



# Daytona Regional CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



## ADVOCACY IN ACTION

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### Florida Budget

One of the most important things done in a legislative session is approving the state budget. During the 2022 legislative session, the Florida House and Senate approved the largest budget in states' history, \$112.5 billion. The budget takes many forms before approval, but once approved by the House and Senate, it has to make its way through the governor's veto pen before finally being signed. Gov. DeSantis signed the budget this week, but not before cutting \$3.1 billion in spending, bringing the 2022/2023 budget to \$109.9 billion. Creating the budget in Florida is different from some states. In Florida, the budget has to be balanced, meaning that the budget can't be larger than the tax revenues. The \$112.5 billion budget was the largest budget proposed in Florida's history, and all this coming off of the recovery from COVID-19.

So what made the final draft, and what was cut?

K-12 schools have \$24.3 billion in the budget, a \$1.7 billion increase from the current year's spending. Teachers will get an \$800 million boost in salaries, increasing \$250 million over the current year.

The Florida budget also includes over \$579 million to support workforce education.

State workers will see a wage increase too. State employees' hourly pay will go up to \$15 from \$13 per hour.

Tax Relief is another area that has dramatically impacted the 2022-2023 budget. The budget provides over \$1.24 billion in tax relief.

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Law Enforcement is another area that saw a significant impact on the budget. The creation of law enforcement recruitment bonuses, \$1,000 bonus payments, scholarships to help complete required training, and many other programs to help law enforcement.

## **Budget Highlights**

Volusia County budget vetos.

Daytona State College - Pharmacy Technician Vocational Program - \$447,123

Daytona Beach Reuse Pump Station No. 90 - \$250,000

Ormond Beach Reclaimed Water Storage Tank - \$200,000

Ormond Beach Reclaimed Water Transmission Line - \$650,000

Volusia County Spruce Creek Dangerous Navigation Hazard Dredging Project - \$545,000

## **Veto List**

Florida's 2022-23 state budget begins July 1