for all or part of 2021 was 91.7% (compared to 91.4% in 2020.) An estimated 8.3% of people, or 27.2 million, did not have health insurance at any point during 2021, according to findings from the 2022 Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC). That's compared with an estimated 8.6% of people, or 28.3 million, who did not have health insurance at any point during 2020.

Headlines from around the State

Sun-Sentinel: Judge unseals additional portions of Mar-a-Lago affidavit

The Floridian: Rubio Team Slams Demings and Inflation Reduction Act

The Floridian: Rick Scott Cosigns School Choice Resolution

The Floridian: Stephanie Murphy Calls on DeSantis to Distribute Funds Granted to FL

City & State FL: Florida appeals court weighs COVID-19 data fight

FlaPol: Marco Rubio 'embarrassed' for James Taylor after White House performance

Daily News: With new abortion limits, will faith-based groups step up to help pregnant women and the babies they fought to save?

Bradenton Herald: Florida sees sharp rise in white power, anti-Semitic incidents, report finds

Sentinel: FDOT says SunRail is vulnerable to rail workers strike

Herald: Are beds available at your neighborhood hospital? This Florida interactive map can help

FlaPol: Former Florida GOP congressional nominee using illegal drugs again, ex-wife says

Sun-Sentinel: Broward School Board agrees to stop paying legal bills of suspended members

Sun-Sentinel: Prosecutors push expert witness to concede testimony was incomplete picture of Stoneman Douglas shooter

PNJ: Florida Supreme Court affirms death penalty for Santa Rosa inmate

FlaPol: Suicide prevention should be yearlong focus, says Aetna Better Health of Florida leader

Bradenton Herald: 'They're not going out of the way to help us.' Florida lagging on monkeypox care, gay men say

Herald: FIU is turning 50, a long way from its former airfield days. 10 things to know about it

News4Jax: Credibility central theme in trial of former Clay County Sheriff Darryl Daniels as ex-mistress testifies

Times-Union: Mistress testifies against former sheriff in Jacksonville area trial

FlaPol: In new ad, Charlie Crist wants 'fed up' voters to punish Ron DeSantis for high gas, food costs

The Floridian: Crist Says DeSantis Doesn't Want to Debate him

Sentinel: CEO Chapek says Disney held firm over 'don't say gay' law

FlaPol: 'We cut them off': Christina Pushaw shares her strategy for defeating 'legacy media activists'

FlaPol: Jimmy Patronis seeks to ban political discrimination by debt collectors

News4Jax: Florida minimum wage poised to go to \$11

Sun-Sentinel: After Florida Senate loss, Barbara Sharief announces she'll run again — in election that's two years away

FlaPol: Fresh off loss, Barbara Sharief announces 2024 Senate run

FlaPol: House candidate Audrey Henson, founder of College to Congress, departs organization

Bradenton Herald: Gov. Ron DeSantis Park is coming to Manatee County after commissioners vote to OK it

FlaPol: Florida Sheriffs Association names Chris Sprowls honorary Sheriff

CBS Miami: Chairman Torey Alston: "New Broward School Board has new focus"

Axios: Florida craft breweries bounce back

Democrat: Dailey vs. Dozier déjà vu: Tallahassee mayor battle marks 2nd matchup between their families

Sun-Sentinel: 3 school administrators forced out; Superintendent details 'swift action' after grand jury report

Sentinel: Orange County leaders look to protect Shingle Creek, an Everglades headwater

WLRN: 'Every challenge creates an opportunity': Miami-Dade budget tries to turn housing crisis into 'win-win-win'

The Capitolist: Florida State University College of Business finds success in 2022

Herald: Miami fires police captain after years of controversy. His attorney blames politics

Herald: David Beckham's Miami soccer stadium plan scores key victory with final zoning approval

On the Docket

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

- COMMISSION ON WOMEN: The Florida Commission on the Status of Women will hold its “LEAD Summit” in Duval County. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., University of North Florida, Adam W. Herbert University Center, 12000 Alumni Dr., Jacksonville.)
- NEW CHANCELLOR: The state university system’s Board of Governors will consider a recommendation by a search committee to name Sen. Ray Rodrigues, R-Estero, as chancellor of the system. Rodrigues would replace Chancellor Marshall Criser, who is stepping down from the post. The full board will meet after a series of committee meetings. (Wednesday, committee meetings start at 9 a.m. Central time, with full board at 1 p.m., University of West Florida, University of West Florida Conference Center, 11000 University Parkway,

Pensacola. <https://uwf.zoom.us/j/84726751497?pwd=bHhnV0MwS0hHYTdxVGhUdGpUdUpQdz09>)

- PAROLE CASES: The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165)
- JUDICIAL CANDIDATES: The 6th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will interview candidates to fill a circuit-court judgeship. The 6th Circuit is made up of Pinellas and Pasco counties. Candidates slated to be interviewed are Christopher Ballard, Khara Alvero, Emily VanOosting, Kathryn Spurlock, Patrick Hogan, Cornelius Demps, Samantha Sealey, Nicholas Fiorentino, Nicole Pearlman, Samantha Van Scoik, Amber Sherwood, Jennifer Dubbeld, Lindsey French, Tiffany Anthanaselos, Eva Vergos, Jeffrey Albinson, Barbara Goiran, Stefen Diskey, Matthew Perry and Dustin Anderson. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., St. Petersburg College, SS Building, 2465 Drew St., Clearwater.)
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES: The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. (Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Conference ID: 175899214)
- HISTORICAL PANEL: The Florida Historical Commission will meet and discuss memorials at the Capitol complex. (Wednesday, 10 a.m. <https://dosmyflorida.zoom.us/j/85423551172?pwd=dG50eFA0Y0pPMldPZ2s5S3FTdE5EQT09>. Meeting ID: 85423551172. Code: 549474)
- REFUGEE ISSUES: The Jacksonville Area Refugee Task Force will meet. (Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- FLORIDA CITY GAS RATES: The Florida Public Service Commission will hold online customer-service hearings about a proposal by Florida City Gas to raise rates. Florida City Gas has customers in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin and Hendry counties. (Wednesday, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. <http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCoverage>)
- MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE: The state Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse is scheduled to meet. (Wednesday, 4 p.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- I-75 INTERCHANGES EYED: The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting in Broward County about Interstate 75 interchange improvement projects. (Wednesday, 6 p.m., Weston Commission chamber, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd., Weston.)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

- UF TRUSTEES HUDDLE: The University of Florida Board of Trustees will start a two-day retreat in St. Johns County. (Thursday, 8:45 a.m., Sawgrass Marriott, 1000 Tournament Players Club Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach.)
- ELECTIONS LAW: A panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments about the constitutionality of a 2021 Florida elections law that included placing additional restrictions on ballot drop boxes and on providing food and water to people waiting in line at polling places. The state appealed after Chief U.S. District Judge Mark Walker ruled that parts of the law were intended to discriminate against Black Floridians. (Thursday, 9 a.m., James Lawrence King Federal Justice Building, 99 N.E. Fourth St., Miami.)
- HEALTH INSURANCE: The Florida Health Insurance Advisory Board is scheduled to meet and discuss 2023 legislative proposals. (Thursday, 9 a.m. Call-in number: 1-866-299-7949. Code: 1433866)

- UWF TRUSTEES: The University of West Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m., University of West Florida, University of West Florida Conference Center, 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola. <https://uwf.zoom.us/j/89988590447?pwd=UIMrR2MxYlcxTGVvZlk0ajhjREo4UT09>. Code: 169305)
- DEFENSE ISSUES: The Florida Defense Support Task Force will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Doubletree Grand Key Resort Key West, 3990 South Roosevelt Blvd., Key West.)
- SOUTHWEST PLANNING COUNCIL: The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council is scheduled to meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m., South Florida Water Management District Office: 2301 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers.)
- SCHOOL SAFETY: The State Board of Education will discuss a report by a statewide grand jury that probed school-safety issues after the 2018 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. (Thursday, 10 a.m. Call-in number: 1-800-496-4034. Code: 797680)
- GULF COAST COLLEGE BOARD: The Gulf Coast State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Gulf Coast State College, Robert L. McSpadden Student Union West, Panama City.)
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- REFUGEE ISSUES: The Broward Refugee Task Force will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS: The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)
- GULF CONSORTIUM BOARD: The Gulf Consortium Board of Directors, which works on issues related to the Deepwater Horizon disaster, will meet. (Thursday, 5 p.m. <https://meet.goto.com/635182717>. Call-in number: 1-571-317-3116. Code: 635182717)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

- UF TRUSTEES: The University of Florida Board of Trustees will continue a two-day retreat in St. Johns County. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., Sawgrass Marriott, 1000 Tournament Players Club Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach.)
- HOUSING ISSUES: The Florida Housing Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet in Orange County. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., Hyatt Regency Orlando Airport, 9300 Jeff Fuqua Blvd., Orlando.)
- SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY BOARD: The Florida Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m. <https://app.gotomeeting.com/?meetingId=456352981&sessionTrackingId=clsJoin-c3bfecf1-f862-4ff1-8437-50845e1655ac>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 456352981)
- TREASURE COAST PLANNING COUNCIL: The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council will meet. (Friday, 9:30 a.m., Indian River State College, Chastain Campus, Wolf High Technology Center, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart.)
- AUGUST JOBS REPORT RELEASES: The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will release an August unemployment report. (Friday, 10 a.m.)
- REFUGEE ISSUES: The Palm Beach Area Refugee Task Force will meet. (Friday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)

- HUNGER ISSUES: Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried is slated to take part in a “statewide hunger call” to address efforts aimed at ending hunger. (Friday, 11 a.m. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9218963420516234252>)
- MAYORAL CANDIDATES AT TIGER BAY: Tallahassee Mayor John Dailey and his challenger in the November election, Leon County Commissioner Kristin Dozier, will appear at the Capital Tiger Bay Club. (Friday, noon, Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, 505 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.)
- BUILDING COMMISSION: The Florida Building Commission will meet. (Friday, 2 p.m. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/533378925>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 533378925)
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE: State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Sept. 9.

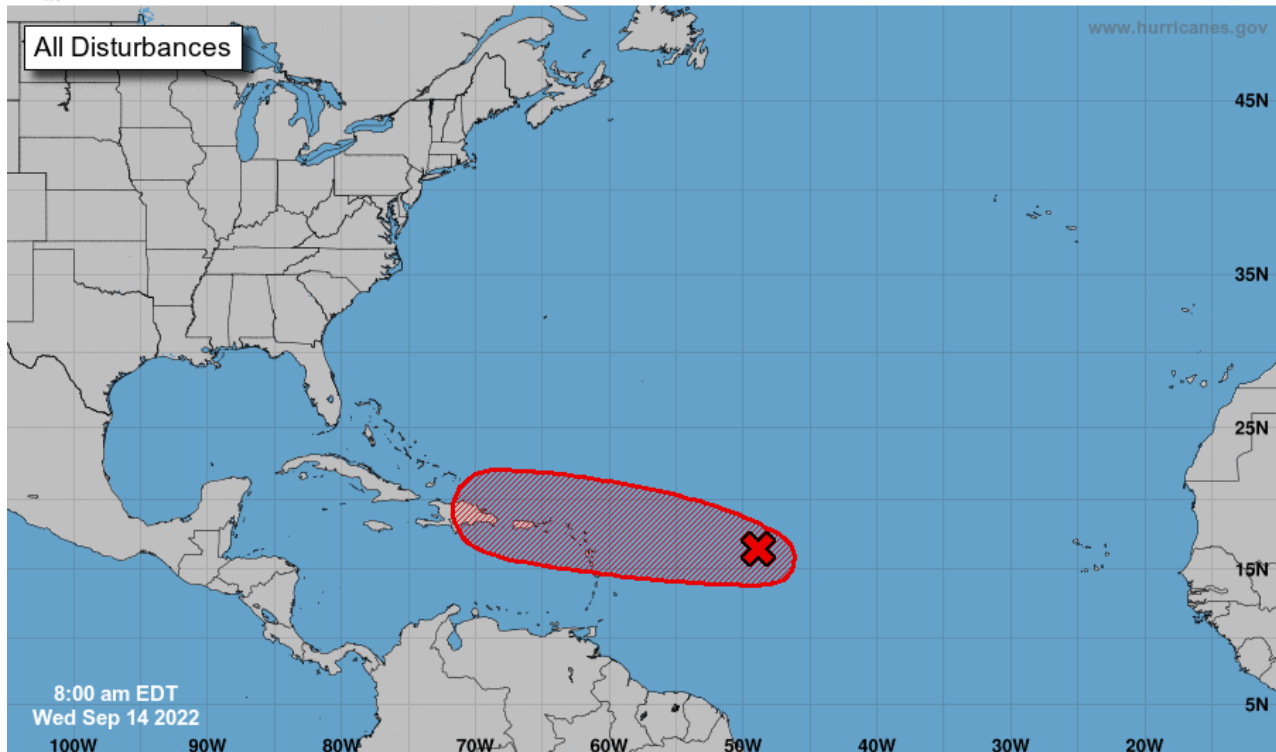
The Tropics

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>



Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Five-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: ✘ < 40% ✘ 40-60% ✘ > 60%
 Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: ○ Depression ◉ Storm ● Hurricane
⊗ Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

About the Briefing!

The Briefing is compiled **2-3 times a week** to provide information to County Commissioners and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and School Board members, Superintendents, and staff in districts that are members of the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email – Cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com

Website Links

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