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Today's Themes

- Growth and more Growth
- Today's Economic Climate
- Challenges and Actions
- Infrastructure Planning for the Future

Polk by the Numbers

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Fastest growing
County in Florida

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Fastest growing
County in the U.S.

4.2

Percent population
growth from
previous year



Polk by the Numbers

602,095

2010 Census



4th Largest County in Florida (2,011 square miles)

- Rhode Island - 1,214 sq. miles
- Delaware - 1,982 sq. miles

725,046

2020 Census



Population Rank

- **Polk County 787,404***
- North Dakota 779,261
- Alaska 733,583
- District of Columbia 714,153
- Vermont 647,064
- Wyoming 581,381

*Polk passed North Dakota in 2022

787,404

July 1, 2022
(U.S. Census Bureau)



Polk by the Numbers

2022 U.S. Census Estimate – Top Ten Counties



4.2% Increase



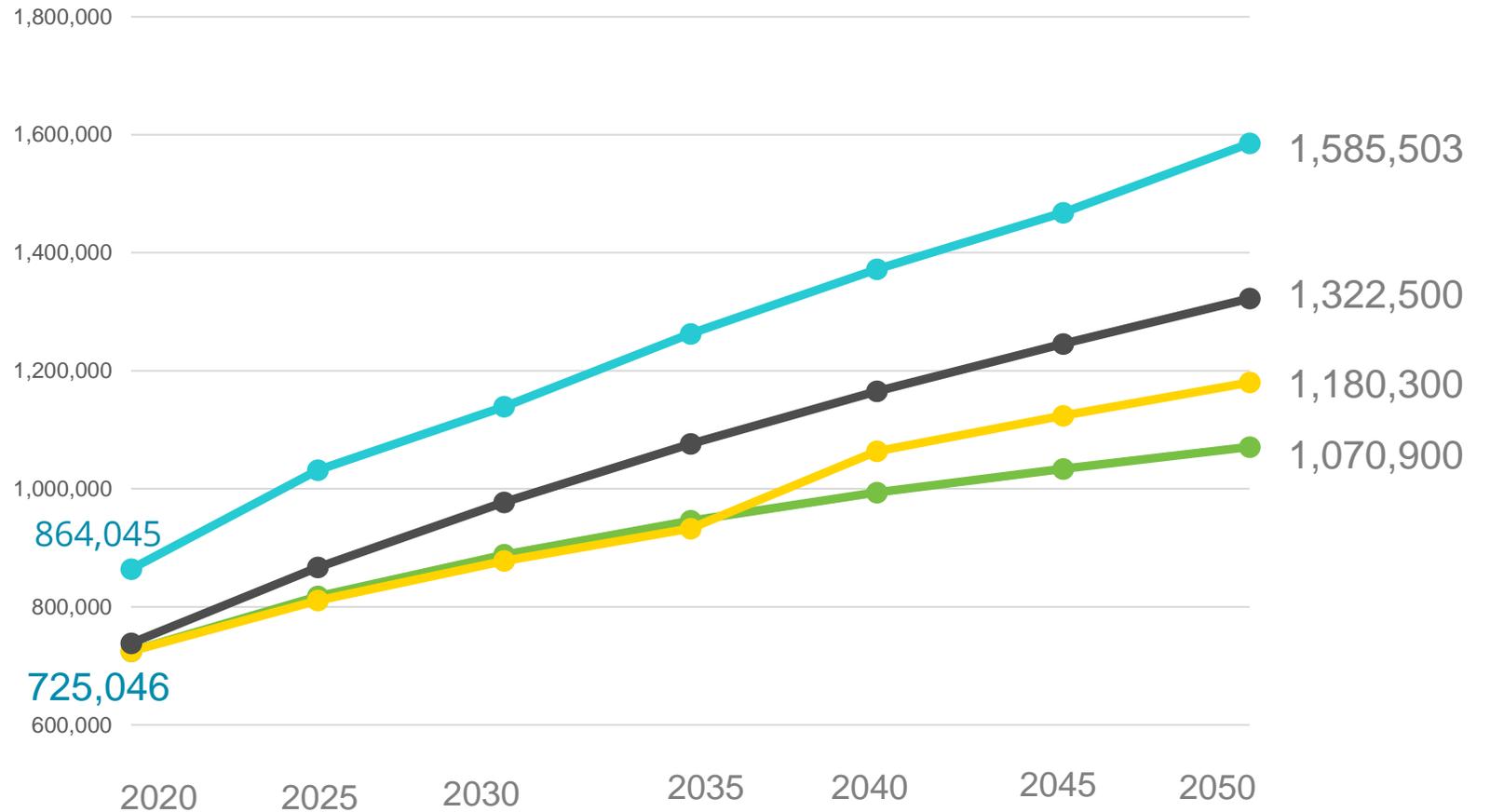
7th last year

Rank	State	County	April 1, 2020 (Est. Base)	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022	Numeric Growth
1	Arizona	Maricopa County	4,420,574	4,494,693	4,551,524	56,831
2	Texas	Harris County	4,731,129	4,735,287	4,780,913	45,626
3	Texas	Collin County	1,066,465	1,114,450	1,158,696	44,246
4	Texas	Denton County	906,405	943,857	977,281	33,424
5	Florida	Polk County	725,041	755,179	787,404	32,225
6	Florida	Lee County	760,820	790,676	822,453	31,777
7	Texas	Fort Bend County	822,779	860,124	889,146	29,022
8	Florida	Hillsborough County	1,459,773	1,484,455	1,513,301	28,846
9	Texas	Bexar County	2,009,322	2,030,895	2,059,530	28,635
10	Texas	Montgomery County	620,451	650,261	678,490	28,229



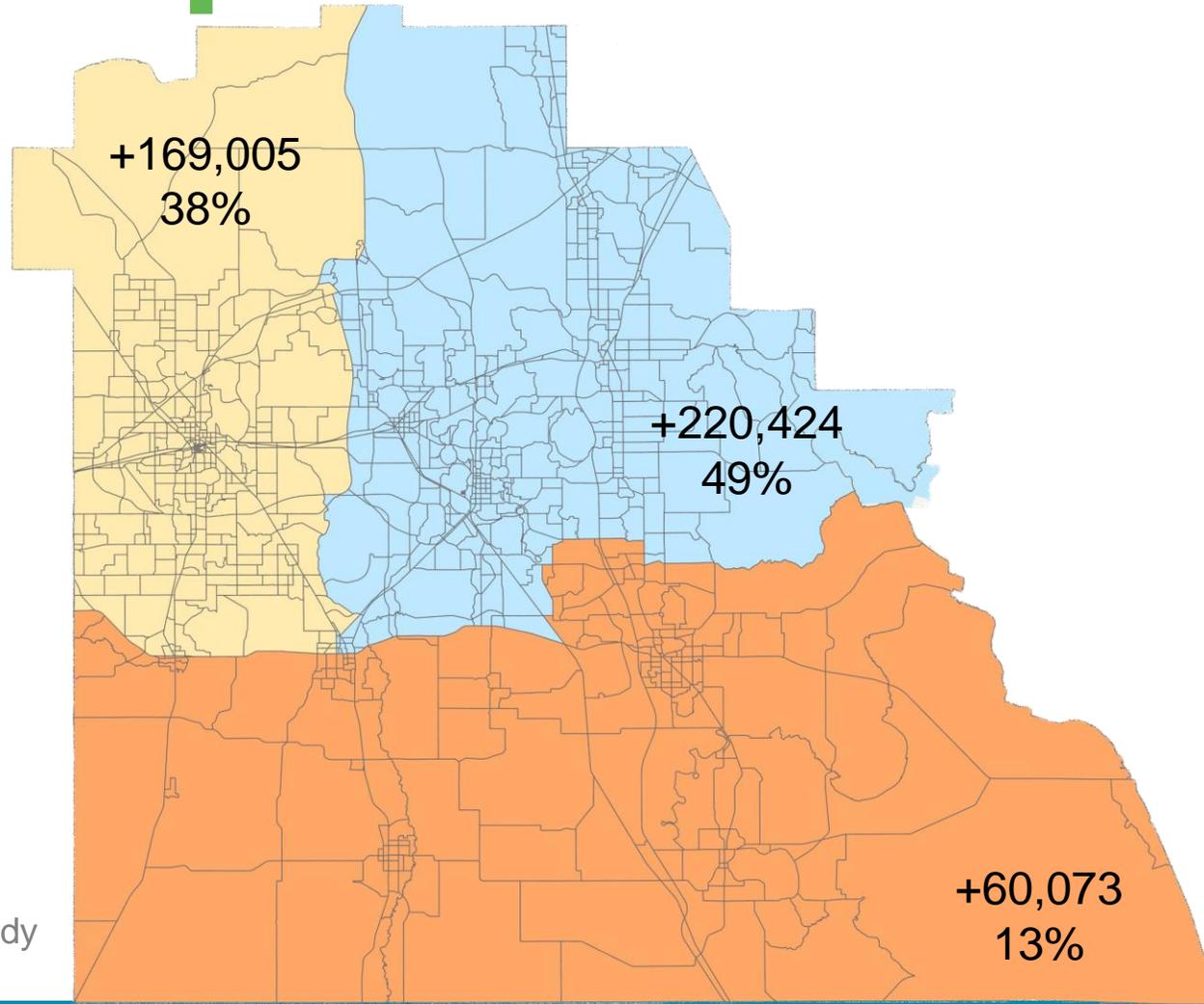
Population Growth Forecast

-  Assumed Forecast w/seasonal and tourists
-  BEBR High
-  Assumed Forecast
-  BEBR Medium





2050 Population Growth Forecast*

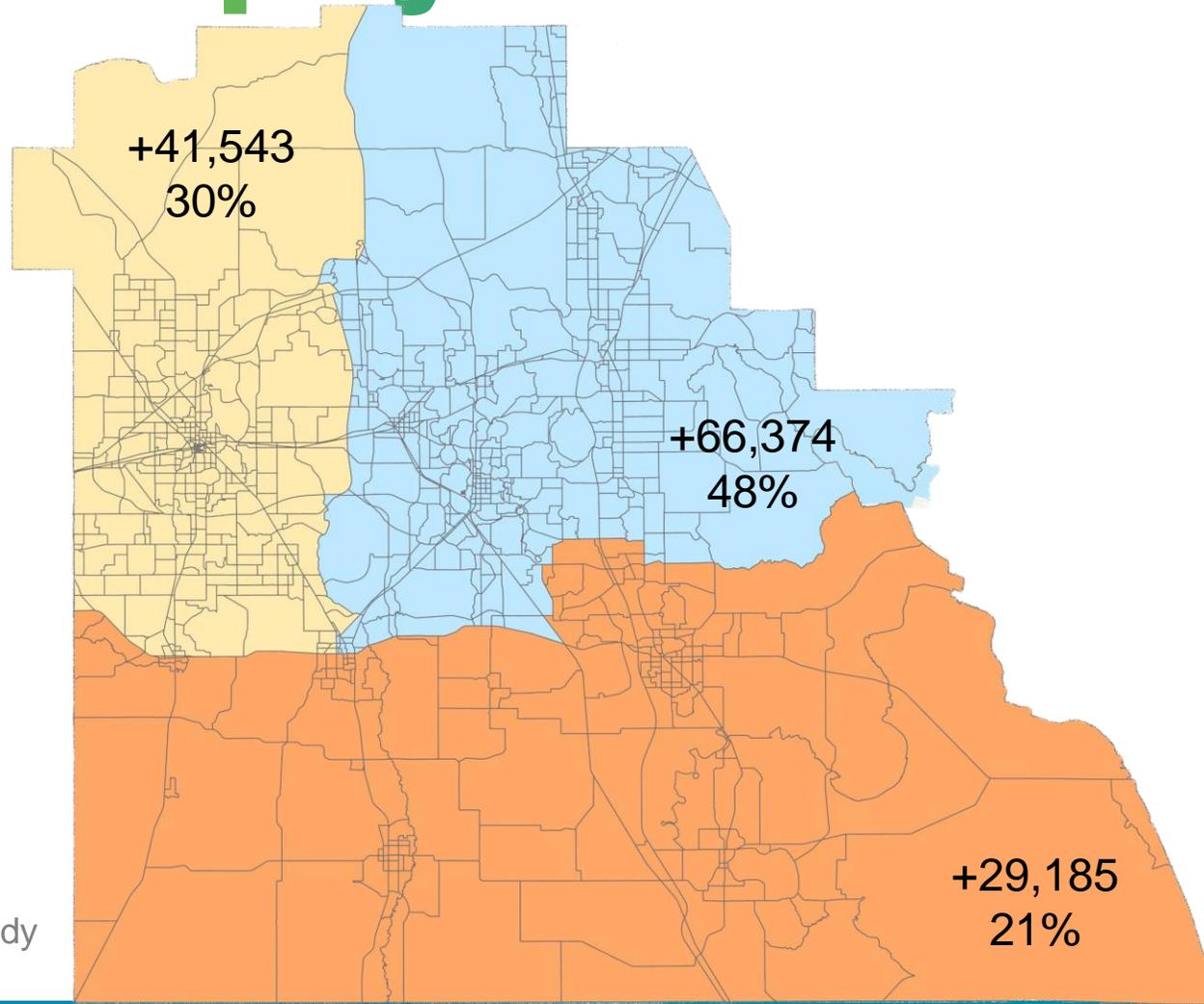


*Commissioned Study by Kimley-Horn

Region	Population
Northwest	465,505
Northeast	547,819
South	151,150



2050 Employment Growth Forecast*



*Commissioned Study by Kimley-Horn



Economic Development

17.75%

FY 22/23 Property
Value Increase

12.7%

Employment Growth
Across all Nonfarm
Industries

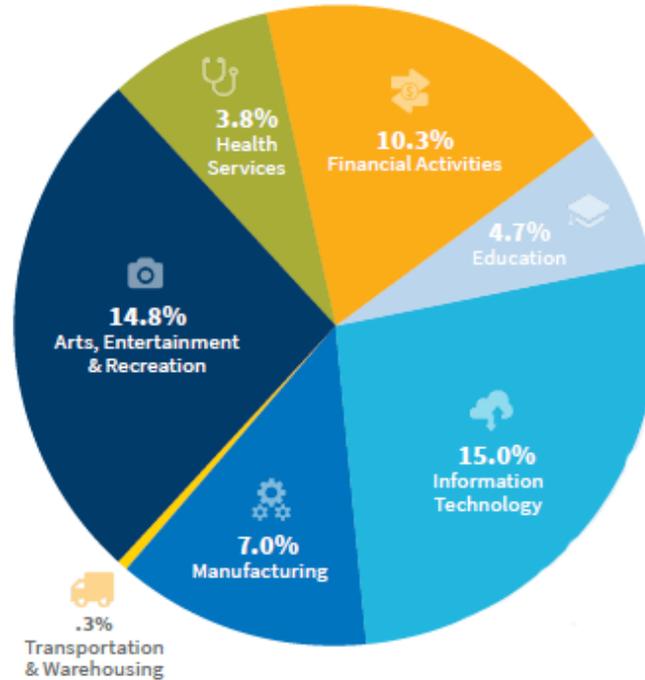
10th

Best County for
Talent Attraction

- U.S. Census Bureau: Polk County is the fastest growing county in the state
- Chief Executive Magazine: Best state for business
- Florida Chamber of Commerce: Florida leads the nation in college affordability
- Florida Chamber of Commerce: Best state for business startups

County Job Growth by Industry

Source: JobsEQ, 2022 Q2



JOB CREATION & INVESTMENT

2021-2022

- New Square Footage: 559,250**
- Capital Investment: \$268,500,000**
- Total Jobs: 898**



Tourism and Sports Marketing

300+

Number of Events Hosted
in 2022

5.5 million

2022 Visitors to Polk County

\$180 million

Economic Impact in 2022

**Water Ski and
Wake Sports Lake**



- Completed in April 2023
- County Investment - \$1.5 million

Lake Myrtle Stadium



- Completed in April 2023
- County Investment - \$4.6 million

Tourism and Sports Marketing

“24 consecutive months of record-breaking
tourist development tax revenue”

- **Eleven new hotels** are in the pipeline, creating more than **1,000 rooms**
- New Partnership with FHSAA - Polk County will now **host 7 State Championships annually**
- 50th anniversary of **Sun ‘N Fun** in 2024
- **Visitors** to Polk County **saved each household \$726** in state and local taxes

Is a Recession in our Forecast?*

2023 BoCC Board Retreat



U.S. Forecast

The U.S. economy is currently in or on the brink of a(nother) recession.

Multiple Indicators point to recession:

- The Conference Board Leading Economic Index
- Inverted yield curve
- Anxious Index
- Wall Street Journal Economic Survey

Institute for Economic Forecasting

Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA (Polk County)

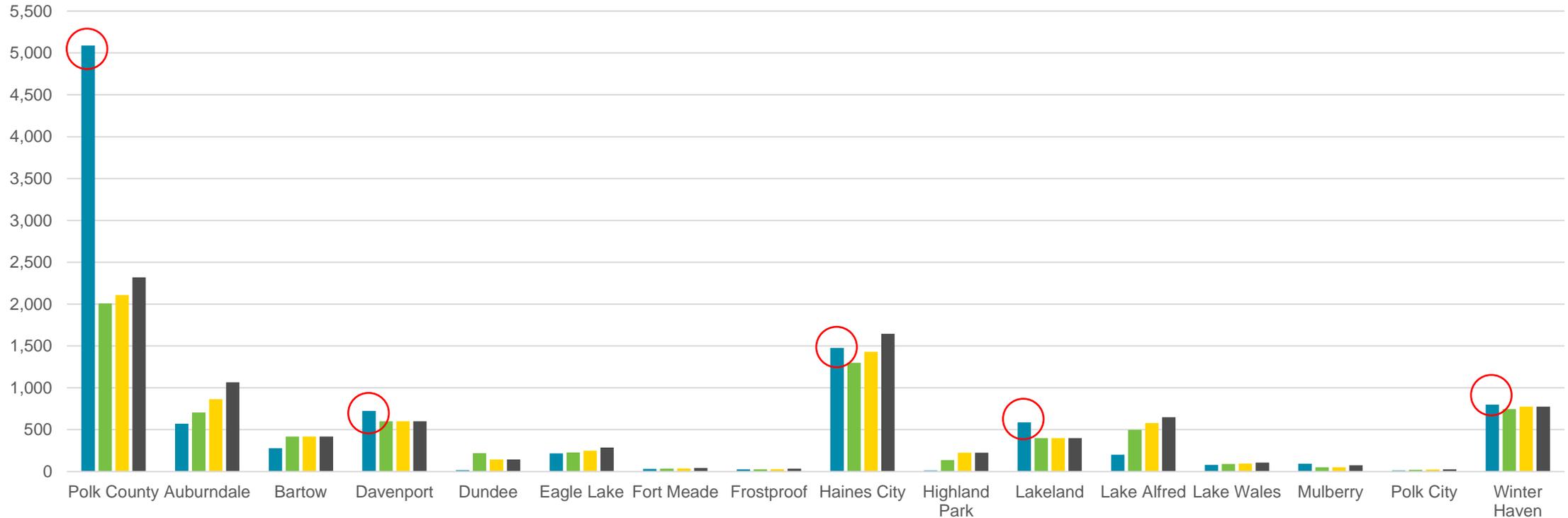
	January 2022	January 2023	Percent change
Closed Sales	976	716	-26.6%
Median Sale Price	\$310,000	\$324,900	4.8%
Median Days on Market	11	37	236.4%
Inventory (Months Supply)	0.9	2.7	200.0%

*Sean Snaith, Ph.D., UCF Institute for Economic Forecasting



Single-Family Residential Building Permits

Includes townhomes and duplexes

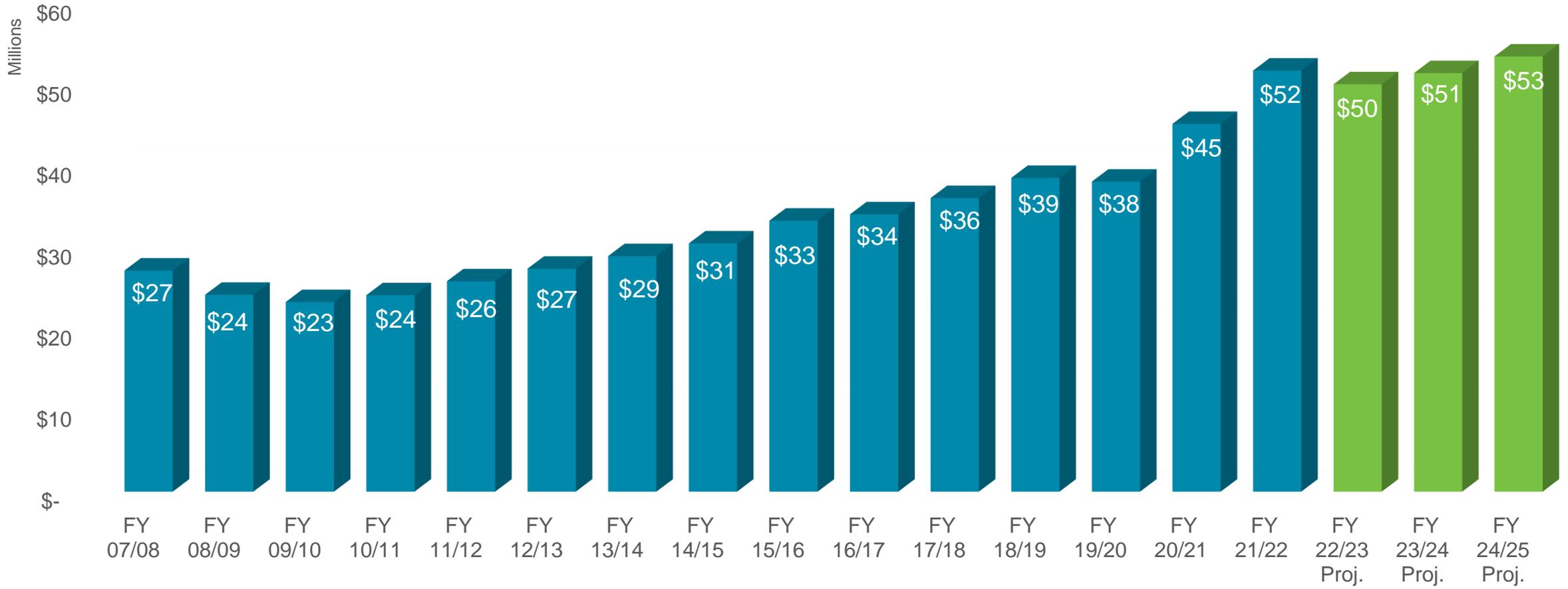


* Lake Hamilton is built out

■ FY21/22 ■ FY22/23 ■ FY23/24 Proj. ■ FY24/25 Proj.



Projected Sales Tax





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Challenges And Actions





Affordable Housing

Multi-Family Development

HOME ARP		Awarded	Total Units	HOME Units
Shag Grove Manor Apts – Winter Haven Housing Authority	\$27,152,168	\$2,300,000	84	11
Blue Sky Communities / Florence Place	\$27,102,237	\$2,000,000	88	11
Blue Sky Communities / Swan Landing	\$25,835,534	\$ 500,000	88	3
Total	\$80,089,939	\$4,800,000	260	25
SHIP		Awarded	Total Units	SHIP Units
Blue Sky Communities / Swan Landing	\$25,835,534	\$ 500,000	88	3
Green Mills Holdings / Auburn Village	\$12,874,265	\$ 354,000	102	10
NuJak- Lakeland Housing Authority (pending)		\$1,000,000		
Total	\$38,709,709	\$1,854,000	190	13
Total HND Grant Funds		\$6,654,000		38



Affordable Housing Strategies

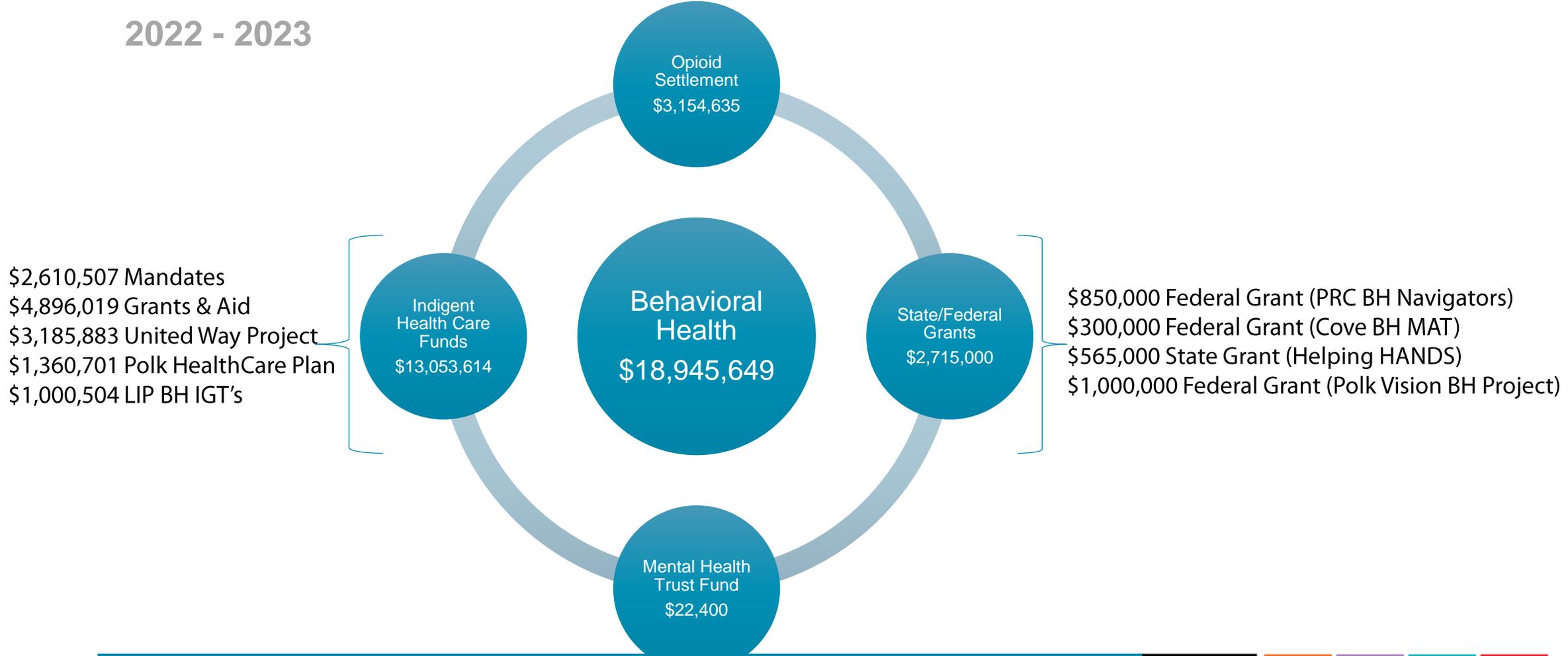
Housing and Neighborhood Development

	FY 2019/20		FY 2020/21		FY 2021/22		Source of Funds
	Units	Expense	Units	Expense	Units	Expense	
Demolition/ Reconstruction	21	\$2,417,934.72	10	\$1,253,248.80	10	\$1,478,965.30	HOME/SHIP/CDBG
New Construction					3	\$511,098.00	SHIP
Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Minors - \$50,000 or less	25	\$256,801.14	30	\$355,383.71	26	\$404,010.69	SHIP/CDBG
Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Majors - \$110,000 or less	1	\$78,778.04	4	\$246,594.92	2	\$181,312.70	SHIP/CDBG
Down Payment Assistance	28	\$367,000.00	42	\$643,381.25	53	\$955,504.14	SHIP
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	47	\$296,517.88	50	\$358,223.81	51	\$375,155.67	HOME
Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)	2	\$249,478.00			2	\$250,000.00	HOME
SHIP Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)	620	\$2,918,690.72	118	\$538,755.05			SHIP
TOTAL		\$6,585,200.50		\$3,395,587.54		\$4,156,046.50	



FY 2022/23 Behavioral Health Funding

2022 - 2023



Opioid Funds



—
Estimated to receive \$30 million over the next 18 years

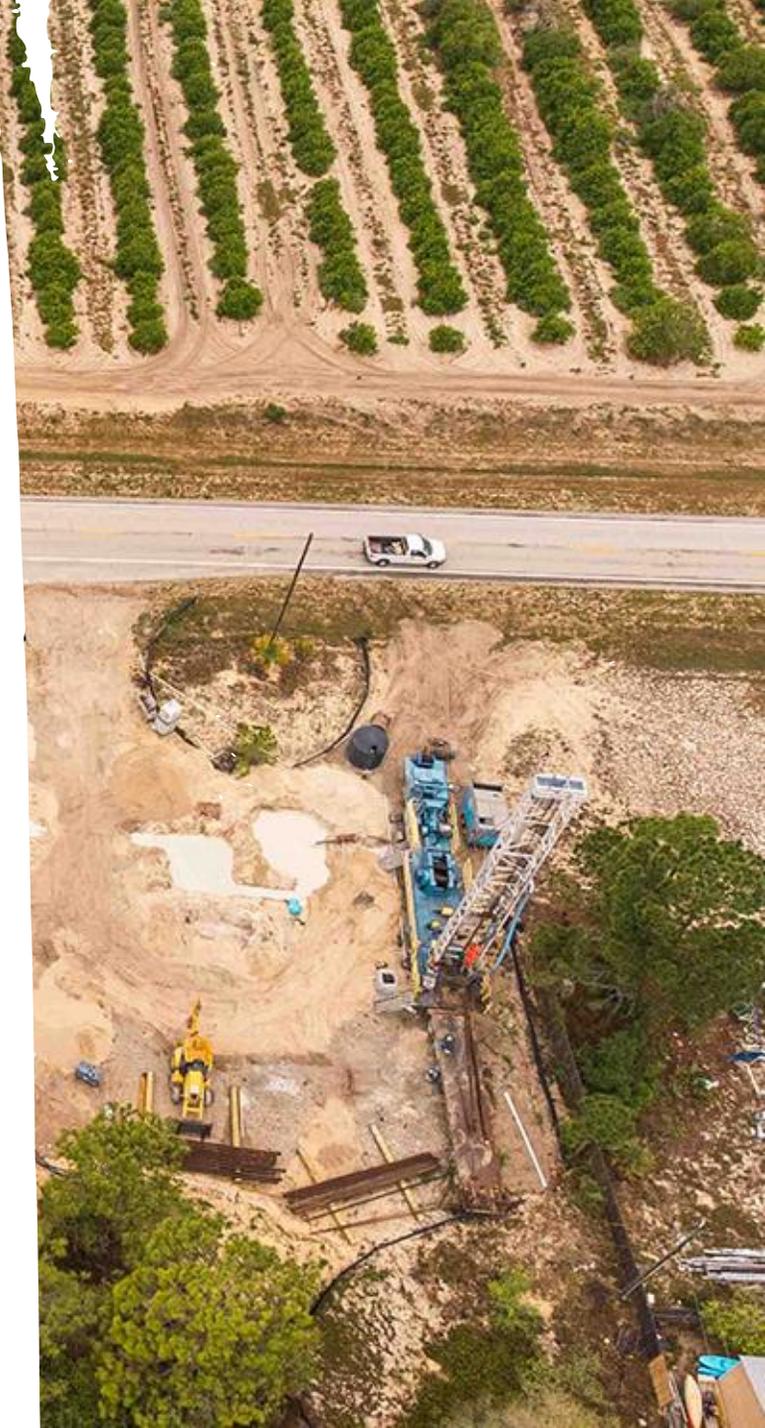
Success:

- One of the first counties in Florida to convene an Opioid Task Force in early 2020
- Task Force, comprised of 15 local & state stakeholders
- Initial settlement payment of \$396,030 was recently received



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**Alternative
Water
Supply**

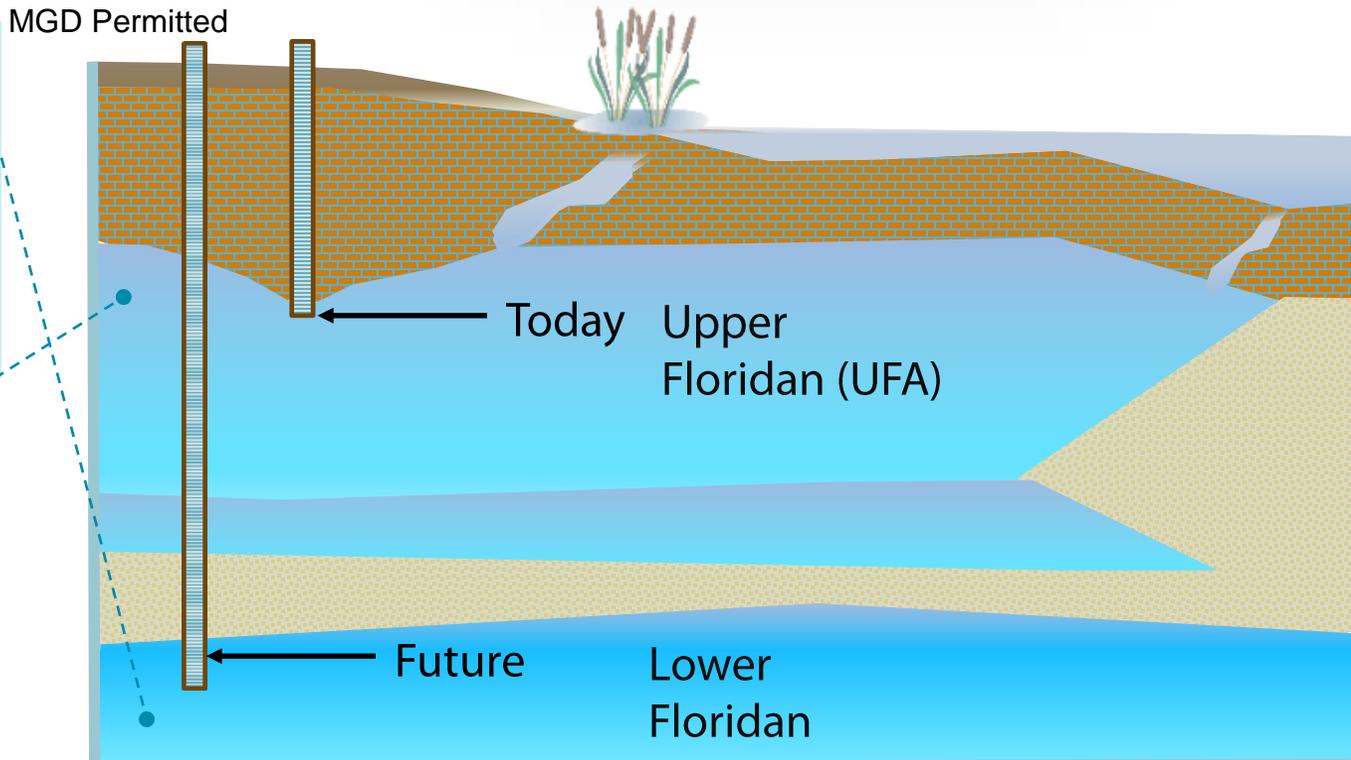
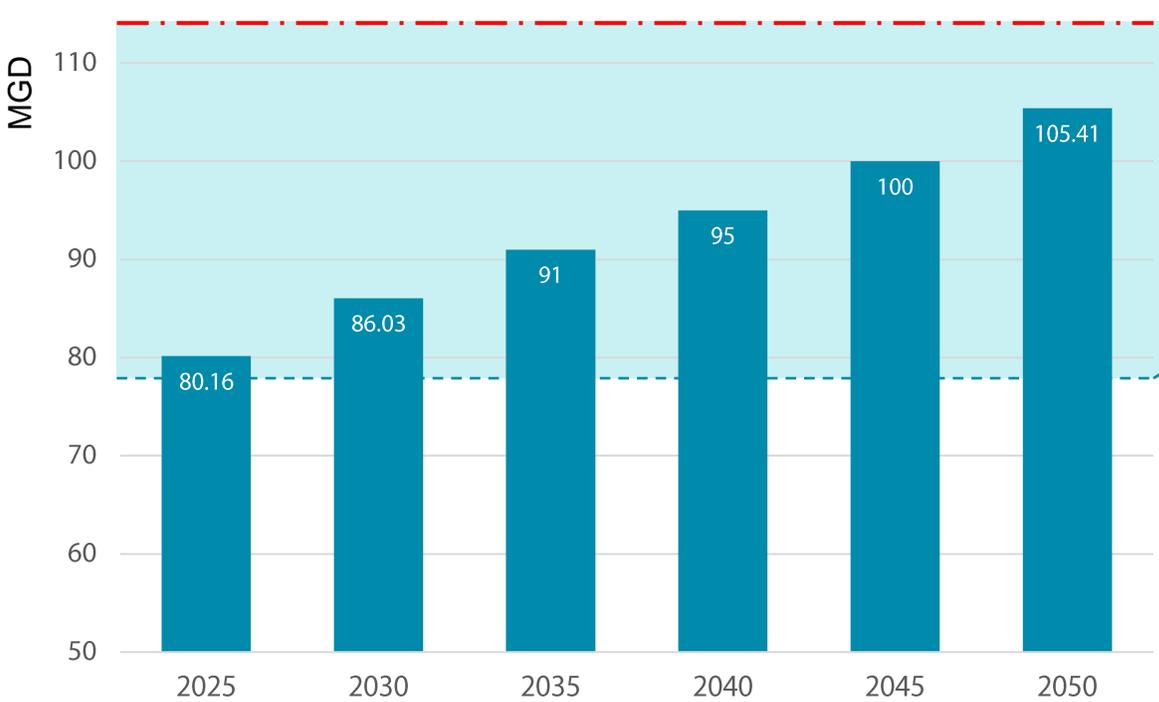




Water Challenge

Projected Water Demand

Additional demands satisfied by Alternative Water Supply will be costly



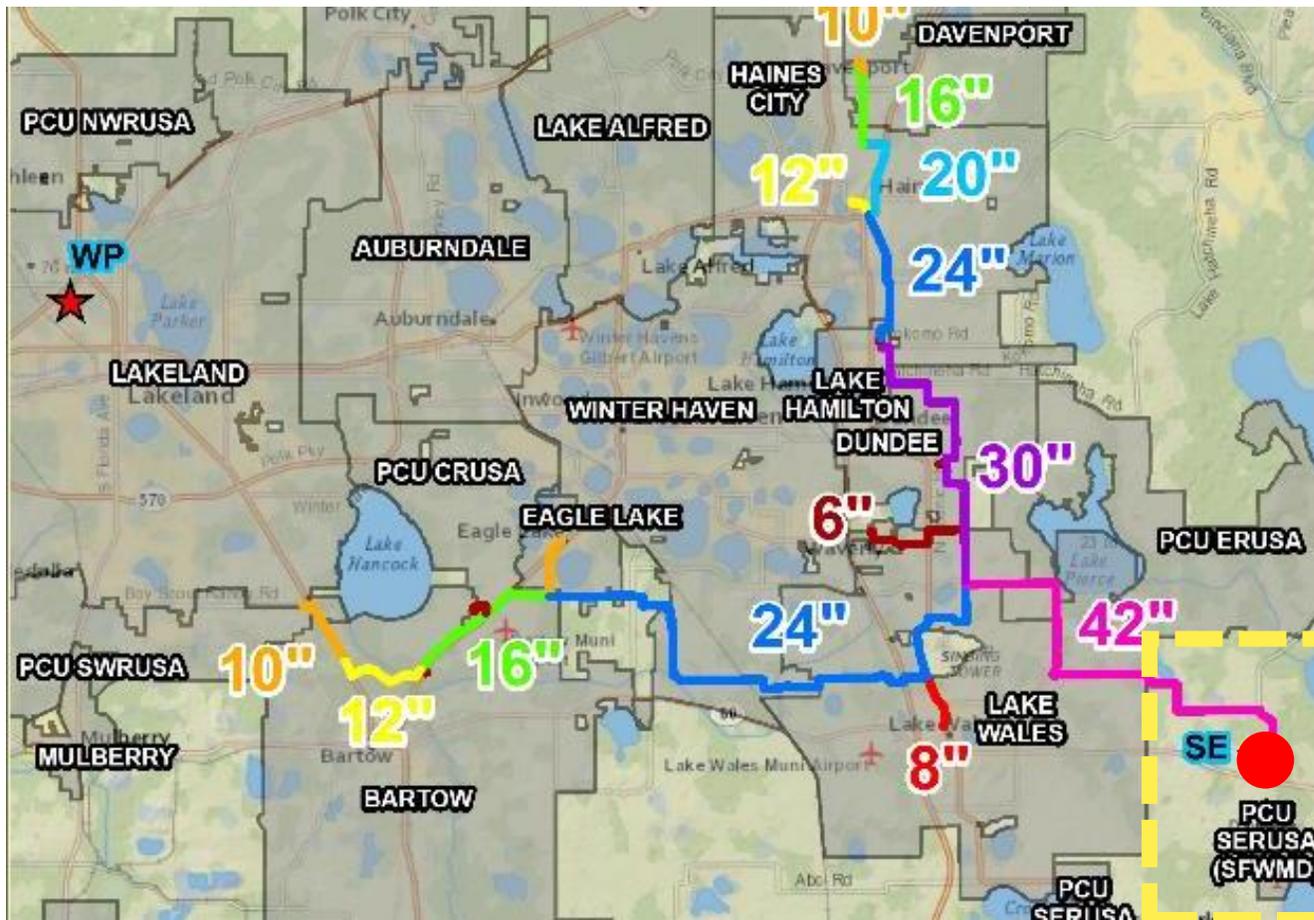


Southeast Wellfield

Transmission - 15.0 MGD
Completion - 2026/2027

2023

- 60% design submittal
- Injection well construction begins
- Construction manager at risk (CMAR) selected
- Third party operator selection underway





West Polk Wellfield

Transmission - 15.0 MGD
Completion - 2028



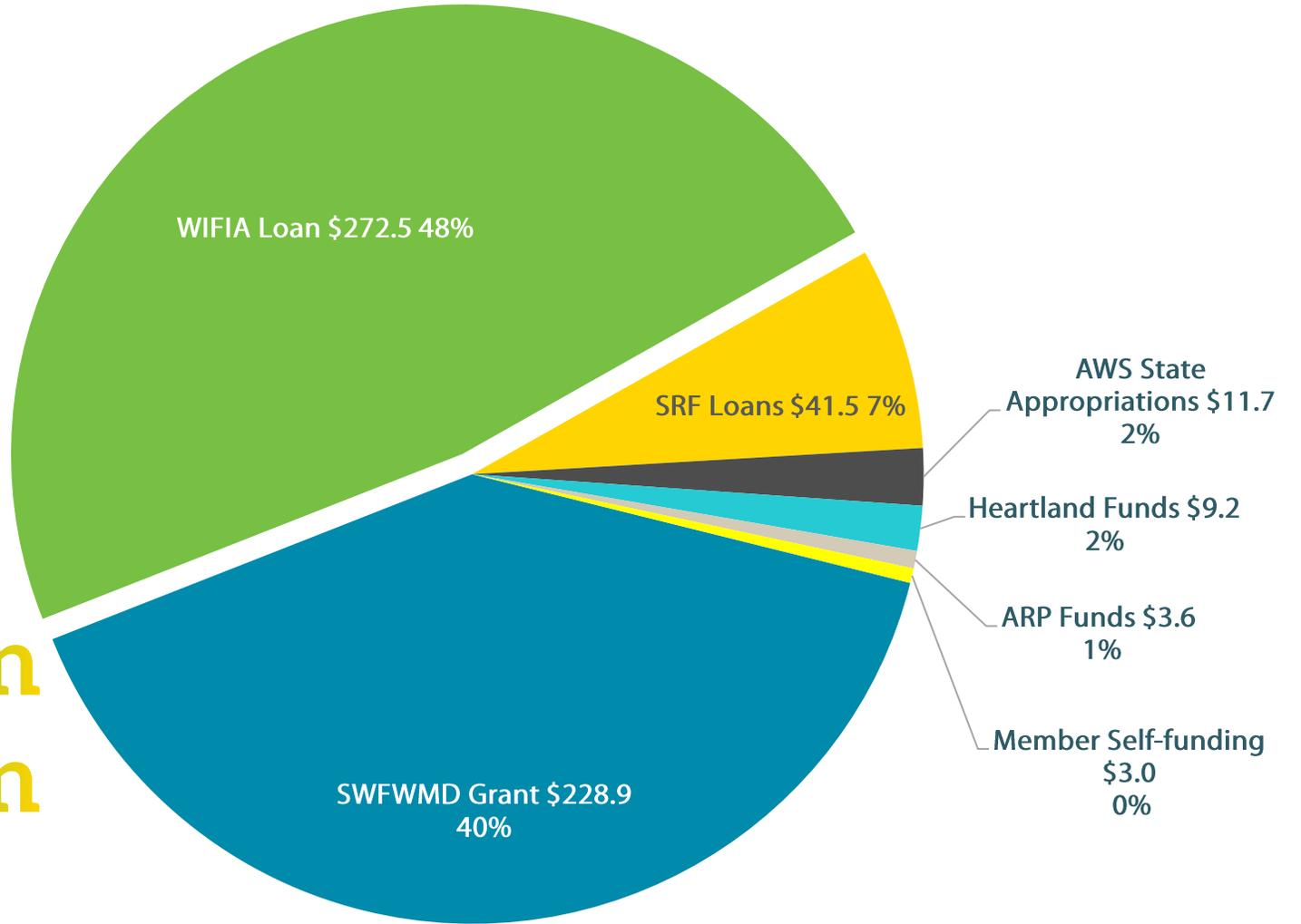
2023

- Water use permit application submitted
- Injection well permit application submitted
- Construction manager at risk (CMAR) selected
- Third party operator selection underway



AWS Funding

Polk = \$100 million
Total = \$570.4 million



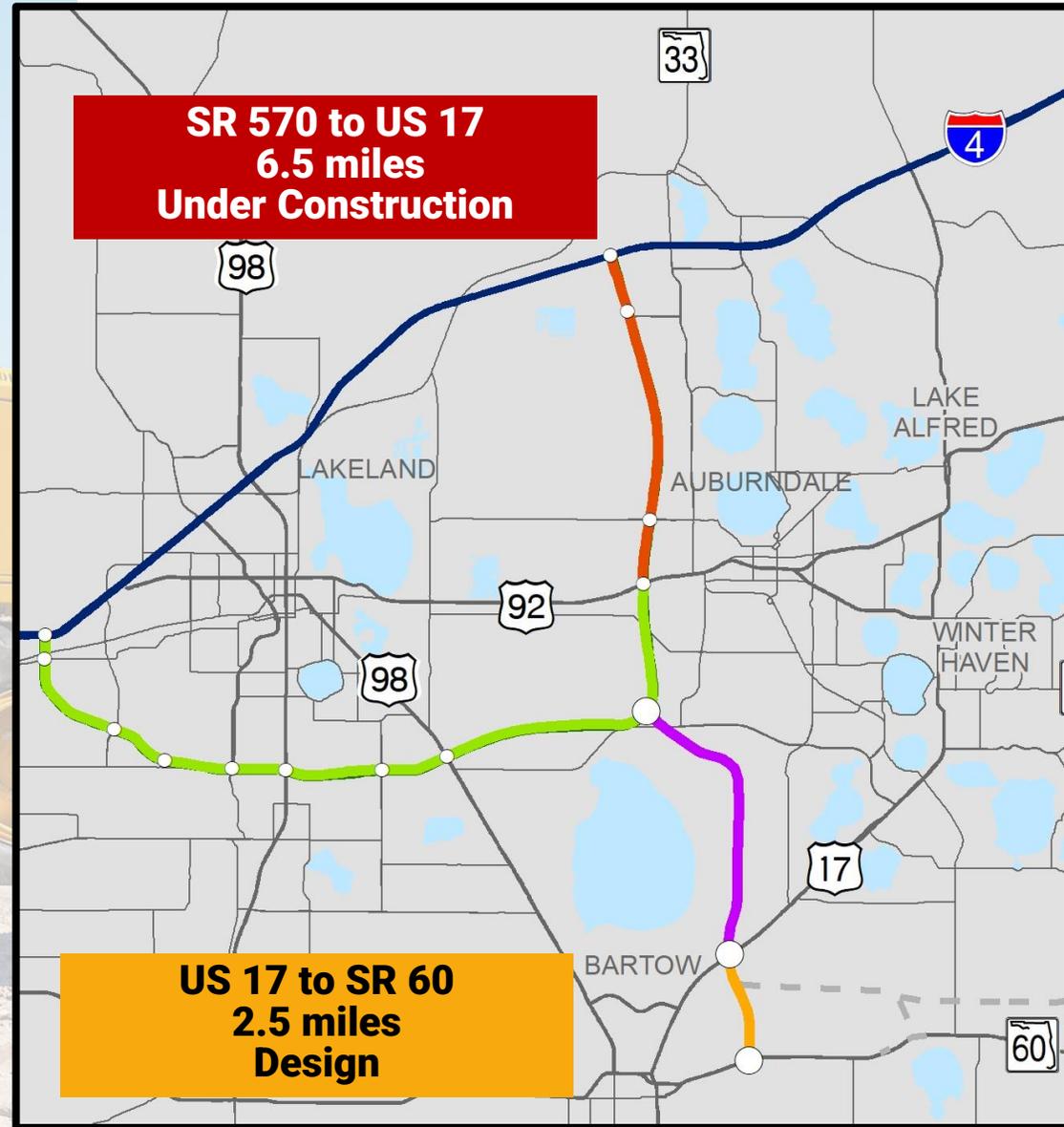


Transportation





Central Polk Parkway

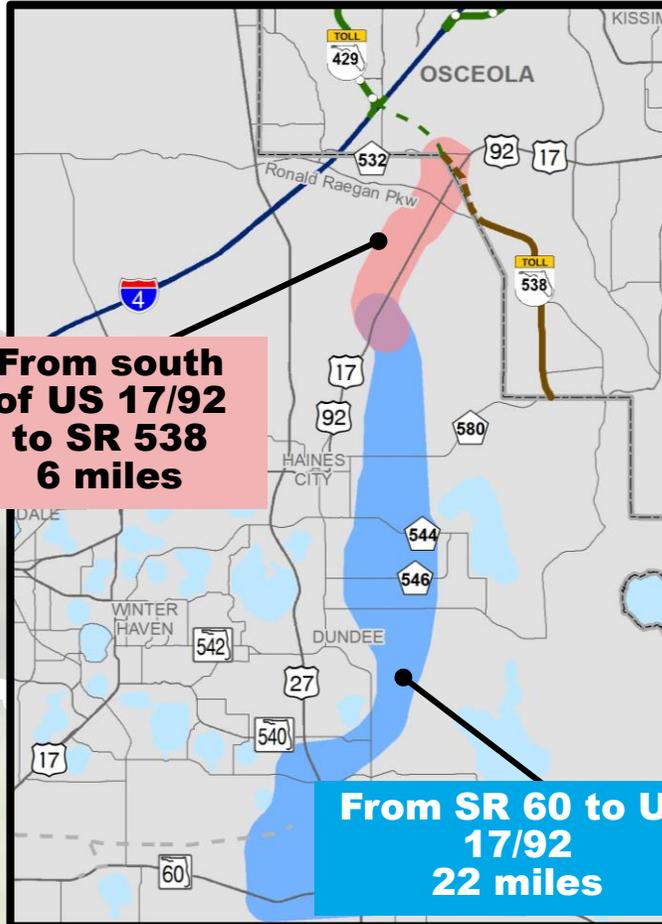




Florida Turnpike Projects

\$600 million in Polk in next five years

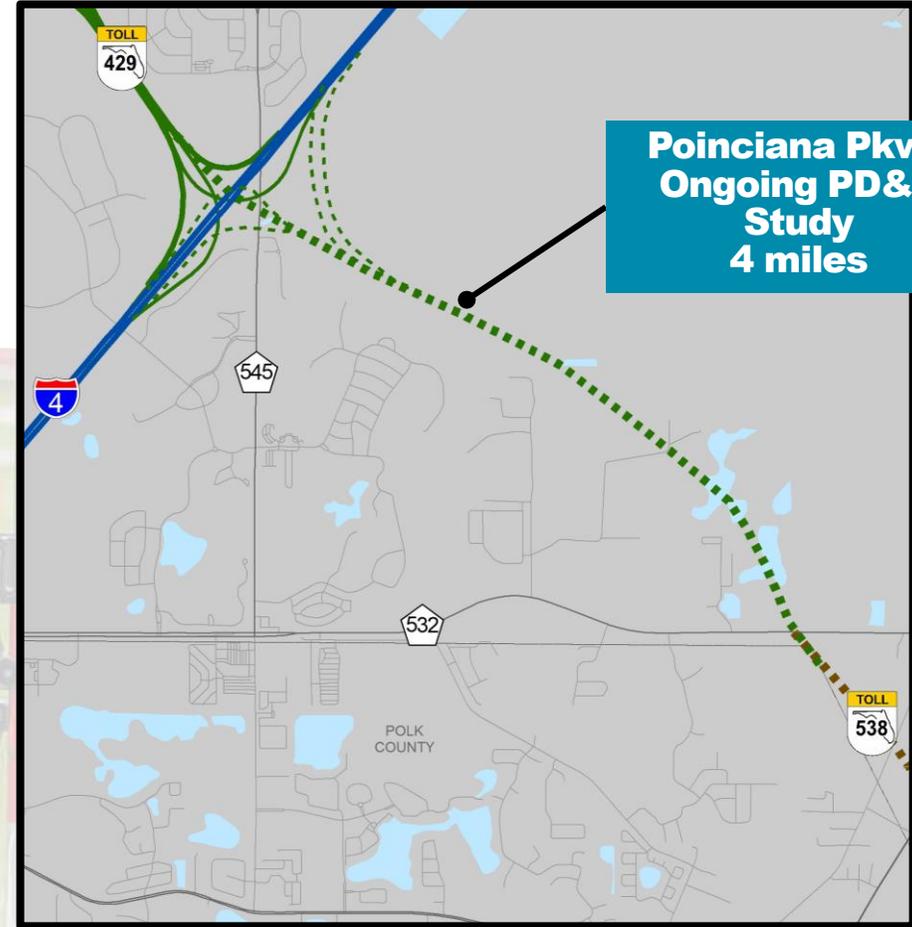
Central Polk Parkway East



From south of US 17/92 to SR 538
6 miles

From SR 60 to US 17/92
22 miles

- PD&E Funding: \$19 Million
- Formal Ad: October 2023
- Contract Execution: April 2024



Poinciana Pkwy
Ongoing PD&E Study
4 miles

- Public Hearing April 27, 2023
- Design Funding: \$72 Million in FY 2024
- Right-of-way Funding: \$82 Million in FY 2025

Regional Transportation Initiatives

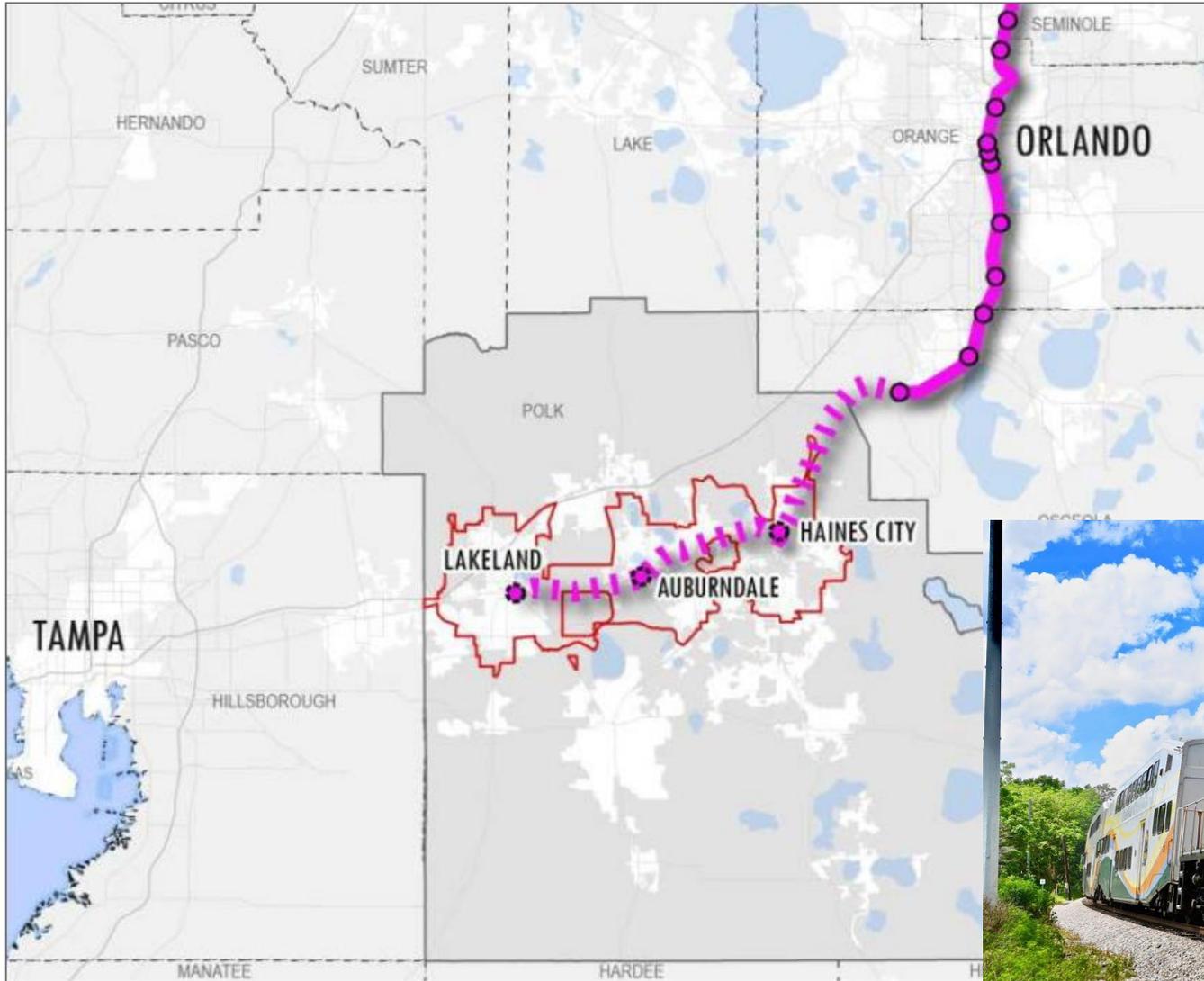
Brightline Phase III – Tampa Extension





Regional Transportation Initiatives

— Potential SunRail Extension into Polk County



Transportation

Lake Wilson Road



- Total Budget = \$44 million
- Completion – March 2024

West Pipkin Road



- Total Budget = \$59.2 million
- Completion Date – Fall 2024

County Road 557



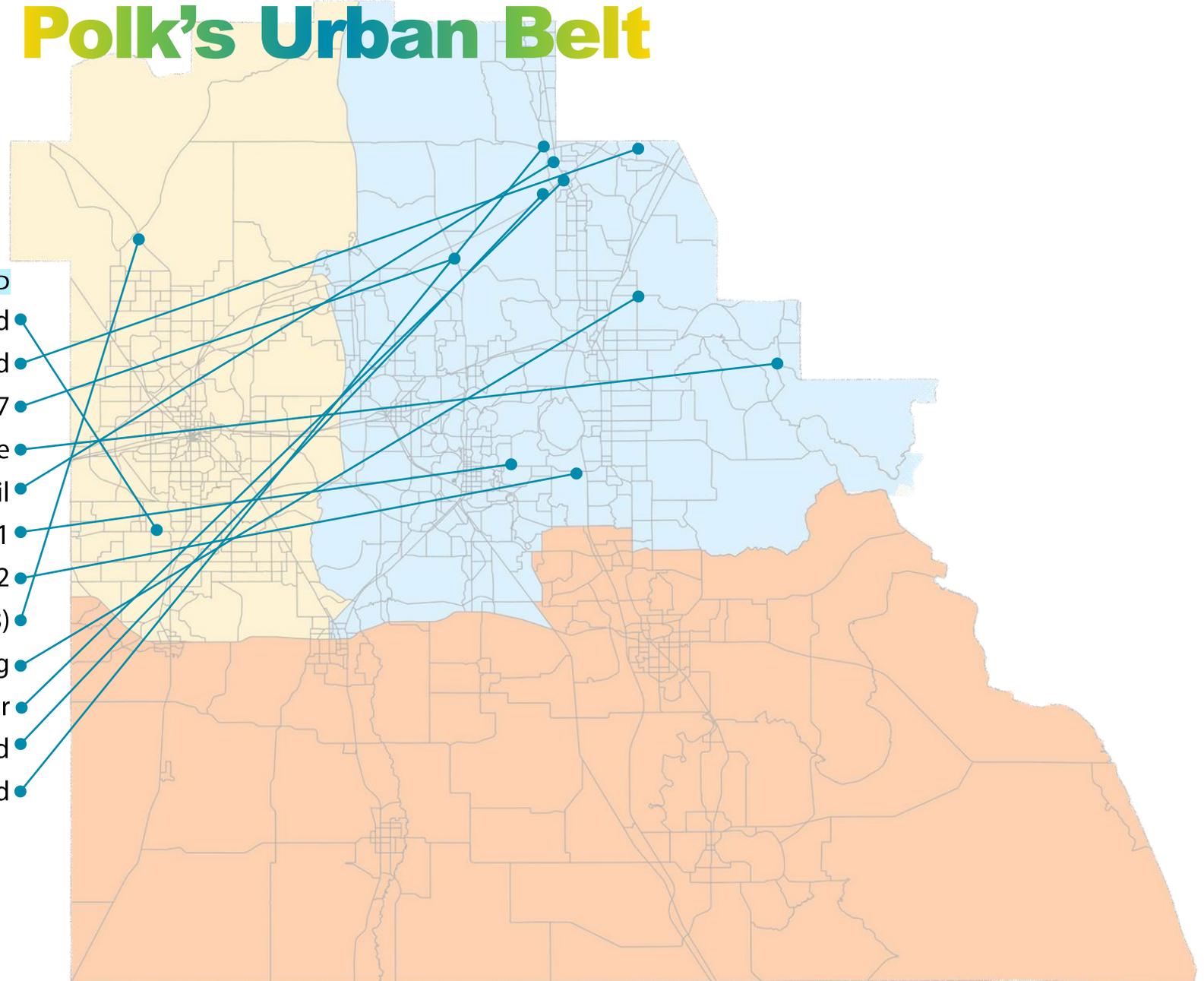
- Total Budget = \$121 million
- Design complete 2023



Polk's Urban Belt

ROAD

- West Pipkin Road
- Lake Wilson Road
- County Road 557
- Marigold Avenue
- North Ridge Trail
- Thompson Nursery Road Phase 1
- Thompson Nursery Road Phase 2
- Kathleen Road Extension (Duff Road to US 98)
- Powerline Road Extension and Widening
- Grandview Parkway Extension Flyover
- FDC Grove Road/Holly Hill Road
- Deen Still/Waverly Barn Road





Existing and Projected Road Failures*

— "D" and "F" Levels of Service (LOS)



*Source: Polk TPO

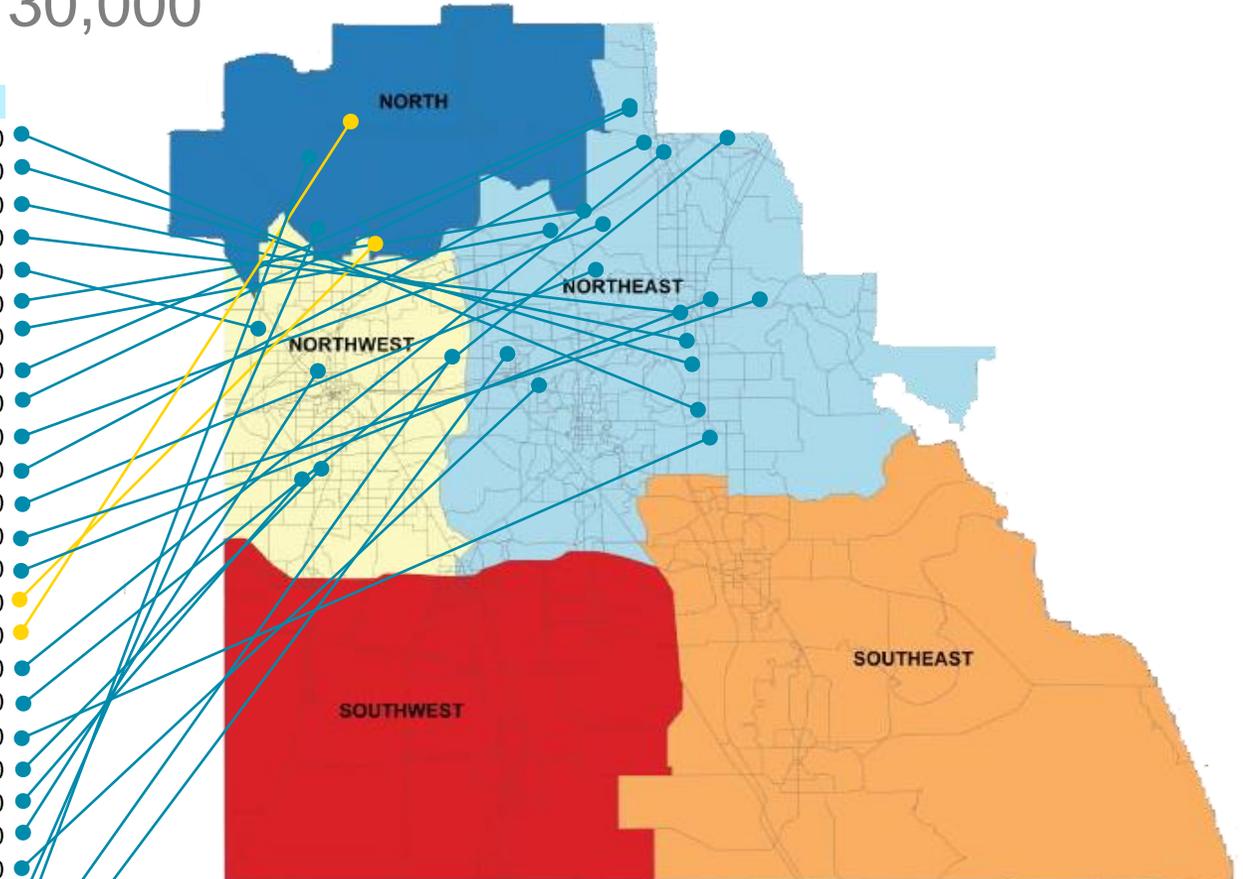


Unfunded Capacity Projects



Funding Needed = \$1,224,730,000

PRIORITY	ROAD	TOTAL
1	Powerline Road Extension (SR17 Scenic HWY to CR542)	56,000,000
2	Powerline Road Extension (CR542 to CR544)	45,000,000
3	Powerline Road Extension (CR544 to CR580)	26,000,000
4	Powerline Road Extension (CR580 to US 17/92)	33,000,000
5	Kathleen Road Extension (Duff Road to US 98)	100,000,000
6	Grandview Parkway Extension Flyover	91,000,000
7	FDC Grove Road/Northridge Trail Flyover	86,000,000
8	Northridge Trail Phase IV (Waverly Barn to Dean Still Road)	9,800,000
9	Waverly Barn Road (US 27 to 0.5 mile west)	7,360,000
10	FDC Grove Road Ext (Patterson Rd US 27 to Ernie Caldwell Blvd)	75,000,000
11	Dean Still Road (US 27 to 0.5 mile west)	7,410,000
12	Holly Hill Extension (Patterson Rd US 27 to Florida Dvlpt Road)	20,000,000
13	CR 580 from Powerline Rd to W Solivita Blvd	78,500,000
14	CR 547 West (US 27 to US 17/92)	11,000,000
15	Marcum Rd Extension (US 98 to Green Rd)	11,500,000
16	Dean Still Rd Realignment/Ext (US98 to US27)	75,000,000
17	CR 547 (ECB to Ronald Reagan Pkwy (CR 54)	68,000,000
18	CR 547 West (US 27 to US17/92)	56,000,000
19	CR 17A (Chalet Suzanne Rd) (US 27 to SR 17)	40,000,000
20	West Pipken Road 5 Laning (Harden Blvd to SR 37)	6,000,000
21	Ewell Road (Lunn Rd to SR 37)	80,000,000
22	Wabash Avenue (Ariana Street to US 92)	4,160,000
23	Spirit Lake Road (SR 540 to US 17)	74,000,000
24	CR 542A (Galloway Road) From 10th Street W to CR 35A	32,000,000
25	CR 542A (Galloway Road) From US 92 to 10th Street W	34,000,000
26	CR 546 (Old Dixie Hwy to SR 559/Berkley Rd)	20,000,000
27	Spirit Lake Road/42nd/Charlotte Rd (Recker HWY to US 92)	78,000,000





NORTHEAST GOVERNMENT CENTER

GRAND OPENING

SATURDAY
May 6
9 to 11:30 a.m.

200 Government Center Blvd.
Lake Alfred, FL 33850
Ribbon Cutting at 9:00 a.m.



2023

State of the County

Polk County Public Schools

Sara Beth Wyatt, District 4, School Board Chair

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**POLK COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
STUDENTS FIRST

- School/District Performance Summary
- District Enrollment/Growth and Demographic Information
- School Staffing Allocation Model
- Academy, Magnet, and Workforce Improvements
- Financial Efficiency Audit
- School/Student Safety Initiatives

Polk County and Florida Enrollment Trends

- PCPS is now the **seventh largest** school district in Florida, and the **24th largest** school district in the US.
- Our enrollment grew over 7,000 students this year alone, and we now support over 117,000 students.
- Polk's enrollment growth comes at a time when **nationally, public school enrollment has been declining** over consecutive school years.
- Nearly **1.3 million students** have left public schools since the pandemic began, and **most states have seen enrollment declines for two straight years.**



Demographic Data

Hispanic - 41.1%

Black/African America - 20.3%

White - 34%

Multiracial - 2.7%

Asian - 1.5%

Hawaiian Pacific Islander - 0.2%

American Indian/Alaskan Native - 0.2%

Economically Disadvantaged - 78.8%

Homeless - 2.3%

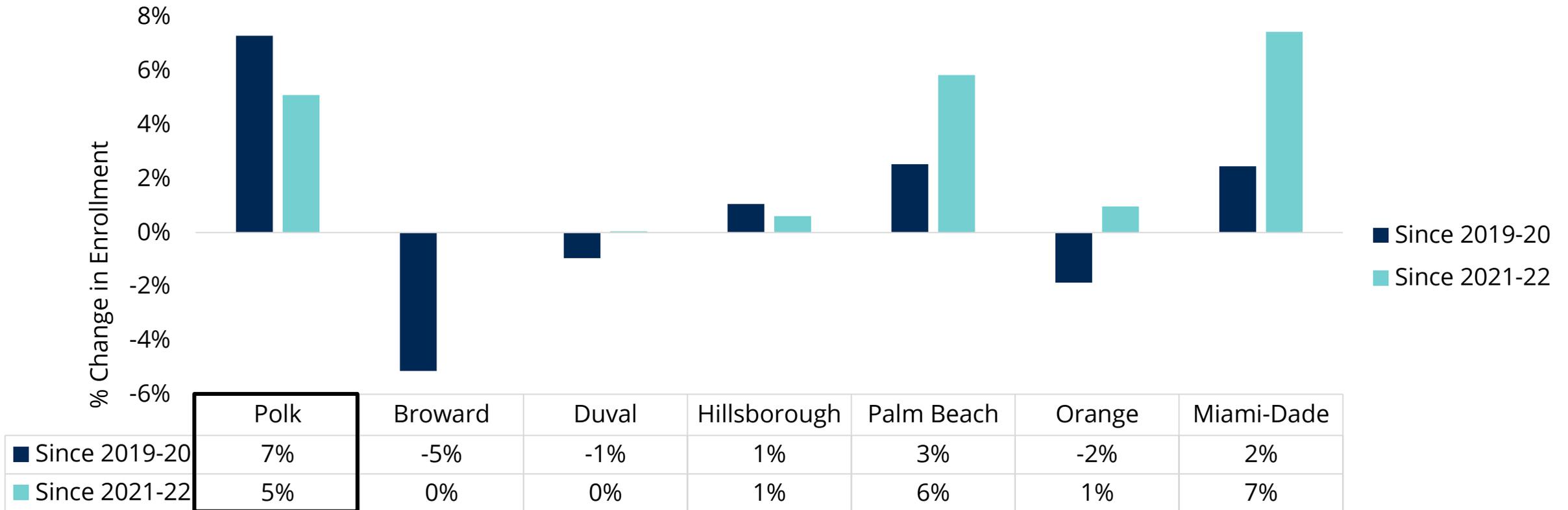
ELL - 9.7%

Migrant - 0.6%

Students with Disabilities - 14.7%

Florida Enrollment Trends

PCPS has seen the highest percentages of enrollment gains since the pandemic while several districts have still not reached pre-pandemic enrollment numbers.





UPDATE: School Staffing Allocation Plan

Phased In Approach

Year 1-2:

- Address disparities between school levels that presently exist and are not in alignment with the newly proposed allocation model.
- Begin transitioning current staff to new roles/titles.
- Address compression that resulted from state-mandated pay scale increases.

Year 3-4:

- Address existing school counselors, social workers, staffing specialists and school psychologists that are not in alignment with the newly proposed allocation model.
- Address existing front office staff/clerical that are not in alignment with the newly proposed allocation model.



School Performance Summary

3rd Grade Reading Scores

PCPS was one of only 11 school districts across the state that saw an improvement in 3rd-grade reading proficiency.

- 6 school districts had no change from a prior year.
- 50 school districts saw a decrease in those at level 3 as compared to the prior year.
- Overall, the state saw a decrease in those at level 3 as compared to the prior year.

Fifty (or 60%) of 84 eligible elementary schools saw a decline in the number of students reading at level 1.

- 12 schools had a double-digit decrease.
- 11 schools saw a 5-9% point decrease.

Forty (or 48%) of 84 eligible elementary schools saw an improvement in the number of students reading at level 3.

- 15 schools had a double-digit increase.
- 13 schools saw a 5-9% point increase.
- 6 schools had no change.

Two Year School Grades Comparison

	School Grades				
	A	B	C	D	F
2020-21	3	7	43	42	8
2021-22	7	12	63	18	1
Change	+ 4	+ 5	+ 20	- 24	- 7



Academy and Magnet Program Improvements

Academy Programs

- Expanding existing high-interest/high-demand programs (e.g., CFAA)
- Creating new programs with aligned partnerships
 - Air Traffic Control
 - LPN
 - Medical Assistant
 - Network IT
 - Network Security
 - High School Civics
 - Hospitality
- Creating accountability for academy programs (NEW A.I.P.)

Magnet Schools

Successfully Awarded Magnet Schools Assistance Grant

“The Magnet Schools Assistance program provides grants to eligible local educational agencies to establish and operate magnet schools that are operated under a court-ordered or federally approved voluntary desegregation plan. These grants assist in the desegregation of public schools by supporting the elimination, reduction, and prevention of minority group isolation in elementary and secondary schools with substantial numbers of minority group students. In order to meet the statutory purposes of the program, projects also must support the development and implementation of magnet schools that assist in the achievement of systemic reforms and provide all students with the opportunity to meet challenging academic content and student academic achievement standards.” *(Office of Elementary And Secondary Education, 2022)*

MSAP Grant Award

Approximately \$6.2M was awarded for year one.

Targets

- Fred G. Garner - STEM/Polytech
- James E. Stephens - IB
- Rosabelle W. Blake Academy - Cambridge
- Bethune Academy - Cambridge
- Daniel Jenkins Academy - Cambridge



Workforce Development

Workforce Enhancements

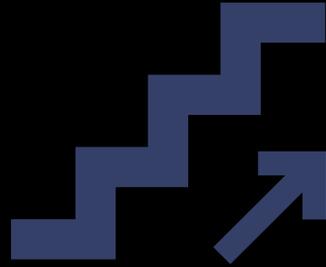
- Paid internships/externships
- More explicit and direct partnerships
- Feeder/pipeline program development
- Aligning capstone projects to partner with core focus areas and needs



Finance

Path Forward - Optimization

1



Gradual Optimization

Without some level of optimization, the district will continue to face funding struggles due to current growth and enrollment patterns. Thus, this path should be initiated first.

For this initiative, PCPS has already begun considering:

- Strategies to mitigate moving students into schools with worse outcomes to avoid a decline in academic achievement/pushback
- Creating a public relations campaign to build a positive narrative around rezoning to attract community buy-in through conducting surveys and polls with families, staff, and community members.

New Initiatives to Maximize ROI

- Vehicle lease program
- Building lease to own (cost neutral, no impact on debt service, no impact on bond rating)
- Restructuring bond debt (estimated savings of \$200k per year)
- Contract elimination (\$7M over the 21-23 school years)
- Grant funds received (competitive grants to date ... \$66M)
- Improving the Overall Fund Balance (now at 9-10%)
- PreK Collaborative Partnership (being negotiated)

Path Forward - State Funding

2



State Funding

It is in the best interest of the district to appeal for further funding to address the mismatch that currently exists with other districts. Thus, we recommend appealing for state funding as a secondary measure.

For this initiative, PCPS has already begun considering:

- Pushing for the funds and appropriations that would be achieved by updating the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) calculation and incorporating Senate Proposed Bill 2502
- Methods of advocating for dollars that would better situate the district against others

Proposed Senate Bill 2502

On March 23, 2023, the Florida State Senate proposed to incorporate SB 2502: Implementing the 2023-2024 General Appropriations Act.

If passed, this bill would:

- Incorporate by reference certain calculations of the Florida Education Finance Program
- Revise the limitation on enrollment of full-time equivalent virtual students residing outside of school districts
- Authorize school districts to adopt specified salary incentives and other strategies under certain circumstances

If this passes, PCPS would receive \$30-60 million more dollars in funding



Efficiency Audit

Project Goal

The overall goal of this project was to **review** and improve on the existing efforts of Polk County Public Schools to **prepare students academically, support educators and steward public resources.**

To do that, we will conduct a **detailed analysis** and **organizational review** on effectiveness. This review will identify **best practices, potential efficiencies** and **high impact strategies.**

Committee consists of one district representative and 35 community-based leaders.

Efficiency Review Findings

Kitamba was brought on to determine how Polk compared to other districts in terms for efficiency and expenditure on learning. Ultimately, their investigation found:

1

Overall, **PCPS is efficient in its spending** and is actually **spending less on classrooms than comparable districts**. Thus, there is about a \$30M deficit to make up to increase student outcomes.

2

Where PCPS is **inefficiently** allocated is in **building utilization rate**. Moving forward, the district needs to focus on **optimizing students in buildings** and the related buckets of staffing, facilities, bus routes, etc.

3

If PCPS optimizes at a sustainable rate, it will **likely recoup \$15-20 M over the next ten years**. This should be the first action taken and monitored to put money back into classrooms.

4

If a rezoning process does not allow PCPS to recoup the funding necessary to close the gap, the district should **ask the state** for additional funding. If that falls through, they should **make an appeal for local funding**.



Renewed Focus for 2023-24 and Beyond

Priorities

- Maintaining Strong Workforce
- Maximizing Operational Efficiencies
- Improving School Staffing
- Undergoing Comprehensive Rezoning for K-12
- Maximizing Community Partnerships
- Expanding Early College Options
- Ensuring Student Safety



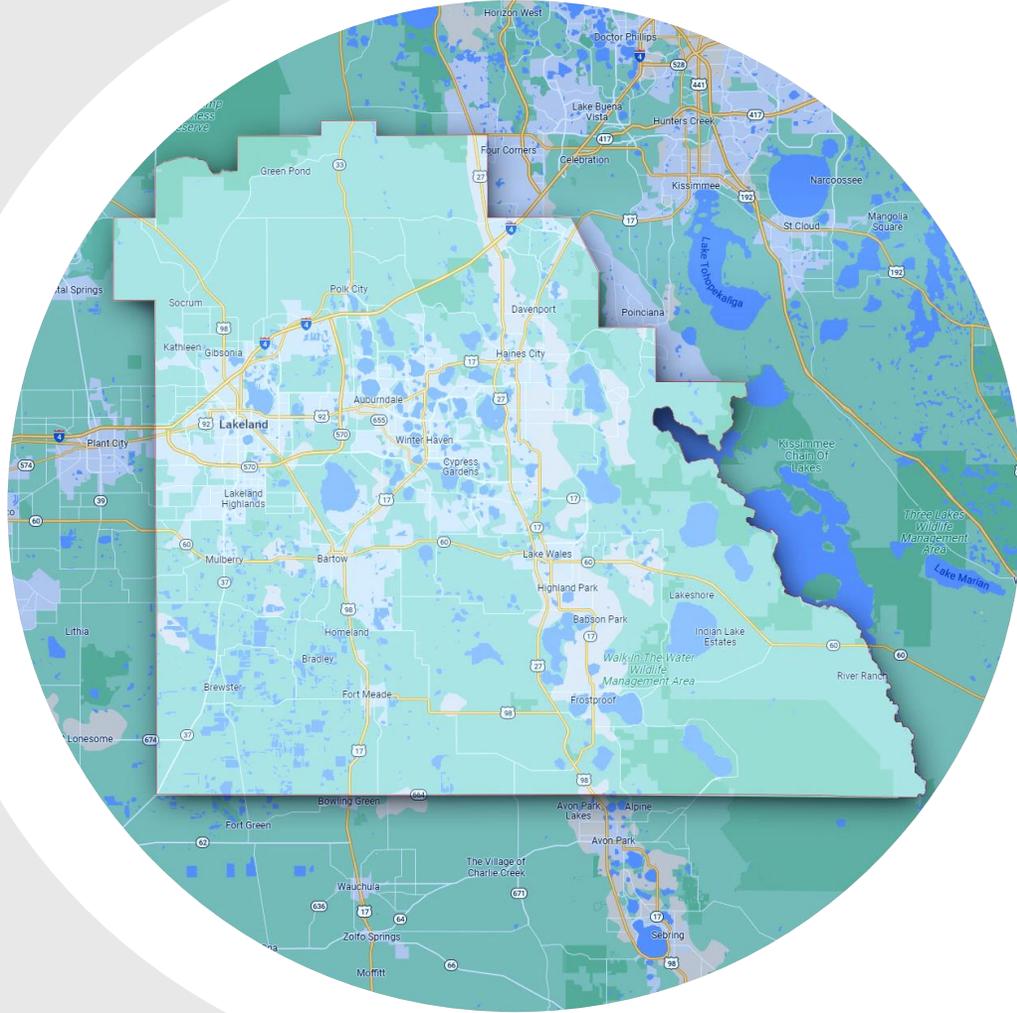
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Florida
HEALTH
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2023 STATE OF THE COUNTY: HEALTH STATUS OF POLK

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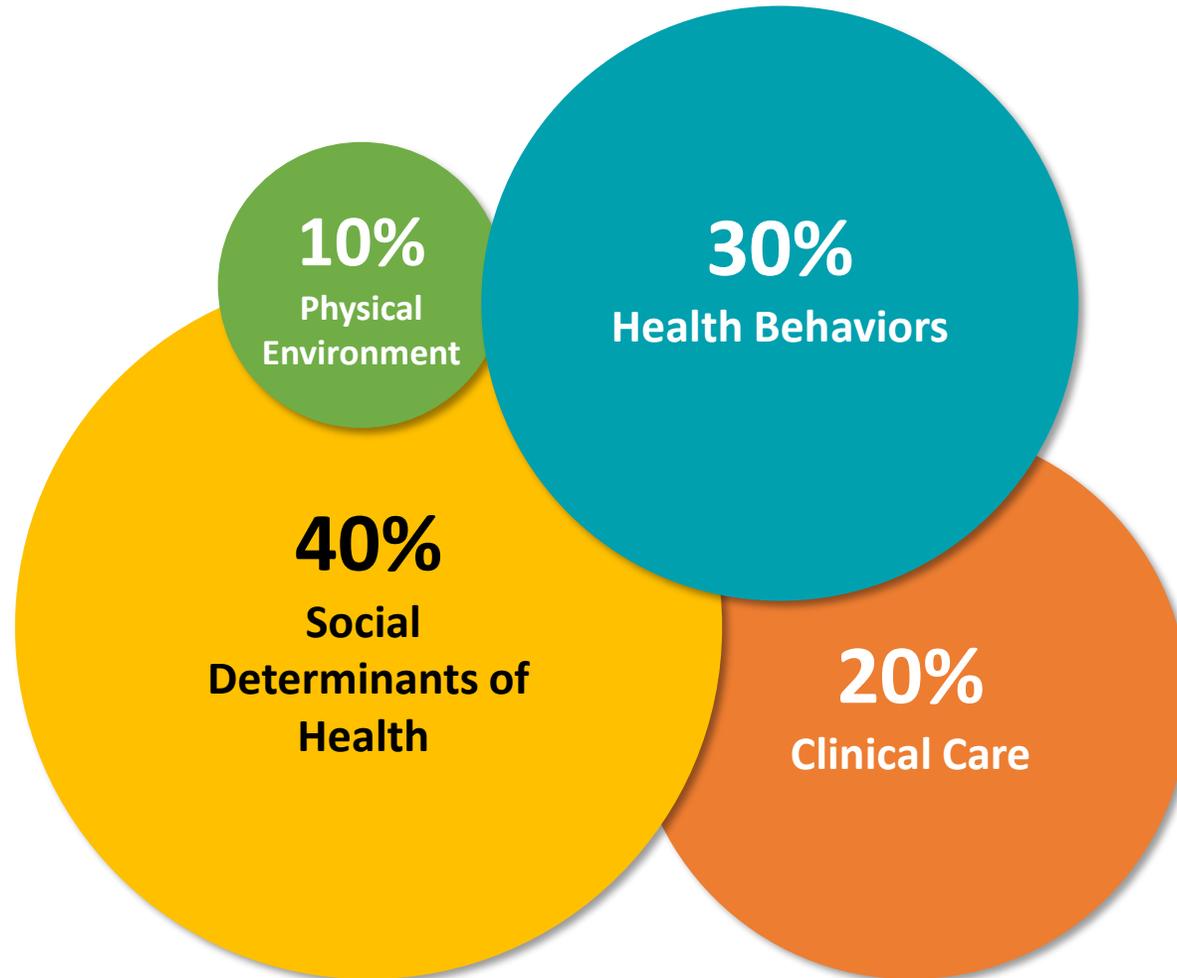
OVERVIEW

- What impacts our health?
- Population demographics
- Health across the lifespan
- Health issues in Polk
- Local actions

ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON, COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS AND ROADMAPS - POPULATION HEALTH MODEL

- Health Outcomes
 - Length of life
 - Quality of life
- Health Factors - impact future health
 - Health behaviors
 - Clinical care
 - Social determinants of health – where we live, work, play, socialize impacts our health
 - Physical environment

HEALTH FACTORS THAT IMPACT HEALTH OUTCOMES



ACCESS TO CARE

20%
Clinical
Care

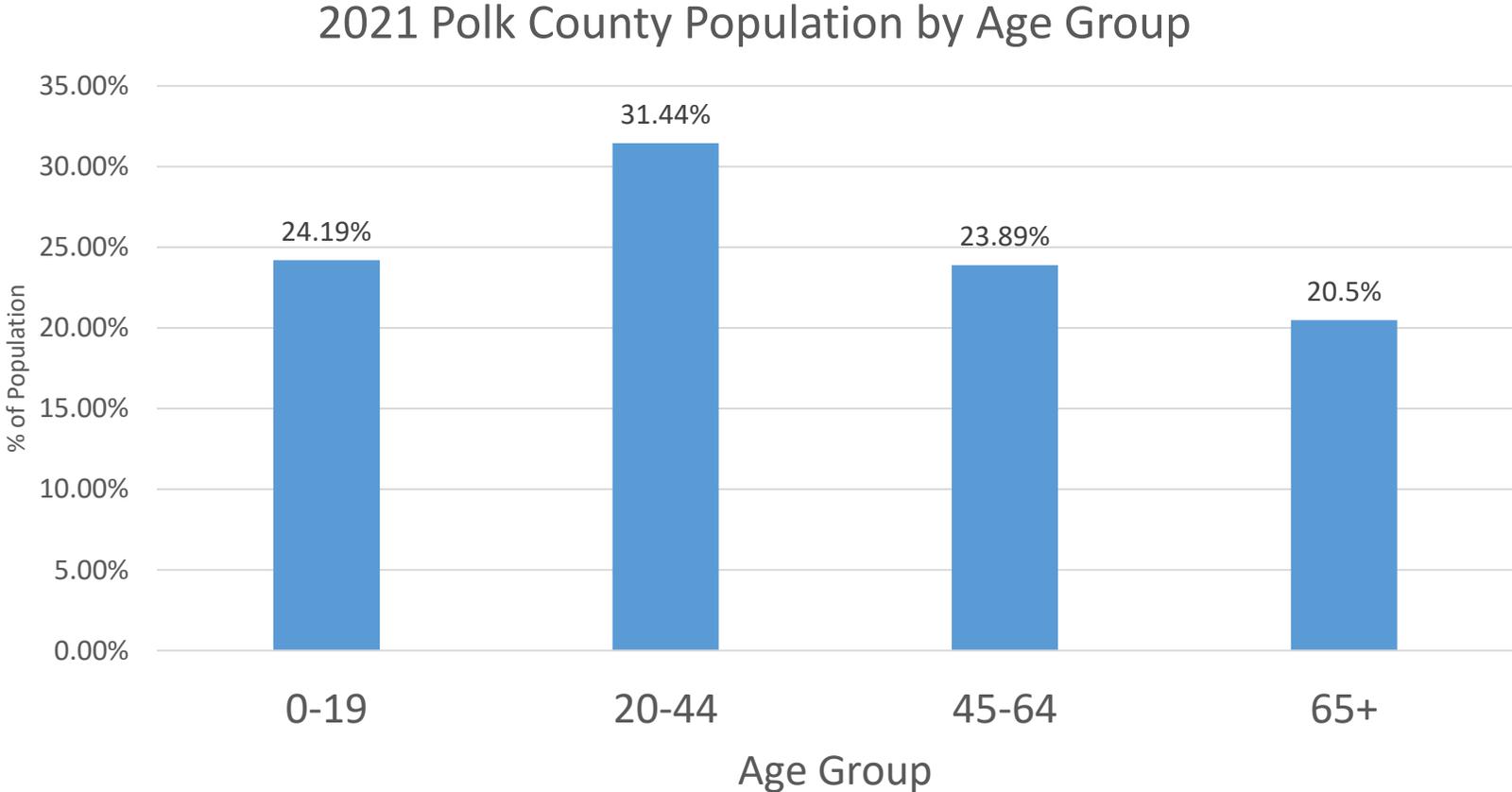


SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

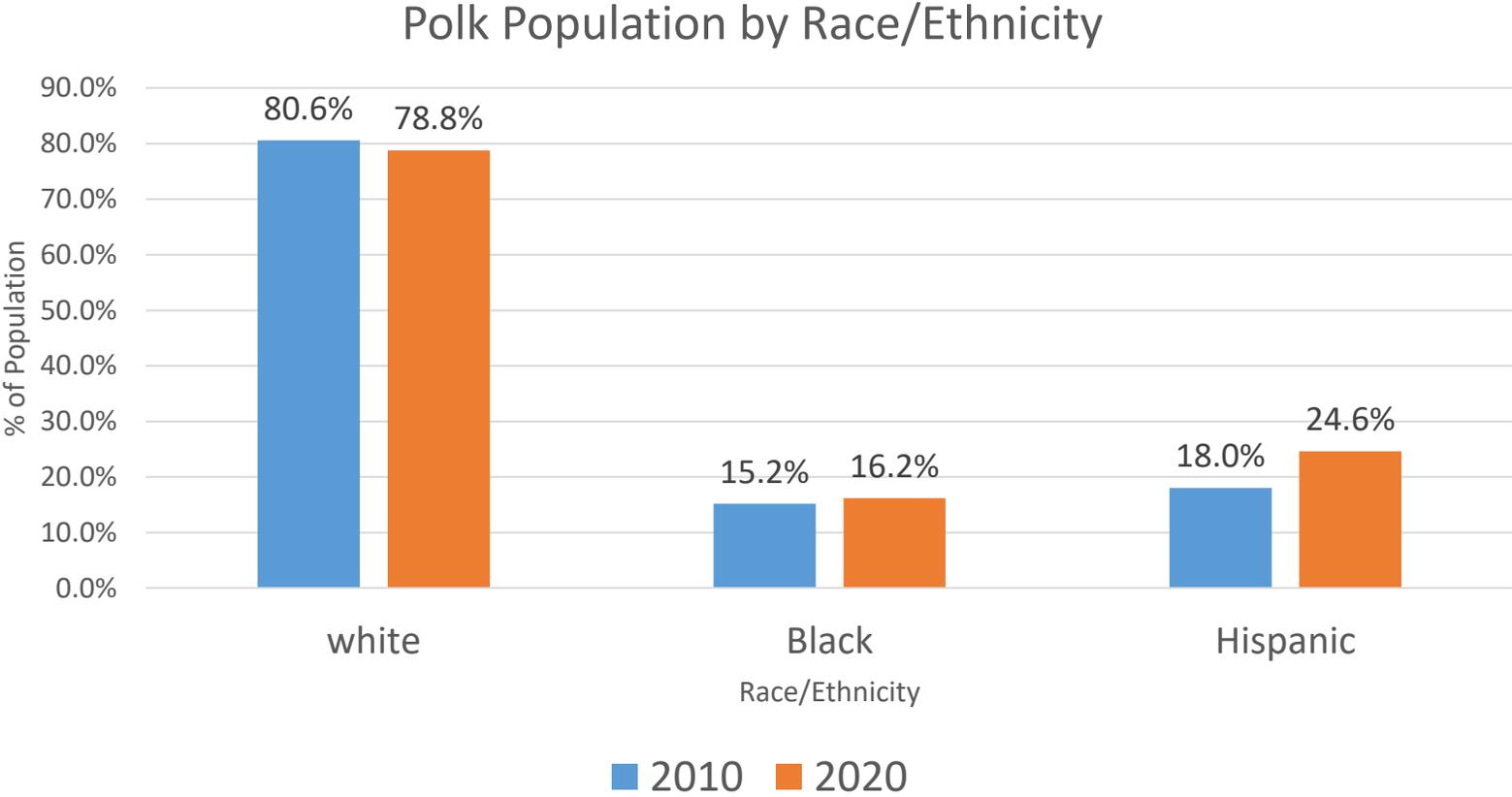
40%
Social
Determinants
of Health



POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS - AGE



POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS – RACE & ETHNICITY



POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS

Education

- 78.3% high school graduation rate
- 30% adults 25+ have associate's degree or higher

Income

- Median household income \$55,099
 - White: \$58,000, Black: \$42,659

Housing

- 30% experience housing cost burden

LIFE EXPECTANCY IN POLK

Overall average life expectancy is 77.4 years in Polk
(FL 79.4)

Life Expectancy by Race/Ethnicity

White	77.6
Black	75.0
Hispanic	80.0
non-Hispanic	76.8

Sources: UMass Donahue Institute and the Florida Legislature
Office of Economic and Demographic Research. (all accessed via
FL Health CHARTS)

INFANTS

Prenatal Care

- 61.6% of infants born to mothers with adequate prenatal care
- Maternal obesity, hypertension, substance use, and other chronic conditions may go undetected and inadequately treated

Infant Mortality

- 63 infant deaths in 2021 (rate of 7.4 deaths per 1000 live births)
- Black infants are more than 3x more likely to die before their first birthday than white infants

Safe Sleep

- Sleep-related suffocation is the leading cause of preventable infant deaths in Polk County

CHILDREN

Drowning

- Leading cause of unintentional injury deaths for children ages 1-4

Foster Care

- 1,216 children ages 0-17 in foster care
- Rate of 755.9 per 100,000 (FL 590.4 per 100,000)

Poverty

- 18.0% families with children under age 18 living below poverty level (FL 14.8%)

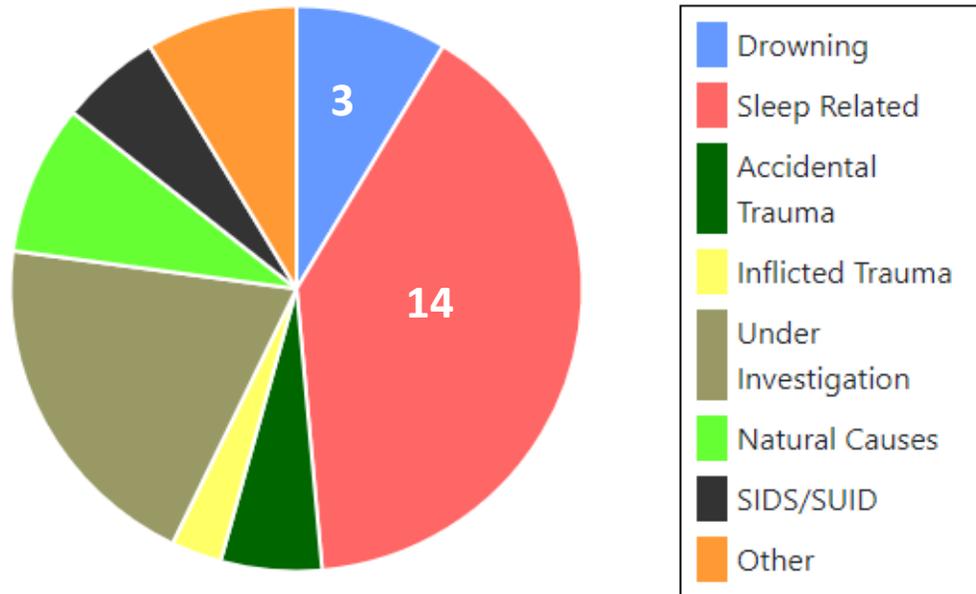
INFANT & CHILD FATALITIES DUE TO ABUSE/NEGLECT

Total Polk County Child Fatalities 2022: 35

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Called into Florida Abuse Hotline alleged to be result of abuse or neglect

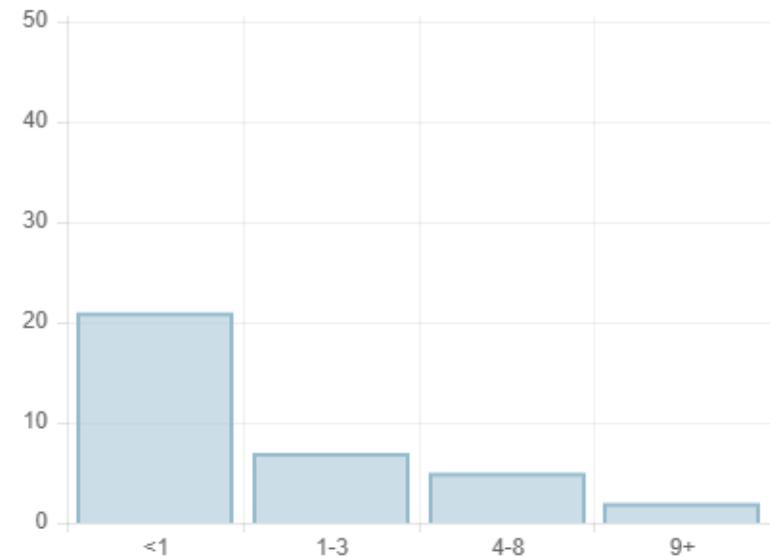
Fatalities By Causal Factor



[View By Age](#)

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Children 3 and Under represent 80% of Fatalities



DROWNING

Drowning Deaths

- Florida has the 3rd highest rate of drowning deaths in the nation
- Polk County has the 10th highest instances of drowning deaths in the State
- In 2021, there were 14 drowning deaths in Polk

Drowning-Related EMS Calls

- During 2022, PCFR responded to 25 drowning related calls:
 - Location: 22 in a pool; 3 in a bathtub
 - Age: 22 ages 0-10; 3 ages 54+
- Most calls occur during the month of April
- Davenport had highest number of calls, followed by Lakeland

ADOLESCENTS

Self-Harm

- In 2021, 83 hospitalizations for non-fatal self-harm ages 12-18
 - Rate of 128.8 per 100,000 (FL 86.3)

Substance Use

- 13.7% of students report drinking alcohol in the past 30 days
- Increased rates of vaping, decreased rates of cigarette use

Obesity

- About 21% of Polk middle & high schoolers are obese

YOUNG ADULTS

STDs & HIV

- 4th quartile in the state for HIV diagnoses & bacterial STDs
- Significantly higher among Black population

Substance Use

- Deaths due to drug poisoning have increased and are the leading cause of unintentional injury death for ages 25-64

Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety

- 31 pedestrian/cyclist deaths in 2021, majority ages 20-64
- 21st most dangerous metro area in the country for pedestrians

ADULTS

Overweight/Obesity

- 71.4% of adults are overweight or obese

Chronic Disease

- Higher rates of heart disease, stroke, & diabetes than statewide
- Leading causes of death – heart disease & cancer

Health Behaviors

- 17.8% of adults are smokers
- 31.7% of adults are sedentary

OLDER ADULTS

Social Support & Isolation

- 23.1% of individuals 65+ live alone

Housing

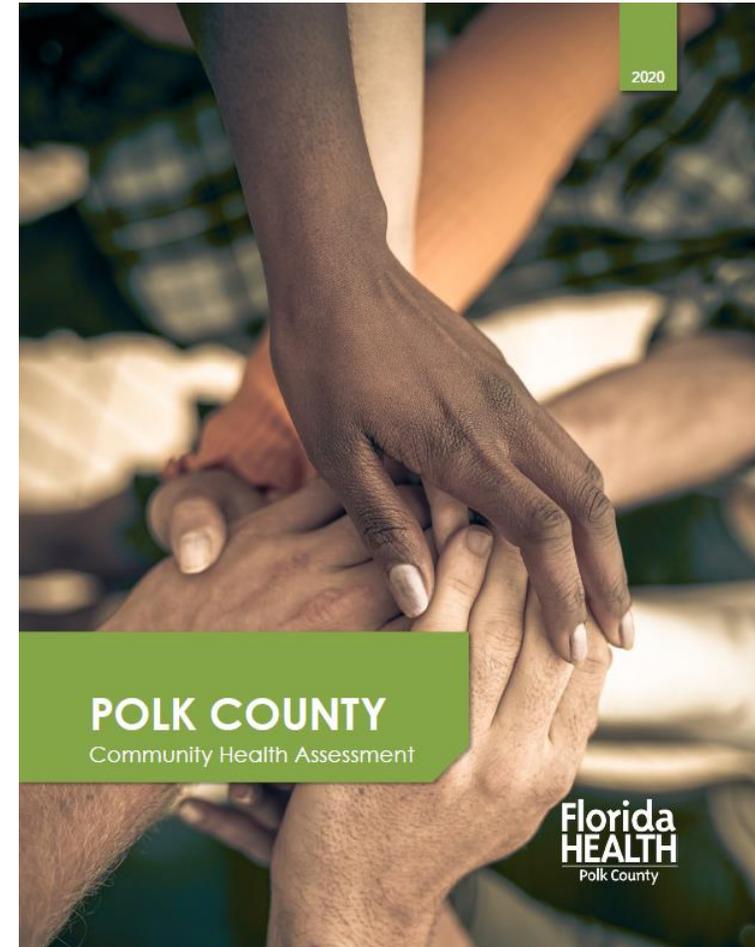
- 23% of owners 65+ experience housing cost burden
- 54% of renters 65+ experience housing cost burden

Falls

- 13.8% of 65+ experienced a fall in the last year
- Leading cause of fatal injury deaths ages 65+

2020 TOP HEALTH PRIORITIES FOR POLK COUNTY

1. Behavioral Health: Mental Health & Substance Use
2. Access to Health Services
3. Exercise, Nutrition, & Weight



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PRIORITY

- Polk Vision Behavioral Health Team formed to address this issue
- Countywide assessment and gaps analysis conducted
- Countywide strategic plan developed
- Currently forming subcommittees to develop action plans on:
 - Youth
 - Engaging High-Risk Groups with Behavioral Health Providers
 - Breaking Down Silos among Behavioral Health Stakeholders

ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES PRIORITY

- Polk is a healthcare provider shortage area
 - Primary Care 2,190:1 (FL 1,380:1)
 - Dentists 2,760:1 (FL 1,580:1)
 - Mental Health 880:1 (FL 510:1)
- Healthcare safety net in Polk
 - Polk Healthcare Plan
 - Indigent Health Plan
 - Helps fund healthcare service providers such as free clinics, LRH, FQHC, CHD, mental health providers
- Community partner collaborations
 - Community Baby Shower
 - Mobile Health Bus
 - Health Navigators – United Way, Peace River Center, etc.



EXERCISE, NUTRITION, & WEIGHT PRIORITY



You are **CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND**

THE GROVE

Community Garden Groundbreaking Ceremony

- Food Security Council
 - Annual Hunger Action Summits
- Lake Wales Environmental Health Project addressing Food Insecurity
 - Partnership with kidsPACK to provide information on community resources to food-insecure families
 - “The Grove” Community Garden
- Partnering with pediatric offices to educate on physical activity and nutrition
- Water safety & pedestrian/bicycle safety initiatives

Conclusion



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