



## ***The Briefing for August 13, 2023***

*The last Briefing was Monday, August 7, 2023*

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### **The Quick**

#### **Florida general-revenue tax collections have consistently exceeded projections during 22-23.**

The Revenue Estimating Conference is poised to meet Aug. 18 to update the general-revenue forecast. The conferees play a vital role in determining the level of general revenue that will be used by the Governor and the Legislature to build the 2024-25 budget. This year, Florida collected about \$47.33 billion in general revenue during the 2022-2023 fiscal year, which ended June 30, a \$3.3 billion more than the previous year.

#### **[Revised General Revenue Collections for June 2023](#)**

General Revenue collections for June 2023 were \$432.4 million (10.2 percent) over the adopted forecast assumptions made by the General Revenue Estimating Conference (GR REC) on March 13, 2023, as adjusted for law changes occurring during the 2023 Regular Session. For Fiscal Year 2022-23, GR collections were \$1,083.9 million (2.3 percent) over estimate for the year. After adjusting total Sales Tax collections for local taxes and distributions, audits, bad checks and transfers to Sales Tax from the Communications Services Tax, Sales Tax GR was \$293.4 million (11.1 percent) over the estimate for the month and \$419.4 million or 1.2 percent for the year

#### **Office of Economic and Demographic Research Issue Results of Estimating Meetings for Voluntary PreK; PECO; Public School PreK-12 Enrollment**

- Results of the [Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program](#) Estimating Conference held August 10, 2023 [cfm]. The Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Estimating Conference met on August 10, 2023, to adopt a revised forecast that is now extended through Fiscal Year 2028-29. The new forecast incorporated an updated birth forecast from the July 2023 Demographic Estimating Conference, reported 2022-23 school year enrollment and payment data through June 2023, and summer 2023 enrollment information through July 2023. Demographic Data... Forecasted growth in enrollment is based on the growth in previous Florida births that align with each cohort entering VPK. Enrollment in the current and upcoming three years is colored by actual births; however, the latest birth forecast from the Demographic Estimating Conference indicates that there will be a decrease in the number of births eligible to enter VPK beginning in 2027-28 relative to the prior forecast. Using this information, the VPK enrollment forecast shifts downward in FY 2027-28. The four year old population series was frozen to the February 2023 Demographic Estimating Conference forecast for purposes of identifying relative shifts in participation rates until the 2020 Census data is fully incorporated throughout the population series.
- Results of the Public Education Capital Outlay [PECO](#) Conference held August 9, 2023 [cfm] The PECO program provides funding for educational facilities construction and fixed capital outlay needs for school

districts, the Florida College System, the State University System, and other public education programs. The Revenue Estimating Conference met to adopt new estimates on August 9, 2023. The August 2023 PECO forecast was updated to include actual revenues for Gross Receipts through June 2023, actual revenues and expenditures through July 2023 for all other categories, the August 2023 Gross Receipts Tax revenue forecast, adjusted expected project disbursements, updated interest rates, and a revised debt service schedule, reflecting debt defeasement of 2020D PECO bonds.

- Results of the [Public Schools PreK-12 Enrollment](#) Estimating Conference held August 7, 2023 [cfm]. The Education Estimating Conference met on August 7, 2023, to adopt a revised PreK-12 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) enrollment forecast for FY 2023-24 through FY 2028-29. The new forecast incorporates the previously adopted April 2023 forecast, the July 2023 Demographic Estimating Conference birth forecast, and a new scholarship forecast. As begun last conference, the FEFP enrollment forecast is now fully integrated with estimates for the various scholarship options.

### **Legislature issues Annual Fiscal Report** **FISCAL ANALYSIS IN BRIEF For Fiscal Year 2023-24**

The Fiscal Analysis in Brief is an annual report prepared by the Florida Legislature to summarize fiscal and budgetary information affecting the 2023-24 fiscal year. Actions relating to appropriations and measures affecting revenue from the 2023 Regular Session are included in this report.

The document contains graphical depictions and detailed listings of appropriations, fund sources, nonrecurring issues, vetoed items, financial outlooks, and legislation affecting revenues. It also includes the Truth in Bonding Statement used to support the General Appropriations Act. The document reflects appropriated funds only and does not include local revenue for educational entities such as local property tax revenue and student fees.

Various sources were used to prepare this document. Among the most important were data from the Legislative Appropriations System / Planning and Budgeting Subsystem (LAS/PBS), multiple consensus estimating conferences, the General Appropriations Act and other fiscal-related legislation, the Governor's Veto Message, and explanatory information used during the appropriations process.

#### **MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023**

- MEDICAID ISSUES ANALYZED - Monday, 9 a.m. The Social Services Estimating Conference will take up issues such as Medicaid expenditures and Medicaid managed-care rates. Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- JUDICIAL CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED - Monday, 9 a.m. The 15th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will interview candidates to fill an opening created by the retirement of Circuit Judge Laura Johnson. The 15th Judicial Circuit is made up of Palm Beach County. Candidates expected to be interviewed are Ira Bergman, Alex Braunstein, Diva Casas, Gabriel Ermine, Jeremy Franker, Kristen Grimes, James Sherman, Sorraya Solages-Jones, Schnelle Tonge, Kevin Walsh and Lawonda Warren. Location: Judge Daniel T.K. Hurley Courthouse, 205 North Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach.
- RISK MANAGEMENT - Monday, 3 p.m. The Self-Insurance Estimating Conference will discuss risk-management issues. Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- LOBBYIST REPORTS DUE - Lobbying firms face a Monday deadline for filing reports showing compensation from April 1 through June 30.

#### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023**

- ELECTIONS COMMISSION - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Elections Commission will meet. Location: <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/4391393799096818270>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2074. Code: 424284031
- MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The state Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder will meet. Location: Signia by Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, 14100 Bonnet Creek Resort Lane, Orlando.

- ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees will meet. Location: St. Petersburg College, EpiCenter, 13805 58th St. North, Clearwater.
- FAU TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 10 a.m. The Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees will meet. Location: Information at <https://www.fau.edu/bot/>
- NORTHWEST FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 3 p.m. The Northwest Florida State College Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. Location: Northwest Florida State College, Student Services Center, 100 College Blvd., Niceville.
- PALM BEACH COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 4 p.m. The Palm Beach State College Board of Trustees will meet. Location: Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth Campus, 4200 South Congress Ave., Lake Worth.
- PENSACOLA COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 4:30 p.m. The Pensacola State College Board of Trustees is scheduled to hold a workshop, committee meetings and a full board meeting. Location: Pensacola State College, 1000 College Blvd., Pensacola.
- NORTH FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. North Florida College Board of Trustees will meet. Location: North Florida College, 325 N.W. Turner Davis Dr., Madison.

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023**

- CABINET AIDES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. Aides to Gov. Ron DeSantis and members of the state Cabinet will meet to discuss issues in advance of an Aug. 22 Cabinet meeting. Location: Cabinet meeting room, the Capitol.
- FINANCIAL 'OUTLOOKS' - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss an end-of-the-year outlook for general revenue and an outlook for the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund. Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- MASSAGE THERAPY ISSUES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet. Location: <https://www.gotomeet.me/FL-BOMT/conference-calls>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 985532741
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. Location: Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Conference ID: 686974885
- PAROLE CASES - Wednesday, 10 a.m. The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. Location Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- NORTHWEST FLORIDA COUNCIL - Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. The Emerald Coast Regional Council will meet. Location: Okaloosa County Administration Building, 1250 North Eglin Parkway, Shalimar. [www.gotostage.com/channel/ecrc](http://www.gotostage.com/channel/ecrc)
- CHILDREN'S ISSUES ADDRESSED - Wednesday, 1 p.m. The Florida Children and Youth Cabinet will meet. Location: The Renaissance Academy, 4351 Mahan Dr., Tallahassee.
- SOUTH FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 1 p.m. The South Florida State College Board of Trustees will meet. Location: South Florida State College, Highlands Campus, 600 West College Dr., Avon Park.
- LAKE-SUMTER COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 5 p.m. The Lake-Sumter State College Board of Trustees will meet. Location: Lake-Sumter State College, South Lake Campus, 1250 North Hancock Road, Clermont.

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023**

- CHIROPRACTIC ISSUES - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Board of Chiropractic Medicine will meet. Location: Holiday Inn Disney Springs, 1805 Hotel Plaza Blvd., Lake Buena Vista.

- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD - Thursday, 9 a.m. The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Location: South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach.
- DEFENSE ISSUES - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Defense Support Task Force will meet. Location: Information at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/events/>
- TRIUMPH GULF COAST BOARD - Thursday, 11 a.m. Central time The board of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., which helps administer settlement money from the Deepwater Horizon disaster, will meet. Issues are expected to include an \$8.5 million proposal to help the Port of Pensacola become a training base for American Magic, a yacht-racing team that is an America's Cup challenger. Location: Bay County Government Center, 840 West 11th St., Panama City.
- DAYTONA STATE TRUSTEES - Thursday, 2 p.m. The Daytona State College Board of Trustees will meet. Location: Daytona State College, DeLand Campus, Bert Fish Hall, 1155 County Road 4139, DeLand.
- HOMEOWNERS ASSISTANCE - Thursday, 6 p.m. Rep. Yvonne Hinson, D-Gainesville, will hold a workshop for people who are interested in buying their first homes and need information about local and state assistance. Location: Santa Fe Blount Center, 530 West University Ave., Gainesville.

#### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2023**

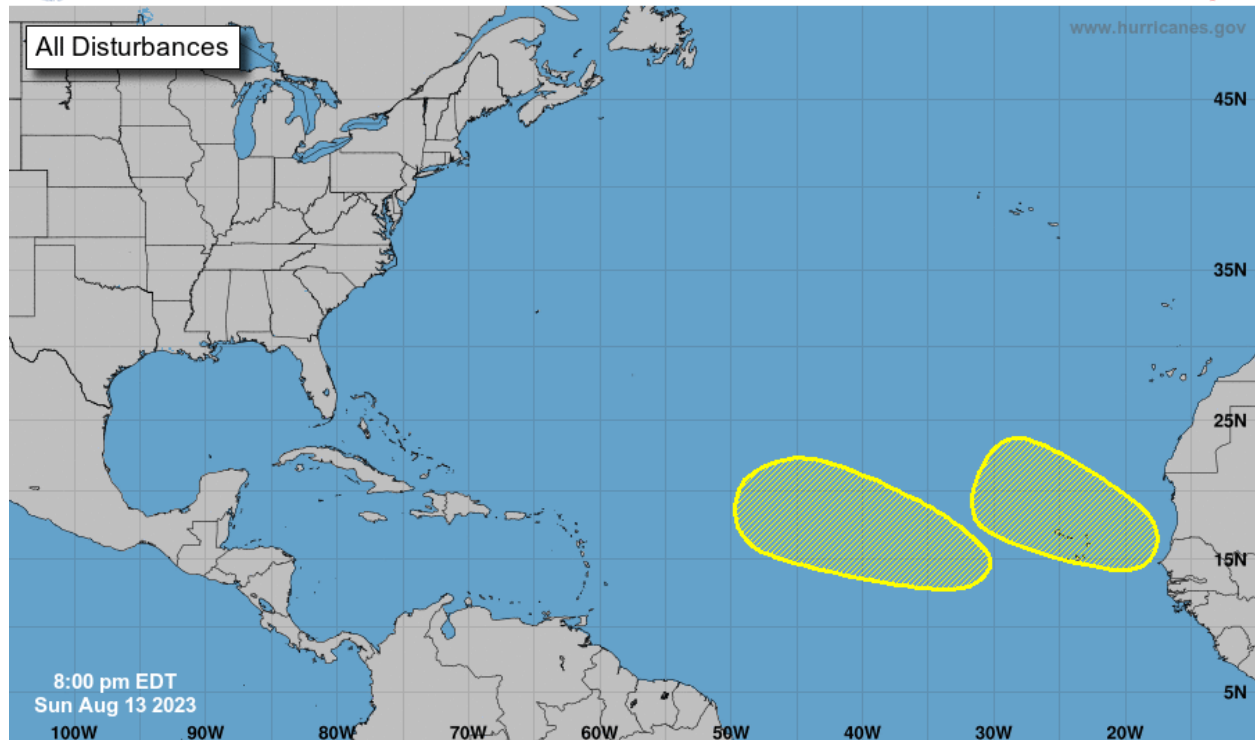
- HIGHER ED LEADERS - Friday, 8 a.m. Brian Lamb, chairman of the state university system's Board of Governors, Board of Governors member Eric Silagy and system Chancellor Ray Rodrigues are scheduled to meet to discuss issues such as legislative budget requests. Location: <https://flbog.zoom.us/j/83087347107?pwd=bj14RE5MZnIrNHVCMHBPS2t3Mk04UT09>
- GENERAL REVENUE ESTIMATED - Friday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will update projections of state general revenue, which plays a key role in funding schools, health programs and prisons. Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS RELEASED - Friday, 10 a.m. The Florida Department of Commerce will release a July unemployment report.
- DUVAL JUDICIAL INTERVIEWS SET - Friday, 10 a.m. The 4th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will interview candidates for a Duval County judge position. Candidates are James Le Mieux, Phil Bavington, James Nealis, Isaac East, Marquita Green, Katelyn Johnston, Matthew Lufrano, Joshua Beard, Nancy Cleaveland, David Wainer III and Jordan Beard. Location: Duval County Courthouse, 501 West Adams St., Jacksonville.
- FGCU TRUSTEES - Friday, 2 p.m. The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees will meet. Location: <https://www.fgcu.edu/about/leadership/fgcuboardoftrustees/boardcast>

#### ***Tropical Outlook***

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



**Seven-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook**  
National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Seven-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: < 40% 40-60% > 60%  
Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: Depression Storm Hurricane  
 Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

***Headlines Around the State***

*AP: Trump's Iowa state fair spectacle clouds DeSantis as former president is joined by Florida officials*

*Bloomberg: Trump Takes Aim at DeSantis in Distance Duel at Iowa State Fair*

*NYTimes: At the Iowa State Fair, DeSantis Can't Seem to Catch a Break*

*FlaPol: In Iowa, Ron DeSantis claims 'every urban area is decaying'*

*Politico: Former Rep. Al Lawson's Florida congressional seat could come back under new agreement*

*FlaPol: Path emerges for North Florida Black-performing congressional district in 2024*

*FlaPol: Chris Christie claims Ron DeSantis 'sounds like a really angry guy'*

*NYTimes: Dwyane Wade Was Destined for the Hall of Fame — and Politics?*

*Times: There may be a full slate for this Hillsborough Commission race*

*Sentinel: Thompson, Frost condemn Florida's Black history standards at town hall*

*Times: Trailing in polls, DeSantis turns to attention-grabbing moves*

*The Hill: Conservative Iowa radio host Steve Deace endorses DeSantis*

*Reuters: Ron DeSantis and his backers paid \$95,000 to an Iowa religious leader's group*

*Politico: Trump campaign brings in longtime political operative to lead Florida effort*

*AP: Targeting DeSantis, Trump team warns state parties that super PACs can't act as an arm of a campaign*

*FlaPol: New quarterly fundraising report requirements kick in for Florida candidates*

*FlaPol: Busted: Florida appeals court says states marijuana memo is an illegal rule*

*WaPo: Florida is roasting in extreme heat and on pace for a record-warm year*

*Times: Florida to see less gas tax money as more electric vehicles hit the road*

*Sentinel: Families fight to end Florida's little-known 'free kill' law: 'I was in shock'*

*Today: West Melbourne council member challenges mayor's residency after home sale*

*Herald: DiNapoli struggled with personal debt for years. DeSantis put him in charge of billions*

*FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis appoints anti-LGBTQ lawyer to appeals bench*

*Semafor: How forcing out progressive prosecutors became the hot new Republican idea*

*NYTimes: With an Array of Tactics, Conservatives Seek to Oust Progressive Prosecutors*

*Sentinel: After DeSantis suspends Worrell, new leadership fires staffer on maternity leave*

*My News 13: Concern rises in the legal community over new state attorney's move to end diversion programs*

*FlaPol: Lauren Book wants Gov. DeSantis to list the other State Attorneys he may suspend*

*WaPo: The man behind Florida's new Black history standards*

*WLRN: 'We cannot be afraid': Black leaders rail against new African American history standards*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis blames child care crisis on mothers having to work*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis slams California mandate for humane treatment of breeding pigs*

*The Hill: Newsom, DeSantis see clear upsides with fall debate*

*The Hill: DeSantis says Hunter Biden would be in jail if he was Republican*

*Floridian: Steube Announces Articles of Impeachment Against Biden*

*Herald: Does your Florida congressman want to impeach Biden? Where the Republicans stand*

*WLRN: Students will have safe places at school, says Miami-Dade ed chief*

*DBNJ: Citing 'parental rights' law, Volusia, Flagler schools replace AP Psychology*

*Axios: Old Tampa Bay commercial buildings are being converted into apartments*

*AP: DeSantis is resetting his campaign again. Some Republicans worry his message is getting in the way*

*FlaPol: Even during his 'reboot,' Florida is 'the Iowa of the South' for Ron DeSantis*

*The Hill: DeSantis estimates he'll visit all 99 Iowa counties by end of October*

*FlaPol: Donald Trump calls Ron DeSantis a 'failed candidate' with 'no personality'*

*FlaPol: New Ron DeSantis super PAC ads hit Donald Trump for dissing GOP Governors*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis would 'reverse' Joe Biden's designation of Grand Canyon national monument*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis invokes 9/11, military stint in new campaign ad*

*The Hill: DeSantis suggests he would use drone strikes against drug cartels*

*NBC: Ron DeSantis says he's open to drone strikes on Mexican drug cartels*

*FlaPol: Casey DeSantis makes light of 'Walmart Melania' nickname, swipes at 'media'*

*FlaPol: Chris Christie says he's 'caught' Ron DeSantis in New Hampshire*

*WLRN: Activists gather in Delray Beach to push back on governor's policies*

*WLRN: Florida Department of Environmental Protection fights power plant rules*

*Herald: Parkland shooting survivor launches PAC to help elect young people across the country*

*The Daily Beast: GOP Candidate Plagiarized Massive Segments of His College Thesis*

*The Messenger: Alabama Democratic Party Pans 'Floribama' Sen. Tuberville: Resign or Run in Florida*

*WaPo: Tommy Tuberville: Florida's third senator?*

*WSJ: Atlantic Hurricane Season Prediction Increased to Above Normal, NOAA Says*

*The Hill: Above-normal hurricane season now forecast due to higher sea temperatures*

*WUSF: More than 7,000 teaching positions remain open in Florida*

*FlaPol: Teachers union: School starting with record numbers of teacher, staff vacancies*

*Ledger: Teacher vacancies in Polk and around state worsened by stalled teacher certifications*

*Ledger: 'Staff are burning up': Polk teachers union files grievance over faulty air conditioning*

*Gainesville Sun: State pulled history books from Alachua County high schools a week before school started*

*Democrat: Florida AP Psychology dispute could hit teachers' bank accounts*

*Ocala Star-Banner: What are the new school bathroom laws? What to know if you're a trans student in Florida*

*Sun-Sentinel: As school bells ring, Democrats sound alarm about DeSantis' education policies*

*Herald: 'Manny Diaz is a coward': Black parents upset over education commissioner not at town hall*

*Politico: 'Academic bomb in our community': Black leaders decry Florida's African American history standards*

*Sun-Sentinel: Florida's African-American history standards blasted at South Florida town hall*

*WUSF: Florida is first state to approve PragerU Kids 'history and blessings' videos for schools*

*Sun-Sentinel: Broward teachers may get referendum pay bonuses of up to \$12,000*

*Today: Former superintendent Mark Mullins returns to Brevard Public Schools as guidance counselor*

*Times: St. Petersburg NAACP wants fire chief out as firefighters defend him*

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