



The Briefing for Monday – January 2 – 2023

The last Briefing was Saturday – December 31 - 2022

How's your weather - <https://weather.com/>

Governor's Inauguration Tomorrow

The event can be viewed on <https://thefloridachannel.org/>

Legislature to Convene Committees – Wednesday and Thursday

[Link to the Senate Calendar for this week - Committee Meetings](#)

[Link to House of Representatives Calendar - Committee Meeting this week!](#)

Education and Local Government Bills filed as of 1/2/23

[Bills Filed Report - Education and Local Government as of 1-2-23 .docx](#)

Local Legislative Delegation Hearings for January

The Dixie, Lafayette, Suwannee, Hamilton, Leon, Taylor, Jefferson, Wakulla, Franklin, Liberty and Gulf County legislative delegations have announced meetings for January.

Florida Gains Top Spot for Fastest Growing State in the U.S.

Florida is the fastest growing state in the U.S., [according to a Census report released Thursday](#), reclaiming the top spot for the first time in more than 60 years. The state saw a 1.9 percent population increase from 2021 to 2022, surpassing population growth in any other state for the first time since 1957. Florida's population has grown every year since 1946— even when U.S. population growth slowed overall.

Headlines Around the State

Democrat: Al Lawson going hunting and fishing with eyes on redistricting lawsuit

Herald: Incoming Generation Z congressman says he may couch surf after being denied DC apartment

WUSF: In Key West, Cuban artist's 'High Tide' shows disparate worlds on either side of the Florida Straits

Times: Banks seek to quash women's lawsuits in Jeffrey Epstein case

FlaPol: Legislature gears up for 2023 Session with interim meetings this week

Sun-Sentinel: Fewer falling iguanas in Florida's future? Reptile invaders may be adapting to cold

NBC Miami: Dry Tortugas National Park to Close Amid Arrival of Hundreds of Migrants

WLRN: Broward County tell Sheriff Tony he is out as 911 communications operator

FlaPol: Florida toll rebate program set to kick off 2023

Capitolist: Miya's Law for landlords takes effect Jan. 1, meant to keep tenants safer

News Herald: COVID-19 cases in Florida increase by thousands over holidays

Ledger: Conservative group gets more time to review books for 2 new Polk schools

Times: Clearwater offers \$3.15M in COVID relief grants through Feb. 15

Herald: 'Legend' Harvey Ruvin, Miami-Dade's longest-serving elected official, dies at 85

Times-Union: Katrina Brown, ex-Jacksonville City Council member, ends sentence after early prison release

Times-Union: Biden pardons St. Augustine man in marijuana grow house case

NWF Daily News: Hundreds turn out to honor fallen Okaloosa County deputy

On th Docket This Week

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023

- **DESANTIS BEGINS SECOND TERM:** Tuesday, 11 a.m.: An inauguration ceremony will be held to formally launch the second term of Gov. Ron DeSantis. The ceremony also will include Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nunez, Attorney General Ashley Moody, state Chief Financial Officer and newly elected Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson, who are beginning their terms. Old Capitol.
- **NEW CONGRESSIONAL TERM BEGINS--:** The two-year term of the 118th U.S. Congress will begin. New U.S. House members from Florida are Republicans Aaron Bean, Cory Mills, Anna Paulina Luna and Laurel Lee and Democrats Maxwell Frost and Jared Moskowitz.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023

Legislature:

- **AGRICULTURE ISSUES:** Wednesday, 9 a.m.: The Senate Agriculture Committee will discuss goals for the 2023 legislative session.: 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **CHOICE AND INNOVATION ON TAP -:** Wednesday, 10 a.m.: The House Choice & Innovation Subcommittee will receive an overview.: Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **CIVIL JUSTICE PANEL:** Wednesday, 10 a.m.: The House Civil Justice Subcommittee will receive an overview. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **INFRASTRUCTURE MONEY:** Wednesday, 10 a.m. The House Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee will receive an overview. 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **INSURANCE, BANKING PANEL:** Wednesday, 10 a.m. The House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee will receive an overview. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **EDUCATION PANEL:** Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. The Senate Education Pre-K-12 Committee will receive an overview. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **AGRICULTURE, RESILIENCY:** Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. The House Agriculture, Conservation & Resiliency Subcommittee will receive an overview. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol
- **CHILDREN, FAMILIES PANEL:** Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. The House Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee will receive an overview. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **HIGHER ED MONEY:** Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. The House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee will receive an overview. 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **COURT SYSTEM FUNDING:** Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. The House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee will receive an overview. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS PANEL:** Wednesday, 1 p.m.: The House Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government Operations Subcommittee will receive an overview.: 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **HEALTH REGULATION:** Wednesday, 1 p.m. The House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee will receive an overview. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.

- **SCHOOL MONEY:** Wednesday, 1 p.m. The House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee will receive an overview. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **REGULATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Wednesday, 1 p.m. The House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee will receive an overview. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **VETERANS' AFFAIRS:** Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security Committee will receive a presentation by Bob Asztalos, deputy executive director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES MONEY:** Wednesday, 2:30 p.m.
- **:** The House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee will receive an overview. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **EDUCATION QUALITY PANEL:** Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. The House Education Quality Subcommittee will receive an overview. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **LOCAL ADMINISTRATION PANEL:** Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. The House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee will receive an overview. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **TRANSPORTATION ISSUES TEED UP:** Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. The House Transportation & Modals Subcommittee will receive an overview. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **HOUSING ISSUES:** Wednesday, 3 p.m. The Senate Community Affairs Committee will receive a presentation from the Florida Housing Finance Corp. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **FINANCIAL AID:** Wednesday, 3 p.m. The Senate Education Postsecondary Committee will receive a presentation about state financial-aid and tuition-assistance programs. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CHIEF SPEAKS:** Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. The Senate Select Committee on Resiliency will receive a presentation from Kevin Guthrie, director of the state Division of Emergency Management. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- **UNEMPLOYMENT CASES:** Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Conference ID: 175899214

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023

Legislature:

- **HEALTH BUDGET:** Thursday, 9:30 a.m. The Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee will receive a budget overview. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
 - **CRIMINAL JUSTICE:** Thursday, 10 a.m. The House Criminal Justice Subcommittee will receive an overview. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
 - **ENERGY, CYBERSECURITY TEED UP:** Thursday, 10 a.m. The House Energy, Communications & Cybersecurity Subcommittee will receive an overview. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
 - **WORKFORCE ISSUES:** Thursday, 10 a.m. The House Postsecondary Education & Workforce Subcommittee will receive an overview. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- TECHNOLOGY FUNDS:** Thursday, 10 a.m. The House State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee will receive an overview. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT BUDGET:** Thursday, 11 a.m. The Senate Agriculture, Environment and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee will receive an overview. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
 - **ETHICS, ELECTIONS PANEL:** Thursday, 11:30 a.m. The House Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee will receive an overview. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
 - **HEALTH FUNDING:** Thursday, 11:30 a.m. The House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee will receive an overview. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
 - **WATER ISSUES:** Thursday, 11:30 a.m. The House Water Quality, Supply & Treatment Subcommittee will receive an overview. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

- HURRICANE RECOVERY: Thursday, 1 p.m. The House Select Committee on Hurricane Resiliency and Recovery will receive an overview. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- AUDITOR GENERAL: Thursday, 1 p.m. The Joint Legislative Auditing Committee will receive an overview of the Office of the Auditor General. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- JNC INTERVIEWS CANDIDATES: Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission will interview applicants for statewide prosecutor and the five offices of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel. <https://gtlaw.zoom.us/j/93312259566?pwd=aG1Nb1E0SHp2UjYwT3RBVnFINUtpdz09>. Meeting ID: 93312259566. Code: 772747. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003
- HURRICANE LOSS PANEL: Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology will meet. Register at fchlpm.sbafla.com. Call-in number: 1-914-614-3221. Code: 776624684
- GAMBLING ISSUES: Thursday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. Cabinet meeting room, the Capitol.
- NORTHEAST FLORIDA COUNCIL: Thursday, 10 a.m. The Northeast Florida Regional Council Board of Directors will meet. Northeast Florida Regional Council, 100 Festival Park Ave., Jacksonville. <https://nefrcc-org.zoom.us/j/87499770491>. Meeting ID: 87499770491
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS: Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its regular weekly opinions.
- PROPERTY INSURANCE: Thursday, 12:15 p.m. The Sarasota Tiger Bay Club will hold a discussion about the property-insurance system, with participants including Citizens Property Insurance General Counsel Tim Cerio, American Integrity Insurance Co. Executive Vice President Dick Dowd and plaintiffs' attorney Chip Merlin. Michael's on East, 1212 South East Ave., Sarasota.
- WORKERS' COMP: Thursday, 4 p.m. The Three-Member Panel, which makes recommendations about workers' compensation insurance issues, is scheduled to meet. <https://meet.goto.com/989161421>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 989161421

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2023

- RESPIRATORY BOARD: Friday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Board of Respiratory Care will meet. Holiday Inn Disney Springs, 1805 Plaza Blvd., Lake Buena Vista.

Important Meeting

Important Broadband Summit – January 26 and 27th

Open for participating entities

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About the Briefing!

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