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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Today, Governor Rick Scott announced that the Fort Lauderdale area added 20,100 new private-sector jobs in the last year, the fourth-highest number of jobs among all Florida metro areas. Fort Lauderdale's unemployment rate dropped to 3.6 percent in November, down 1.0 percentage point from one 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, "I am proud to announce that the Fort Lauderdale area added more than 20,000 jobs over the year and that area's unemployment has dropped to 3.6 percent. As we continue to see job growth in South Florida and across the state, we are sending a message across the world that Florida remains a global destination for jobs."

The industries with the highest growth over the year in Fort Lauderdale were education and health services with 7,400 new jobs, and construction with 4,200 new jobs. Fort Lauderdale remains among the top four metro areas in job demand in Florida with 22,662 job openings in November. Also, the area had the fifth-highest number of openings for high-skill, high-wage STEM occupations with 5,765 online 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 Broward 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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