



RICK SCOTT

GOVERNOR

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Dear Fellow Floridian:

I am proud to announce that Florida businesses created nearly 18,000 new jobs last month, bringing the total number of jobs created since December 2010 to more than 1.2 million. Florida's annual job growth rate has also outpaced the nation's for four and half years, which is sending a message across the country that our state is the best place for businesses and families to succeed.

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 September were:
 - Education and health services with 6,900 new jobs;
 - Leisure and hospitality with 6,800 new jobs; and
 - Construction with 3,100 new jobs.
- Florida job postings showed 247,691 openings in September 2016.
- In September, Florida's 24 regional workforce boards reported more than 32,125 Floridians, including 1,559 veterans, were placed in jobs.
- Labor force increased by 87,000 over the year in September 2016, and increased 35,000 over-the-month.
- August's job creation numbers were also revised up to 35,300 new jobs over-the-month.

We will continue to do all we can to encourage job creators to invest in our state so we can create more opportunities for Floridians to provide for their families and achieve their dreams.

Sincerely,

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

Rick Scott
Governor