



RICK SCOTT

GOVERNOR

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Dear Fellow Floridian:

I am proud that Florida's unemployment rate has reached a more than 10-year low of 3.8 percent. However, Hurricane Irma was the largest storm we have seen, which affected our entire state and led to the largest evacuation and power restoration effort. Obviously, our jobs numbers were affected because of this. Florida is a resilient state and we are working around the clock to rebuild and recover from this unprecedented storm. Florida's economy remains strong and more than 1.3 million private-sector jobs have been created across our state since December 2010. We will continue to fight for jobs every day.

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

- In the last year, 239,000 people entered Florida's labor force, a growth of 2.4 percent. This rate is three times the national labor force growth rate of only 0.8 percent.
- Florida job postings showed 221,091 openings in September 2017.
- In September, Florida's 24 regional workforce boards reported 20,022 Floridians, including 1,130 veterans, were placed in jobs.

We will continue to work each day to keep taxes low and send a clear signal across the country that Florida is the best state for opportunity.

Sincerely,

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

Rick Scott
Governor