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The latest Pew Research Center survey, released Dec. 2, finds that a majority of Floridians believe climate change is a serious problem, and that the state’s leaders are paying attention to the issue.

The survey, conducted in late September and early October, found that 60% of Floridians believe climate change is a serious problem, up from 53% in 2019. Additionally, 64% of Floridians said they have heard a lot about climate change in the past year, compared to 57% in 2019.

Among Floridians, the survey found that Republicans are more likely to believe climate change is a serious problem than Democrats (63% vs. 57%). However, the gap between the two groups has narrowed over the past decade.

The survey also found that Floridians are more likely to believe that government should do more to address climate change than in previous years. In 2019, 44% of Floridians said the government was doing too little to address climate change. This year, 53% said the government was doing too little.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, a Republican, has been a vocal critic of climate change policies. However, the survey found that a majority of Floridians support actions to address climate change, such as increasing renewable energy and investing in green technology.

The survey was conducted by Pew Research Center and included 1,000 adults in Florida. The margin of error is ±4 percentage points.