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Florida's August Unemployment Rate Reflects Little Change

~ Job growth was lead by the leisure and hospitality industries ~

TALLAHASSEE – Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) Director Monesia T. Brown today announced Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from 3.9 percent in July 2007 to 4.0 percent in August 2007. Based on the latest nationwide data, Florida had the lowest unemployment rate of the ten most populous states and continued to be below the national average. The comparable national unemployment rate for August was 4.6 percent. Out of the civilian labor force of 9,225,000, there were 370,000 jobless Floridian's, up 6,000 (1.6 percent) over the month.

August reflected a slight decrease in the job growth rate. However, Florida's annual job growth rate was 1.5 percent in August, which was slightly faster than the national rate of 1.2 percent. Nonagricultural employment increased over the month by 3,000 to a total of 8,143,800 jobs. Based on the latest nationwide data, Florida ranked third in job growth among the ten most populous states, behind Texas and California. From August 2006 to August 2007, job growth was led by the leisure and hospitality industry (+35,700 jobs) and the education and health industry (+35,000 jobs).

Florida's Annual Workforce Estimating Conference, which was chaired by the legislature in August, met to identify high-skill, high-wage occupations. For the Conference, the Agency for Workforce Innovation's Labor Market Statistics Center projected that Florida will gain almost 1.36 million jobs between 2007 and 2015 (1.89 percent annual growth).

"As the challenges of our economy present themselves, it is vitally important that we remain proactive," said Director Brown. "The forecasting process of the Workforce Estimating Conference allows us to do just that by identifying Florida's long-term employment needs and aligning or adjusting our services accordingly. The result is a nationally recognized workforce system poised to positively respond to the needs of Florida's working public."

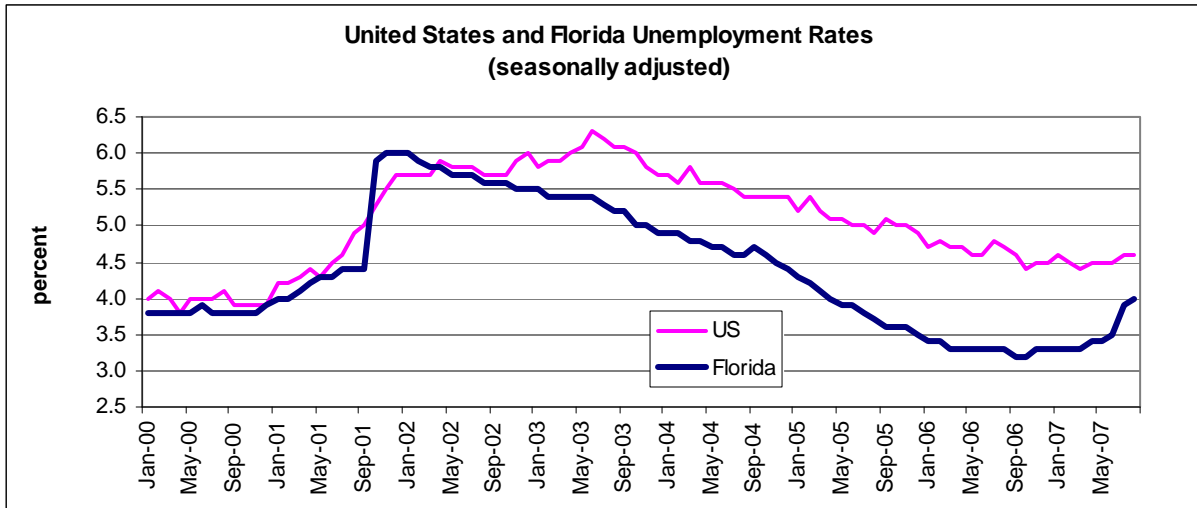
Employment projections for 2007 to 2015 released by the Agency during this year's Conference indicate that all of Florida's major industry sectors will see employment gains, except agriculture and mining. Pharmaceuticals, medical instruments and some construction-related manufacturing industries will continue to be critical to modest growth in Manufacturing; however, this industry will see the slowest growth in new jobs. Retail trade will see strong gains in general merchandise stores, motor vehicle dealers and building material stores as each continues to expand. The information sector will be driven by gains in software publishing, wireless telecommunications and Internet-related service providers.

Additionally, financial services growth will be slowed by the current downturn in mortgage lending, causing the industry to grow slower than the average for all industries. Declines in construction for the short-term will result in fewer new jobs and slower growth in this industry in the long-term. Growth in employment services, legal, engineering, computer design and consulting services will make professional and business services the fastest growing industry sector. Educational services, both private and public, will have 63 percent of its job growth occur in the elementary and secondary schools. However, in general, the occupations growing the fastest will require higher levels of education and training in order to meet the needs of Florida's businesses.

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Florida's Labor Market at a Glance (Seasonally Adjusted)

- Florida's economy continued to slow in August, with an unemployment rate higher than a year ago and a job growth rate just above the national average.
- Florida's August 2007 unemployment rate of 4.0 percent was the highest since April 2005 when it was also 4.0 percent. This rate was 0.6 percentage point lower than the national rate of 4.6 percent. Florida's rate has been below the national average since mid-2002.
- Florida gained 119,500 nonagricultural jobs in August compared to a year ago. Florida has recorded 60 consecutive months of job growth.



Florida's Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted)

- Florida added 119,500 jobs since August 2006. Leisure and hospitality (+35,700 jobs, +3.9 percent) and education and health services (+35,000 jobs, +3.6 percent) accounted for 59 percent of the new jobs in the state.
- Government ranked third among Florida's major industries in job growth, expanding by 22,700 jobs over the year (+2.1 percent). Local government accounted for 86 percent of the total increase in government.
- Trade, transportation, and utilities increased by 19,500 jobs over August 2006 levels (+1.2 percent). Retail trade accounted for the majority of the growth.
- Construction employment, reacting to declines in the housing market, lost 18,500 jobs over the year (-2.9 percent). It was the first time since 1992 that the state has experienced six consecutive months of over-the-year declines in construction jobs.
- Manufacturing (-4,300 jobs, -1.1 percent) and information (-3,800 jobs, -2.3 percent) continued to have over-the-year declines, mainly due to weakness in computer and electronic product manufacturing, wired telecommunications, broadcasting, and food manufacturing.

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

- In August 2007, Walton County had the state's lowest unemployment rate (2.4 percent), followed by Lafayette, Liberty, Monroe, and Okaloosa counties (3.0 percent each). Alachua and Wakulla counties followed, both with unemployment rates of 3.1 percent.
- Hendry County, at 9.8 percent, had the highest unemployment rate in Florida in August, followed by Indian River County (6.8 percent), St. Lucie County (6.7 percent), Glades County (6.2 percent), and Okeechobee County (6.1 percent). Hendry County's relatively high unemployment rate was due to seasonal declines in agriculture and related industries.

Area Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

- The Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) led the state in over-the-year employment gains (+37,000 jobs, +1.5 percent) in August 2007, followed by the Orlando-Kissimmee MSA (+29,600 jobs, +2.7 percent) and the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA (+15,300 jobs, +1.2 percent). The combined employment growth in these three MSAs accounted for 68 percent of the total job growth in the state.

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LABOR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION
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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Current Month August 2007	Month Ago July 2007	Year Ago August 2006	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
STATE OF FLORIDA							
Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+	14,500,000	14,478,000	14,256,000	22,000	0.2	244,000	1.7
Civilian Labor Force	9,225,000	9,230,000	9,021,000	-5,000	-0.1	204,000	2.3
Employment	8,855,000	8,867,000	8,726,000	-12,000	-0.1	129,000	1.5
Unemployment	370,000	364,000	295,000	6,000	1.6	75,000	25.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	3.9	3.3	0.1	--	0.7	--

UNITED STATES

Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+	232,211,000	231,958,000	229,167,000	253,000	0.1	3,044,000	1.3
Civilian Labor Force	152,891,000	153,231,000	151,734,000	-340,000	-0.2	1,157,000	0.8
Employment	145,794,000	146,110,000	144,618,000	-316,000	-0.2	1,176,000	0.8
Unemployment	7,097,000	7,121,000	7,116,000	-24,000	-0.3	-19,000	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.6	4.7	0.0	--	-0.1	--

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

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				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
STATE OF FLORIDA							
Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+	14,500,000	14,478,000	14,256,000	22,000	0.2	244,000	1.7
Civilian Labor Force	9,284,000	9,316,000	9,052,000	-32,000	-0.3	232,000	2.6
Employment	8,887,000	8,924,000	8,726,000	-37,000	-0.4	161,000	1.8
Unemployment	397,000	393,000	326,000	4,000	1.0	71,000	21.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.2	3.6	0.1	--	0.7	--

UNITED STATES

Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+	232,211,000	231,958,000	229,167,000	253,000	0.1	3,044,000	1.3
Civilian Labor Force	153,493,000	154,871,000	152,465,000	-1,378,000	-0.9	1,028,000	0.7
Employment	146,406,000	147,315,000	145,379,000	-909,000	-0.6	1,027,000	0.7
Unemployment	7,088,000	7,556,000	7,086,000	-468,000	-6.2	2,000	**
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.9	4.6	-0.3	--	0.0	--

** = Less than 0.05 percent

Note: All estimates except unemployment rates are rounded to the nearest thousand. Items may not add to totals or compute to displayed percentages due to rounding. All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor Market Statistics Center, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program, in cooperation with the U.S Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**Nonagricultural Employment in Florida
Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)**

	August ^P 2007	July ^r 2007	August 2006	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	8,143.8	8,140.8	8,024.3	3.0	*	119.5	1.5
Construction	620.2	620.6	638.7	-0.4	-0.1	-18.5	-2.9
Manufacturing	397.8	397.5	402.1	0.3	0.1	-4.3	-1.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,617.3	1,612.2	1,597.8	5.1	0.3	19.5	1.2
Wholesale Trade	356.8	355.9	347.7	0.9	0.3	9.1	2.6
Retail Trade	1,017.4	1,015.1	1,005.2	2.3	0.2	12.2	1.2
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	243.1	241.2	244.9	1.9	0.8	-1.8	-0.7
Information	163.2	164.8	167.0	-1.6	-1.0	-3.8	-2.3
Financial Activities	555.3	553.5	545.7	1.8	0.3	9.6	1.8
Finance and Insurance	376.8	375.0	368.2	1.8	0.5	8.6	2.3
Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing	178.5	178.5	177.5	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.6
Professional and Business Services	1,363.8	1,364.4	1,350.8	-0.6	*	13.0	1.0
Education and Health Services	1,006.9	1,005.9	971.9	1.0	0.1	35.0	3.6
Educational Services	132.0	132.3	125.9	-0.3	-0.2	6.1	4.8
Health Care and Social Assistance	874.9	873.6	846.0	1.3	0.1	28.9	3.4
Leisure and Hospitality	942.0	950.6	906.3	-8.6	-0.9	35.7	3.9
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	184.7	185.4	174.5	-0.7	-0.4	10.2	5.8
Accommodation and Food Services	757.3	765.2	731.8	-7.9	-1.0	25.5	3.5
Other Services	350.0	347.9	339.5	2.1	0.6	10.5	3.1
Total Government	1,120.9	1,117.1	1,098.2	3.8	0.3	22.7	2.1
Local Government	778.8	777.3	759.3	1.5	0.2	19.5	2.6

^P = preliminary, ^r = revised

* = less than 0.1

Note: Sum of detail may not equal totals due to rounding or the exclusion of certain industries from publication. All data are subject to revision.

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Source: Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor Market Statistics Center, Current Employment Statistics Program in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT IN FLORIDA
STATEWIDE (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

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Industry Title	August 2007	July 2007	August 2006	Change from		Aug 2006 to Aug 2007 Level	Aug 2006 to Aug 2007 Percent
				Jul 2007 to Aug 2007 Level	Jul 2007 to Aug 2007 Percent		
Total Nonagricultural Employment	8,112,200	8,024,300	7,991,000	87,900	1.1%	121,200	1.5%
Total Private	6,987,400	6,989,600	6,889,000	-2,200	0.0%	98,400	1.4%
Goods Producing	1,025,200	1,026,600	1,048,600	-1,400	-0.1%	-23,400	-2.2%
Natural Resources and Mining	6,400	6,300	6,300	100	1.6%	100	1.6%
Mining, except Oil and Gas	3,700	3,800	3,800	-100	-2.6%	-100	-2.6%
Construction	622,000	624,100	640,500	-2,100	-0.3%	-18,500	-2.9%
Construction of Buildings	131,600	133,200	137,100	-1,600	-1.2%	-5,500	-4.0%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	76,200	77,100	76,400	-900	-1.2%	-200	-0.3%
Specialty Trade Contractors	414,200	413,800	427,000	400	0.1%	-12,800	-3.0%
Building Equipment Contractors	165,400	164,100	164,500	1,300	0.8%	900	0.5%
Manufacturing	396,800	396,200	401,800	600	0.2%	-5,000	-1.2%
Durable Goods	274,600	274,400	276,200	200	0.1%	-1,600	-0.6%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	42,300	42,700	41,200	-400	-0.9%	1,100	2.7%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	48,400	48,100	49,900	300	0.6%	-1,500	-3.0%
Communications Equipment Manufacturing	10,100	10,200	10,400	-100	-1.0%	-300	-2.9%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	44,700	44,500	43,700	200	0.4%	1,000	2.3%
Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing	19,400	19,300	18,400	100	0.5%	1,000	5.4%
Miscellaneous Durable Goods Manufacturing	29,400	28,600	29,900	800	2.8%	-500	-1.7%
Nondurable Goods	122,200	121,800	125,600	400	0.3%	-3,400	-2.7%
Food Manufacturing	28,900	28,800	29,700	100	0.3%	-800	-2.7%
Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing	10,600	10,900	10,900	-300	-2.8%	-300	-2.8%
Paper Manufacturing	10,100	10,100	10,400	0	0.0%	-300	-2.9%
Printing and Related Support Activities	22,500	22,700	23,100	-200	-0.9%	-600	-2.6%
Chemical Manufacturing	18,800	19,200	19,400	-400	-2.1%	-600	-3.1%

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Industry Title	August 2007	July 2007	August 2006	Change from			
				Jul 2007 to Aug 2007 Level	Percent	Aug 2006 to Aug 2007 Level	Percent
Service Providing	7,087,000	6,997,700	6,942,400	89,300	1.3%	144,600	2.1%
Private Service Providing	5,962,200	5,963,000	5,840,400	-800	0.0%	121,800	2.1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,604,300	1,597,800	1,584,300	6,500	0.4%	20,000	1.3%
Wholesale Trade	355,800	354,500	346,500	1,300	0.4%	9,300	2.7%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	190,400	189,800	187,000	600	0.3%	3,400	1.8%
Commercial Equipment Wholesalers	48,200	48,000	46,100	200	0.4%	2,100	4.6%
Electronic Goods Wholesalers	23,100	23,300	22,900	-200	-0.9%	200	0.9%
Machinery and Supply Wholesalers	34,500	34,900	34,700	-400	-1.1%	-200	-0.6%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	123,600	123,100	120,200	500	0.4%	3,400	2.8%
Grocery and Related Product Wholesalers	43,500	43,900	43,100	-400	-0.9%	400	0.9%
Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents	41,800	41,600	39,300	200	0.5%	2,500	6.4%
Retail Trade	1,005,600	1,003,300	994,500	2,300	0.2%	11,100	1.1%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	136,800	137,400	135,700	-600	-0.4%	1,100	0.8%
Automobile Dealers	88,100	88,900	89,000	-800	-0.9%	-900	-1.0%
Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores	45,600	45,400	44,200	200	0.4%	1,400	3.2%
Electronics and Appliance Stores	37,700	37,400	36,500	300	0.8%	1,200	3.3%
Building Material and Garden Supply Stores	88,400	88,800	90,100	-400	-0.5%	-1,700	-1.9%
Food and Beverage Stores	194,900	193,700	192,300	1,200	0.6%	2,600	1.4%
Health and Personal Care Stores	68,300	68,300	67,500	0	0.0%	800	1.2%
Gasoline Stations	41,900	41,900	40,100	0	0.0%	1,800	4.5%
Clothing and Accessory Stores	104,200	102,800	101,500	1,400	1.4%	2,700	2.7%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	33,700	33,300	32,300	400	1.2%	1,400	4.3%
General Merchandise Stores	176,000	176,200	175,500	-200	-0.1%	500	0.3%
Department Stores	75,800	76,200	78,100	-400	-0.5%	-2,300	-2.9%
Other General Merchandise Stores	100,200	100,000	97,400	200	0.2%	2,800	2.9%
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	56,600	56,700	56,700	-100	-0.2%	-100	-0.2%
Nonstore Retailers	21,500	21,400	22,100	100	0.5%	-600	-2.7%
Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order Houses	13,800	13,600	14,400	200	1.5%	-600	-4.2%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	242,900	240,000	243,300	2,900	1.2%	-400	-0.2%
Utilities	24,600	24,700	24,500	-100	-0.4%	100	0.4%

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Transportation and Warehousing	218,300	215,300	218,800	3,000	1.4%	-500	-0.2%
Air Transportation	28,600	28,600	29,800	0	0.0%	-1,200	-4.0%
Water Transportation	12,200	12,300	12,100	-100	-0.8%	100	0.8%
Truck Transportation	49,800	49,600	49,400	200	0.4%	400	0.8%
Support Activities for Transportation	47,100	45,700	46,400	1,400	3.1%	700	1.5%
Couriers and Messengers	30,700	30,900	30,400	-200	-0.6%	300	1.0%
Warehousing and Storage	27,900	27,800	27,800	100	0.4%	100	0.4%
Information	163,300	164,700	167,200	-1,400	-0.9%	-3,900	-2.3%
Publishing Industries, except Internet	42,700	42,500	42,900	200	0.5%	-200	-0.5%
Broadcasting, except Internet	18,100	18,300	18,900	-200	-1.1%	-800	-4.2%
Telecommunications	62,800	63,100	63,400	-300	-0.5%	-600	-0.9%
Wired Telecommunications Carriers	32,500	32,700	33,400	-200	-0.6%	-900	-2.7%
Internet Service Providers and Data Processing	24,700	24,900	24,900	-200	-0.8%	-200	-0.8%
Financial Activities	556,000	557,500	546,500	-1,500	-0.3%	9,500	1.7%
Finance and Insurance	377,300	378,000	368,500	-700	-0.2%	8,800	2.4%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	197,800	197,400	191,200	400	0.2%	6,600	3.5%
Depository Credit Intermediation	107,900	107,400	103,700	500	0.5%	4,200	4.1%
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	135,300	136,100	135,500	-800	-0.6%	-200	-0.1%
Insurance Carriers	73,700	73,900	75,000	-200	-0.3%	-1,300	-1.7%
Insurance Agencies, Brokerages, and Related	61,600	62,200	60,500	-600	-1.0%	1,100	1.8%
Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing	178,700	179,500	178,000	-800	-0.4%	700	0.4%
Real Estate	131,900	132,900	130,200	-1,000	-0.8%	1,700	1.3%
Professional and Business Services	1,360,500	1,359,600	1,342,800	900	0.1%	17,700	1.3%
Professional and Technical Services	458,900	461,100	447,700	-2,200	-0.5%	11,200	2.5%
Legal Services	90,500	90,700	92,000	-200	-0.2%	-1,500	-1.6%
Accounting, Tax Preparation, and Bookkeeping	50,700	52,100	49,100	-1,400	-2.7%	1,600	3.3%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related	97,000	97,200	94,000	-200	-0.2%	3,000	3.2%
Computer Systems Design and Related	59,000	59,200	57,400	-200	-0.3%	1,600	2.8%
Management, Scientific, and Technical	67,800	68,300	65,100	-500	-0.7%	2,700	4.1%

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Industry Title	August 2007	July 2007	August 2006	Change from			
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Management of Companies and Enterprises	73,400	73,100	73,300	300	0.4%	100	0.1%
Administrative and Waste Services	828,200	825,400	821,800	2,800	0.3%	6,400	0.8%
Administrative and Support Services	807,700	805,000	802,300	2,700	0.3%	5,400	0.7%
Employment Services	449,100	445,600	451,300	3,500	0.8%	-2,200	-0.5%
Business Support Services	60,000	60,500	59,700	-500	-0.8%	300	0.5%
Travel Arrangement and Reservation Services	29,400	29,600	29,800	-200	-0.7%	-400	-1.3%
Investigation and Security Services	57,500	57,800	58,500	-300	-0.5%	-1,000	-1.7%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	142,100	144,000	138,600	-1,900	-1.3%	3,500	2.5%
Waste Management and Remediation Services	20,500	20,400	19,500	100	0.5%	1,000	5.1%
Education and Health Services	1,000,600	993,300	966,200	7,300	0.7%	34,400	3.6%
Educational Services	126,600	122,100	120,800	4,500	3.7%	5,800	4.8%
Elementary and Secondary Schools	42,700	38,000	41,500	4,700	12.4%	1,200	2.9%
Colleges and Universities	47,900	47,600	45,300	300	0.6%	2,600	5.7%
Health Care and Social Assistance	874,000	871,200	845,400	2,800	0.3%	28,600	3.4%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	363,000	361,300	348,500	1,700	0.5%	14,500	4.2%
Offices of Physicians	166,800	166,900	157,900	-100	-0.1%	8,900	5.6%
Home Health Care Services	54,500	54,100	51,700	400	0.7%	2,800	5.4%
Hospitals	248,300	248,900	238,300	-600	-0.2%	10,000	4.2%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	160,100	159,100	155,300	1,000	0.6%	4,800	3.1%
Nursing Care Facilities	87,000	87,600	85,400	-600	-0.7%	1,600	1.9%
Community Care for the Elderly	42,300	42,400	41,200	-100	-0.2%	1,100	2.7%
Social Assistance	102,600	101,900	103,300	700	0.7%	-700	-0.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	928,800	941,700	894,700	-12,900	-1.4%	34,100	3.8%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	179,800	184,800	170,200	-5,000	-2.7%	9,600	5.6%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation	140,200	144,500	136,200	-4,300	-3.0%	4,000	2.9%
Amusement Parks and Arcades	57,100	58,600	54,600	-1,500	-2.6%	2,500	4.6%
Accommodation and Food Services	749,000	756,900	724,500	-7,900	-1.0%	24,500	3.4%
Accommodation	158,500	162,300	153,000	-3,800	-2.3%	5,500	3.6%
Food Services and Drinking Places	590,500	594,600	571,500	-4,100	-0.7%	19,000	3.3%

Source: Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor Market Statistics Center, Current Employment Statistics Program (in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics).

**NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT IN FLORIDA
STATEWIDE (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

Released September 21, 2007

Industry Title	August 2007	July 2007	August 2006	Change from			
				Jul 2007 to Aug 2007 Level	Aug 2006 to Aug 2007 Percent	Aug 2006 to Aug 2007 Level	Aug 2006 to Aug 2007 Percent
Other Services	348,700	348,400	338,700	300	0.1%	10,000	3.0%
Repair and Maintenance	79,400	78,400	76,100	1,000	1.3%	3,300	4.3%
Automotive Repair and Maintenance	55,600	55,100	52,800	500	0.9%	2,800	5.3%
Personal and Laundry Services	77,700	77,400	78,200	300	0.4%	-500	-0.6%
Membership Associations and Organizations	191,600	192,600	184,400	-1,000	-0.5%	7,200	3.9%
Total Government	1,124,800	1,034,700	1,102,000	90,100	8.7%	22,800	2.1%
Federal	125,300	125,700	127,200	-400	-0.3%	-1,900	-1.5%
State	208,400	205,500	203,500	2,900	1.4%	4,900	2.4%
Local	791,100	703,500	771,300	87,600	12.5%	19,800	2.6%

Note: Employment estimates have been rounded to the nearest hundred. Sum of detail may not equal totals due to rounding or the exclusion of certain industries from publication. All data are subject to revision.

STATE OF FLORIDA
LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS BY COUNTY
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

COUNTY	AUGUST 2007				JULY 2007				AUGUST 2006			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)
ALACHUA	125676	121721	3955	3.1	125683	121551	4132	3.3	123596	119886	3710	3.0
BAKER	11779	11335	444	3.8	11923	11441	482	4.0	11443	11108	335	2.9
BAY	88001	84875	3126	3.6	88471	85323	3148	3.6	86522	83916	2606	3.0
BRADFORD	12501	12059	442	3.5	12352	11906	446	3.6	12129	11740	389	3.2
BREVARD	266180	254123	12057	4.5	268914	256730	12184	4.5	263273	253999	9274	3.5
BROWARD	999869	962013	37856	3.8	1000210	962312	37898	3.8	982031	949669	32362	3.3
CALHOUN	5451	5231	220	4.0	5420	5198	222	4.1	5447	5248	199	3.7
CHARLOTTE	70402	66450	3952	5.6	70928	67018	3910	5.5	68010	65478	2532	3.7
CITRUS	58644	55598	3046	5.2	57601	54627	2974	5.2	55454	53221	2233	4.0
CLAY	91511	88209	3302	3.6	92425	89033	3392	3.7	89314	86440	2874	3.2
COLLIER	157091	148899	8192	5.2	157726	150042	7684	4.9	152103	146127	5976	3.9
COLUMBIA	31199	30062	1137	3.6	31353	30207	1146	3.7	30010	28982	1028	3.4
DESOTO	15022	14147	875	5.8	15317	14501	816	5.3	13900	13253	647	4.7
DIXIE	5970	5724	246	4.1	5821	5570	251	4.3	5871	5664	207	3.5
DUVAL	446438	426680	19758	4.4	450748	430666	20082	4.5	434405	418125	16280	3.7
ESCAMBIA	139270	133591	5679	4.1	139553	133688	5865	4.2	137565	132889	4676	3.4
FLAGLER	34805	32800	2005	5.8	34421	32389	2032	5.9	32072	30650	1422	4.4
FRANKLIN	5361	5188	173	3.2	5364	5193	171	3.2	5293	5145	148	2.8
GADSDEN	21186	20197	989	4.7	21334	20378	956	4.5	20620	19856	764	3.7
GILCHRIST	7673	7360	313	4.1	7674	7350	324	4.2	7499	7249	250	3.3
GLADES	4642	4355	287	6.2	4512	4231	281	6.2	4360	4135	225	5.2
GULF	7020	6781	239	3.4	7044	6789	255	3.6	6825	6626	199	2.9
HAMILTON	4796	4581	215	4.5	4744	4522	222	4.7	4714	4521	193	4.1
HARDEE	12470	11775	695	5.6	12425	11754	671	5.4	11624	10996	628	5.4
HENDRY	18048	16279	1769	9.8	17745	15990	1755	9.9	17123	15647	1476	8.6
HERNANDO	62452	58730	3722	6.0	62713	59040	3673	5.9	60902	58117	2785	4.6
HIGHLANDS	43026	40762	2264	5.3	42609	40438	2171	5.1	40382	38590	1792	4.4
HILLSBOROUGH	619043	593650	25393	4.1	622288	596781	25507	4.1	608000	587454	20546	3.4
HOLMES	9270	8936	334	3.6	9232	8886	346	3.7	8856	8573	283	3.2
INDIAN RIVER	61553	57356	4197	6.8	61587	57525	4062	6.6	59799	56747	3052	5.1
JACKSON	21844	20945	899	4.1	21680	20758	922	4.3	21807	20936	871	4.0
JEFFERSON	7006	6768	238	3.4	7089	6829	260	3.7	6870	6654	216	3.1
LAFAYETTE	2918	2830	88	3.0	2846	2752	94	3.3	2908	2822	86	3.0
LAKE	128988	123204	5784	4.5	128871	123220	5651	4.4	124647	120093	4554	3.7
LEE	294182	279720	14462	4.9	294710	280850	13860	4.7	283010	274012	8998	3.2
LEON	141469	136787	4682	3.3	142875	138017	4858	3.4	138662	134482	4180	3.0
LEVY	17470	16707	763	4.4	17251	16483	768	4.5	16974	16358	616	3.6
LIBERTY	3804	3688	116	3.0	3817	3700	117	3.1	3600	3502	98	2.7

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STATE OF FLORIDA
 LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS BY COUNTY
 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

COUNTY	AUGUST 2007				JULY 2007				AUGUST 2006			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)
MADISON	7230	6816	414	5.7	7351	6921	430	5.8	7555	7232	323	4.3
MANATEE	157396	150691	6705	4.3	159375	152694	6681	4.2	155111	150070	5041	3.2
MARION	136540	129935	6605	4.8	136782	130178	6604	4.8	133437	128582	4855	3.6
MARTIN	67480	64257	3223	4.8	67531	64379	3152	4.7	65880	63301	2579	3.9
MIAMI-DADE	1199380	1150777	48603	4.1	1201448	1156110	45338	3.8	1167448	1118811	48637	4.2
MONROE	44261	42943	1318	3.0	44335	43028	1307	2.9	44687	43488	1199	2.7
NASSAU	34569	33351	1218	3.5	34851	33662	1189	3.4	33737	32682	1055	3.1
OKALOOSA	103123	99994	3129	3.0	103733	100544	3189	3.1	101075	98529	2546	2.5
OKEECHOBEE	18363	17250	1113	6.1	18173	17073	1100	6.1	17535	16630	905	5.2
ORANGE	601244	577862	23382	3.9	601231	577937	23294	3.9	582403	563271	19132	3.3
OSCEOLA	126923	121205	5718	4.5	126849	121221	5628	4.4	122514	118145	4369	3.6
PALM BEACH	648832	617933	30899	4.8	653041	622537	30504	4.7	631007	605143	25864	4.1
PASCO	193579	183756	9823	5.1	194519	184725	9794	5.0	189211	181838	7373	3.9
PINELLAS	491221	471370	19851	4.0	493498	473856	19642	4.0	482578	466450	16128	3.3
POLK	276843	263316	13527	4.9	277639	264390	13249	4.8	270767	259795	10972	4.1
PUTNAM	32354	30762	1592	4.9	31952	30356	1596	5.0	31795	30539	1256	4.0
ST. JOHNS	88408	85353	3055	3.5	89241	86150	3091	3.5	86185	83642	2543	3.0
ST. LUCIE	119240	111276	7964	6.7	119349	111486	7863	6.6	115386	109619	5767	5.0
SANTA ROSA	69330	66575	2755	4.0	69675	66624	3051	4.4	68424	66225	2199	3.2
SARASOTA	184741	176506	8235	4.5	187137	178852	8285	4.4	181568	175778	5790	3.2
SEMINOLE	246518	237427	9091	3.7	246567	237458	9109	3.7	238696	231432	7264	3.0
SUMTER	34310	33194	1116	3.3	33807	32692	1115	3.3	29803	28968	835	2.8
SUWANNEE	17611	16921	690	3.9	17336	16660	676	3.9	17172	16581	591	3.4
TAYLOR	9069	8665	404	4.5	9251	8857	394	4.3	8735	8374	361	4.1
UNION	5325	5151	174	3.3	5292	5119	173	3.3	5168	5015	153	3.0
VOLUSIA	254503	243476	11027	4.3	256961	245980	10981	4.3	249572	240967	8605	3.4
WAKULLA	14816	14356	460	3.1	14958	14485	473	3.2	14531	14114	417	2.9
WALTON	36776	35901	875	2.4	37297	36400	897	2.4	32817	32131	686	2.1
WASHINGTON	10076	9678	398	3.9	9936	9523	413	4.2	9739	9404	335	3.4
FLORIDA												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	9284000	8887000	397000	4.3	9316000	8924000	393000	4.2	9052000	8726000	326000	3.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	9225000	8855000	370000	4.0	9230000	8867000	364000	3.9	9021000	8726000	295000	3.3
UNITED STATES												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	153493000	146406000	7088000	4.6	154871000	147315000	7556000	4.9	152465000	145379000	7086000	4.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	152891000	145794000	7097000	4.6	153231000	146110000	7121000	4.6	151734000	144618000	7116000	4.7

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STATE OF FLORIDA
LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

MSA (COUNTIES)	AUGUST 2007				JULY 2007				AUGUST 2006			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)
CAPE CORAL-FT. MYERS (Lee)	294182	279720	14462	4.9	294710	280850	13860	4.7	283010	274012	8998	3.2
DELTONA-DAYTONA BEACH-ORMOND BEACH (Volusia)	254503	243476	11027	4.3	256961	245980	10981	4.3	249572	240967	8605	3.4
FT. WALTON BEACH-CRESTVIEW-DESTIN (Okaloosa)	103123	99994	3129	3.0	103733	100544	3189	3.1	101075	98529	2546	2.5
GAINESVILLE (Alachua and Gilchrist)	133349	129081	4268	3.2	133357	128901	4456	3.3	131095	127135	3960	3.0
JACKSONVILLE (Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns)	672706	644929	27777	4.1	679189	650953	28236	4.2	655083	631997	23086	3.5
LAKELAND (Polk)	276843	263316	13527	4.9	277639	264390	13249	4.8	270767	259795	10972	4.1
MIAMI-FT. LAUDERDALE-POMPANO BEACH (Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach)	2848081	2730723	117358	4.1	2854699	2740959	113740	4.0	2780486	2673623	106863	3.8
Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach Metropolitan Division (Broward)	999869	962013	37856	3.8	1000210	962312	37898	3.8	982031	949669	32362	3.3
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall Metropolitan Division (Miami-Dade)	1199380	1150777	48603	4.1	1201448	1156110	45338	3.8	1167448	1118811	48637	4.2
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division (Palm Beach)	648832	617933	30899	4.8	653041	622537	30504	4.7	631007	605143	25864	4.1
NAPLES-MARCO ISLAND (Collier)	157091	148899	8192	5.2	157726	150042	7684	4.9	152103	146127	5976	3.9
OCALA (Marion)	136540	129935	6605	4.8	136782	130178	6604	4.8	133437	128582	4855	3.6
ORLANDO-KISSIMMEE (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole)	1103673	1059698	43975	4.0	1103518	1059836	43682	4.0	1068260	1032941	35319	3.3
PALM BAY-MELBOURNE-TITUSVILLE (Brevard)	266180	254123	12057	4.5	268914	256730	12184	4.5	263273	253999	9274	3.5
PALM COAST (Flagler)	34805	32800	2005	5.8	34421	32389	2032	5.9	32072	30650	1422	4.4
PANAMA CITY-LYNN HAVEN (Bay)	88001	84875	3126	3.6	88471	85323	3148	3.6	86522	83916	2606	3.0
PENSACOLA-FERRY PASS-BRENT (Escambia and Santa Rosa)	208600	200166	8434	4.0	209228	200312	8916	4.3	205989	199114	6875	3.3
PORT ST. LUCIE (Martin and St. Lucie)	186720	175533	11187	6.0	186880	175865	11015	5.9	181266	172920	8346	4.6
PUNTA GORDA (Charlotte)	70402	66450	3952	5.6	70928	67018	3910	5.5	68010	65478	2532	3.7
SARASOTA-BRADENTON-VENICE (Manatee and Sarasota)	342137	327197	14940	4.4	346512	331546	14966	4.3	336679	325848	10831	3.2
SEBASTIAN-VERO BEACH (Indian River)	61553	57356	4197	6.8	61587	57525	4062	6.6	59799	56747	3052	5.1
TALLAHASSEE (Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, and Wakulla)	184478	178108	6370	3.5	186257	179710	6547	3.5	180684	175107	5577	3.1
TAMPA-ST. PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER (Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas)	1366296	1307507	58789	4.3	1373019	1314403	58616	4.3	1340692	1293859	46833	3.5
FLORIDA												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	9284000	8887000	397000	4.3	9316000	8924000	393000	4.2	9052000	8726000	326000	3.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	9225000	8855000	370000	4.0	9230000	8867000	364000	3.9	9021000	8726000	295000	3.3
UNITED STATES												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	153493000	146406000	7088000	4.6	154871000	147315000	7566000	4.9	152465000	145379000	7086000	4.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	152891000	145794000	7097000	4.6	153231000	146110000	7121000	4.6	151734000	144618000	7116000	4.7

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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTIES RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

AUGUST 2007

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UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT		
RANK	COUNTY	RATE (%)	RANK	COUNTY	RATE (%)
1	HENDRY	9.8	34	JACKSON	4.1
2	INDIAN RIVER	6.8	35	HILLSBOROUGH	4.1
3	ST. LUCIE	6.7	36	GILCHRIST	4.1
4	GLADES	6.2	37	ESCAMBIA	4.1
5	OKEECHOBEE	6.1	38	MIAMI-DADE	4.1
6	HERNANDO	6.0	39	PINELLAS	4.0
7	DESOTO	5.8	40	CALHOUN	4.0
8	FLAGLER	5.8	41	SANTA ROSA	4.0
9	MADISON	5.7	42	WASHINGTON	3.9
10	CHARLOTTE	5.6	43	SUWANNEE	3.9
11	HARDEE	5.6	44	ORANGE	3.9
12	HIGHLANDS	5.3	45	BROWARD	3.8
13	COLLIER	5.2	46	BAKER	3.8
14	CITRUS	5.2	47	SEMINOLE	3.7
15	PASCO	5.1	48	COLUMBIA	3.6
16	PUTNAM	4.9	49	CLAY	3.6
17	LEE	4.9	50	HOLMES	3.6
18	POLK	4.9	51	BAY	3.6
19	MARION	4.8	52	BRADFORD	3.5
20	MARTIN	4.8	53	NASSAU	3.5
21	PALM BEACH	4.8	54	ST. JOHNS	3.5
22	GADSDEN	4.7	55	GULF	3.4
	UNITED STATES	4.6	56	JEFFERSON	3.4
23	BREVARD	4.5	57	LEON	3.3
24	OSCEOLA	4.5	58	UNION	3.3
25	LAKE	4.5	59	SUMTER	3.3
26	HAMILTON	4.5	60	FRANKLIN	3.2
27	SARASOTA	4.5	61	ALACHUA	3.1
28	TAYLOR	4.5	62	WAKULLA	3.1
29	DUVAL	4.4	63	LIBERTY	3.0
30	LEVY	4.4	64	OKALOOSA	3.0
31	VOLUSIA	4.3	65	LAFAYETTE	3.0
32	MANATEE	4.3	66	MONROE	3.0
	FLORIDA	4.3	67	WALTON	2.4
33	DIXIE	4.1			

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STATE OF FLORIDA
 METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS (MSAs) AND METROPOLITAN DIVISIONS (MDs)
 RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)
 AUGUST 2007

1. Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	6.8 %
2. Port St. Lucie MSA	6.0
3. Palm Coast MSA	5.8
4. Punta Gorda MSA	5.6
5. Naples-Marco Island MSA	5.2
6. Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA	4.9
7. Lakeland MSA	4.9
8. Ocala MSA	4.8
9. West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MD	4.8
United States	4.6
10. Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	4.5
11. Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice MSA	4.4
12. Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	4.3
13. Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA	4.3
Florida	4.3
14. Jacksonville MSA	4.1
15. Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach MSA	4.1
16. Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	4.1
17. Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	4.0
18. Orlando-Kissimmee MSA	4.0
19. Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MD	3.8
20. Panama City-Lynn Haven MSA	3.6
21. Tallahassee MSA	3.5
22. Gainesville MSA	3.2
23. Ft. Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin MSA	3.0

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
FLORIDA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Area	August 2007	July 2007	August 2006	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Statewide	8,112,200	8,024,300	7,991,000	+87,900	+1.1%	+121,200	+1.5%
Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA	234,400	231,800	229,500	+2,600	+1.1%	+4,900	+2.1%
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	176,300	175,100	175,200	+1,200	+0.7%	+1,100	+0.6%
Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MD	793,100	780,600	782,500	+12,500	+1.6%	+10,600	+1.4%
Ft. Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin MSA	90,200	89,000	89,500	+1,200	+1.3%	+700	+0.8%
Gainesville MSA	133,100	130,700	131,200	+2,400	+1.8%	+1,900	+1.4%
Jacksonville MSA	637,600	631,700	625,000	+5,900	+0.9%	+12,600	+2.0%
Lakeland MSA	221,700	219,300	218,900	+2,400	+1.1%	+2,800	+1.3%
Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach MSA	2,440,700	2,407,200	2,403,700	+33,500	+1.4%	+37,000	+1.5%
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	1,055,600	1,039,900	1,041,900	+15,700	+1.5%	+13,700	+1.3%
Naples-Marco Island MSA	135,300	133,900	132,800	+1,400	+1.0%	+2,500	+1.9%
Ocala MSA	106,500	104,900	106,300	+1,600	+1.5%	+200	+0.2%
Orlando-Kissimmee MSA	1,107,600	1,091,100	1,078,000	+16,500	+1.5%	+29,600	+2.7%
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	216,200	214,200	216,300	+2,000	+0.9%	-100	-0.0%
Panama City-Lynn Haven MSA	78,600	77,400	77,800	+1,200	+1.6%	+800	+1.0%
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	173,500	170,100	172,600	+3,400	+2.0%	+900	+0.5%
Port St. Lucie MSA	133,400	131,100	131,900	+2,300	+1.8%	+1,500	+1.1%
Punta Gorda MSA	44,900	44,300	44,100	+600	+1.4%	+800	+1.8%
Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice MSA	307,500	305,300	306,700	+2,200	+0.7%	+800	+0.3%
Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	48,700	48,200	48,100	+500	+1.0%	+600	+1.2%
Tallahassee MSA	177,700	176,200	174,300	+1,500	+0.9%	+3,400	+2.0%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA	1,324,600	1,310,300	1,309,300	+14,300	+1.1%	+15,300	+1.2%
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MD	592,000	586,700	579,300	+5,300	+0.9%	+12,700	+2.2%

Note: Employment estimates have been rounded to the nearest hundred. Sum of detail may not equal totals due to rounding or the exclusion of certain industries from publication. All data are subject to revision. Released September 21, 2007.

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