



RICK SCOTT

GOVERNOR

June 19, 2015

Dear Fellow Floridians:

Today we are excited to announce May was another strong month for job creation in Florida, with over 16,000 new private-sector jobs created. Since December 2010, Florida businesses have created over 879,000 jobs, which means more families are able to live their dreams right here in Florida.

Giving Floridians back more of the money they earn in tax cuts is the best thing we can do to keep Florida's economy growing, and the "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget cuts taxes for Florida families. The tax cut includes cuts on Floridians' cell phone and TV tax; a one-year elimination of the sales tax on college textbooks; and a 10-day Back to School Tax Holiday.

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

More Floridians Getting Back to Work

- Florida's private-sector job growth month-to-month has been positive for 43 consecutive months.
- Industries gaining the most jobs over the month in May were education and health services with 6,800 new jobs, trade, transportation, and utilities with 6,300 new jobs, and financial activities with 4,100 new jobs.
- Florida has created 879,700 new private sector jobs since December 2010.
- Florida job postings compiled by the Help Wanted OnLine data series from The Conference Board showed 283,949 openings in May 2015.

Home Sales Robust

- Florida's housing market reported more closed sales, higher median prices, increased pending sales and more new listings in April, according to the latest housing data released by Florida Realtors®.
- Florida median home prices were up 11.4 percent over the year in April 2015.
- Florida building permits were up 16.8 percent over the year in April 2015.

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Workforce Boards Assisting in Employment

- In May, Florida's 24 regional workforce boards reported more than 33,225 Floridians were placed in jobs. An individual who receives employment and training assistance through a CareerSource Center and finds a job within 180 days is deemed a placement and may be reported by a regional workforce board. Of these individuals, 6,486 previously received Reemployment Assistance.
- In 2014, 470,534 individuals were placed into jobs through the regional workforce board, including more than 23,986 veterans.

I look forward to working with the Florida Legislature to continue to cut taxes and create an environment where businesses can grow so Florida can become the global destination for jobs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Rick Scott
Governor