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MIAMI, Fla. — Today, Governor Rick Scott announced that the Miami area added 24,900 new private-sector jobs in the last year, the third-highest number of jobs among all Florida metro areas. The unemployment rate in Miami remained at 4.6 percent in November, down 0.4 percentage point from a year ago. Statewide, Florida businesses created 13,900 new jobs in November and the unemployment rate remained at 3.6 percent, the lowest rate in more than a decade. Since December 2010, Florida businesses have created 1,465,800 new private-sector jobs.

Governor Scott said, "Miami added nearly 25,000 new jobs over the year, further proof that our economy is continuing to thrive across the state. During the upcoming legislative session, we will keep working to cut taxes and create an environment where the private sector can grow."

The industries with the highest growth over the year in Miami were trade, transportation and utilities with 10,900 new jobs and education and health services with 4,000 new jobs. The area continued to rank third among the state's metro areas with 29,951 openings, and once again offered the third-highest number of high-skill, high-wage STEM jobs with 7,016 openings.

In the last year, 199,000 people entered Florida's labor force, a growth of 2.0 percent. This rate is nearly three times the national labor force growth rate of only 0.7 percent. In November, 16,990 Floridians were placed in jobs by CareerSource South Florida and the state's other 23 local workforce boards.

To view the November 2017 employment data visit www.floridajobs.org/labor-market-information/labor-market-information-press-releases/monthly-press-releases.

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