



Florida's First Family Takes Centerstage at Inaugural Ceremony

The Briefing for Wednesday – January 4 – 2023

The last Briefing was Monday – January 2 - 2023

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Governor DeSantis Inaugurated Starting His Second Term

Gov. Ron DeSantis was sworn in yesterday starting his second term. Here is a text of the Governor's remarks: [DeSantis Inauguration Speech - 1-3-22 .docx](#)

Legislative Calendar

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

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

The Florida House and Senate are holding two days of committee meeting to begin preparation for the 2023 Legislative Session. Committees primary focused on introducing members and receiving overviews of the committee jurisdiction. Videos of the committee meetings can be accessed from the Video Library at <https://thefloridachannel.org/videos/>

The Local Government Financial Information Handbook - the 2022 edition

The Florida Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR) has published the 2022 edition of the *Local Government Financial Information Handbook*. This report serves as a reference for many of the revenue sources available to local governments. It contains descriptions of revenue sources, adjusted 2021 population estimates used in the FY 2022-23 state revenue-sharing calculations, estimated FY 2022-23 county and municipal government distributions for select state revenue-sharing and local option tax sources, and the 2023 local option fuel, sales, and tourist-related tax rates by county. The report is available at the following link: <http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/local-government/reports/lgfih22.pdf>

Florida Child Well-Being Index ranks the 67 Florida counties

See a map of the county-by-county rankings [here](#).

A new report from the Florida Policy Institute shows the state has not made much progress when it comes to improving outcomes for children's health and education. The 2022 Florida Child Well-Being Index ranks the 67 Florida counties based on data from the national Kids Count project. It compares child well-being on 16 indicators in the areas of Economic Well-Being, Education, Health, and Family and Community. On a statewide basis, Florida was in the lower half nationwide, coming in at 35th for the third straight year.

Headlines Around the State

CBS Miami: Gov. Ron DeSantis' inaugural speech aimed at Republicans all over the US, professor says

Times: DeSantis tailors free state messaging to wider audience in 2nd inauguration address

WSJ: DeSantis Outlines Second Term, Steers Clear of Trump

CBS News: In inauguration speech, DeSantis highlights Florida as success story amid speculation about 2024 plans

Post: House Speaker vote: Florida's Matt Gaetz leads revolt ... joined by Crist's replacement

The Hill: McCarthy: Gaetz said 'I don't care' if Jeffries wins Speakership instead of me

The Hill: Gaetz sends letter to Architect of the Capitol asking why McCarthy is occupying Speaker's office

FlaPol: Byron Donalds switches vote away from Kevin McCarthy for Speaker

The Floridian: Byron Donalds Receives Support for Speaker of the House

FlaPol: Glenn Beck loans Bible to Ron DeSantis for second inauguration

Sun-Sentinel: A UFO hunter's \$10 million check: Who is DeSantis' biggest megadonor of 2022?

WLRN: 'Humanitarian crisis' in the Keys as 500 Cubans land in a weekend, followed by 100 Haitians

Herald: Desperation is driving latest surge of Cuban rafters arriving in the Florida Keys

Sentinel: Empathy flows among Florida cruise passengers as their ships take migrants aboard

The Capitolist: Hurricane Ian assistance surpasses \$4.45 billion; Hurricane Matthew aid still rolling in

PNJ: Is \$66B in federal funding the 'gamechanger' needed to bring Amtrak back to the Panhandle?

Sentinel: Amtrak has big time plans for Florida, including Orlando

Sentinel: Brazil's 'Trump of the tropics' becomes temporary Florida man with move to Orlando

WUSF: Here's where your Florida county ranks when it comes to child health and education

The Capitolist: Child Well-Being Index: Walton, Santa Rosa counties best for education in Florida

FlaPol: Personnel note: Dane Eagle lands at Ballard Partners

The Capitolist: Farm Share is the highest rated food bank in America

Politico: 'Where woke goes to die': DeSantis, with eye toward 2024, launches second term

News4Jax: 'Freedom lives here in our great Sunshine State': Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis sworn in to start 2nd term

Sun-Sentinel: DeSantis inaugurated for second term. 'We're far from done.'

Bradenton Herald: In inaugural speech, DeSantis decries 'philosophical lunacy,' vows to fight 'woke mob'

Democrat: DeSantis sworn in for second term with muscle-flexing speech

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis promises huge tax cuts, major education changes in second inauguration address

Herald: There were some notable people at DeSantis inauguration ceremony. A look at who's who

Bradenton Herald: Lots of events celebrate DeSantis' second inauguration, but most are for VIPs only

FlaPol: As Gov. DeSantis gobbles inauguration attention, Wilton Simpson hands GOP Cabinet sweep

FlaPol: As expected, partisan praise, criticism follows Gov. DeSantis inauguration speech

Wash. Post: Fla. surgeon general used flawed vaccine science, faculty peers say

FlaPol: Spencer Roach undergoes emergency surgery

FlaPol: Angie Nixon to stay in House, passing on run for Jacksonville City Council

WLRN: Following resignation, DeSantis slated to get another appointee on Miami-Dade School Board

Herald: DeSantis has another opportunity to shape the Miami-Dade School Board. Will it matter?

Sentinel: 'Ghost' candidate asks judge to OK 8-month visit to family in Sweden

News4Jax: Florida librarians are now required to attend specialized training on new state rules

Times: Pasco school district changes bathroom rules to include biological sex at birth

Daily News: A year after Naples Zoo's tiger Eko's death, new rules bar would-be zoo intruders

Times-Union: Civil rights groups ask 11th Circuit to reject Jacksonville's second redistricting appeal

FlaPol: Rematch on deck for Jacksonville sheriff's race in 2023

On th Docket This Week

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://nefrc-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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[Registration for BROADBAND SUMMIT](#)

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