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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Today, Governor Rick Scott announced that the West Palm Beach area added 1,200 new private-sector jobs in the last year. The area's unemployment rate was 3.8 percent in November, down 0.9 percentage point in the last year. 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, "West Palm Beach added 1,200 new jobs over the year, which means that more families will have the opportunities they need to live their dreams in Florida. This incredible growth has been made possible by cutting taxes over 80 times and eliminating more than 5,000 burdensome regulations to make Florida more business friendly. In 2018, we'll work every day to continue this success."

The industry with the highest growth over the year in West Palm Beach was construction with 3,500 new jobs. In November, the West Palm Beach area had 18,378 job openings and of those, 4,938 were for high-skill, high-wage STEM jobs.

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 Palm Beach County 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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