

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

APPROPRIATIONS
Senator Lee, Chair
Senator Benacquisto, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Thursday, September 17, 2015
TIME: 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
PLACE: *Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building*

MEMBERS: Senator Lee, Chair; Senator Benacquisto, Vice Chair; Senators Altman, Flores, Gaetz, Galvano, Garcia, Grimsley, Hays, Hukill, Joyner, Latvala, Margolis, Montford, Negron, Richter, Ring, Simmons, and Smith

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Presentation on the Long Range Financial Outlook Amy Baker, Coordinator, Office of Economic and Demographic Research		Presented

Other Related Meeting Documents

Florida: Long-Range Financial Outlook

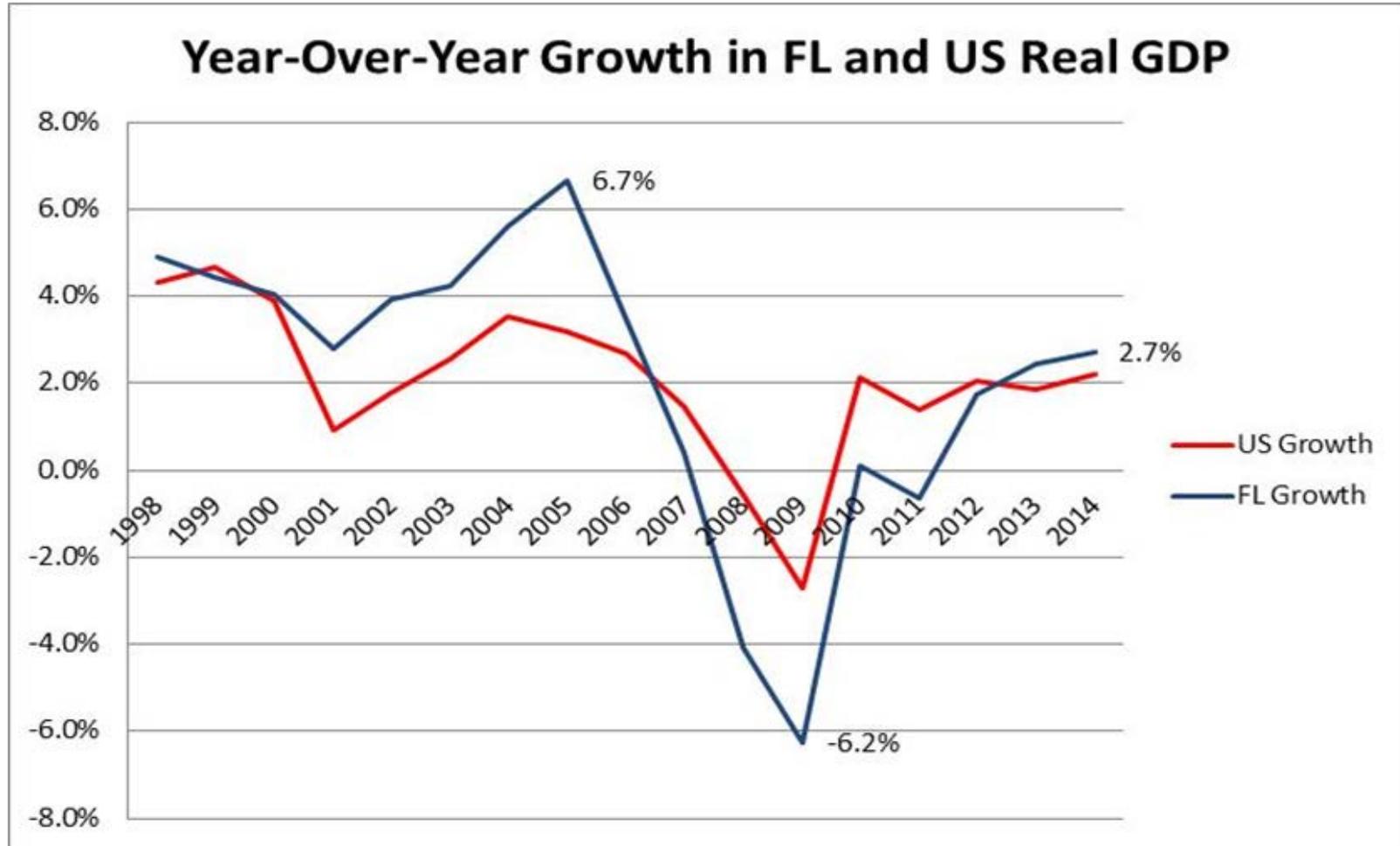
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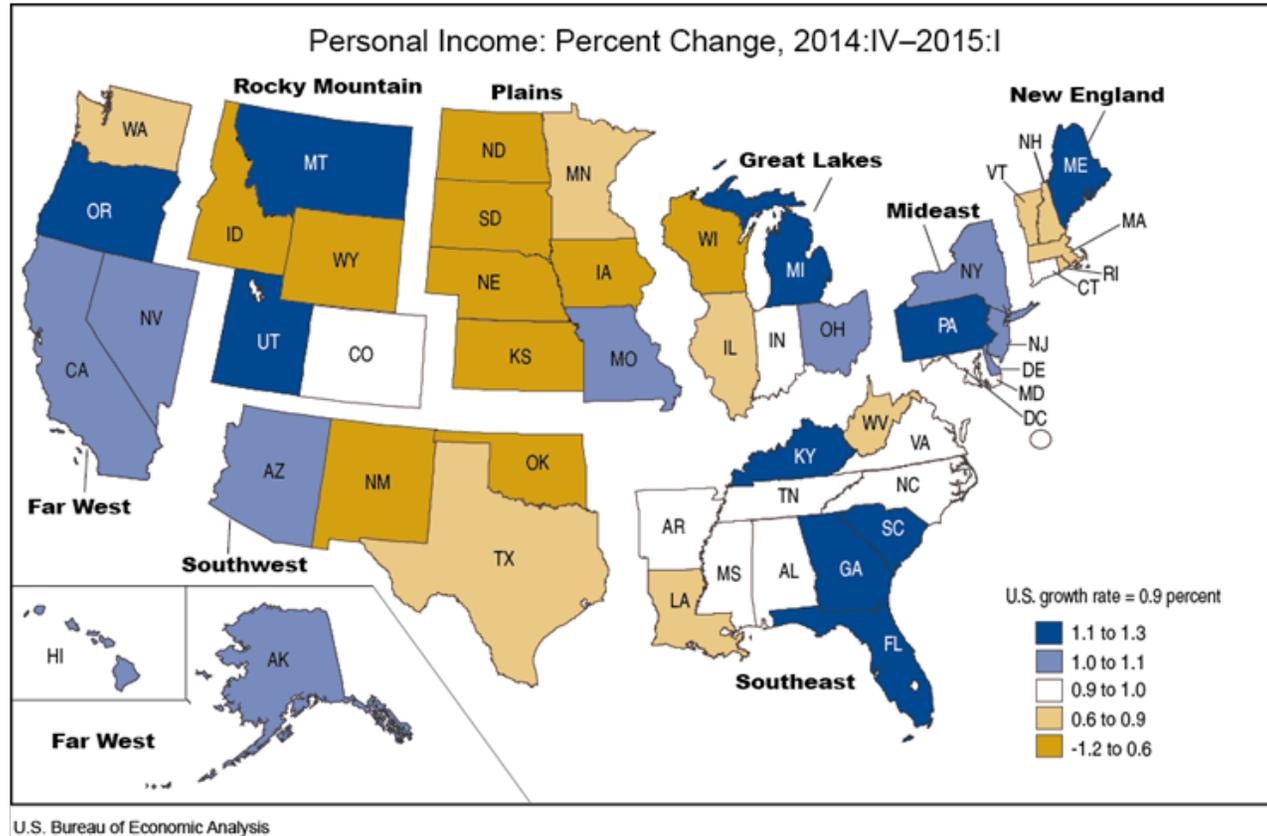
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Economy Had Continued Growth in 2014



In 2014, the pace of Florida's economic growth increased, surpassing the state's revised 2013 growth rate. State Gross Domestic Product (GDP) showed Florida with an improved national ranking of 11th in the nation with a real growth gain of 2.7%, moving Florida above the national average (2.2% in 2014) for the second year in a row.

FL Personal Income Growth Strengthened in 2014

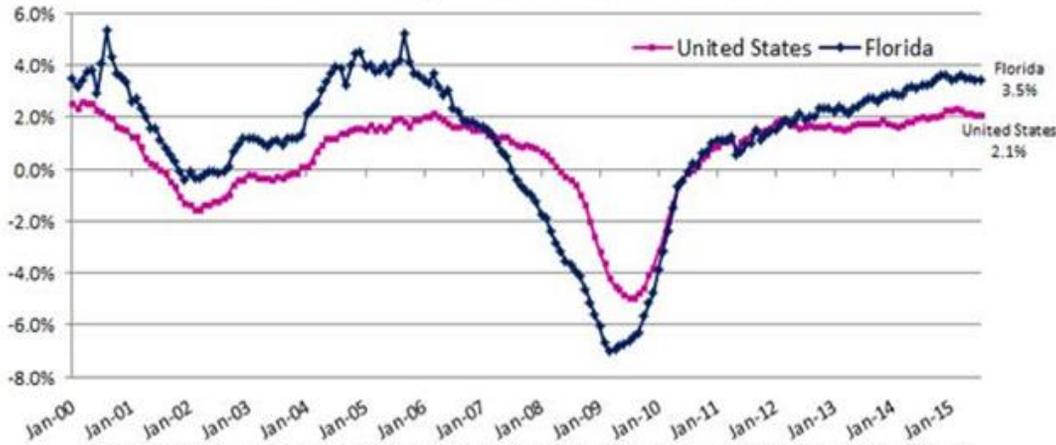


In the latest data, Florida finished the 2014 calendar year with 4.6% growth over the prior year—above the national growth rate of 3.9% and ranking 11th among all states. The latest revised results for the entire 2013 calendar year shows that Florida was ranked 15th in the country during that year, with personal income growth of 2.3% (also stronger than the national average).

Data for the first quarter of 2015 (2015:Q1) shows that personal income grew in 46 states and that growth accelerated in 15 of those states. The fastest growth, 1.3%, was in Florida which ranked the state number one in the country.

Current Employment Conditions

**Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs
Percent Change from Same Month Prior Year**



Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics, Current Employment Statistics Program in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, August 21, 2015.

July Nonfarm Jobs (YOY)

US	2.1%
FL	3.5%
YR:	271,500 jobs
Peak:	+51,700 jobs over Prior Peak
	<i>[Prior Employment Peak passed in May 2015]</i>

July Unemployment Rate

US 5.3%
FL 5.4% (516,600 people)

Highest Monthly Rate

11.2% (November 2009 through January 2010)

Lowest Monthly Rate

3.1% (March through April 2006)

**United States and Florida Unemployment Rates
(seasonally adjusted)**

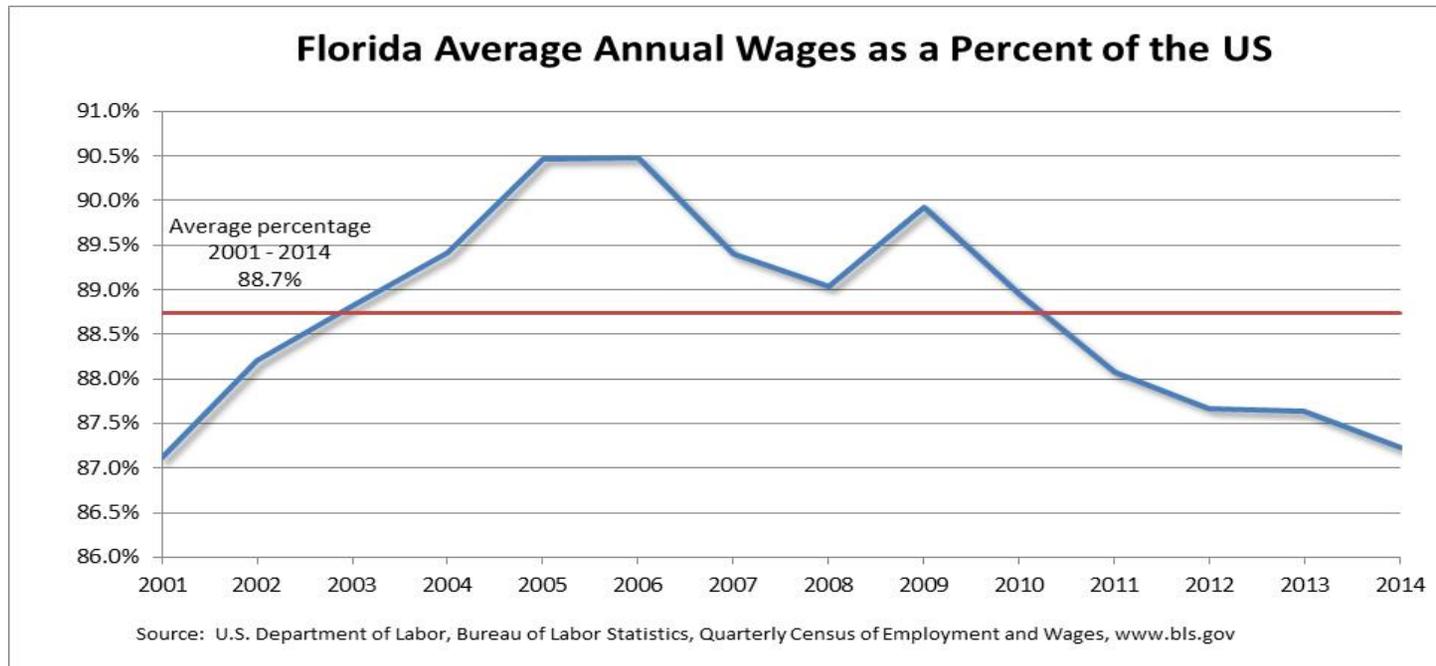


Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, August 21, 2015.

Florida's Job Market

- Florida's job market is still recovering. It took 8 years, but the state has finally passed its most recent peak. However, passing the previous peak does not mean the same thing today as it did then.
- Florida's prime working-age population (aged 25-54) has been adding people each month, so even more jobs need to be created to address the population increase since 2007.
- It would take the creation of an additional 581,000 jobs for the same percentage of the total population to be working as was the case at the peak, but the unemployment rate at the time was extraordinarily low (3.7%).
- A more reasonable benchmark would use an unemployment rate of 5.0%, suggesting that another 460,000 jobs would need to be created over the current level.

Wage Gap Increased in 2014



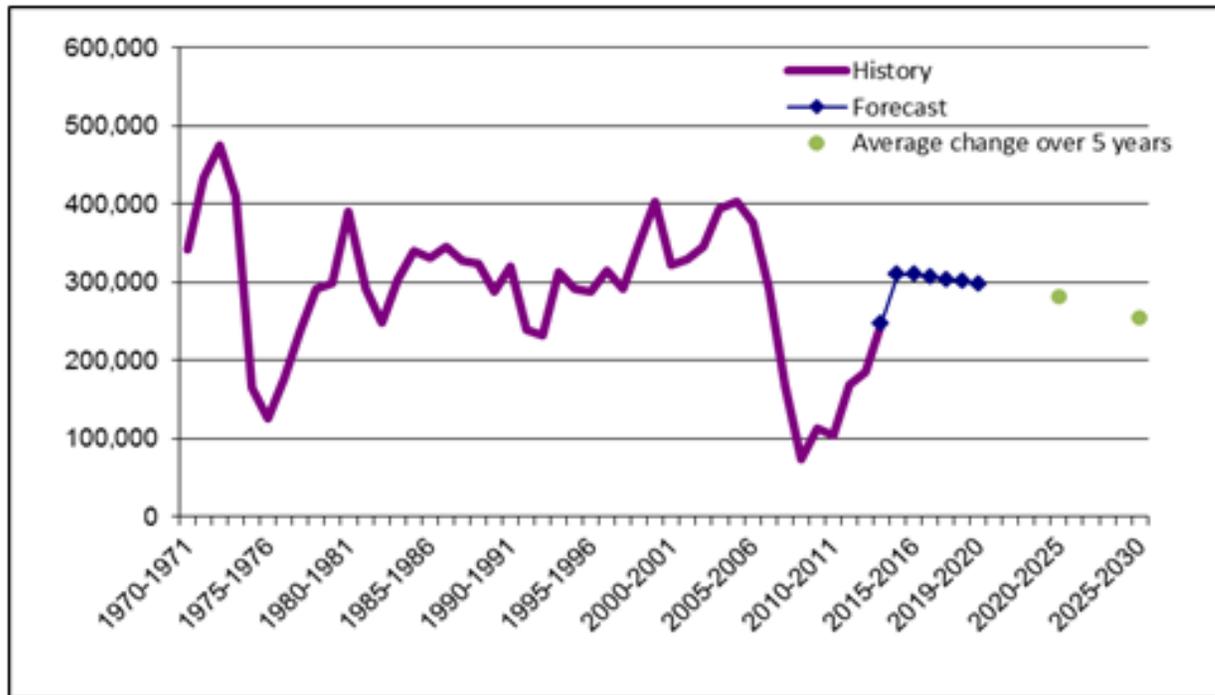
Florida's average annual wage has typically been below the US average. The preliminary data for the 2014 calendar year showed that it further declined to 87.2% of the US average; the posting in 2013 was 87.6%. This is Florida's lowest percentage since 2001. Although Florida's wage level actually increased over the prior year, the US average annual wage increased more.

In part, the lower than average wage gains has to do with the mix of jobs that are growing the fastest in Florida. Not only is the Leisure & Hospitality employment sector large, it has seen some of the fastest growth. This sector is closely related to the health of Florida's tourism industry. Preliminary estimates indicate that 25.6 million visitors came to Florida during first quarter 2015 for an increase of 6.2 percent over the same period in 2014.

Population Growth Recovering

- Population growth is the state's primary engine of economic growth, fueling both employment and income growth.
- Population growth is expected to continue strengthening, showing increasing rates of growth over the next few years. In the near-term, Florida is expected to grow by 1.45% between 2014 and 2015 – then continue its recovery, averaging 1.49% between 2015 and 2020. Most of Florida's population growth through 2030 will be from net migration (94%). Nationally, average annual growth will be about 0.75% between 2014 and 2030.
- The future will be different than the past; Florida's annual average long-term growth rate between 1970 and 1995 was over 3%.
- Florida is on track to break the 20 million mark prior to April 1, 2016, after surpassing New York this year to become the third most populous state.

Florida's Population Growth



Population:

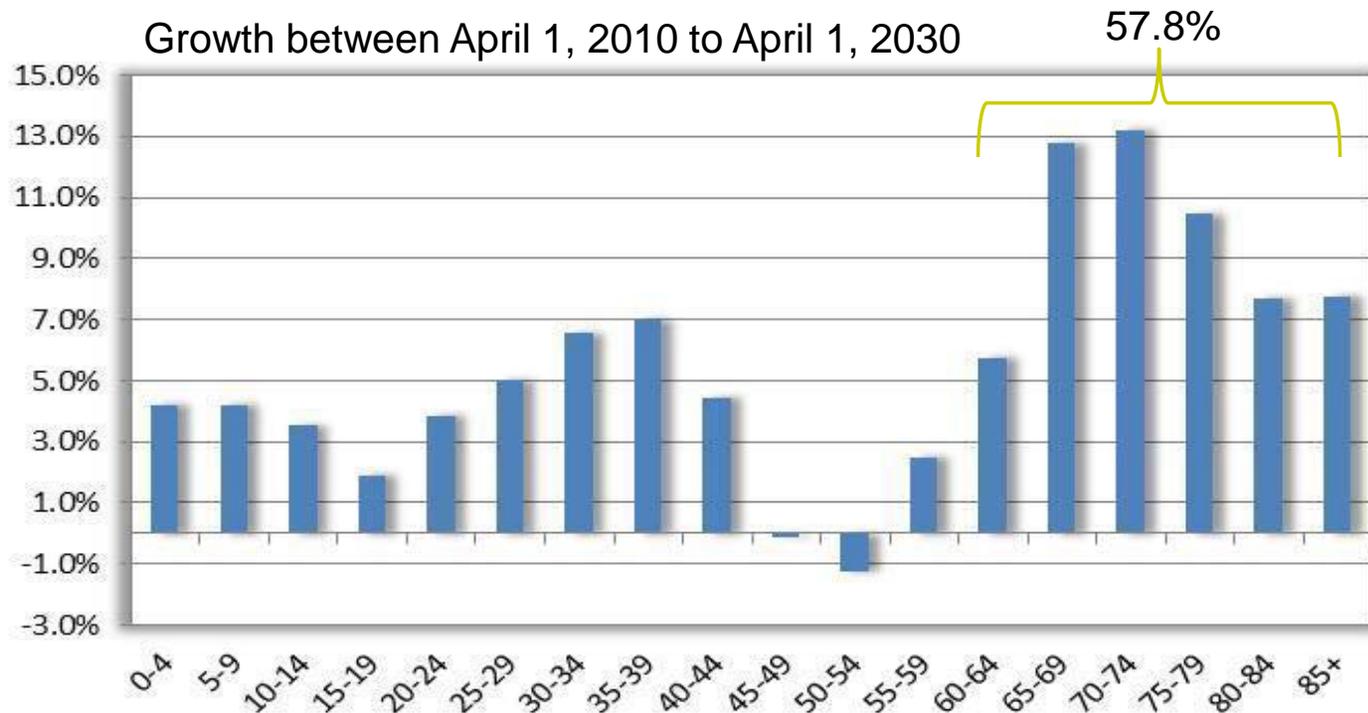
- Average annual increase between 2000 and 2006 was: 361,942
- Average annual increase between 2007 and 2014 was: 151,514

Population is forecast to increase on average by:

- 310,227 between 2014 and 2015 --- a gain of 850 per day
- 304,020 between 2015 and 2020 --- a gain of 833 per day
- 281,911 between 2020 and 2025 --- a gain of 772 per day
- 254,974 between 2025 and 2030 --- a gain of 699 per day

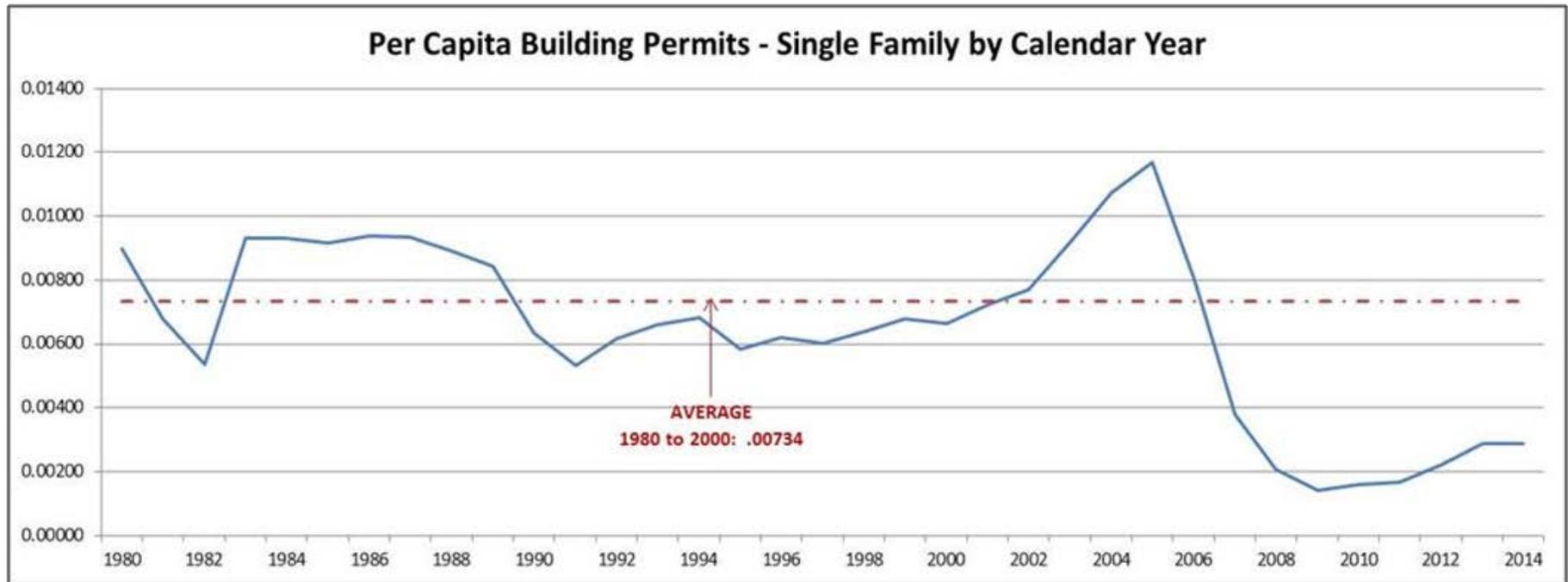
2014	
Orlando	255,636
St. Petersburg	252,372
Hialeah	230,544

Population Growth by Age Group



- Between 2010 and 2030, Florida's population is forecast to grow by 5.2 million persons.
- Florida's older population (age 60 and older) will account for most of Florida's population growth, representing 57.8 percent of the gains.
- Florida's younger population (age 0-17) will account for 13.3 percent of the gains, while the young working age group (25-39) will account for 18.6 percent of the growth.
- In 2000, Florida's working age population (ages 25-54) represented 41.5 percent of the total population. With the aging Baby Boom generation, this population now represents 38.8 percent of Florida's total population and is expected to represent only 36.2 percent by 2030.

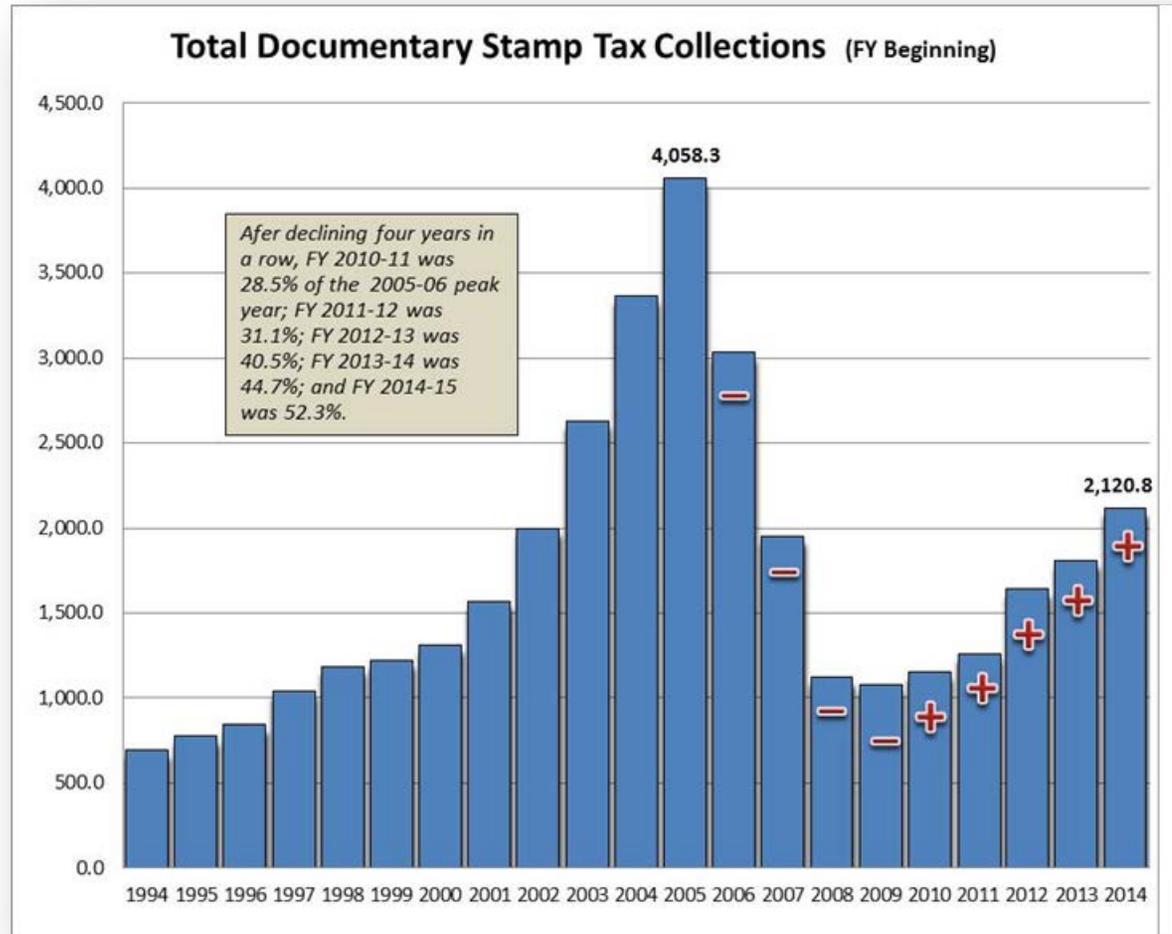
Florida Housing is Generally Improving



Single-Family building permit activity, an indicator of new construction, is back in positive territory, showing strong growth in both the 2012 and 2013 calendar years (32.3% and 31.3%, respectively). Despite the strong percentage growth in both years, the level is still low by historic standards, and final data for the 2014 calendar year reveals significantly slowing (but still positive) activity—posting only 1.6% growth over the prior year. However, calendar year-to-date activity through July 2015 is running well above last year for the same period; single family data is higher (+13.02%) than last year's data at the same point in time.

Documentary Stamp Collections

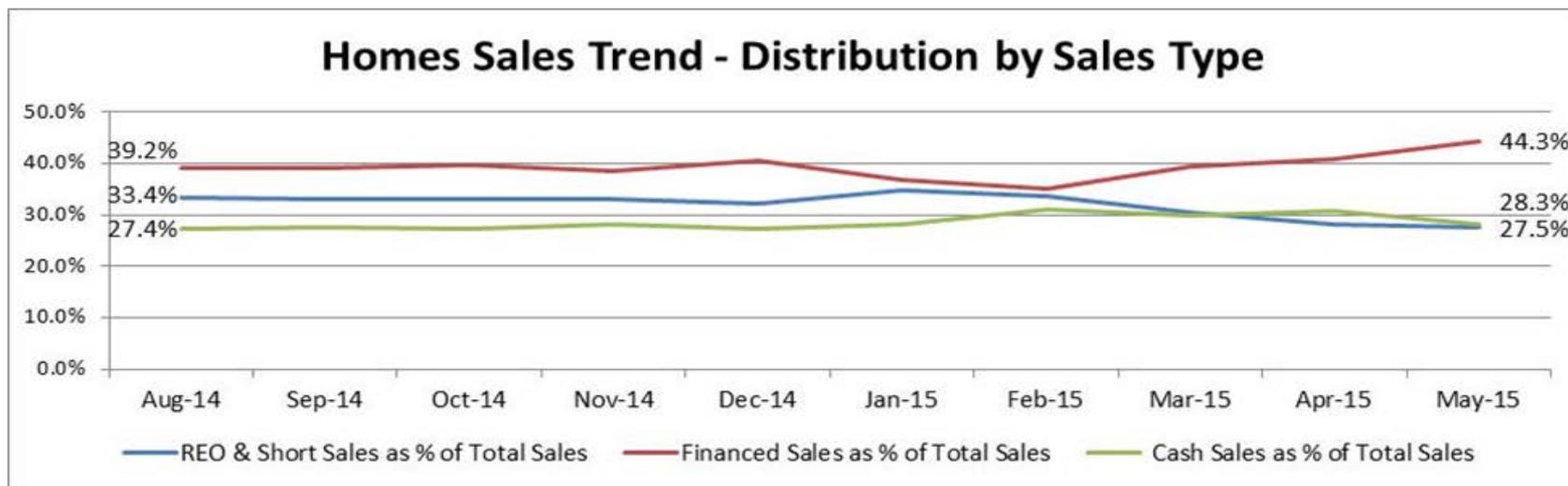
(Preliminary: Reflecting All Activity)



Documentary Stamp Tax collections saw 17.0% growth in FY 2014-15 over FY 2013-14.

Sales Mix Still Points to Subdued Pricing...

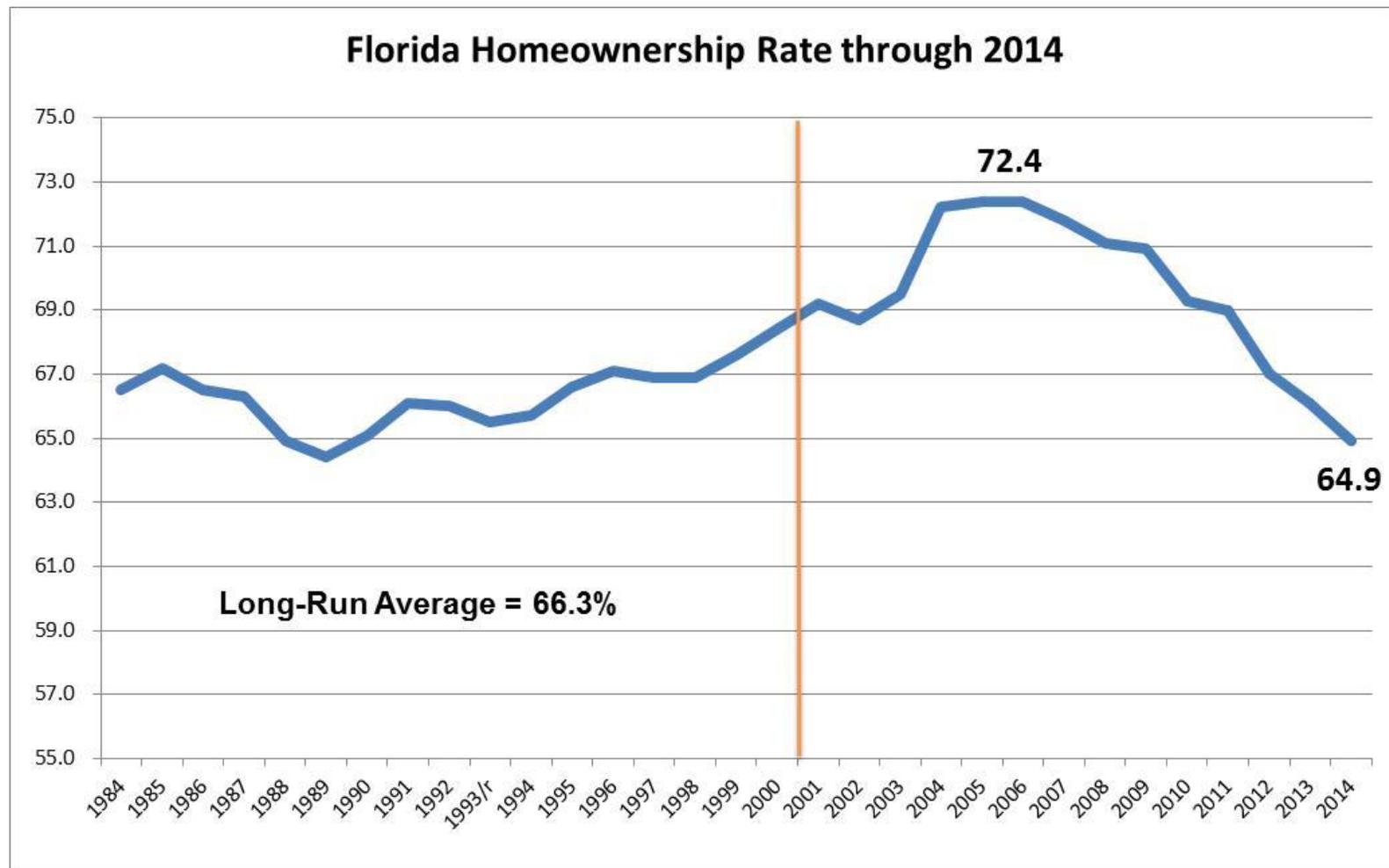
**Distressed
Property Discount
43.0%**



Data from LPS / Black Knight

- Financed Sales ended May 2015 with a higher share than it had in May 2014 (44.3% versus 36.5%). The shares of REO & Short Sales and Cash Sales have both drifted downwards over this period; however, the declines in Cash Sales were mostly in the early part of the year. Although it has remained fairly steady in recent months, the share of Cash Sales is back above REO & Short Sales.
- Subdued pricing leads to a new issue. According to RealtyTrac, “Among metropolitan statistical areas with at least 50 completed single family home flips in the second quarter, those where flips accounted for the highest percentage of all home sales were Fernley, Nevada (11.4 percent), **Miami, Florida (9.6 percent)**, **Palm Coast, Florida (9.2 percent)**, Memphis, Tennessee (9.0 percent), **Tampa, Florida (8.9 percent)**, **Deltona, Florida (8.7 percent)**, and **Sarasota, Florida (8.1 percent)**.” The national average was 4.5 percent of all single family home sales in the second quarter of the calendar year; the peak was reached in 2006 at 8.0 percent.

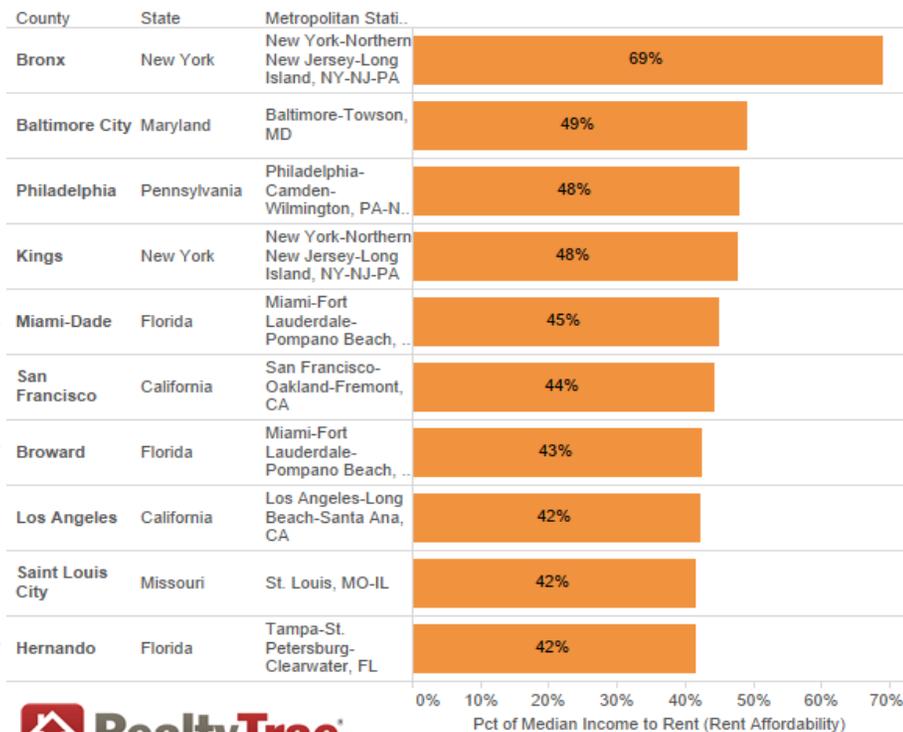
Homeownership Rate Below Normal



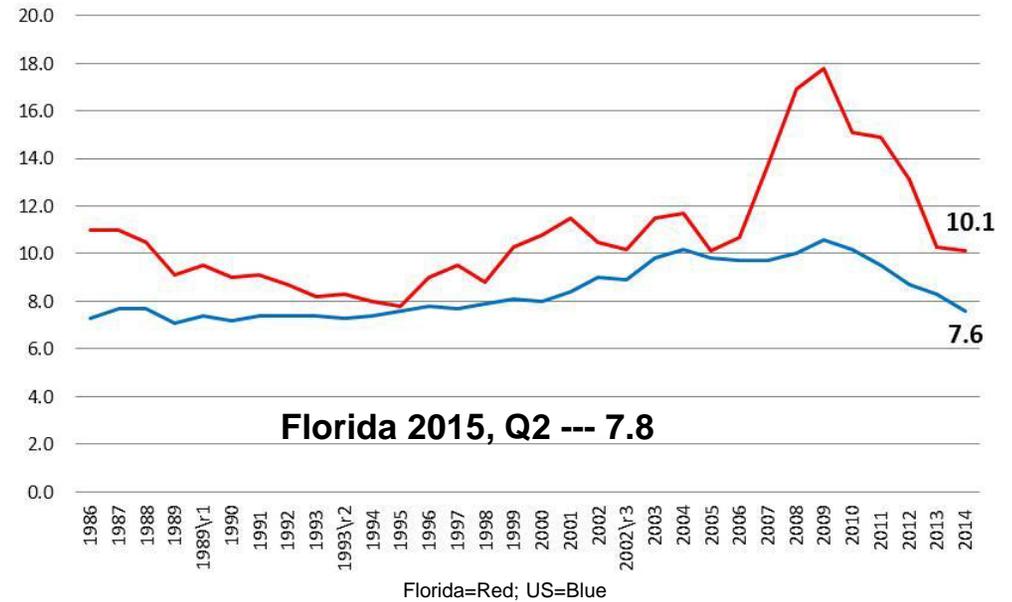
The 2014 percentage of 64.9 is the lowest since 1989, and it's below the long-term average for Florida. Second quarter data for 2015 came in slightly lower at 64.6%.

Residential Rental Vacancies Tightening Strongly in 2015 Calendar Year-to-Date; Price Pressure Starting to Appear

10 Least Affordable Rental Markets



Rental Vacancy Rates
Longrun Average Percent: US---8.4; FL---10.8



Median Gross Rent

Average Gross Rent

Year	Median Gross Rent			Average Gross Rent		
	U.S.	FL	FL Relative To US	U.S.	FL	FL Relative To US
2005	728	809	111%	803	863	107%
2006	763	872	114%	844	932	111%
2007	789	925	117%	878	991	114%
2008	824	947	115%	919	1015	111%
2009	842	952	113%	938	1024	110%
2010	855	947	111%	954	1017	107%
2011	871	949	109%	973	1027	106%
2012	884	954	108%	990	1037	105%
2013	905	972	107%	1016	1050	103%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, One-Year, 2005-2013.



Sources: RealtyTrac, HUD, U.S. Census

Economy Recovering

- Florida growth rates are generally returning to more typical levels and continue to show progress. However, the drags are more persistent than past events, and it will take another year to climb completely out of the hole left by the recession. In the various forecasts, normalcy has been largely achieved by FY 2016-17. Overall...
- The recovery in the national economy is well underway. While most areas of commercial and consumer credit have significantly strengthened – residential credit for purchases still remains somewhat difficult for consumers to access with a weighted average credit score of 751 and LTV of 81 percent. Student loan and recently undertaken auto debts appear to be affecting the ability to qualify for residential credit.
- By the close of the 2014-15 fiscal year, several key measures of the Florida economy had returned to or surpassed their prior peaks.
 - Most of the personal income metrics (real per capita income being a notable exception), some employment sectors and all of the tourism counts exceeded their prior peaks.
 - Still other measures were posting solid year-over-year improvements, even if they were not yet back to peak performance levels.
 - In the current forecast, none of the key construction metrics show a return to peak levels until 2021-22.

Upside Risks...

Construction...

- The “shadow inventory” of homes that are in foreclosure or carry delinquent or defaulted mortgages may contain a significant number of “ghost” homes that are distressed beyond realistic use, in that they have not been physically maintained or are located in distressed pockets that will not come back in a reasonable timeframe. This means that the supply has become two-tiered – viable homes and seriously distressed homes.
- To the extent that the number of viable homes is limited, new construction may come back quicker than expected.

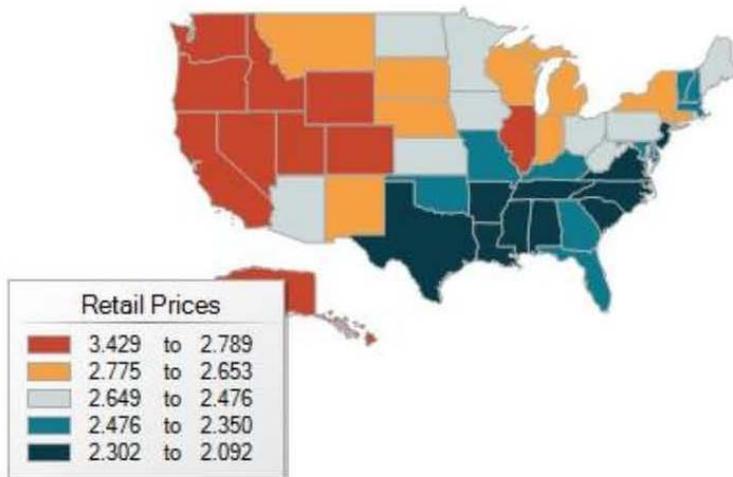
More Buyers...

- In 2015, the first wave of homeowners affected by foreclosures and short sales are past the seven-year window generally needed to repair credit.
- While there is no evidence yet, atypical household formation will ultimately unwind—driving up the demand for housing.

Low Gas Prices Are a Windfall

Florida Average Prices	Regular
Current Avg.	\$2.350
Year Ago Avg.	\$3.338
Highest Recorded Avg.	\$4.079

Prices updated by AAA as of 8/26/2015 3:45am



- OPEC's past inaction has allowed gas prices to remain low, even though it has recently signaled that it may re-engage.
- Consumers have treated the lower gas prices as a one-time windfall or dividend, boosting consumer spending. Prices were expected to stabilize by mid-2015.
- Earlier in the year, IHS (Global Insight) estimated that the savings would be roughly \$750 per household over the next four quarters. For Florida, this means approximately \$5.86 billion in additional spending. If 100 percent of it was spent on taxable sales, it would generate over \$350 million in additional sales tax revenue; at least some of this has been factored into the current forecast.

Downside Risks...

International and Financial Market Developments

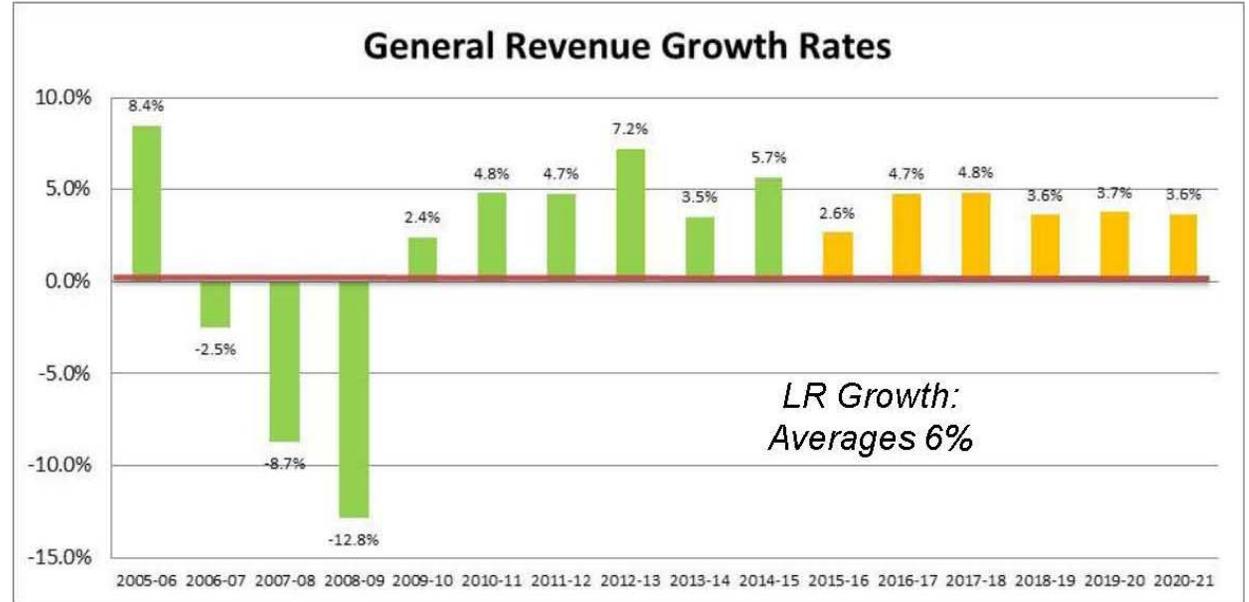
- Recent signs of instability and weakness in the Chinese economy have led to significant financial market concerns and even lower oil price expectations. The risk of a global recession has increased amidst the financial turmoil.
- According to New York Federal Reserve President William Dudley, if the recent financial market volatility becomes prolonged, it could influence the U.S. economy through the wealth effect—meaning that stock market losses could lead Americans to cut back their spending. This effect would be further exacerbated by a global slowdown.
- The current expansionary period in the United States is now over six years old. The Dow Jones Industrial Average more than doubled in value from June 2009 to June 2015, leading to questions of sustainability and the likelihood of a market correction (at least a 10% downward shift in a stock market index over a short period of time). Many market pundits were highlighting areas of apparent overvaluation well before the China-induced correction began in late August.
- At the very least, it has caused the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) to question the expected move to raise interest rates in September 2015. The International Monetary Fund and the World Bank have both warned central banks to refrain from raising interest rates since risks to global growth are mounting. At a minimum, a delay would have spillover effects to the adopted economic forecast for Florida.

Debt Analysis

- In a Moody's rating analysis of the state released August 20, 2015, they highlighted the state's strong fiscal practices saying: "Florida has a history of strong financial management, evidence[d] by frequent revenue forecasts and timely financial reporting, including an annual debt affordability analysis. In addition the state benefits from constitutional protections like the mandate to fund the budget stabilization fund, which allows for a budgetary cushion in the event of revenue volatility."
- Highest Level Credit Ratings: Fitch "AAA" with stable outlook (unchanged); Moody's "Aa1" with stable outlook (unchanged); Standard and Poor's "AAA" with stable outlook (unchanged).
- Total state debt outstanding at June 30, 2014, was \$24.2 billion, approximately \$400 million less than the prior fiscal year. Of this, net tax-supported debt totaled \$20.0 billion for programs supported by state tax revenues or tax-like revenues. Total state direct debt outstanding at June 30, 2015, will increase due to the execution of the Department of Transportation's I-4 Ultimate public-private partnership agreement.
- During the Outlook period, debt service payments are expected to be approximately \$2.1 billion in Fiscal Year 2016-17, \$2.3 billion in Fiscal Year 2017-18, and \$2.1 billion in Fiscal Year 2018-19 with the increase associated with mandatory payments for DOT contracts.

General Revenue Forecast

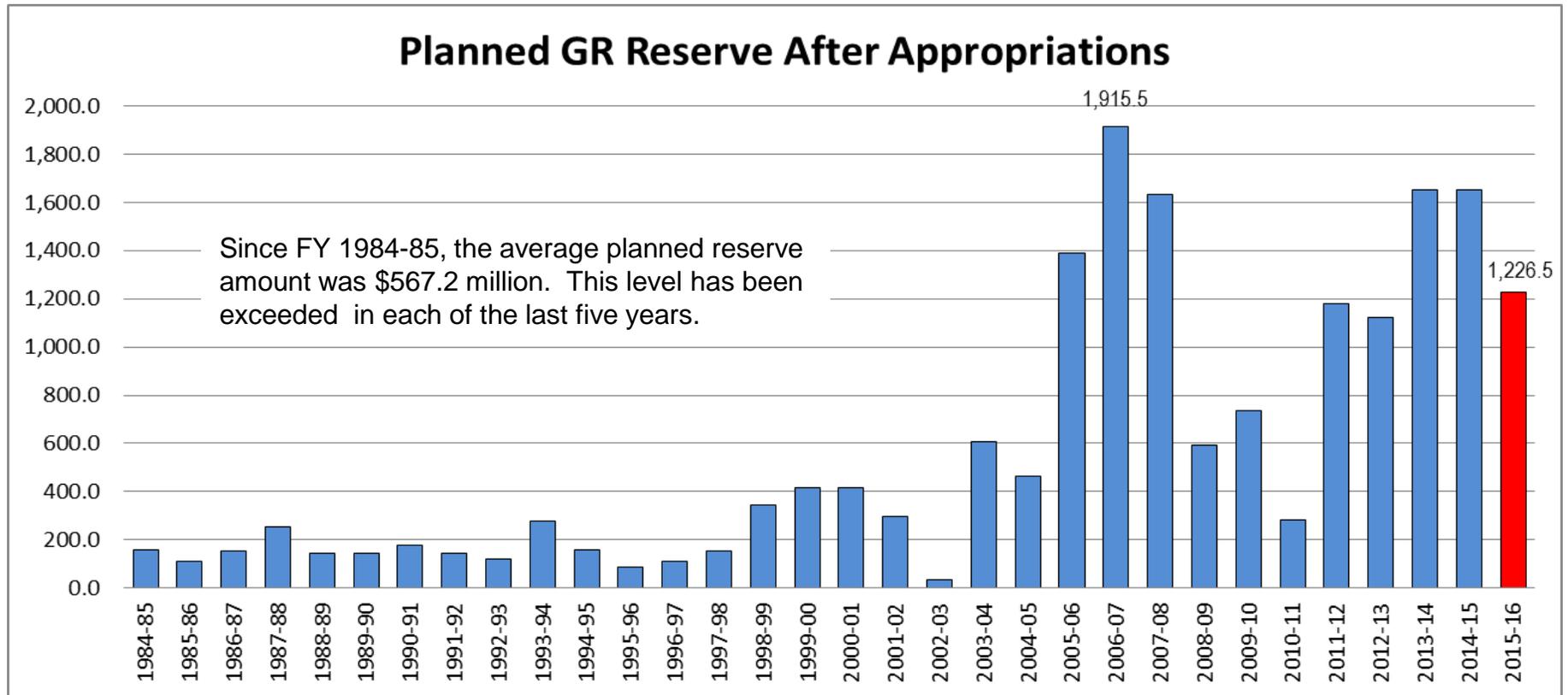
The growth rates for FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14 are slightly distorted by the receipt of the \$200.1 million deposit from the National Mortgage Settlement Agreement. After adjusting for this deposit, the underlying growth rates are 6.3% and 4.7%, respectively.



Fiscal Year	Post-Session Forecast	August 2015 Forecast	Difference	Incremental Growth	Growth
2005-06	27074.8				8.4%
2006-07	26404.1				-2.5%
2007-08	24112.1				-8.7%
2008-09	21025.6				-12.8%
2009-10	21523.1				2.4%
2010-11	22551.6				4.8%
2011-12	23618.8				4.7%
2012-13	25314.6				7.2%
2013-14	26198.0				3.5%
2014-15	27681.1				5.7%
2015-16	28,126.8	28,414.1	287.3	733.0	2.6%
2016-17	29,581.2	29,756.2	175.0	1342.1	4.7%
2017-18	30,912.4	31,189.3	276.9	1433.1	4.8%
2018-19	31,947.1	32,305.4	358.3	1116.1	3.6%
2019-20	33,019.0	33,512.8	493.8	1207.4	3.7%
2020-21	-	34,732.1	-	1219.3	3.6%

In FY 2014-15, General Revenue collections surpassed the prior peak in 2005-06 for the first time since then. Steady growth is expected to continue throughout the forecast.

GR Unallocated & Other Reserves



The planned General Revenue reserve balance has since increased by \$482.6 million, as a consequence of higher than expected 2014-15 revenue collections and the new revenue forecast for 2015-16. The balance is now projected to be **\$1,709.1** million for the fiscal year. Combined with the \$1,353.7 million expected in the Budget Stabilization Fund and approximately \$590.2 million that is available in the Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund, the total across all sources that are traditionally mentioned as reserves is \$3,653.0 million or 12.9% of estimated General Revenue collections for FY 2015-16.

GR Outlook Balance for FY 2015-16

REVENUES	REC	N/R	TOTAL
2015-16 Ending Balance on Post-Session Outlook	87.5	1,139.0	1,226.5
-PLUS- Revenue Surplus from 2014-15	0.0	195.2	195.2
-PLUS- End of Year Adj & Forecast Changes	287.3	0.1	287.4
BALANCE ON CURRENT OFFICIAL OUTLOOK	374.8	1,334.3	1,709.1

ADJUSTMENTS

-MINUS- Current Year Deficits	0.0	-3.3	-3.3
-MINUS- Budget Amendments Approved by 9/1/15	0.0	-10.0	-10.0
ADJUSTMENTS TOTAL	0.0	-13.3	-13.3

BALANCE FOR LONG-RANGE FINANCIAL OUTLOOK **1,695.8**

A projected remaining balance of \$1.7 billion in nonrecurring dollars is assumed to be available for use in FY 2016-17.

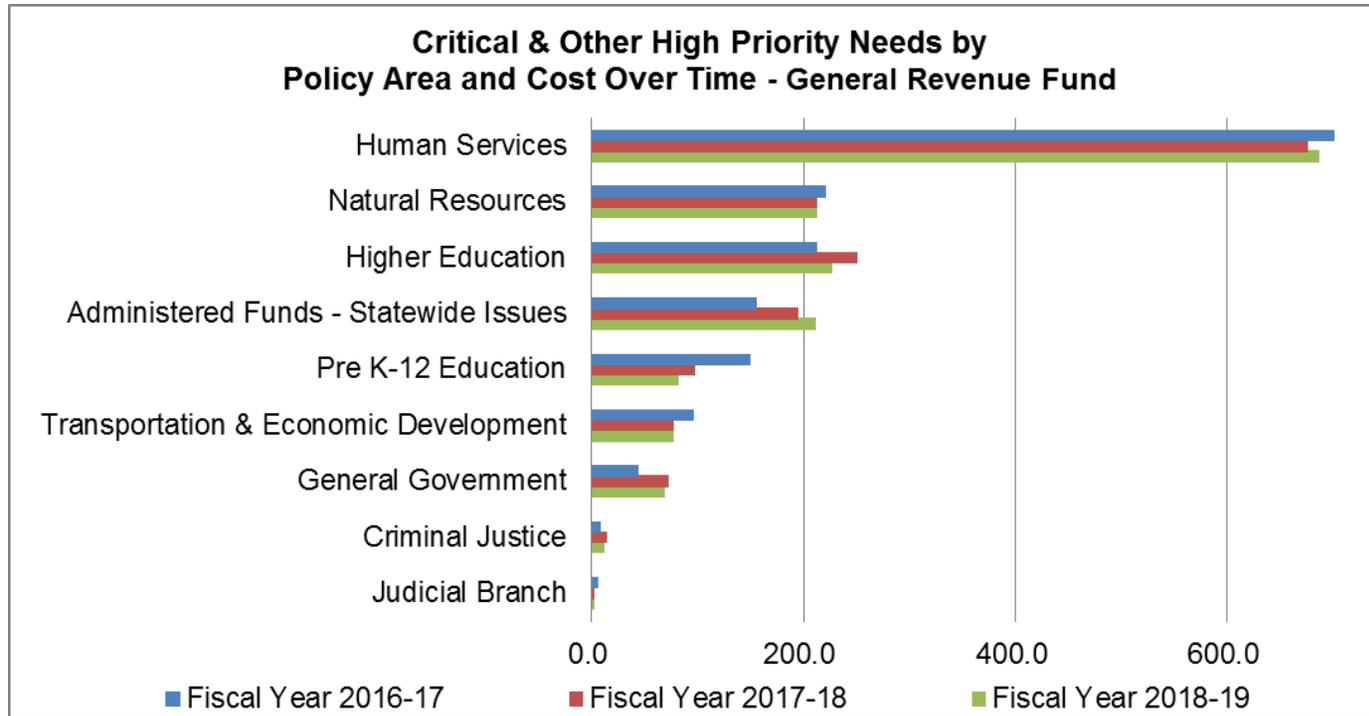
Budget Drivers

- Tier 1 – Includes only Critical Needs, which are mandatory increases based on estimating conferences and other essential items. The **19** Critical Needs drivers represent the minimum cost to fund the budget without significant programmatic changes. For the General Revenue Fund, the greatest burden occurs in FY 2017-18.
- Tier 2 – Other High Priority Needs are added to the Critical Needs. Other High Priority Needs reflect issues that have been funded in most of the recent budget years. The drivers are combined to represent a more complete, yet still conservative, approach to estimating future expenditures. Unlike Critical Needs, the greatest General Revenue burden for the **27** Other High Priority Needs occurs in FY 2016-17. In total, they exceed the Critical Needs in each year.

DOLLAR VALUE OF CRITICAL AND OTHER HIGH PRIORITY NEEDS

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	Fiscal Year 2016-17	Fiscal Year 2017-18	Fiscal Year 2018-19
Total Tier 1 - Critical Needs	664.8	753.1	742.5
Total - Other High Priority Needs	934.2	847.1	841.7
Total Tier 2 - Critical and Other High Priority Needs	1,599.0	1,600.2	1,584.2

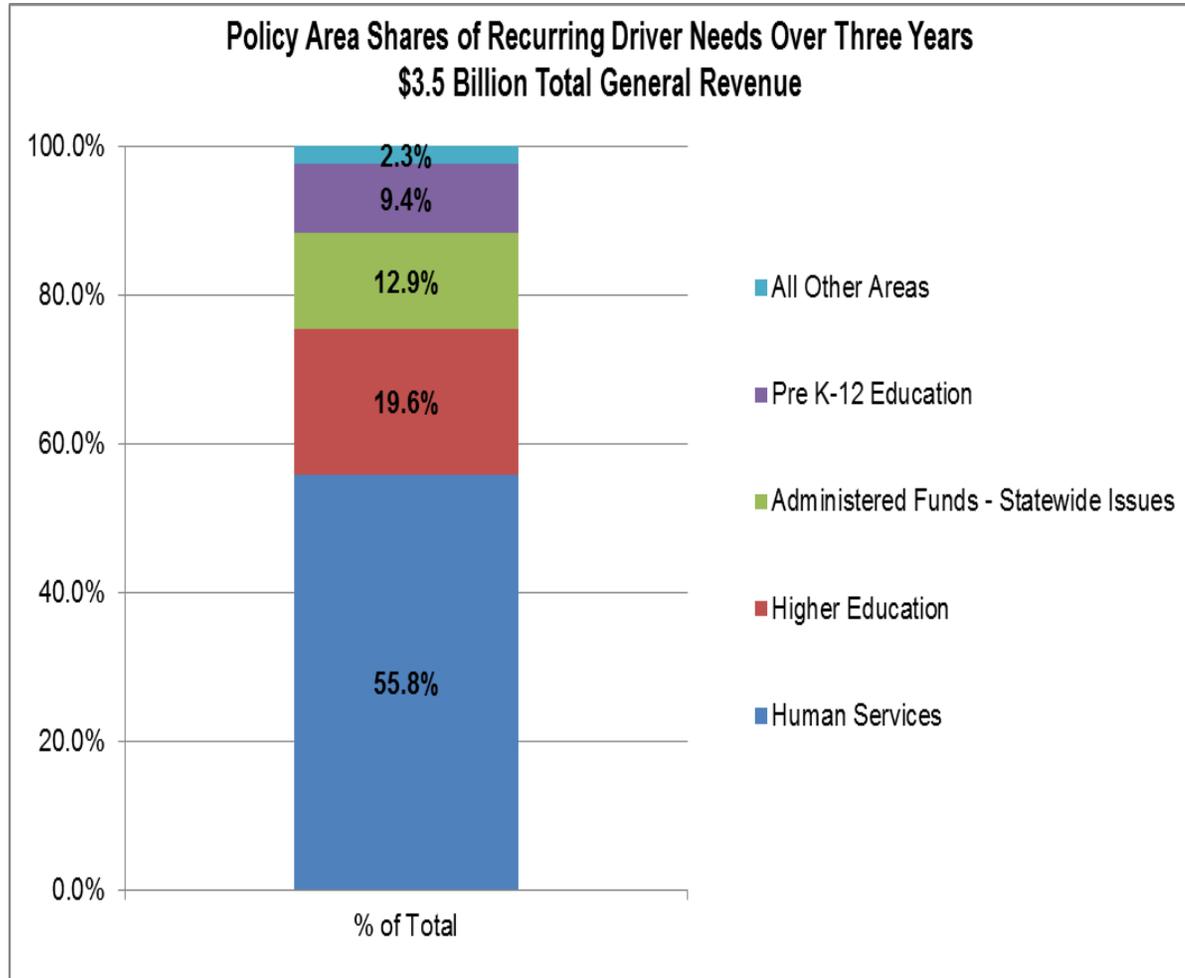
GR Drivers by Policy Area - \$4.8 Billion Total



POLICY AREAS	Fiscal Year 2016-17	Fiscal Year 2017-18	Fiscal Year 2018-19
Pre K-12 Education	149.6	97.5	82.9
Higher Education	213.1	250.5	226.9
Human Services	703.6	675.6	686.9
Criminal Justice	8.7	14.2	12.3
Judicial Branch	6.4	3.1	3.1
Transportation & Economic Development	97.2	77.9	77.6
Natural Resources	220.7	213.1	213.5
General Government	44.0	72.9	69.4
Administered Funds - Statewide Issues	<u>155.7</u>	<u>195.4</u>	<u>211.6</u>
Total New Issues	1,599.0	1,600.2	1,584.2

About ½ of the policy areas, in particular Pre K-12 Education, have their largest needs in the first year with a detectable drop off in the subsequent years. Others, such as Administered Funds and Higher Education have a reverse pattern with greater needs in the 2nd and 3rd years of the Outlook.

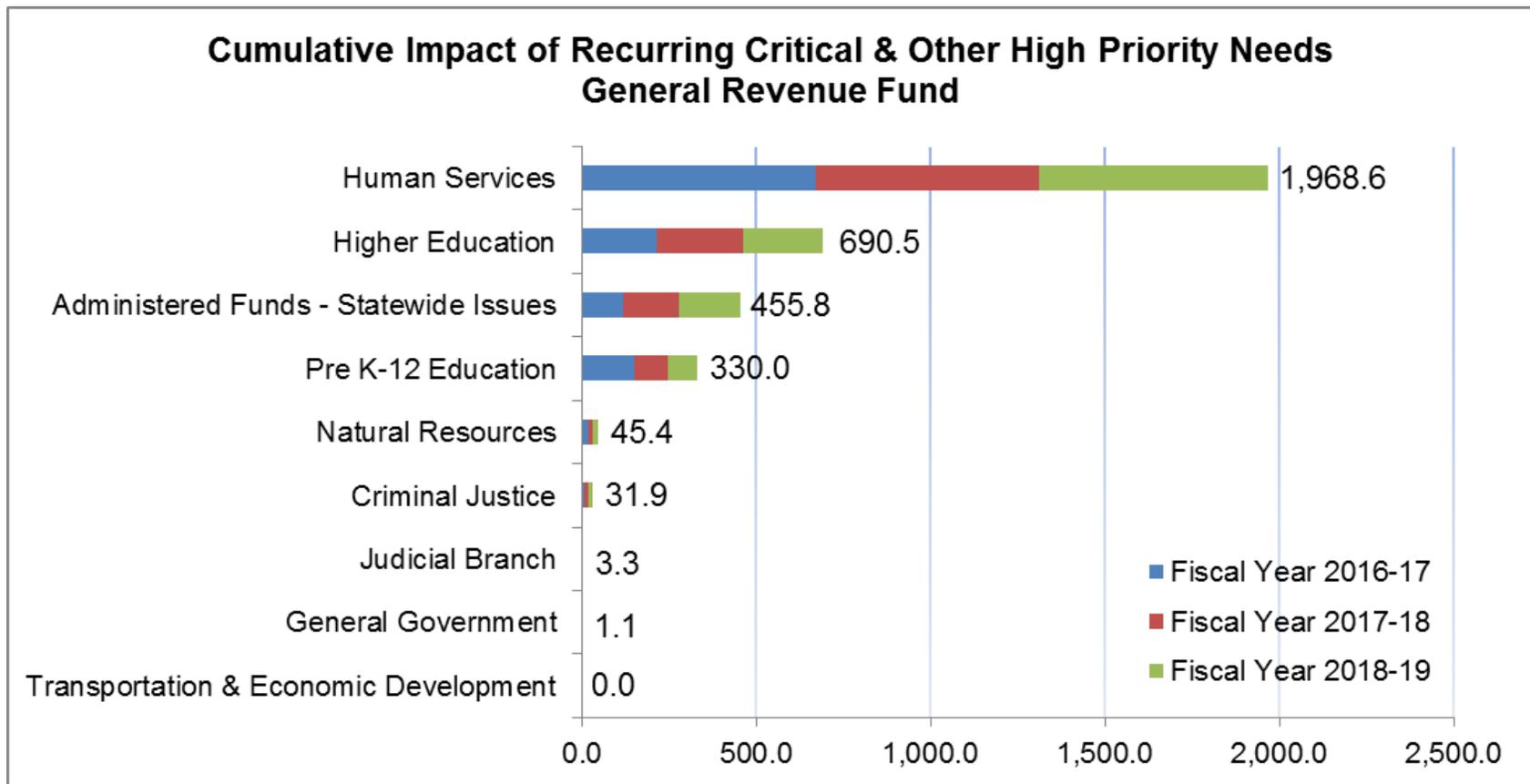
Three-Year Outlook Period – Recurring Needs...\$3.5 Billion Total



The recurring effects of each year's drivers continue throughout the remaining years contained in the Outlook, with the subsequent years adding to the prior year's recurring appropriations. While the first year's infusion of recurring dollars is displayed in the recurring column for the driver, the associated funds for the following years are not uniquely identified, but are instead captured broadly in the Recurring Base Budget.

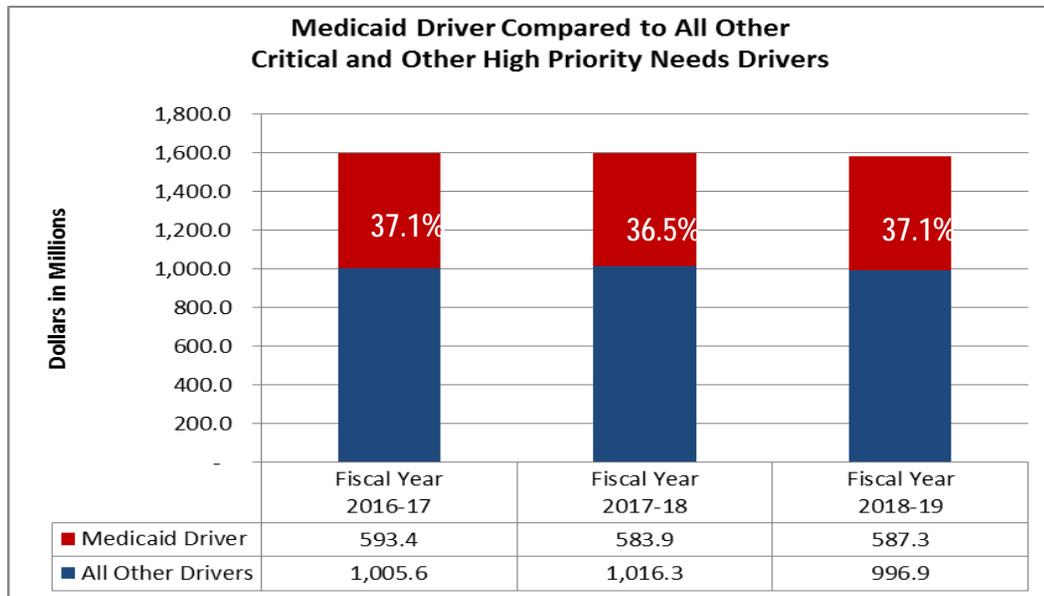
Over the three-year period included in the Outlook, recurring expenditures are projected to increase by approximately \$3.5 billion, or 73.7 percent of the total \$4.8 billion spent over the Outlook period.

Recurring GR Drivers by Policy Area

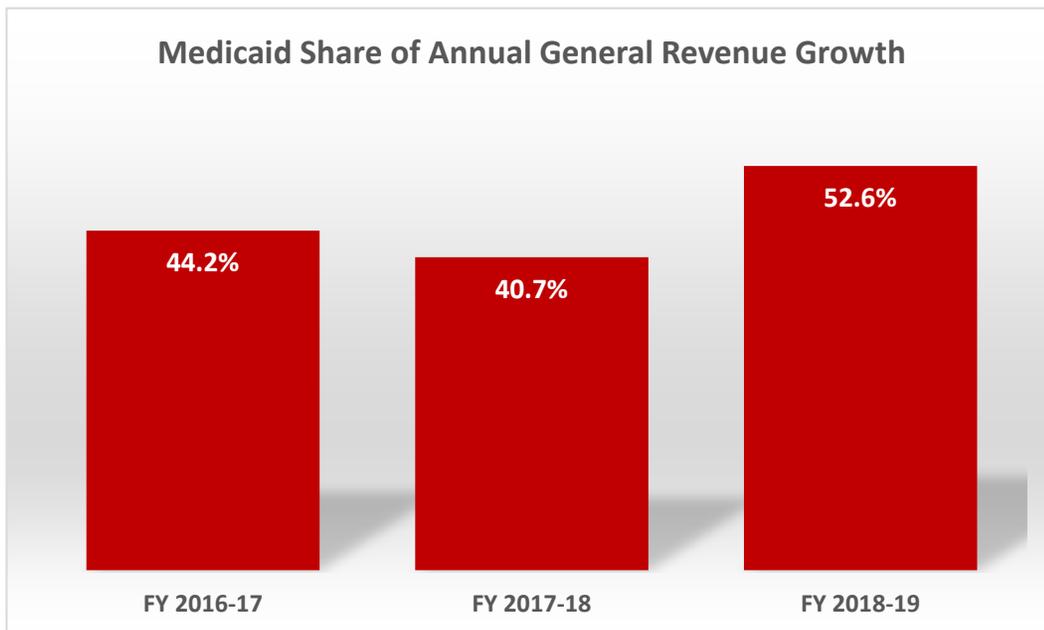


The Human Services policy area, primarily driven by Medicaid expenditures, has the largest recurring impact, totaling nearly \$2.0 billion over the next three years. Across the three years, it comprises 55.8 percent of the total \$3.5 billion recurring increase. The next largest area is Higher Education, which is projected to increase by slightly more than \$690 million during the three-year period, or nearly 20 percent of the total.

Medicaid is the Largest Driver



The Medicaid Program is the largest driver in all three years of the Outlook, representing 37.1 percent, 36.5 percent, and 37.1 percent of total Critical and Other High Priority Needs. The Medicaid need included in the 2015 Outlook is larger both in total dollar need by year and relative to the other drivers in that year than it was in the 2014 Outlook which showed 14.9 percent, 33.6 percent, and 35.5 percent, respectively.



Over the three-year period covered by the Outlook, the additional Medicaid need each year consumes an average of 45.9% of the expected General Revenue growth for that year.

Revenue Adjustments

- For the first time, Revenue Adjustments to the General Revenue Fund are included in the Outlook to reflect legislative actions that alter the revenue-side of the state’s fiscal picture. These adjustments are based on three-year averages and include:
 - *Tax and Significant Fee Reductions*...These reductions fall into two categories with different effects. The continuing tax and fee reductions are negative adjustments to the funds otherwise available and build over time since the impact of each year’s change is added to the recurring impacts from prior years. Conversely, the time-limited tax and fee reductions are confined to each year and are held constant throughout the Outlook.
 - *Trust Fund Transfers (GAA)*...The nonrecurring transfers are positive adjustments to the funds otherwise available and are held constant each year.

	Fiscal Year 2016-17			Fiscal Year 2017-18			Fiscal Year 2018-19		
	Rec	NR	Total	Rec	NR	Total	Rec	NR	Total
Continuing Tax and Fee Reductions	(234.5)	43.1	(191.4)	(469.0)	43.1	(425.9)	(703.5)	43.1	(660.4)
Time-Limited Tax and Fee Reductions	0.0	(71.2)	(71.2)	0.0	(71.2)	(71.2)	0.0	(71.2)	(71.2)
Trust Fund Transfers (GAA)	0.0	237.3	237.3	0.0	237.3	237.3	0.0	237.3	237.3
TOTAL	(234.5)	209.2	(25.3)	(469.0)	209.2	(259.8)	(703.5)	209.2	(494.3)

Putting It Together for the First Year

OUTLOOK PROJECTION – FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 <i>(in millions)</i>			
	RECURRING	NON RECURRING	TOTAL
AVAILABLE GENERAL REVENUE	\$29,880.6	\$1,664.5	\$31,545.1
<i>Base Budget</i>	\$28,255.0	\$0.0	\$28,255.0
<i>Transfer to Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund</i>	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<i>Transfer to Budget Stabilization Fund</i>	\$0.0	\$30.4	\$30.4
<i>Critical Needs</i>	\$615.8	\$49.0	\$664.8
<i>Other High Priority Needs</i>	\$566.7	\$367.5	\$934.2
<i>Reserve</i>	\$0.0	\$1,000.0	\$1,000.0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$29,437.5	\$1,446.9	\$30,884.4
<i>Revenue Adjustments</i>	(\$234.5)	\$209.2	(\$25.3)
ENDING BALANCE	\$208.6	\$426.8	\$635.4

Combined, recurring and nonrecurring General Revenue program needs—with a minimum reserve of \$1 billion—are less than the available General Revenue dollars, meaning there is no budget gap for FY 2016-17. Anticipated expenditures, potential revenue adjustments, and the reserve can be fully funded and the budget will be in balance as constitutionally required.

The Bottom Line...

- Fiscal Years 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19 all show projected budget needs within the available revenue for Critical and Other High Priority Needs, including the set-aside of a \$1 billion GR reserve in each year.
- **No Fiscal Strategies are required for any year** in the Outlook period, since there is no budget gap during the period, the anticipated reserve is fully funded, and the budget is growing more slowly than available revenues.
- For the 5th time since the adoption of the constitutional amendment requiring the development of Long-Range Financial Outlooks, **sufficient funds exist to meet all Critical and Other High Priority Needs** identified for the three years contained in the Outlook.
- After accounting for potential revenue adjustments, a projected available ending balance of \$635.4 million would be available to roll over to the next fiscal year; or, in the alternative, the Legislature could choose to use some or all of the balance for additional discretionary spending or tax reductions.

Outlook Projections Over Time

Outlook	For the Period Beginning	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Level of Reserves
		(\$ Millions)	(\$ Millions)	(\$ Millions)	
2007	Fiscal Year 2008-09	(\$2,334.5)	(\$2,860.7)	(\$3,066.0)	\$0.0
2008	Fiscal Year 2009-10	(\$3,306.3)	(\$2,482.5)	(\$1,816.8)	\$0.0
2009	Fiscal Year 2010-11	(\$2,654.4)	(\$5,473.2)	(\$5,228.6)	\$0.0
2010	Fiscal Year 2011-12	(\$2,510.7)	(\$2,846.3)	(\$1,930.3)	\$0.0
2011	Fiscal Year 2012-13	\$273.8	\$692.1	\$840.6	\$1,000.0
2012	Fiscal Year 2013-14	\$71.3	\$53.5	\$594.0	\$1,000.0
2013	Fiscal Year 2014-15	\$845.7	\$1,426.7	\$3,295.3	\$1,000.0
2014	Fiscal Year 2015-16	\$336.2	\$1,004.5	\$2,156.1	\$1,000.0
2015 - Tier 1	Fiscal Year 2016-17 Critical Needs	\$1,594.9	\$3,216.8	\$5,221.3	\$1,000.0
2015 - Tier 2	Fiscal Year 2016-17 Critical Needs & Other High Priority Needs	\$660.7	\$868.8	\$1,001.6	\$1,000.0
2015 - Tier 3	Fiscal Year 2016-17 Critical Needs, Other High Priority Needs & Revenue Adjustments	\$635.4	\$583.7	\$222.2	\$1,000.0

Four of the last eight constitutionally required Outlooks showed substantial budget gaps, or potential shortfalls between revenues and expenditures, at the time of adoption. Growth in revenues and adjustments to recurring appropriations brought the budget back in balance and improved the state's bottom line. However, recent actions by the Legislature to undertake increased recurring expenditures and tax adjustments have reduced the overall projected surplus between available General Revenue dollars and anticipated expenditures in Years 2 and 3 relative to last year's Outlook.

Risk

- The positive budget outlook is heavily reliant on the projected balance forward levels being available, the \$1.0 billion reserve not being used, and the growth levels for General Revenue and the major trust funds being achieved. As an example of the Outlook's sensitivity to risk, it would only take a 3.4% reduction in the General Revenue Estimate for FY 2016-17 to force the use of the \$1.0 billion reserve and drive at least two of the scenarios (Tier 2 and Tier 3) negative in the second year. A current-year change of this magnitude last happened in FY 2008-09.
- Assuming the \$1 billion reserve is strictly adhered to each year, and depending on which scenario is pursued (Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3), all or a portion of the projected ending balance can be invested in additional *recurring* issues in Fiscal Year 2016-17 without causing a budget gap in Fiscal Years 2017-18 or 2018-19. However, Tier 3 already shows that the recurring expenditures are beginning to outpace available recurring revenues in FY 2018-19.
- This is because *recurring* investments made in Year 1 of the Outlook have a compounding effect over time and reduce future ending balances. Each of the three scenarios has a different growth pattern over time, affecting how large the *additional* recurring investment—the amount above the level already contemplated—can be in the first year.

Compounding Effect of Year 1 Expenditure of Ending Balance

	Outlook Ending Balance	Ending Balance if Year 1 Balance Spent on Recurring Issues	Difference
Tier 1 - Critical Needs			
2016-17	1,594.9	-	(1,594.90)
2017-18	3,216.8	27.0	(3,189.80)
2018-19	5,221.3	436.6	(4,784.70)

*The total balance of **\$1,594.9 million** could be invested in recurring issues without causing a negative balance in any year.*

	Outlook Ending Balance	Ending Balance if Year 1 Balance Spent on Recurring Issues	Difference
Tier 2 - Critical Needs & Other High Priority Needs			
2016-17	660.7	-	(660.70)
2017-18	868.8	(452.6)	(1,321.40)
2018-19	1,001.6	(527.9)	(1,529.50)

*A maximum recurring investment of **\$333.8 million** could be made in Year 1 without causing a negative balance in any year.*

	Outlook Ending Balance	Ending Balance if Year 1 Balance Spent on Recurring Issues	Difference
Tier 3 - Critical Needs, Other High Priority Needs, & Revenue Adjustments			
2016-17	635.4	-	(635.40)
2017-18	583.7	(687.1)	(1,270.80)
2018-19	222.2	(996.9)	(1,219.10)

*A maximum recurring investment of **\$74.0 million** could be made in Year 1 without causing a negative balance in any year.*

Note: the Tier 2 and Tier 3 scenarios assume any deficit is resolved within the fiscal year as constitutionally required.

Black Swans...

“Black Swans” are low probability, high impact events:

- A severe natural disaster that stresses the state’s reserves.
 - 2004 and 2005 Hurricane Seasons
 - Budget Stabilization Fund balance is currently \$1,139.2 million; with the final repayment of the FY 2008-09 emergency transfer, it will be \$1,353.7 million at the end of FY 2015-16.

- A global recession and/or significant financial disruption that spills over to the real U.S. economy and indirectly to Florida.

- Accelerating global weakness, particularly in China and other emerging markets.

Stronger dollar, capital outflows from investors from other countries pursuing higher interest rates, interruptions in exports, growing trade imbalances, deflationary pressure and lower corporate profits.

- Market volatility heightened by international factors, popping the stock market bubble and triggering a protracted slump and declining consumer sentiment.

Among others, Robert Shiller has warned in a recent analysis that a possible speculative bubble exists: “It is entirely plausible that the shaking of investor complacency in recent days will, despite intermittent rebounds, take the market down significantly and within a year or two restore CAPE ratios to historical averages. This would put the S&P closer to 1,300 from around 1,900...and the Dow at 11,000 from around 16,000. They could also fall further; the historical average is not a floor.”

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SENATOR ANITERE FLORES
37th District

September 16, 2015

The Honorable Tom Lee
Chair of Appropriations
418 Senate Office Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Chairman Lee:

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the committee meeting tomorrow. I respectfully request to be excused from the Appropriations Committee on September 17th, 2015.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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CC: Cindy Kynoch, Staff Director, Appropriations Committee, 201 The Capitol



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SENATOR DENISE GRIMSLEY

Deputy Majority Leader
21st District

September 9, 2015

The Honorable Tom Lee, Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations
201 The Capitol
404 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Chairman Lee:

I am respectfully requesting permission to be excused from the Committee on Appropriations meeting on Thursday, Sept. 17th at 11:00 a.m. due to a previously scheduled commitment in the district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise Grimsley".

Denise Grimsley
District 21

cc: Cindy Kynoch, Staff Director
Sharon Bradford, Deputy Staff Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Lee".

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Democratic Leader
19th District

September 14, 2015

Senator Tom Lee, Chair
Committee on Appropriations
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Senator Lee:

This letter is to request that I be excused from the Committee on Appropriations meeting on September 17, 2015. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arthenia L. Joyner".

Arthenia L. Joyner
State Senator, District 19

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Lee".

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SENATOR GWEN MARGOLIS

35th District

September 9, 2015

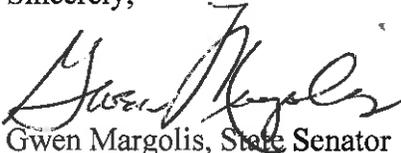
President Tom Lee, Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Suite 418 Senate Office Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

Dear President Lee:

Please excuse my absence from the Senate Appropriations Committee meeting being held on Thursday, September 17, 2015. I recently underwent hip replacement surgery and am unable to travel extensively at this time. My physician however, has cleared me to resume all standard activities in October.

Your consideration of my request to be excused would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Gwen Margolis, State Senator
District 35

✓ cc: Cynthia Kynoch, Staff Director

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