



RICK SCOTT

GOVERNOR

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Dear Fellow Floridian:

I am proud to announce that Florida businesses concluded 2017 by creating nearly 30,000 new jobs for families across the state in December. Our work to cut taxes, reduce regulation and encourage economic growth has sent a message across the country that Florida is where job creators and families should go to succeed. Florida had a great year of job creation in 2017, and we will fight each day to make sure our state remains the best place for new opportunities in 2018 and for years to come.

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

- Private-sector industries gaining the most jobs over-the-year were:
 - Professional and business services with 47,200 new jobs;
 - Construction with 43,900 new jobs;
 - Trade, transportation and utilities with 33,600 new jobs;
 - Education and health services with 22,300 new jobs; and
 - Manufacturing with 16,200 new jobs.
- Florida job postings showed 265,244 openings in December 2017.
- In December, Florida's 24 regional workforce boards reported 18,828 Floridians, including 1,043 veterans, were placed in jobs.

Every job is an opportunity for a Floridian to provide for their family, and I look forward to another great year of job creation in 2018.

Sincerely,

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

Rick Scott
Governor