



# RICK SCOTT

GOVERNOR

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Dear Fellow Floridian:

I am proud to announce that Florida's private-sector businesses created nearly 51,000 new jobs in January. In the last six years, our state has added more than 1.34 million new jobs with help from our economic development organizations like EFI that fight for new investment all across our state.

Today's announcement of Herc Rentals adding more than 120 new jobs would not have been possible without the hard work and collaboration of EFI. Unfortunately, politicians in the Florida House last week voted to kill our jobs program - threatening great jobs wins like Herc's expansion in Bonita Springs. We will continue to fight for jobs and ensure Florida remains competitive for major jobs wins that provide opportunities for Florida families.

Here are some other points you can share about Florida's economy with your friends and family:

- Private-sector industries gaining the most jobs in January were:
  - Professional and business services with 11,800 new jobs;
  - Construction with 10,700 new jobs, and
  - Trade, transportation and utilities with 6,700 new jobs.
- Florida job postings showed 255,690 openings in January 2017.
- In January, Florida's 24 regional workforce boards reported more than 31,898 Floridians, including 1,352 veterans, were placed in jobs.
- Labor force increased by 251,000 over the year in January 2017, rising by 2.6 percent.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott  
Governor