

"Our workforce is shrinking and this demographic issue is clearly of concern to the rating agencies, to me and my team. Reversing it should be the top priority of every elected official, regardless of party or philosophy."

—Gov. Phil Scott, speaking at the Promises Made, Promises Kept Conference in October 2017

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Pop. (2017): 642,128 Median household income: \$56.578 Credit Rating: AA+/Stable

Pop. growth 2017–2022: 0.30%

Median age: 43.1 Right-to-work state: No

Legislative Update

- Downtown tax credits were increased and six additional tax increment financing (TIF) districts were authorized.
- A deal was struck on a \$35-million housing bond that Gov. Scott said would help the state expand the stock of "decent housing working families can afford."
- Funding measures included \$150,000 to Small Business Development Centers, \$100,000 to support regional microbusinesses and \$250,000 for economic development marketing.



Business Tax Climate Rank Change 2017-2018: 0



Higher Ed. R&D Expenditure: \$121,356



37th

Number of NCRCs: 2,832 | Percent Improvement 2017-2018: 5%



18th



42nd





40th



GDP

2016 GDP (in millions of current US\$) \$31,091