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## **Gov. Scott: Pensacola Area Added 2,700 New Jobs Over the Year**

**PENSACOLA, Fla.** — Today, Governor Rick Scott announced that the Pensacola area added 2,700 new private-sector jobs in the last year. The area's unemployment rate dropped to 3.7 percent, down 1.1 percentage points 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, "Florida businesses across the state have created nearly 1.5 million new jobs since December 2010 and it is great news that our unemployment rate remains at a 10-year low. Every job created is an opportunity for a Floridian to achieve their dreams and we will continue to work each day to secure a strong future for our state."

The industries with the highest growth over the year in Pensacola were professional and business services with 1,600 new jobs and leisure and hospitality with 1,300 new jobs. The Pensacola area had 4,754 job openings in November, including 1,364 openings for high-skill, high-wage STEM occupations.

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 Escarosa 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](http://www.floridajobs.org/labor-market-information/labor-market-information-press-releases/monthly-press-releases).

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