

**SINCE 2010:**

- More Than **1 MILLION JOBS CREATED**
- Unemployment Rate **CUT IN HALF**
- Median Home Sale Prices **INCREASED EVERY YEAR**
- Florida's Private Sector Job Growth Rate **BEATING THE NATION**
- Top Industries:
  - PROFESSIONAL and BUSINESS SERVICES**
  - LEISURE and HOSPITALITY**
  - TRADE TRANSPORTATION and UTILITIES**
  - EDUCATION and HEALTH SERVICES**
  - CONSTRUCTION**

**IN 2016:**

- GDP Growth **3 PERCENT**
- Record Tourism **113 MILLION VISITORS**
- More Than **200,000 JOB OPENINGS**
- Job Growth **237,300 NEW JOBS**
- Labor Force Growth **DOUBLE THE NATION**

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) invests in the prosperity of all Floridians and their communities. DEO combines economic development initiatives, workforce support and training, and community development efforts to fuel job creation around the state. The state and federal programs administered by DEO help support local businesses, engage talented job seekers and enhance our state's diverse communities.

DEO has three divisions focused on Florida's strong economic growth in three key areas:

- Economic Development**
- Workforce Investments**
- Strong Communities**



**DEO's vision is for Florida to be the best place in the world to live, learn, play, work and do business.**



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Small Business

TALENT

JOB CREATION

Business Growth

Community Investment



## .....▶ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Florida's economy is one of the fastest-growing in the nation, thanks to our state's commitment to providing new opportunities to Florida families. DEO administers incentives to attract business investment to Florida from around the world. DEO contributes to this strong economic growth by assisting in the state's economic development and diversification efforts. DEO invests in targeted industries that create high-wage, high-skill jobs, including manufacturing, aerospace and defense.



▶ DEO's Division of Strategic Business Development manages the strict accountability and reporting requirements for businesses that receive state incentives to promote job creation and economic growth.

This includes ensuring job creation, capital investment and wage requirements are met before incentive payments are made to companies.

DEO's partnership with Enterprise Florida, the state's primary business recruitment organization, has resulted in thousands of new jobs for Floridians.



The work of VISIT FLORIDA – which markets the state's beautiful beaches, pristine state parks and diverse cities to tourists all around the globe – has resulted in record tourism since 2010.



## .....▶ WORKFORCE INVESTMENTS

Florida's rapidly expanding, talented workforce is the critical foundation for the state's economic prosperity.

Companies of all sizes, from local small businesses to global enterprises, choose to start, expand or move to Florida because of the state's large and diverse workforce and the strength of our world-class educational institutions.

▶ DEO's Division of Workforce Services provides workforce support, employee training and job seeker services, including reemployment assistance.

### ONE-STOP EMPLOYMENT SERVICES:

DEO partners with CareerSource Florida and the state's 24 Local Workforce Development Boards to strengthen Florida's business climate by supporting employers and helping Floridians gain employment, remain employed and advance in their careers. The CareerSource Florida network connects businesses with the talented workforce and training needed to succeed and grow, including:

- ⊗ Providing grants and training assistance to Florida businesses.
- ⊗ Assisting job seekers across the state with opportunities to increase skills.
- ⊗ Connecting local employers with well-trained individuals in their communities.

DEO's partnership with CareerSource Florida provides assistance to more than 80,000 businesses and 400,000 job seekers each year.



### REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE:

DEO helps Florida job seekers get back to work quickly by providing temporary wage replacement benefits to qualified individuals who are out of work through no fault of their own.

This assistance connects job seekers with available job opportunities to help them find new jobs in their communities and take the next step in their careers.

### LABOR MARKET STATISTICS:

DEO produces, analyzes and distributes reliable labor statistics, including economic growth data, information on industry sectors, workforce talent job openings and more to Florida businesses and job seekers.

This information is used by businesses, educational institutions and policy makers to ensure Florida remains one of the top states in the nation for business growth and development.



## .....▶ STRONG COMMUNITIES

Florida's strong, healthy communities help promote economic growth and new opportunities for all of our state's families. DEO administers grants that support infrastructure development, improve affordable housing and provide economic development strategies that allow local communities to grow and prosper.

▶ DEO's Division of Community Development works with cities and counties across the state, from rural to urban, in a variety of ways, including:

- ⊗ Providing on-the-ground technical assistance and community planning expertise to small cities and counties.
- ⊗ Ensuring community planning and development across the state follows statutory guidelines in balancing transportation, environmental and housing needs.
- ⊗ Supporting Florida's strong military presence and protecting military installations.



DEO's Competitive Florida program helps small communities embrace and harness their local assets to promote economic development and growth.

