

Climate Change - Florida is on the Frontline

We need a 100% clean economy in Florida and around the country

Climate change is not a distant threat. It's impacting our economy, our health and our environment. We're seeing **stronger Atlantic hurricanes** annually than in the 1970s, more **coastal flooding on sunny days** and more heavy downpours. Temperatures are rising, with the state home to **10 of the 25 hottest cities** in the country.

If we don't act, things will get much worse. **3.5 million Floridians** are at risk from 100-year coastal floods that may become **100 times more likely** by 2050. And we're predicted to see **up to four feet of sea level rise** by century's end, covering an area with more than **400,000 homes**.

100% Clean is 100% Achievable. If we're serious about beating climate change, we need to be fully committed to a **100% clean economy**. The U.S. must stop adding climate pollution to the atmosphere -- producing no more climate pollution than we can remove by 2050. **It's an ambitious goal. But it's achievable if we start now. There's no time to waste.**

Across the United States, we're already making progress.

Solar power in the U.S. is nearly 90% [cheaper](#) than it was a decade ago. Wind power is almost 70% cheaper. Electricity from renewables is now [cheaper](#) than power from 75% of U.S. coal plants. Strategies to remove climate pollution are gaining ground.

We're seeing clean energy success in Florida

- More than [118,000 Floridians](#) work in energy efficiency
- Florida produces enough solar energy to power 400,000 homes. This includes a new Mickey Mouse-shaped 50 KW [solar array](#) at Disney World.
- Orlando is the top city in the Southeast for clean energy, according to ACEEE, which [cited advancements](#) such as new community solar and solar bulk-purchasing programs.
- [45% of new hires](#) in the clean energy industry in Florida were Latinos and other minorities, as of 2014

But the Sunshine State [barely makes the top five](#) for installed solar in the country. That means clean energy has much more potential in Florida.

As climate pollution continues to increase, we need bold action from Congress to create a 100% clean economy and help Florida and the country reach its potential.

Here's what you can do to help grow a 100% clean economy:

Contact your elected officials: They need to know you support a 100% clean economy.

Join Defend Our Future at defendourfuture.org: We'll help you get involved

Talk to your employer: Check out Defend Our Future's [guide](#) to corporate engagement to find out how your voice can be the tipping point that helps companies raise their ambition on climate.

Host an event: Get your friends together and spread the word. Check out this [guide](#)

