FLORIDA RESIDENTS’ SPENDING PRIORITIES
AND REVENUE RAISING PREFERENCES
FOR THE 2021 STATE BUDGET

BUDGET REPORT CARD
OVERVIEW
More than 11,400 Floridians from across the political spectrum have spent more than 1,400 hours weighing in on the state budget by taking the People’s Budget Challenge. The following pages contain results from registered voters who responded during March and April of 2021.

RESULTS
Results taken from the digital engagement tool demonstrate a consistent desire among respondents to increase public investment in nearly all service categories with the exception of Criminal Justice. Even more clear is registered voters’ rejection of service cuts in any budgetary response to the COVID pandemic.

Registered voters were also asked about their preferred funding options for these services. Increased corporate tax accountability ranked the most popular method for raising revenue in our state, with clear support for raising corporate tax rates by at least 1%. Raising tuition at public colleges and universities was rejected equally among all political parties.

A NOTE ON THE BUDGET PROCESS
The House and Senate budget proposals were passed in each chamber. Now, to resolve differences between the two, the Legislature will form committees to negotiate a final budget. Negotiations will continue until a revised, single budget is agreed upon. This budget, the General Appropriations Act (GAA), will then be sent back to the Florida House and Senate for a vote. Upon passage, the GAA will be sent to the Governor, who has the power to veto any line of the budget. The Legislature can override vetoes if two-thirds of the members vote to do so. Once this process ends, the Governor will sign the final GAA into law.

HIGHLIGHTS
ONLY 16% OF RESIDENTS SUPPORT Cuts TO FUNDING IN THE 2021 STATE BUDGET.

74% OF RESIDENTS SUPPORT INCREASED SPENDING ON PUBLIC EDUCATION.

67% OF RESIDENTS SUPPORT INCREASED SPENDING ON ACCESSIBLE HEALTHCARE.

ONLY 15% OF RESIDENTS SUPPORT FUNDING CUTS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

74% OF RESIDENTS SUPPORT CLOSING CORPORATE TAX LOOPHOLES & ELIMINATING CORPORATE WELFARE.

78% OF RESIDENTS SUPPORT INCREASING HOW MUCH LARGE CORPORATIONS PAY IN TAXES BY 1%.

11,000+ RESIDENTS HAVE TAKEN THE PEOPLE’S BUDGET CHALLENGE
### PUBLIC EDUCATION

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**THE LEGISLATURE’S PRIORITIES**

The pandemic has severely impacted our state’s education system, from childcare centers pivoting to serve children of first responders and dealing with dramatic dips in enrollment, to schools changing to hybrid models that stretch their capacity. Although the Florida House of Representatives intends to increase education spending by almost $2 billion compared to the last budget, the Senate is proposing a $408 million cut. It is important to note that the House’s increase is mostly due to federal relief funding, which the Senate does not account for. Overall, both the House and Senate recommend keeping our state’s voluntary pre-Kindergarten (VPK) per-pupil spending the same as last year—still below 2005–2006 levels—but cut the program’s funding.

**OUR ASSESSMENT**

Although the House intends to increase spending by almost $2 billion, these funds are taken from federal relief funds. At the same time the Senate is proposing $408 million in cuts. With 74% of registered voters preferring increased investment in public education, the legislature’s budget falls short of residents’ priorities with per-pupil spending still below 2005–2006 levels.

“Improve education, teach to learn, not pass a state exam.”

— NPA
In the midst of a pandemic, access to health care is critical. Yet over 1.5 million low income Floridians are without health insurance. Florida’s health care system ranks 49th nationally. The state spends a mere $19 a year for each resident on public health.

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While the Florida House of Representatives and Senate propose a $3 billion increase compared to the last budget, this is a necessary response to higher Medicaid caseloads due to the pandemic and economic downturn. Also, the Senate’s budget includes alarming cuts like the elimination of Medicaid coverage for young adults ages 19 and 20, cuts to so-called “optional” services like vision, hearing, podiatric, chiropractic services as well as coverage for over-the-counter medications, and deep cuts to Healthy Start services. Additionally, both chambers do not include Medicaid expansion in their plans. This is a missed opportunity because expansion would benefit more than 800,000 uninsured adults in Florida, generate about $200 million in state savings, and, under the American Rescue Plan Act, draw down another $3 to $3.5 billion in federal dollars over a two-year period. A bright spot in the House budget is the extension of post-partum Medicaid coverage from 60 days to a full year to help over 97,000 mothers.

OUR ASSESSMENT

Although the legislature intends to increase spending by almost $3 billion, this is a necessary response to the pandemic. At the same time, lawmakers are not expanding Medicaid coverage to 800,000 Floridians which a majority of residents (67%) support, missing more than $200 million in state savings.

“Have our senators get the same insurance that the common people do.”

— DEMOCRAT
Public transportation is the worst. A year of 7 days a week needs to be a requirement for Sunrail Orlando operation.”

— Republican
Florida is increasingly vulnerable to hurricanes, coastal flooding, sea-level rise and other impacts of climate change.

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The legislature wants to significantly reduce funding to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), by at least $195 million. DEP administers vital environmental programs in the state, including restoration and protection of the Everglades, Florida’s coastlines, air, and water resources, land conservation through the Florida Forever program, park operations, and pollution management. Investing fully in these areas is key to protecting Florida’s natural resources and unique ecosystem, mitigating the effects of climate change, and keeping drinking water safe and plentiful for the growing number of residents and visitors. Although the Senate does not include plans to use federal American Rescue Plan Act dollars to make investments in climate change, the House budget includes $100 million for beach restoration, $100 million for coastal mapping services, $50 million for derelict vessel removal, $140 million for Resilient Florida, and $100 million for petroleum tanks cleanup. It is important to note that both chambers have also introduced legislation to partially fund Governor DeSantis’ proposed Resilient Florida project and expand the Wastewater Grant Program.

“Improve Florida parks, protect wildlife, hedge incroachment and construction on our wild lands and manage natural water resources prudently.”

— REPUBLICAN

**OUR ASSESSMENT**

Although the House includes funding for beach restoration and the Resilient Florida project, $195 million in cuts to the Department of Environmental Protection are not in line with a majority of residents who want to see investment in this service area increased or maintained (81%).
Our kids need a pathway to success through affordable college; yet our state ranks last in per student investment in higher education.

### The People’s Priorities

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### The Legislature’s Priorities

The pandemic has severely impacted our state’s education system, from childcare centers pivoting to serve children of first responders and dealing with dramatic dips in enrollment, to schools changing to hybrid models that stretch their capacity, and universities grappling with creating safe, valuable experiences for students and workers. Both chambers decrease total funding for our state’s college system, decrease operating support for state universities, decrease funding for Bright Futures scholarships, but at least keep tuition fees constant with no increases.

### Our Assessment

With 88% of registered voters preferring increased or maintained spending for our state college system, the legislature’s budget does not reflect the priorities of residents and instead makes cuts to universities and Bright Futures scholarships.

“Increase STEM education project and increase budget for moral/culture education. Free college tuition and increase Tech-vocational school.”

— NPA
**AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Even before the pandemic Florida had an affordable housing crisis with the country’s third largest homeless population and millions of Florida families struggling to pay their rent or mortgage.

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**THE LEGISLATURE’S PRIORITIES**

Both chambers propose a $26.1 million increase for affordable housing in comparison to the current budget. The increase is mainly driven by a $99.1 million increase for local affordable housing initiatives (compared to zero dollars in the current budget). Yet, the House and Senate budgets also include a “sweep” of nearly $300 million. By “sweeping” funds out of the Sadowski Housing Trust Fund and into the General Revenue Fund, the House falls short in significantly addressing the ongoing affordable housing crisis.

It is important to note that both chambers have also introduced legislation to redirect funds from affordable housing to pay for Governor DeSantis’ proposed Resilient Florida project and expand the Wastewater Grant Program. COVID-19 has made Florida’s affordable housing crisis worse, and this legislation would cut funding for housing by half. While this legislation would stop future sweeps, more than $2.6 billion has been swept from the Sadowski Trust Fund since 2002, resulting in 94,000 foregone affordable housing units.

**OUR ASSESSMENT**

Even with the increase of $26.1 million to affordable housing, the proposed $273 million “sweep” of the Sadowski Housing Trust Fund would reducing overall funding for affordable housing by 50%. These cuts go against the priorities of residents who want to see investment for housing increased or maintained (85%).

“Help low income seniors find affordable housing”

– NPA
Florida has the 3rd largest prison population in the country, spending $2.8 billion annually to lock people up, more than we spend on job training, support for small businesses, housing and community development combined.

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**The Legislature's Priorities**

The Department of Corrections (DOC) continues to face major challenges: several security posts remain vacant, serious staff shortages, and insufficient funds to fully cover the salaries of all authorized positions. The Senate and House budget proposals recommend $2.76 billion and $2.88 billion, respectively, with the House recommendation providing a very slight increase over current year. The budgets try to provide some relief to the most critical issues DOC facilities have been experiencing for the past decade. It must be noted that the Senate budget instructs DOC to close one 1,500 bed state-operated facility. Also, While the Senate budget maintains the current year’s funding for delinquency prevention ($92 million), the House budget recommends $10 million less. Diversion programs have been effective as an alternative to juvenile arrests. They provide innovative and hands-on approaches to help divert at-risk kids from delinquent behavior. A cut to these funding programs would have a sizable impact on communities across the state.

“I want to see actual prison reform and education reform with those increased dollars not just throwing more money at the same broken system.”

— NPA

**Our Assessment**

With 71% of residents preferring to maintain or cut spending for this service area, the legislature’s decision to only fund a slight increase over the current year, along with the closure of one 1,500 bed facility does reflect the priorities of registered voters.

* Follow-up on this service area may be needed to further explain the budget needs of the Florida Department of Corrections and to highlight prevention strategies that may reduce costs over time.
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Both the House and Senate propose an increase to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, mainly to address the increase because of the pandemic. However, TANF program’s payment amount is completely inadequate to meet the basic needs of children in families with low income. Both chambers also neglect to invest in support for TANF recipients to improve their education or build skills for stable employment. The House and Senate propose nearly $251 million in federal funds for Florida’s Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) but do not specifically allocate any funds from general revenue. The Reemployment Assistance (RA) program, which helps workers who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own to make ends meet while they look for work, is a critical thread in the safety net for hard working Floridians. Yet, nothing in either the House or Senate budget proposals expressly funds initiatives to reverse Florida’s long-standing inability to improve access to the RA program. To the contrary, both the House and Senate budgets provide an appropriation for RA that is only slightly higher than in last year’s budget and fail to provide for much-needed reforms.

“Reform the way the systems are administered before asking the working people to take another pay cut to fund them.”

— REPUBLICAN

OUR ASSESSMENT

Although the legislature proposes modest increases in this service area, their failure to address our broken delivery systems or increase payment amounts to individuals and families will not result in improved quality of life for residents who want to see increased investment (47%).
CLOSE CORPORATE TAX LOOPHOLES & ELIMINATE CORPORATE WELFARE

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THE LEGISLATURE’S PRIORITIES

In Florida, only 1% of companies pay corporate income tax. With the blessing of lawmakers, Florida has become what national experts say is one of the easiest states in the nation for large corporations to avoid paying taxes. An estimated 99% of all businesses in Florida no longer pay any corporate income tax. Residents are unable to see which businesses are benefiting, or how much they are evading in taxes because state law lacks transparency requirements that keeps this information confidential.

OUR ASSESSMENT

The legislature continues to allow corporations to avoid paying their fare share in our state. A recent letter from the Department of Revenue shows that only 1% corporations in Florida pay state income tax, and that they continue to benefit from loopholes that cost taxpayers approximately $1.8 billion in lost revenue.

“Quit giving astronomical tax breaks to huge corporations.”
— NPA

“Give the government back to the people not corporations.”
— DEMOCRAT

“End crony capitalism in Florida.”
— REPUBLICAN
TAX ASSETS LIKE STOCKS, BONDS, AND NOTES VALUED OVER $1 MILLION

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Florida’s intangible personal property tax was an annual assessment on wealth that included stocks, bonds, and mutual fund shares owned by Florida residents and businesses. In 2006, the Florida legislature repealed most parts of the tax, and as a result we no longer collect this revenue from our state’s wealthiest residents.

OUR ASSESSMENT

By failing to tax assets like stocks, bonds and notes, which is supported by 61% of residents, the legislature is failing to capture approximately $367 million in revenue that could be used to fund the people’s priorities.

“The stocks and bonds tax I would support if it’s more like over 5 million dollars.”
— NPA

“In regards to stocks, etc. It should apply to portfolios over a certain amount. Everything regarding tax should apply to the top.”
— DEMOCRAT
RAISE COLLEGE TUITION AT PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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Florida’s public colleges and universities remain the primary point of access to higher education in our state for more than 700,000 students. The Florida College System also provides affordable higher education options for residents that are lower than the national average. For academic year 2020-2021, the average cost of tuition & fees per semester at one of Florida’s 12 universities is $3,043.

OUR ASSESSMENT

Registered voters from all political parties oppose tuition increases at public colleges and universities. The legislature’s decision not to raise fees reflects the will of residents.

“All lottery gains be used only towards k-12 school needs & tuition assistance at state universities & colleges... more educational scholarships awarded...”
— NPA

“Tuition free community college, prison should not be private, etc.”
— DEMOCRAT

“Let the state pay for 2 year college and trade school.”
— REPUBLICAN
EXPAND MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR FAMILIES WITH LOW INCOMES

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OUR ASSESSMENT

With 67% of registered voters supporting this proposal, the legislature’s decision to not expand Medicaid coverage for families with low incomes does not reflect the will of a majority of residents.

“We really need to expand Medicaid for low income citizens.”
— NPA

“We need to put fewer people in prison, and for less time. Medicaid expansion should have been done years ago, and it’s a disgrace that, even in the face of Covid-19, it still hasn’t been done.”
— DEMOCRAT
INCREASE HOW MUCH LARGE CORPORATIONS PAY IN TAXES BY JUST 1%

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An estimated 99% of all businesses in Florida no longer pay any corporate income tax. Right now, those 1% of businesses who do pay tax in Florida are paying a reduced rate of 4.5%. Rather than raise this rate, the legislature passed laws that will require all out-of-state retailers to collect and remit the sales tax that Florida customers would pay if they made the purchases from nearby stores. This sales tax would be paid by consumers and would raise approximately $1 billion. However, instead of applying this revenue to public services, the legislature has decided to replenish the depleted Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund that is typically funded by business as part of their operating expenses.

OUR ASSESSMENT

While the legislature has raised revenues by imposing tax increases on consumers, they have chosen to continue allowing 99% of business to pay no tax at all. This is another missed opportunity by the legislature to capture approximately $427 million for residents’ priorities and make wealthy corporations contribute to our state budget.

“Raise taxes for corporations using outsourcing for labor and products.”
— NPA

“Raise the taxes on the wealth. Unless they reinvest it in there employees.”
— DEMOCRAT

“Florida has no state income tax yet is full of wealthy persons... i purpose we tax 1% of there wealth...”
— REPUBLICAN
SKIP SALES TAX HOLIDAYS THIS YEAR

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Although not directly in the budget proposals, the House has introduced HB 7061 (a tax package), which includes: a back-to-school tax holiday week, a disaster preparedness tax holiday week, and a “recreation” tax holiday week (“Freedom Week”) for “admissions and supplies used to enjoy the entertainment options and natural beauty Florida has to offer.” While lawmakers in several states have enacted similar sales tax holidays, these holidays do nothing to reduce taxes for low- and moderate-income taxpayers during the rest of the year, often result in sizable hits to state revenue, and create administrative difficulties to small businesses and tax agencies. If the House’s tax package becomes law, the back-to-school and disaster preparedness holidays will cost $50 million in forgone revenue for the year, and the “Freedom Week” will cost the state about $38 million.

OUR ASSESSMENT

The legislature is missing another opportunity to save approximately $50 million by skipping the sales tax holiday this year. A proposal supported by 60% of residents.

“You mentioned skipping the sales tax holiday which I supported but alternatively you could change it, items less than a specific value and for only one weekend. Kids still need school supplies and parents still depend on that tax break for those supplies.”

– DEMOCRAT
ANY OTHER IDEAS? IS THERE SOMETHING WE FORGOT TO MENTION THAT YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE PEOPLE’S BUDGET?

NPAs
“Set up state wide centralized job post”
“TAKE CARE OF THE PEOPLE FIRST”
“Budgets should be tied to community benefits not frittered away on politicians pet projects and corruption”
“Fix the roads”
“We need our voting in place for every bill/act being passed - NOT just general elections”
“Increase tax on wealthy and carbon footprint”
“Restore luxury sales tax on yachts”
“Educational training, retraining and medical coverage for unemployed seniors”
“Raise health care workers income”

DEMOCRATS
“Tax empty homes and apartments that have had no residency for more than 10 months out of the year”
“Tax more large scale businesses that get a free ride”
“More money on community development programs and less on prisons”
“Increase the minimum wage now”
“Legalize marijuana and tax it, using tax revenues towards education and health care initiatives”
“Increase spending on community events to help curb youth violence”
“With all the toll roads being installed take that money to use more into the public affordable transportation”
“Lower how much rent people pay some of us living off fixed income”

REPUBLICANS
“Support small business”
“Dedicate proceeds from the lottery for health care, education, social programs for low-income families”
“Raise the budget for services for individuals with disabilities”
“Fair tax act”
“Heavily tax large corporations and the rich”
“More accountability for the money spent from leaders! This is not about increasing taxes, this about how the money are spent”
“Is there a way to tax gun ownership to support mental health awareness in schools and communities”
“Infrastructure. Public investment in future.”
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