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## County Council Sets Initial Budget/Tax Rates and Off-Beach Parking Fees

County Council set their FY 2024-25 TRIM tax rates required to support the county's operations.

NOTE - *this budget is split between the County's General Fund and Public Safety Fund which finances the Sheriff's Office.*

FOR FY 2024-25 budget, County Council approved a tentative \$1.32 b Operating Budget AND a \$325 m GENERAL FUND budget. Before setting the tentative rate, Council members voted 4-3 to add another .0855 mills to the General Fund property tax that

would yield another \$5 million in tax revenue which would add another 1 mile of road.

NOW this is the TRIM CEILING RATE.....which the Council CAN lower in September budget hearings..where they COULD lower millage rates....BUT not raise beyond the 3.28 rate. Rates include....

- General Fund 3.28 mills (partial roll-back rate)
- Law Enforcement Fund: 1.59 mills (10% increase)
- Volusia Forever: 0.2 mills (same)
- Volusia ECHO: 0.2 mills (same)

Regarding Volusia beaches, Council approved a \$1.3 million contract to PCI Municipal Services for Paid Parking Services in County's Off-Beach Parking lots.

Approved rates will be \$20 all-day pass....5:00 AM to 11:00 PM plus a \$100 non-resident annual pass. HOWEVER, there would be NO off-beach parking CHARGE for RESIDENTS' that register for an annual pass...Paid off-beach parking starts January 1, 2025.

In regards to that contract related to the collection of Vehicle Beach Access Fees.....THAT item was moved to the August 6 Council agenda.



# FY 2024-2025 Budget

## Local Governments Set TRIM (PRELIMINARY)

### Property Tax Rates

At June 11 VCARD's Real Estate Values Forum Property Appraiser Larry Bartlett stated Volusia's property values increased this year 7%.....slightly lower than last year's 15% increase. Overall the value of property in Volusia rose to \$104 billion, the highest amount ever.

SO that set the stage whereby city and county staff have been drafting numbers for the FY 2024-25 budget. Since then, local entities have held budget workshops and recently, Commissions/Councils have set their TRIM rates and general fund budgets as they relate to property tax AND the rollback rate for the coming year.

**RollBack Rate** is the key tax rate because it's what brings in the same tax revenue in the coming fiscal year aside from new construction — because increased property values cause that same rate to bring in more revenue. SO it's kinda like a benchmark.

Once this initial TRIM ceiling rate is set, it can be lowered when local entities hold their FINAL budget hearings in September. AND from what I've seen at the meetings I've attended.....most commissions/councils are setting that higher tax rate as it will be debated/negotiated later on.

**See my Volusia Budget/Tax Rate Chart to be emailed next week.**

**First Day of School Monday  
Aug 12....Back to School Sales Tax  
Holidays thru Aug 11..See article**

**Citizens Insurance** is a nonprofit entity and Fla's safety net **Property Insurance** company to insure businesses/homeowners who can't get private sector coverage **AND it NOW has \$3.5 billion in REinsurance coverage at a cost of \$482 million to serve as a backstop to help pay claims during this hurricane season.**

REinsurance plays a critical role in Fla's market, as it helps insurers pay claims if hurricanes cause major damage. For example, Citizens had \$3.5 billion in direct losses from 2022's Hurricane Ian. Citizens was able to recover \$1.1 billion via REinsurance contracts, thus reducing losses to \$2.4 billion.



Citizens with 1.2 million policy holders can get more lower-cost coverage from Fla's state-run Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.

Citizens' policy count has surged recently because private insurers' financial problems causing them to drop customers and raised rates.

However, if Citizens doesn't have enough resources to pay claims after a big storm, it would impose assessments on ALL Fla policyholders with home, auto, boat, and other property insurance.

After this acquisition of Reinsurance, Citizens Insurance now has more than \$14B available to cover hurricane losses in 2024 and giving it the financial resources to cover a 1-in-83-year storm.



**In 2021, Volusia Sheriff's Office established its own Training Academy....3 years later, the VSO Academy has brought in 7 recruit classes of the next generation of deputies. For more Academy info and VSO careers.....**

**<https://www.volusiasheriff.gov/careers/>**

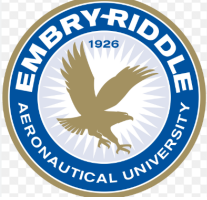


French aircraft designer/  
manufacturer AURA AERO will  
be opening a 500,000-sq-ft man-  
ufacturing/assembly within

ERAU Research Park.

The new manufacturing facility is  
estimated to create 1,030 jobs  
with an average wage of \$73,000.

The plant has a goal to manufac-  
ture/assemble 100 hybrid electric  
regional aircraft per year. They expect to be oper-  
ational in 2028.



**Click link below..... Volusia's  
[Attainable Housing Dashboard](#)**



**July 12 - Shawn Finley was promot-  
ed to Ormond Beach Assistant City  
Manager.** He was previously their  
Public Works Director since 2000.

As Assistant City Manager, he will  
oversee Public Works /Utilities, Leisure Services,  
Planning, among other responsibilities.



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**County Board  
Appointments.....**



The Council appointed  
**Ian Carrey** to the **West**

**Volusia Tourism Advertising Authority** to  
represent the lodging industry for the re-  
mainder of a two-year term expiring March  
31, 2025.

The **Daytona Beach Racing/Recreation Au-  
thority**...a 5-member board with 2 County  
Council, 2 Daytona Beach City Commission  
appointees, 1 joint appointee.

This entity can acquire, construct, among  
other things racing and rec facilities in the  
district; they can issue of special obligation  
bonds to cover the costs.

A seat became vacant and the County Coun-  
cil appointed **Michael Munier**.



**Flagler Volusia and Brevard CareerSource have con-  
solidated their workforce boards and will now be  
called CareerSource Brevard Flagler Volusia.**

Administrative offices will remain in Rockledge and  
Daytona Beach....in other words....business as usual.  
**Marci Murphy was named Executive Director** as  
they expand their services to meet jobseekers and  
employers needs in an ever-changing workforce envi-  
ronment.

This merger was approved by the Legislature in 2021  
as part of a multi-year plan to offer more employ-  
ment services and training programs.





**July 15 - DeLand City Commission heard a presentation on draft regulations for tiny homes and tiny home communities.**

They're looking at alternatives in addressing the affordable housing issues....and I applaud them for it.

In order to provide these housing options for infill development within the city's core gateway, they're considering an amendment to the city's code to allow for tiny homes between 200 and 600 square feet to be built in residential areas, and would allow for a maximum of 20 homes per two-acres

They're proposing to build them near downtown to give residents easier access to businesses and city services like transportation.

Next month, a survey will seek citizens' input about the tiny homes project.



**The Volusia School District's Bargaining Team and Volusia United Educators (VUE) Support Staff** will meet for a bargaining session Thursday, August 15, 1:00 - 4:00 PM at Volusia United Educators, 1381 Educators Road, Daytona Beach.



**New Smyrna Beach's Parking Task Force is working with LTG Engineerin/Planning in seeking solutions for more capacity and stimulate the flow of traffic in the core business district.**

One option being considered to maximize parking for Canal St is a commuter lot on US 1

(this would require metering along Canal to incentivize workers to choose to park elsewhere).



The idea of a parking garage has also been brought up.

Another possible solution is adding meters on Flagler Ave to encourage turnover.

Because of congestion from beach traffic, Flagler Ave requires different tactics than just adding more spaces. Metering spaces along Flagler would to boost turnover.

On a separate note, the County is adding meters to off-beach lots to encourage more turnover.

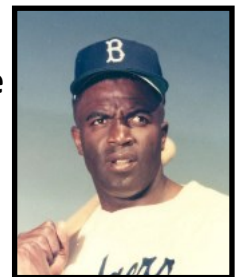
**LTG Consultant Kerry Karl** is looking at Waze, Apple, or Google Maps, to help direct drivers to available parking.

A public forum will be Thursday, Aug. 1, 6 PM at Brannon Center.



Attendees will first hear the findings of the parking study conducted by LTG, Inc.

**July 3 - the Daytona Beach City Commission updated their lease contract with the Daytona Tortugas, by making periodic improvements to Jackie Robinson Ballpark.....the action pertained**



to clubhouse renovations and general facility improvements including a Jackie Robinson Museum, a new entry highlighting the Jackie Robinson statue, kid's playground, in addition to other amenities.

A groundbreaking event for this project will be scheduled prior to an upcoming Tortugas home game.





**July 17 - Daytona Beach City Commission agreed to 2 Charter amendment referendums for the November 5 ballot**

**#1 – No one may run for commissioner**

except from the zone in which they are a resident and qualified elector of that zone for at least six (6) months prior to qualification period for office. Candidates for mayor shall be residents of the city for at least six (6) months prior to qualification.

**#2 Qualifications of Electors - DELETE "On all propositions regarding city bonds, only freeholders shall be eligible to vote". The term "Freeholder" is defined AS SOMEONE WHO OWNS REAL PROPERTY. In other words...ALL CITIZENS can vote on bond issues.**

These 2 charter amendments will be decided upon November 5th.

And you'll hear of other city charter amendments that will be decided on the August 20 ballot and the November 5 ballot. As of now there are no county charter amendments.

Election Supervisor Lisa Lewis said local entities still have time to put forth a charter amendment on the November 5 ballot BUT THEY MUST HAVE IT TO HER by August 20 deadline.



**Federal Judge Wendy Berger ruled that Daytona Beach's panhandling ordinance approved in 2019 is unconstitutional.**

But for now, Daytona Beach's panhandling regulations can't be enforced and panhandlers will be on street corners.

DB City commissioners will decide if they want to challenge the ruling when they hold a closed-door meeting on Aug. 7 Stay tuned....



**Amaya Albury & her son Josia...she's a PDG cook**

**Papi's Kitchen has just opened  
536 Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd Daytona Beach...**

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At last week's VLOC meeting, I heard **Sheriff Mike Chitwood** tell how his detectives in conjunction with Gaming Control Commission, recently shut down 11 illegal casinos across the county. It was the result of a two year investigation.

In doing so, he said they seized some 400 slot machines and about \$400,000 in cash. "It seems they're popping up, shutting down and then changing venues."

These entities tend to target senior citizens with low or fixed incomes....even provide meals too.

Combined with a November 2023 operation, detectives have now seized more than 600 slot machines and more than \$1.1 million cash none of which was sent to Fla's Bright Futures Program. Chitwood also mentioned this money was being shipped overseas to some not so nice locations.

Chitwood wants the legislature to address these illegal gambling entities.



**Volusia Sheriff's Office has formed a new elder financial fraud unit has been speaking to senior groups on how to avoid scams.**

Scammers target seniors because they have money, good credit and own a home. There's tech scams that gain access to personal information as well as government impersonation scams and the most costly of all.....investment scams that total an estimated \$3.4 billion.



**Sheriff Mike Chitwood** said there were about 575 cases senior scam cases last year costing about \$4.6 million of which detectives were able to recover about \$760,000.

To see tips on how to protect yourself from fraud, go to the Volusia Sheriff's website.

Scamming Seniors is about as lower than a snake's belly in a wagon rut!

**Need to Know Election Dates.....**

Early voting for the **August Primary Election will be August 10 - 17, 8:00 to 6:00 PM.**



Deadline to register/change party affiliation for Primary Election is July 22  
Deadline to register for General Election is October 7

Early voting locations are.....

- Elections Supervisor Office DeLand
- Florence Little Town Hall in DeBary
- Center at Deltona on MLK Blvd in Deltona
- Ormond, Daytona , NSB Regional Libraries
- Lakeside Community Center in Port Orange

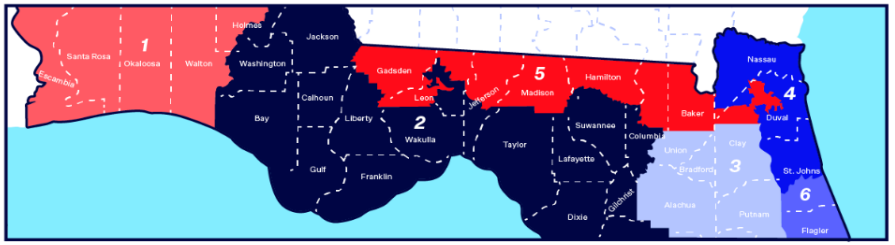


**Very nice folks! 5 locations in Volusia/Flagler...  
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Volusia County is home to over 14,000 enterprises that produce or provide a variety of goods and services. These companies transact business locally and globally, contributing annually to the \$17 billion GDP generated within Volusia County

Before



After



Many individual tax cuts of the **2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA)** are scheduled to expire after 2025. These include changes to tax brackets, standard deductions, and child tax credits.

The corporate tax rate reduction from 35% to 21% is permanent and does not expire. However, other business-related provisions may have sunset dates.

This legislation doubled the estate tax exemption, which is also set to expire after 2025.



The alternative minimum tax (AMT) exemption was increased, but it could revert to previous levels.

Congress has the option to extend, modify, or replace these provisions before they expire next year.



### Regarding Fla Redistricting Maps.....

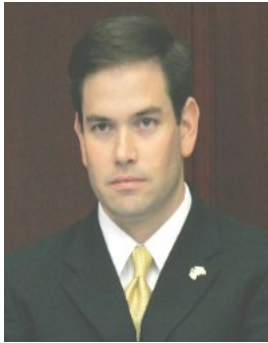
**Common Cause Fla and the Fla NAACP will not appeal a federal-court ruling that upheld the constitutionality of a Fla’s congressional redistricting plan.**

Last month, a three-judge panel refused to reconsider an earlier decision that said the voting rights groups did not prove that the Legislature acted with discriminatory motive in overhauling a disputed North Fla district in 2022.

However, a separate challenge to the redistricting plan is still before the Fla Supreme Court. THAT case focuses on changes to Congressional District 5 in N Fla, which in the past elected **Black Democrat Al Lawson**.

**Cong John Rutherford** has been serving Florida’s 5th Congressional District since January 3, 2023.





## Sen Marco Rubio Receives Award

Every year, the Congressional Management Foundation (CMF) recognizes Members of Congress for their non-legislative achievements in operations, communications, and constituent services.

This year, they presented **Sen Marco Rubio** the **2024 Democracy Award for Innovation and Modernization**...which recognizes his office's creativity in constituent interactions, communication, office operations, as well as international efforts to modernize the functioning of Congress.

Last year, Rubio was ranked the number 3 most effective member of Congress for getting 13 bills approved.



June 25 - Republican Greg Lopez won a 4-way race for Colorado's 4th Congressional District special election to finish what's left of former GOP Cong Ken Buck's term.

Why is it important? ...**with resignations on both sides of the aisle, the House Republican / Democrat margins were getting pretty close.**

However, Lopez is only holding the seat until the November election....however, the District is pretty much a safe Republican district.

The current party count in the US House is

- Republicans: 220 members
- Democrats: 213 members

2 Vacancies (1 Democrat seat in NJ and 1 Republican seat in Wisconsin)



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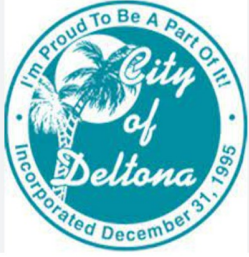


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Deltona City leaders are seeking to increase wastewater service as a means to attract more commercial business development.

**Cong Cory Mills announced the US House recently passed the 2024 Water and Resources Development Act which would authorize funding for several cities, and it could allocate \$31.2 million to City of Deltona to update its sewer system.** That bill now goes to the Senate.

**Deltona Mayor Santiago Avila** said expanding the city's sewer could improve the city's efforts to build up its commercial tax base.....which would lighten the tax load from homestead properties.

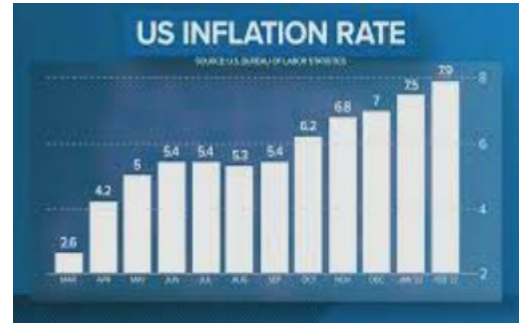
The City has been amending their land use codes to make more accommodating to small businesses.

The goal is to expand sewer to their Saxon and Deltona Blvd thoroughfares. Without doing so, city leaders say commercial development is not possible.



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**In the 2nd quarter, US' annual inflation rate was 3% for the 12 months**



**ending in June..a slight decrease from the previous 3.3% rate.** The Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation remained above the 3% threshold during this period.



**The Federal Reserve Board concluded their July 30-31 meeting and didn't lower interest rates** but Fed Chair Jerome Powell said, "a rate cut could be on the table at our Sept. 17-18".....several

weeks ahead of November 5.

At the same time, unemployment recently ticked up from 4 to 4.1% and consumer spending in categories sensitive to interest rates—has slowed... somewhat. But overall, consumer spending in the last quarter was strong.

Powell warned that “bank officials are aware of the risks of starting rate cuts too soon...but we want to see more data.”

NOTE— the Fed’s overall goal has been to bring inflation rate to 2%.

SEE VOLUSIA INTEREST RATES NEXT PAGE.....





# THE VOLUSIA MONEY & REAL ESTATE SCORECARD

The Volusia Money & Real Estate Scorecard is a monthly report that identifies and tracks various key metrics that are important to Volusia County's economy and consumers. Compiled by Jami Gallegos, MBA, Lic. Broker Lifestyle Realty Group, Inc.

## VOLUSIA COUNTY SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES

Source: Florida Realtors

JUNE  
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## AVERAGE MORTGAGE RATES

Source: Mortgage News Daily

Last Updated  
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## COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE RATES

Source: StackSource



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Freddie Mac	5.59% - 7.11%
Fannie Mae	5.54% - 6.81%
HUD 223(f)	6.00% - 6.70%
CMBS	6.33% - 7.93%
Regional Banks/Credit Unions	6.77% - 10.50%
HUD 221(d)(4)	6.60% - 7.30%

## AVG AUTO LOAN RATES

Source: US News & World Report



JULY  
2024

Credit Score Range	New Car Loan Rates	Used Car Loan Rates
750 or higher	7.24%	7.49%
700-749	7.24%	7.49%
600-699	6.99%	7.24%
451-599	10.37%	10.62%
450 or lower	17.00%	17.25%





### Port Orange Parks Bond Issue

August 20....Port Orange voters will have a bond issuance that, if approved, will provide added revenue to help maintain/

enhance City parks and help develop new ones with more recreational opportunities for residents. For more information on the bond and its projects, go to [www.poparksbondfacts.com](http://www.poparksbondfacts.com) AND to prepare for summer rains and Hurricane Season, Port Orange Public Works crews are inspecting and removing built up sediment in their stormwater system.

It's part of the City's proactive measures to maintain a resilient and effective stormwater structure.....and I can report other cities are doing the same as a means to prevent flooding....

ALSO Port Orange Riverwalk is exploring temporary uses to spruce up their community space until construction begins on their permanent mixed-use project. SO for now....they're considering food trucks, a coffee shop or juice bar, live music, canoe/kayak rentals, sand volleyball courts, as well as other options.

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### New Smyrna Beach City Manager Kevin Cowper starts Monday, August 5.....



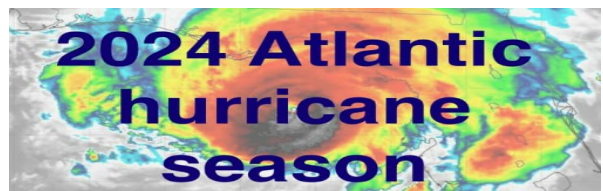
Cowper came from Dothan Alabama, where he led a largescale City Center Project, and an impressive downtown revitalization plan.

Long-time **City Manager Khalid Resheidat**, who is retiring in August. There will be a retirement reception for Resheidat on August 29, 5 PM at the Bran-non Center. I'm going.....

### Local company is seeking.....

- **Mechanical Draftsman familiar with Solid Works and Fusion 360**
- **Inventory Control Expediter...a hands on in production position not a computer or purchasing job.**
- **CNC Operator**
- **Finish Carpenter / Cabinet Maker**

**If you know anyone in these fields that might be looking for a position or looking to change employers... have them call Jim Cameron, 566-2140.**



### Hurricane Season has begun...Be sure to

- Secure Your Home (My Florida Safe Home applications open July 1)
- Stock Up on Supplies
- Create Emergency Plan
- Review Insurance Policies/consider flood insurance

[Click Here](#) for more information.....



**Elected Officials Roundtable meeting**  
**Monday Sept 9, 9:00 - 11:00 AM**  
**Dennis McGee Room**  
**Daytona Beach Intl Airport (DBIA)**  
(unless otherwise noted).  
**Agenda forthcoming.....I highly recom-**  
**mend this informative meeting!**

**The “Q” Breakfast**  
**August 16..7:30 – 9 AM**  
**Daytona Intl Airport**  
**Dennis McGee Room**  
**Limited Seating/RSVP Required**



Lou Paris, Economic Development Division Director, will discuss the county’s 2nd quarter 2024 economic data.....annual wages, education completions, building permit activity and municipal and county labor statistics.

Free parking....breakfast but you must RSVP!  
I’ve gone to this event for years and definitely Recommend it. Not only is it informative....it’s a great net-working opportunity!

[\*\*Click here to RSVP\*\*](#)

### **Volusia County Land Use Terminology**

**Volusia County Zoning Code** governs land use regulations. Zoning determines how land can be used, the types of structures allowed, and other specific requirements. [It covers aspects such as permitted land uses, dimensional requirements, and more](#)

**Future Land Use Designation:** outlines the intended use of a parcel of land in the future. It considers factors like residential, commercial, industrial, or recreational purposes. [To find your future land use designation, go to Volusia County Zoning & Future Land Use Web Map](#)

**Zoning Classifications:** These specify the allowable uses for different areas within the county. Examples include residential, agricultural, commercial, and industrial zones.

**Volusia Sheriff’s Office’ 306,430 service calls in 2023.....an 8.8% increase from 2022. VSO’s 7,603 total arrests in 2023.....a 9.7% increase from 2022.**

Florida has a new law that allows 16- and 17-year-olds to work 30 hours per week when school is in session.

**Fla’s new teen work law**

A parent or guardian can waive that limitation. It also includes a 30-minute lunch break after four hours of work if someone is scheduled to work an 8-hour day.

Teens can only be scheduled between 6:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. if they have school the next day. They also can’t work more than 8 hours when school is scheduled for the next day.

In 2021, 36% of 16- to 19-year-olds had a paying job for at least part of the summer. Those 15 years old or younger can only work a maximum 15 hours per week when school is in session....except if they face a hardship and get district superintendent’s approval.





SunRail will begin operations at its new DeLand station, 2491 Old New York Ave on Monday, August 12.

It'll connect DeLand to - DeBary, Sanford, Lake Mary, Longwood, Altamonte Springs, Maitland, Winter Park/Amtrak, AdventHealth, Orlando Health/Amtrak, Church St, LYNX Central Kissimmee/Amtrak, Tupperware, Meadow Woods, Sand Lake Rd, Poinciana.

DeLand Mayor Chris Cloudman said they're working to better connect passengers with downtown DeLand and the train station. For now, it's recommended for passengers to use the County's \$2 [VoRide service](#). Bicycles are also welcome on SunRail trains.

With the station 3 miles west of downtown, the city has been working with the county and state to add a mixed-use trail for people to walk or bike between the station and downtown.

[Click here](#) for additional info about SunRail and how to buy discount tickets for seniors, youth, and passengers with disabilities



**SunRail annual operating revenue/ expenses:**

Operating Revenue for SunRail amounts to about \$34.2 million.

Fares paid by riders account for only about \$2.2 million (about 2.5 % of the costs).

Operating Expenses: SunRail's operating costs total some **\$81.6 million** per year.

Thus a deficit of more than \$47 million.

**FDOT has covered these expenses for the last several years. Finances NOW shift to Central Fla Commuter Rail partners on Dec 31.**

**Volusia's annul portion .... \$6-7 million???**

**US Federal Govt Revenue Where does it come from?**

US Federal Tax Revenue is \$4.9 trillion to date...equals about \$15000 per citizen

US federal tax revenue

comes from several key sources:

**Individual Income Taxes:** \$2.3 trillion.....largest source...a good bit of tax total revenue.

**Payroll Taxes:** \$1.6 trillion....includes Social Security/Medicare taxes, deducted from employees' paychecks.

**Corporate Income Taxes:** \$478 billion...taxes paid by businesses on their profits.

**Excise Taxes:** \$81 billion .....taxes on gas, alcohol, tobacco, etc

**Estate/Gift Taxes:** \$31 billion....taxes on transfer of wealth via inheritance/gifts

**Customs Duties:** taxes on goods imported into the country.

**Miscellaneous Fees and Revenues**



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**Volusia Sheriff's Office uses Live911 to give deputies on patrol a live audio feed of 911 calls in their area. Hearing a live 911 call in real time can help speed up response time and get valuable first-hand info directly to responding units with zero delay.**



**Former Fla Republican Party Chair Joe Gruters** is endorsing Amendment 3 to legalize recreational marijuana. At the same time, **Gov DeSantis and Attorney General Ashley Moody** are opposing the amendment.

Gruters said "it's a matter of individual freedom, health safety and economic growth. By legalizing marijuana for adults, we can give our citizens access to safe products, generate significant revenue for critical public services".



**2024 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday runs July 29 to August 11 whereby numerous items are sales tax free.....including.....**

- Clothing, footwear, etc \$100 or less per item
- Certain school supplies \$50 or less
- Learning aids \$30 or less
- Personal computers/certain accessories \$1,500 or less



**New French fine dining restaurant has just opened at 740 Main St. Daytona Beach. Direct from Paris, France.....proprietor Farah Coopman will be serving delicious French cuisine. I highly recommend that you try it and tell her I sent you.**

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The American Heart Assn awarded Volusia Emergency Medical Services (EMS) its lifeline bronze achievement for its commitment to offering rapid, research-based care to heart attack/stroke patients.

The program expedites treatment from a 911 call to EMS transport, and continues through hospital treatment.

The AHA notes that EMS employees can begin treatment when they arrive – up to an hour sooner than if someone goes to the hospital by car – and are also trained to provide resuscitation efforts to someone whose heart has stopped.



Volusia EMS, the County's emergency transportation agency gets 70,000 services calls a year and carries 54,000 patients to area hospitals. Its team includes paramedics, EMTs, and ambulance supply technicians.

I want to congratulate **Emergency Services Director Jim Judge** and **EMS Director Kevin Captainon** this award. Btw, and I proud to say my step-daughter **Jenna Krier** is an EMS Paramedic



**Center at Deltona September 27, 7 – 11 PM**

At this event, the spotlight will shine on wigs, symbolizing the courage and strength of patients who, with unwavering spirit, don these head-pieces in their battle against cancer.

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Join us for the Riverfront Market at the Riverfront Esplanade on the last Sunday of each month!

**Sip, Shop & Stroll with us at our next one on August 25....10am-3pm** with local vendors, music, and FREE yoga with Renew Yoga Studio at 9am in the Rose Garden! Be sure to bring your own mat and water!

Mark your calendars! Can't wait to see everyone there!

**Riverfront Market - 179 S. Beach St.**

**Yoga in the Rose Garden - 255 S. Beach St.**





## A friend we lost this past few weeks.....



**Michael Booker, 66** passed away July 14. Served in local government capacity in several jurisdictions over 36 years starting in Milford, Delaware 1987 ...in 1996, he transferred to Bethany Beach...1999, he became

City Manager for Daytona Beach Shores until his retirement in 2022.

He was an avid golfer (I lost money to him) and big Gator fan. Mike will be missed.



Join Renew Yoga Studio at the Riverfront Esplanade Rose Garden every Monday (weather permitting) at 5:30pm for a relaxing yoga session in Downtown Daytona Beach! To register and pay online for the yoga class, please [click here to visit their website!](#)

**Location:** 255 S. Beach Street, Daytona Beach, FL 32114

**In 2024, Volusia Sheriff's Office became the 3rd agency in Fla and 24th in the US to attain triple accreditation (in law enforcement, 911 communications, training programs) from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.**

**Centrally Assessed Properties:** properties assessed at the state level, often related to utilities and railroads.

The office creates the annual ad valorem tax roll, which helps determine property taxes based on the assessed values. They maintain a comprehensive real estate/economic database to assist in accessing relevant information.

The appraiser *determines property values*, actual tax rates are set by County Council, City Commissions/Councils and School Board

**Click link below.... Volusia's [Attainable Housing Dashboard](#)**

## What is current Minimum Wage?

**Federal minimum wage has been \$7.25 since July 2009.** Last year, 81,000 workers earned that actual amount and recent years with a tight labor market employers have been forced to pay more for hourly workers and more States have been setting higher wage floors, so the *actual number of low wage workers* in the US has decreased nationwide and depending on the local wage market about 17 million workers are earning less than \$15 an hour.



However, some economists forewarn that a universal dramatic wage increase could cause a spiral effect as other workers already earning \$15 an hour would demand more.

As of **September 30, 2023**, Fla's minimum wage is **\$12 an hour** and **\$8.98 per hour per tipped workers** but that wage is set to increase to **\$13 an hour on September 30, 2024**



## Registered Voters as of July 30, 2024

Political Affiliation	Active	Inactive	Total
<b>Democrats</b>	<b>104,230</b>	<b>25,771</b>	<b>130,001</b>
<b>Republicans</b>	<b>157,523</b>	<b>20,442</b>	<b>177,965</b>
<b>No Party Affiliation</b>	<b>98,101</b>	<b>31,367</b>	<b>129,468</b>
<b>Other Parties (Green, Libertarian, etc)</b>	<b>12,028</b>	<b>1,599</b>	<b>13,627</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>372,882</b>	<b>79,179</b>	<b>451,061</b>



### Labor Statistics Report

US Labor June jobs said economy is losing momentum....not drastic BUT it shows that the Federal Reserve

need to use caution as it continues to fight inflation without risking job losses.

206,000 jobs WERE added to US payrolls in June, a decent gain.....but it's less than previous months. The unemployment rate increased from 4% to 4.1%, the highest in almost three years.....and it's been gradual — and stats show that once the labor market starts to weaken, it continues to do so.

**The Labor report DID say that wages** continued to rise and outpaced inflation. Average hourly earnings rose 0.3% in June, up 3.9% since last year. ALSO it showed workers ages 25 to 54 increased to 83.7% — the highest rate since 2002.

**Basically, the report says** the labor market is still OK for now, but if current trends continue, there could be trouble...and that's what the FR has to watch for as it holds a tight grip on interest rates



**Don't forget the national debt is \$35 trillion.....**

As of April 2024 these nations are the largest owners of US debt,

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- **Japan:** \$1.15 trillion
- **China:** \$770.7 billion
- **United Kingdom:** \$710.2 billion
- **Luxembourg:** \$373.5 billion
- **Canada:** \$328.7 billion

These countries hold significant portions of US Treasury securities, which are considered safe investments. Japan and China have been the largest holders for many years.



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**What foreign countries own our national debt?**

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 CIVIC & GOVERNANCE

 QUALITY OF LIFE

## State of Florida Metrics

Click any metric to get more information (What's this?)

Florida FutureCast

FLORIDA POPULATION 07/30/2024

**23,235,936**

### JOB CHANGE

Jobs Year Over Year Change

**196,900**  
(Positive)

Growth Rate

**2.0%**  
(Positive)

View Statewide Heat Map

Net New Jobs Needed by 2030

**1.37M**

### CHILDREN IN POVERTY

**17.7%**  
(Decreasing)

**<10%**  
2030 Goal

**737,567**  
(Decreasing)

### 3RD GRADE READING SCORES

**55%**  
(Improving)

**97,413**  
# Not Reading at Grade Level  
(Decreasing)

View Statewide Heat Map

**100%**  
2030 Goal

Florida Gap Map

### OPEN JOBS

**394,612**  
(Declining)

**361,000**  
Unemployed Persons  
(Unchanged)

**92**

Unemployed People per 100 Jobs

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

**3.3%**  
(Unchanged)

View Statewide Heat Map

Jobs Year Over Year Change

**196,900**

View Statewide Heat Map

### STATE OF FLORIDA VISITORS

**\$105.1**  
Billion Visitor Spending

**140.6**  
Million Visitors

### STATE HOUSING STARTS & SALES

**10,798**  
Starts (Declining)

**23,183**  
Sales (Declining)

### POVERTY RATE

**12.9%**  
(Better)

View Statewide Heat Map

### CONSUMER SENTIMENT

**74.4**  
(Improving)

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE

**88.0%**  
(Improving)

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### SALES TAX REVENUE

**\$3.528**  
Billion per Month (Declining)

### VOTER PARTICIPATION

**54%**  
(Declining)

### RIGHT / WRONG DIRECTION

**51%/42%**

### LAND IN CONSERVATION

**31%**

The Florida Scorecard™ is a dynamic online tool that identifies and tracks key metrics that are important to Florida's economy today and into the future.





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### Episode 75 with Pictona CEO John Phillips & news update!

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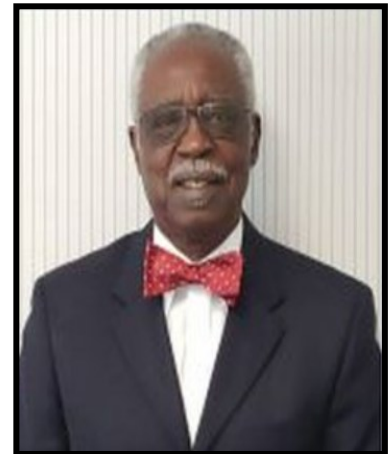
- *County Council Approves Off-Beach Parking*
- *FDOT to host SunRail Train Station Tours July 27 August 3*
- *Deland SunRail Train Station to Open August 9*
- *Citizens NOW has \$3.5 billion in Reinsurance coverage*
- *Federal-Court upholds Fla's congressional redistricting*
- *Flagler Volusia Brevard CareerSource consolidate boards*



### Episode 74 with FAITH Co-Chair Jackie Mole & news update!

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- *New Fla Teen Work Law now in effect*
- *DB City Commission agrees to improvements to Jackie Robinson Ballpark;*
- *Deltona Mayor Avila seeking new downtown businesses*
- *Status of Fla's REinsurance market*
- *Local candidates elected/relected with no opposition*
- *Current Democrat/Republican count in US House*
- *Status of US Labor Market/Wages*



### Episode 73 with DB Mayor Derrick Henry & news update!

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- *Citizens Property Insurance Bd wants 13.5% increase*
- *Apply for My Safe Florida Home beginning July 1*
- *Local entities now drafting FY 2024-25*
- *26 local candidates elected/relected with no opposition*
- *Gov DeSantis "Fla's Gross Domestic Product grew 22"*
- *\$95 m Pioneer Trail Interchange Construction Project Begins Later This Year*



## New Election Law Requirements....

New laws passed in 2020 have reduced drop box numbers and access, increased ID regulations, restricted how many other ballots a person can mail in or drop off besides their own, required voters to request absentee or vote-by-mail ballots every 2 years, and increased prerequisites for 3rd-party voter registration groups.

Any Florida resident/US citizen, 18 and older, and has not been convicted of a felony without civil rights being restored may vote.

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**Taxable value is the assessed value minus exemptions and is the value the tax collector uses to calculate the taxes due.**

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Candidates update....  
(8/20/2024)  
(11/5/2024)

#### Clerk of the Court

[Laura Roth \(REP\)](#) \*  
[John Flemm \(REP\)](#)  
[Mackenzie Quinn \(DEM\)](#)

#### Supervisor of Elections

[Lisa Lewis \(REP\)](#) \* ELECTED

#### State Attorney

[Larizza, RJ \(REP\)](#) \* UNOPPOSED

#### Sheriff

[Mike Chitwood \(IND\)](#) \*  
[James L Powers, Jr \(REP\)](#)

#### Public Defender

[Matt Metz \(REP\)](#) \* UNOPPOSED

#### Tax Collector

[Will Roberts \(REP\)](#) \* ELECTED

#### Property Appraiser

[Larry Bartlett \(REP\)](#) \* ELECTED

#### County Chair

[Jeff Brower](#) \*  
[Don Burnette](#)  
[Deb Denys](#)  
[Randy Dye](#)

#### County Council District 2

[Steve Miller](#)  
[Matt Reinhart](#) \*

#### County Council District 4

[Troy Kent](#) \* ELECTED

#### School Board District 2

[Cassandra Gonyer](#)  
[Krista Goodrich](#)  
[Angela Kopnicky](#)

#### School Board District 4

[Donna Brosemer](#)  
[Sarah Marzilli](#)  
[Carl Persis](#) \*

#### County Judge

[Rachel Myers](#) \* UNOPPOSED

#### County Judge

[Bryan Feigenbaum](#) \* UNOPPOSED

#### Daytona Beach Mayor

[Derrick Henry](#) \* ELECTED

#### Daytona Beach Commission Zone 2

[Laurie Kay Christie](#) WITHDREW  
[Nicholas Edgar](#)  
[Ken Strickland](#) \*

#### Daytona Beach Commission Zone 4

[Stacy Cantu](#) \* ELECTED

#### Daytona Beach Commission Zone 6

[Paula Reed](#) \* ELECTED

#### DB Shores Commission Seat 2

[Mark Card](#) \* ELECTED

#### DB Shores Commission Seat 3

[Stephen Dembinsky](#) \* ELECTED

#### DB Shores Commission Seat 4

[Michael Politis](#) \* ELECTED

#### DeBary Commission Seat 1

[William Sell](#) \* ELECTED

#### DeBary Commission Seat 2

[Jim Pappalardo](#) \* ELECTED



**Deland Commission—Seat 2**

[Harper Hill](#)  
[Charles Paiva \\*](#)

**Deland Commission—Seat 4**

[Daniel Reed](#)

**Deltona Commission Zone 1**

[Morris Gunny Froscher](#)  
[Davison Heriot\\*](#)  
[Brandy White](#)

**Deltona Commission Zone 2**

[Reginald Bryan](#)  
[Elizabeth Chavez](#)  
[William Mabery](#)  
[Emma Santiago](#)  
[Troy Shimkus\\*](#)

**Deltona Commission Seat 4**

[Dori Howington](#)  
[Dana McCool\\*](#)

**Deltona Commission Seat 6**

[Dominic Nick Lulli](#)  
[Jody Lee](#)

**Edgewater Commission Dist 2**

[Gigi Bennington](#)  
[Mike Thomas](#)

**Edgewater Commission Dist 4**

[Robert Wilkie](#) ELECTED

**Holly Hill—Mayor**

[John Penny](#) ELECTED

**Holly Hill—Dist 1**

[Arthur J Byrnes](#)  
[Debra Kay Snow](#)

**Holly Hill—Dist 2**

[Jeffrey Delanoy](#) ELECTED

**Lake Helen Commission Zone 2**

[Roger Eckert\\*](#) ELECTED

**Lake Helen Commission Zone 4**

[Charlene Bishop](#) ELECTED

**New Smyrna Beach—Mayor**

[Fred Cleveland\\*](#)  
[Frank Dalton](#)  
[Louis Joseph Pate](#)

**New Smyrna Beach—Zone 3**

[Jason McGuirk \\*](#)  
[Larry Westley](#)

**New Smyrna Beach—Zone 4**

[Brian Ashely](#)  
[Randy Hartman\\*](#)

**Oak Hill Mayor**

[Doug Gibson](#)  
[Ricky Taylor](#)

**Oak Hill Commission Seat 1**

[Mark Drollinger](#)  
[Steve McGee](#)

**Oak Hill Commission Seat 2**

[Carrie Werning](#) ELECTED

**Orange City Mayor**

[Kelli Marks](#)  
[William O'Connor](#) WITHDREW  
[Laurie Scotton](#)

**Orange City At Large**

[Dana Knight](#) ELECTED

[Anthony Pupello](#) DID NOT QUALIFY

**Orange City Council Seat 1**

[Harold Grimm](#) ELECTED

**Orange City Council Seat 2**

[Cristina Oyarbide](#)  
[Lisa Stafford\\*](#)

**Orange City Council Seat 3**

[Alexander Tiamson\\*](#) ELECTED

**Orange City Council District 4**  
[Lisa Marie Richardson](#) **ELECTED**

**Ormond Beach Mayor**  
[Jason Leslie](#)  
[Susan Persis](#)

**Ormond Commission Zone 2**  
[Travis Sargeant\\*](#) **ELECTED**

**Ormond Commission Zone 3**  
[Barbara Bonarrigo](#)  
[Kristen Deaton](#)  
[Dan Dragone](#)

**Ormond Commission Zone 4**  
[Harold Briley\\*](#) **ELECTED**

**Pierson Mayor**  
[Samuel Bennett](#)  
[Gray Leonhard](#)

**Pierson Council Seat 4**  
[Jimmy Anderson](#)  
[Sergia Cardenas](#)

**Ponce Inlet Council Seat 1**  
[Bill Milano\\*](#) **ELECTED**

**Ponce Inlet Council Seat 2**  
[Jair Kessler](#)  
[Joe Villanella\\*](#)

**Port Orange Mayor**  
[Derek LaMontagne](#)  
[Scott Stiltner](#)

**Port Orange Council Dist 3**  
[Shawn Michael Goepfert](#)  
[Barry Pitek](#)

**Port Orange Council Dist 4**  
[Lance Green](#)  
[Joseph Mialki](#)

**South Daytona Mayor**  
[Bill Hall](#) **ELECTED**

**South Daytona Council**  
[Eric Sander](#) **ELECTED**

**Fla Senate District 7**  
[George Anthony T Hill \(DEM\)](#)  
[Gerry James \(REP\)](#)  
[Tom Leek \(REP\)](#)  
[David Shoar \(REP\)](#)

**Fla House Dist 27**  
[Ferrari, Andy \(DEM\)](#)  
[Richard Gentry \(REP\)](#)  
[Stephen Wayne Shives \(REP\)](#)  
[Dennis Simpson \(LPF\)](#)  
[Beckie Sirolli \(REP\)](#)

**Fla House Dist 28**  
[Joseph Hannoush \(LPF\)](#)  
[John Navarra \(DEM\)](#)  
[Bill Partington \(REP\)](#)

**Fla House Dist 29**  
[Webster Barnaby\\* \(REP\)](#)  
[Matt Johnson \(LPF\)](#)  
[Rosemarie Latham \(DEM\)](#)

**Fla House Dist 30**  
[Chase Tramont\\* \(REP\)](#)  
[Smith, Kelly Anne \(DEM\)](#)

**US Senate**  
[Stanley Campbell \(DEM\)](#)  
[Mucarcel-Powell, Debbie \(DEM\)](#)  
[Scott, Rick\\* \(REP\)](#)

**US Congress - House Dist 6**  
[John Grow \(REP\)](#)  
[Richard Paul Dembinsky \(WRI\)](#)  
[John David Stockton \(DEM\)](#)  
[Michael Waltz\\* \(REP\)](#)

**US Congress - House Dist 7**

- [Adams, Jennifer](#) (DEM)
- [Tatiana Fernandez](#) (DEM)
- [Mike Johnson](#) (REP)
- [Cory Mills](#) (REP)\*
- [Allek Pastrana](#) (DEM)

**Circuit 7 Judgeships**

- [Chris France](#) (NOP)\* **UNOPPOSED**
- [Rose Marie Preddy](#) (NOP)\* **UNOPPOSED**
- [Mary G. Jolley](#) (NOP)\* **UNOPPOSED**
- [Linda Gaustad](#) (NOP)\* **UNOPPOSED**
- [Leah Case](#) (NOP)\* **UNOPPOSED**
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**In 2023, the Volusia Sheriff's Office:**

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- had 58 total use of force incidents
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## First Step Shelter Update.....

Shelter Intakes	2020	2021	2022	2023	Q1	April	May	June	Total
Daytona Bch PD	54	65	89	123	70	9	21	18	449
Ormond Beach PD	2	2	5	2	1	3	0	2	17
Pt Orange PD	0	2	4	8	2	0	2	1	19
DB Shores PD	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
S Daytona PD	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Ponce Inlet PD	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Holly Hill PD	2	1	6	10	2	2	1	1	25
Volusia Sheriff Office	3	3	18	36	3	3	0	0	66
New Smyrna Bch PD	-	-	-	2	1	0	0	1	4
Deland PD	-	-	-	-		0	0	1	1
Total Law Enforcement	62	75	125	182	79	17	24	24	588
Dept of Corrections			3	12	3	0	4	2	24
Total Hospitals	38	20	50	57	22	9	16	8	220
Total Churches	55	145	165	100	24	10	10	5	514
FSS Help Line			37	6	0	0	0	0	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1389</b>

Safe Zone Intakes	31-Dec	2021	2022	2023	Q1	April	May	June	Total
Daytona Beach PD	23	2469	252	420	302	25	19	25	3535
Ponce Inlet PD	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	5
Ormond Beach PD	0	20	20	22	8	3	0	1	74
Port Orange PD	0	25	21	22	10	2	1	0	81
DB Shores PD	0	20	12	14	0	1	2	0	49
South Daytona PD	0	8	8	2	0	0	0	0	18
Holly Hill PD	7	19	14	38	19	14	2	2	115
NSB PD	-	-	-	14	9	0	0	3	26
Deland PD	-	-	-	-	3	0	0	0	3
Volusia Cty Sheriff				101	26	6	4	2	139
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2561</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>4045</b>

[Click here](#) for more details regarding First Step Shelter....





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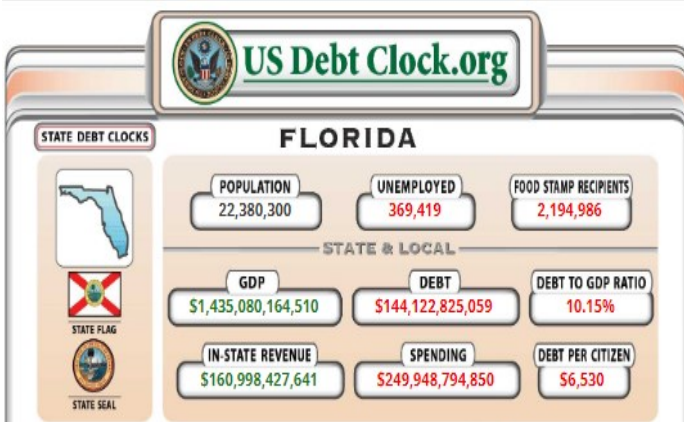
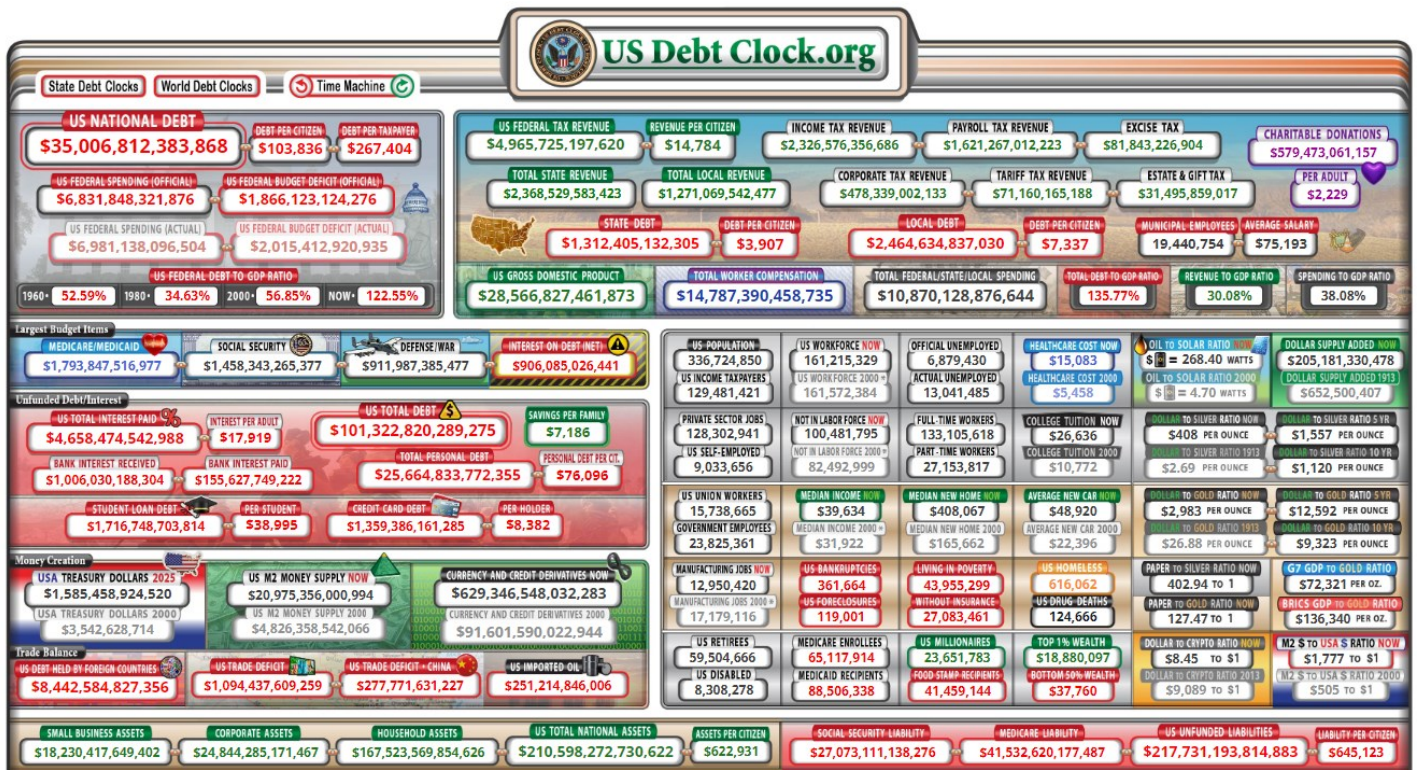
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...when my daughter, Holley was little and wanted something....she'd say, "you don't need money Dad, just write a check." as of 10:03 PM July 30, 2024



In 2000, US national debt was just \$3.4 trillion..... about one-third of annual gross domestic product. Back then, the Congressional Budget Office felt it could be wiped out completely within a decade.

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GAO has previously suggested that Congress develop a plan to address the government's unsustainable fiscal path.

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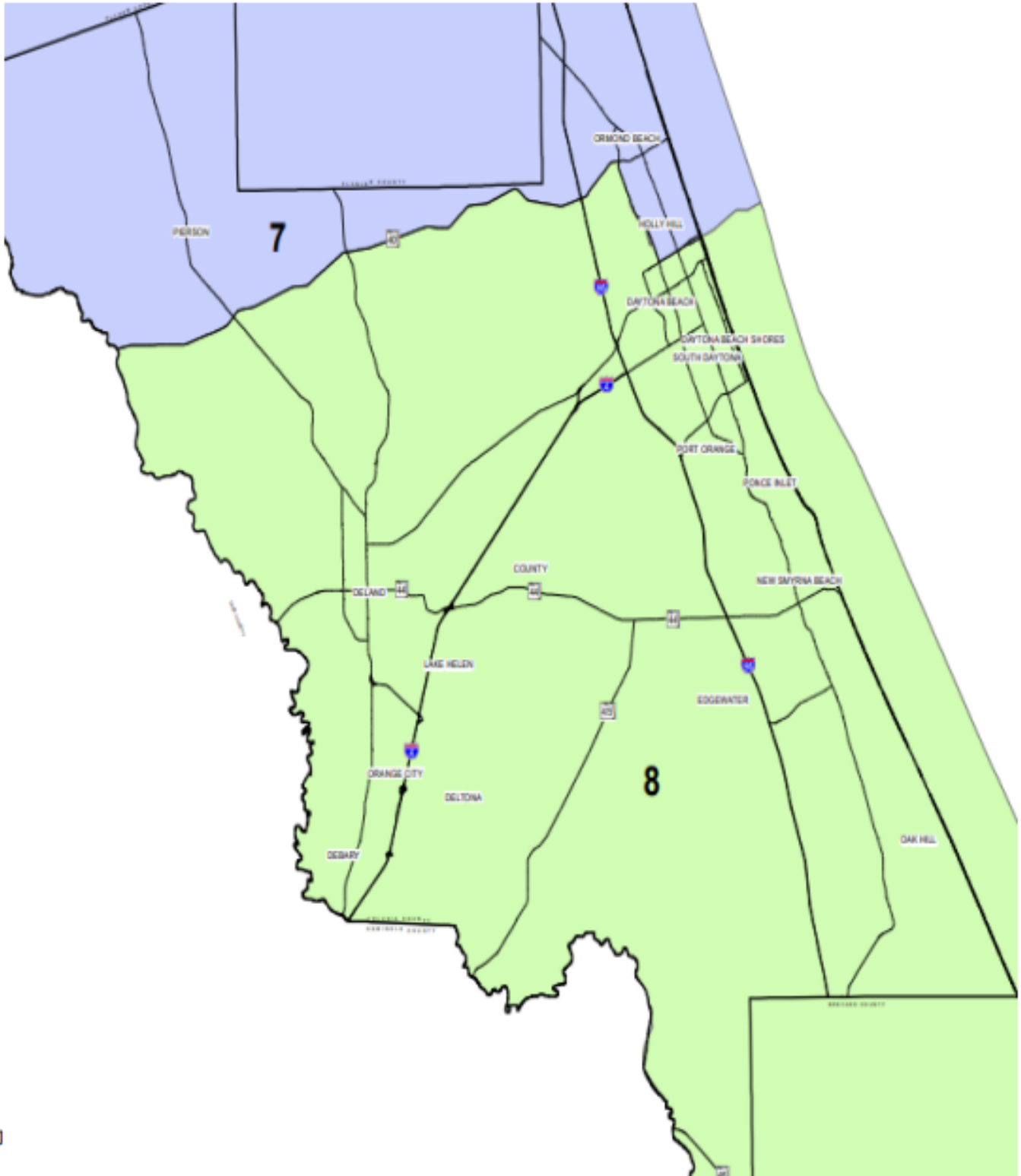
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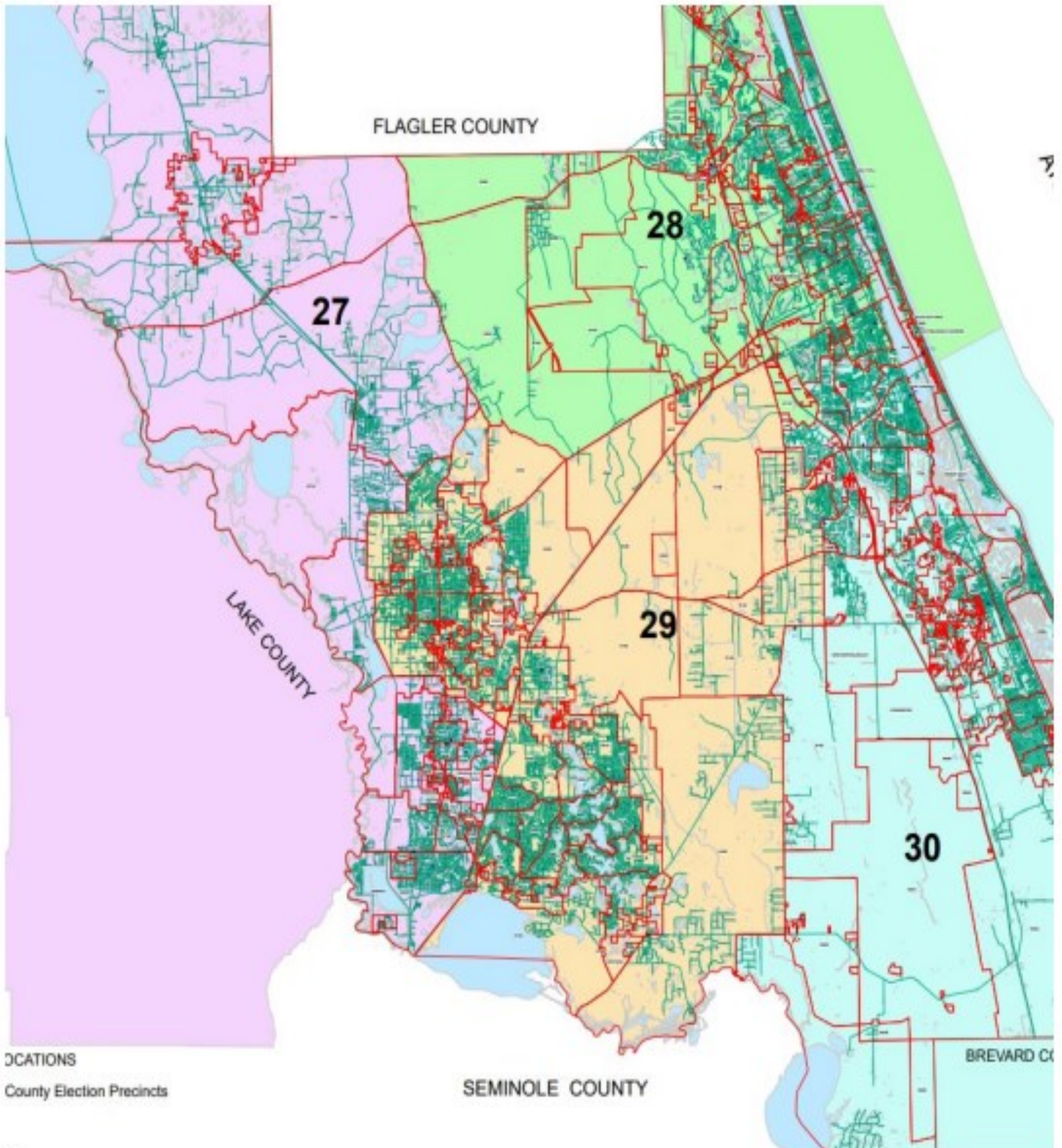
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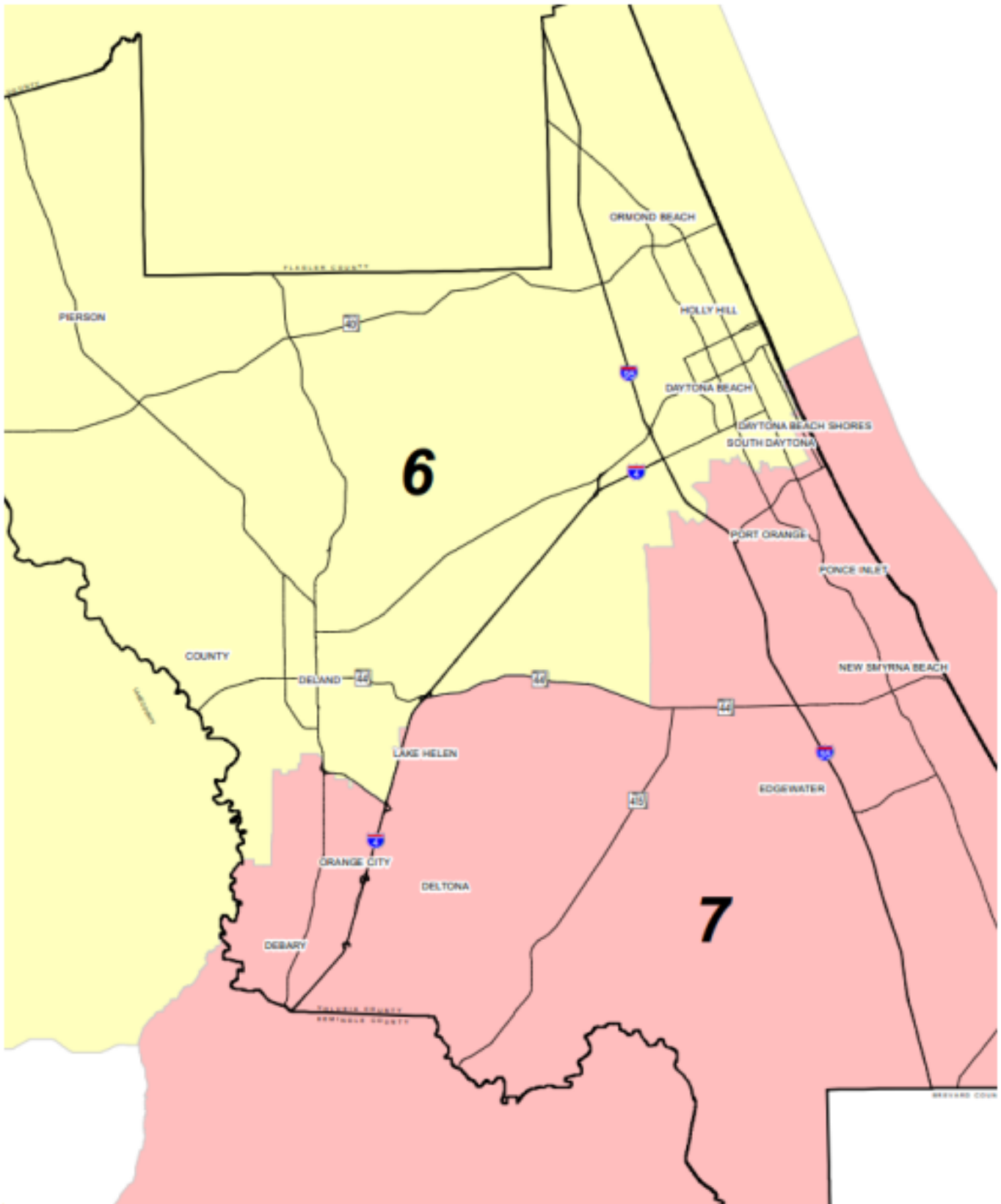
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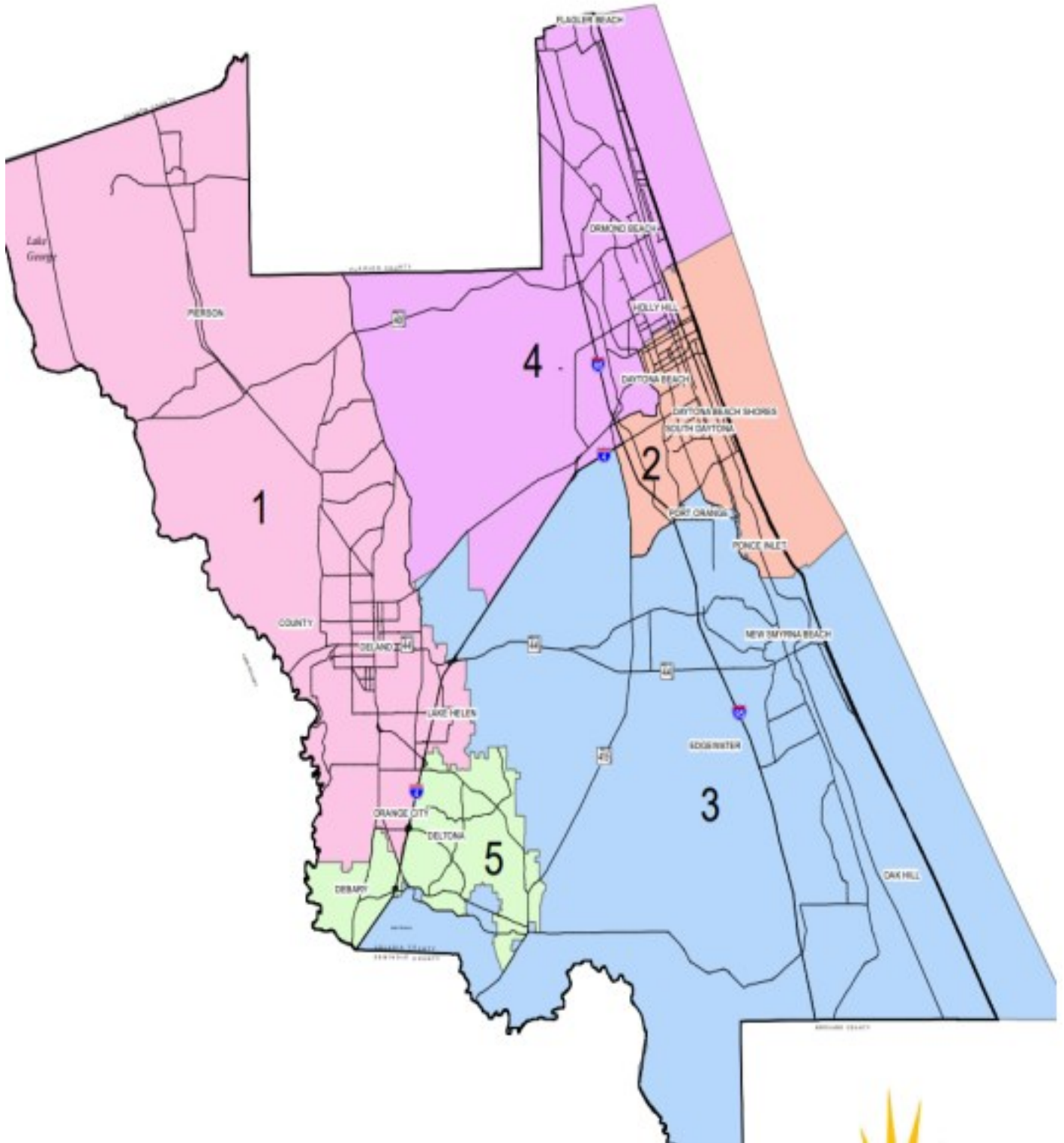
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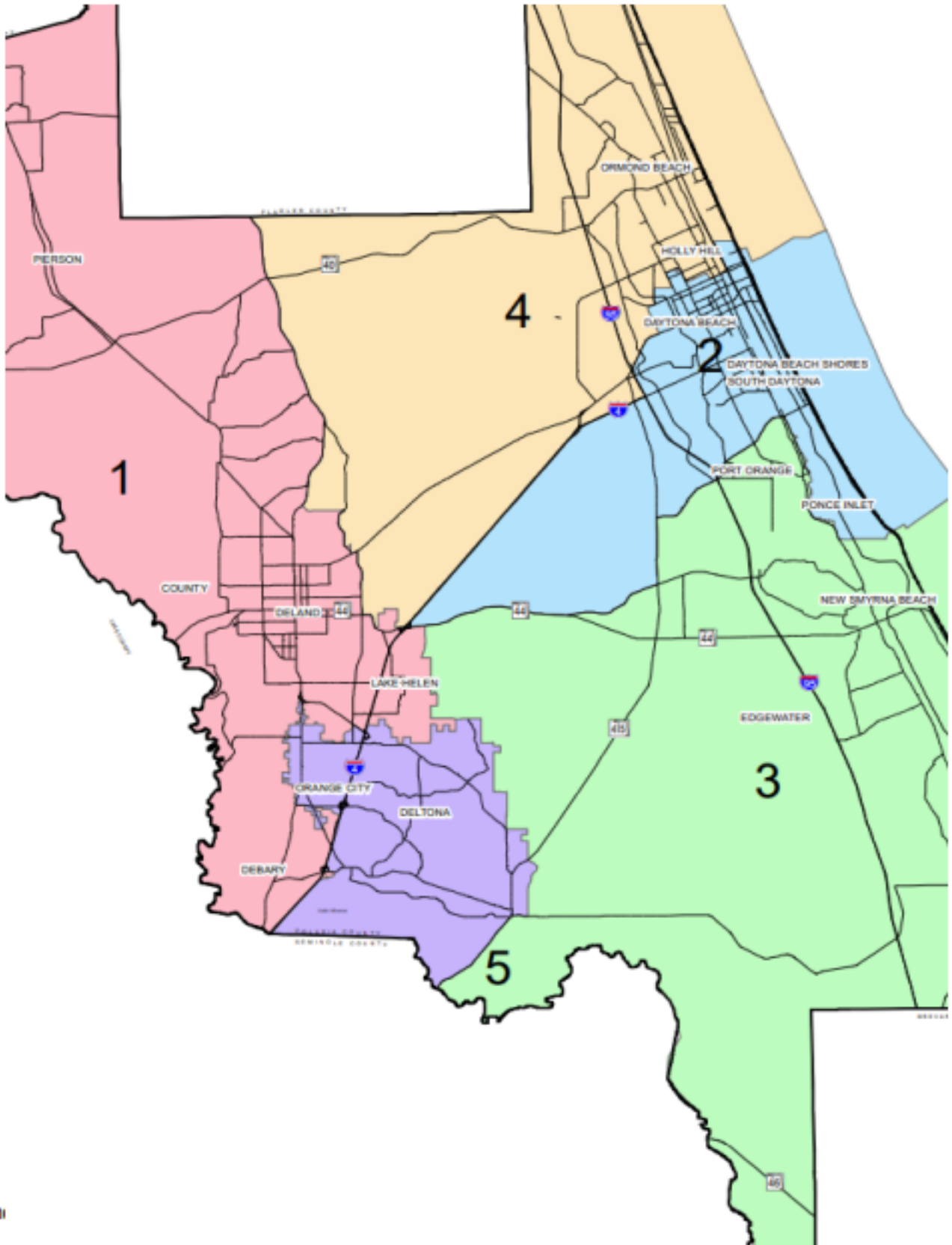




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