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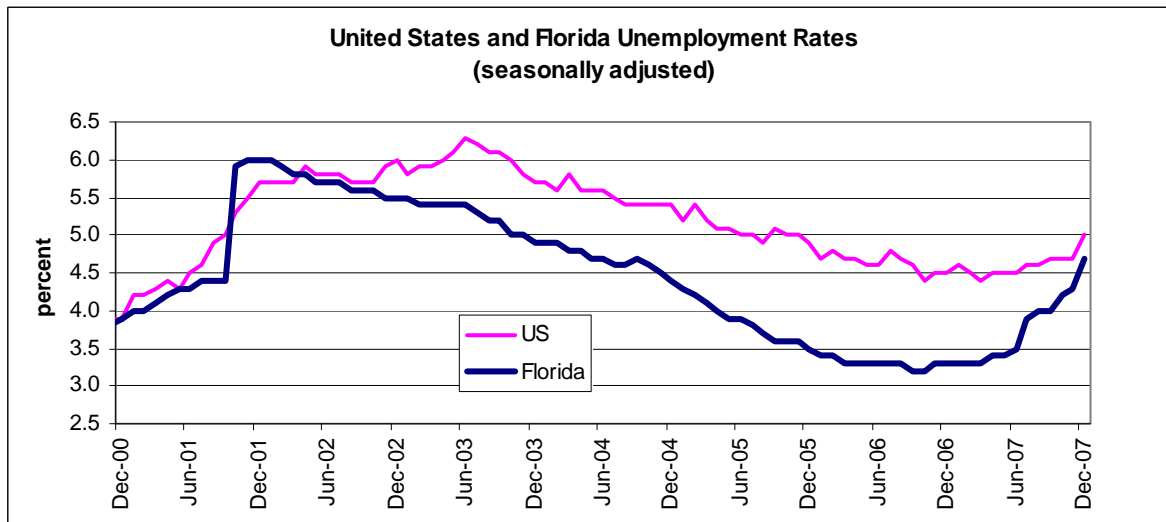
Florida Unemployment Rate Remains Below National Average

~ State job growth remains slow~

TALLAHASSEE – Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.7 percent in December 2007, representing 441,000 jobless out of a labor force of 9,312,000. Florida's unemployment rate was up by 0.4 percentage point over the month and up by 1.4 percentage points over the year. The national unemployment rate was 5.0 percent in December 2007. The December 2007 rate of 4.7 percent was the highest rate since September 2004, which was also 4.7 percent. Florida had the fourth lowest unemployment rate of the ten most populous states, based on the latest nationwide data, and has been below the national average since mid-2002.

Florida's nonagricultural employment growth rate was 1.1 percent in December, representing a gain of 85,800 new jobs over the year, to reach a total employment level of 8,155,400. This was 0.1 percentage point above the national job growth rate for December. The November and December 2007 job growth rates of 1.1 percent were the slowest for the state since November 2003. Based on the latest nationwide data, Florida ranked third in job growth rate among the ten most populous states, behind Texas and Georgia. Florida ranked second among the ten most populous states in the number of new jobs over the year, behind only Texas.

"The Agency is working closely with our partners in education, workforce and economic development to create innovative programs that will build the state's workforce to help keep Florida's economy vibrant," said Monesia T. Brown, Director of the Agency for Workforce Innovation. "We also encourage Floridians who need employment assistance to visit any of our nearly 100 one-stop centers throughout the state."



Florida's Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted)

- Florida added 85,800 jobs since December 2006. Education and health services (+31,300 jobs, +3.2 percent) and leisure and hospitality (+28,900 jobs, +3.2 percent) accounted for 70 percent of the new jobs in the state.
- Total government ranked third among Florida's major industries in job growth, expanding by 21,900 jobs over the year (+2.0 percent). Local government accounted for the increase in government employment.
- Professional and business services increased by 13,900 jobs over December 2006 levels (+1.0 percent).
- Construction employment, reacting to declines in the housing market, lost 20,900 jobs over the year (-3.3 percent). It was the first time since 1992 that the state has experienced ten consecutive months of over-the-year declines in construction jobs.
- Manufacturing (-8,500 jobs, -2.1 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 and publishing.

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

- In December 2007, Liberty and Walton counties shared the state's lowest unemployment rate (2.9 percent each), followed by Monroe County (3.0 percent) and Alachua and Jefferson counties (3.2 percent each). Lafayette, Leon, Sumter, and Wakulla counties followed, with unemployment rates of 3.3 percent each.
- Hendry County, at 6.9 percent, had the highest unemployment rate in Florida in December, followed by Hernando County (6.6 percent); Flagler and St. Lucie counties (6.4 percent each); Charlotte County (6.2 percent); and Indian River County (6.0 percent). Hendry County's relatively high unemployment rate was due mainly to the seasonal nature of agriculture in the area.

Area Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

- The Orlando-Kissimmee Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) led the state in over-the-year employment gains (+25,200 jobs, +2.3 percent) in December 2007, followed by the Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach MSA (+24,800 jobs, +1.0 percent) and the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA (+13,500 jobs, +1.0 percent). The combined employment growth in these three MSAs accounted for 73 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 December 2007	Month Ago November 2007	Year Ago December 2006	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
STATE OF FLORIDA							
Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+	14,583,000	14,564,000	14,343,000	19,000	0.1	240,000	1.7
Civilian Labor Force	9,312,000	9,294,000	9,101,000	18,000	0.2	211,000	2.3
Employment	8,871,000	8,898,000	8,804,000	-27,000	-0.3	67,000	0.8
Unemployment	441,000	396,000	297,000	45,000	11.4	144,000	48.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.3	3.3	0.4	--	1.4	--

UNITED STATES

Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+	233,156,000	232,939,000	230,108,000	217,000	0.1	3,048,000	1.3
Civilian Labor Force	153,866,000	153,828,000	152,709,000	38,000	**	1,157,000	0.8
Employment	146,211,000	146,647,000	145,949,000	-436,000	-0.3	262,000	0.2
Unemployment	7,655,000	7,181,000	6,760,000	474,000	6.6	895,000	13.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	4.7	4.4	0.3	--	0.6	--

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Current Month December 2007	Month Ago November 2007	Year Ago December 2006	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
STATE OF FLORIDA							
Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+	14,583,000	14,564,000	14,343,000	19,000	0.1	240,000	1.7
Civilian Labor Force	9,284,000	9,290,000	9,132,000	-6,000	-0.1	152,000	1.7
Employment	8,871,000	8,896,000	8,858,000	-25,000	-0.3	13,000	0.1
Unemployment	412,000	394,000	274,000	18,000	4.6	138,000	50.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.2	3.0	0.2	--	1.4	--

UNITED STATES

Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+	233,156,000	232,939,000	230,108,000	217,000	0.1	3,048,000	1.3
Civilian Labor Force	153,705,000	154,035,000	152,571,000	-330,000	-0.2	1,134,000	0.7
Employment	146,334,000	147,118,000	146,081,000	-784,000	-0.5	253,000	0.2
Unemployment	7,371,000	6,917,000	6,491,000	454,000	6.6	880,000	13.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	4.5	4.3	0.3	--	0.5	--

** = 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)

	December ^P 2007	November ^r 2007	December 2006	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	8,155.4	8,147.6	8,069.6	7.8	0.1	85.8	1.1
Construction	618.0	613.3	638.9	4.7	0.8	-20.9	-3.3
Manufacturing	390.2	392.0	398.7	-1.8	-0.5	-8.5	-2.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,610.9	1,615.4	1,599.9	-4.5	-0.3	11.0	0.7
Wholesale Trade	357.6	358.7	351.2	-1.1	-0.3	6.4	1.8
Retail Trade	1,004.9	1,009.4	1,004.5	-4.5	-0.4	0.4	*
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	248.4	247.3	244.2	1.1	0.4	4.2	1.7
Information	163.6	164.1	167.4	-0.5	-0.3	-3.8	-2.3
Financial Activities	555.0	554.8	551.9	0.2	*	3.1	0.6
Finance and Insurance	376.0	376.6	371.6	-0.6	-0.2	4.4	1.2
Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing	179.0	178.2	180.3	0.8	0.4	-1.3	-0.7
Professional and Business Services	1,374.9	1,374.7	1,361.0	0.2	*	13.9	1.0
Education and Health Services	1,014.8	1,009.8	983.5	5.0	0.5	31.3	3.2
Educational Services	133.8	132.8	126.2	1.0	0.8	7.6	6.0
Health Care and Social Assistance	881.0	877.0	857.3	4.0	0.5	23.7	2.8
Leisure and Hospitality	943.5	938.5	914.6	5.0	0.5	28.9	3.2
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	183.0	183.2	175.7	-0.2	-0.1	7.3	4.2
Accommodation and Food Services	760.5	755.3	738.9	5.2	0.7	21.6	2.9
Other Services	352.7	351.8	343.6	0.9	0.3	9.1	2.6
Total Government	1,125.4	1,126.8	1,103.5	-1.4	-0.1	21.9	2.0
Local Government	789.9	786.2	768.3	3.7	0.5	21.6	2.8

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

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Industry Title	December 2007	November 2007	December 2006	Change from			
				Nov 2007 to Dec 2007 Level	Percent	Dec 2006 to Dec 2007 Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	8,243,800	8,199,600	8,157,000	44,200	0.5%	86,800	1.1%
Total Private	7,096,300	7,049,400	7,031,800	46,900	0.7%	64,500	0.9%
Goods Producing	1,015,500	1,013,000	1,045,100	2,500	0.2%	-29,600	-2.8%
Natural Resources and Mining	6,400	6,400	6,600	0	0.0%	-200	-3.0%
Mining, except Oil and Gas	3,900	3,700	4,000	200	5.4%	-100	-2.5%
Construction	617,900	614,000	638,700	3,900	0.6%	-20,800	-3.3%
Construction of Buildings	128,800	129,700	133,300	-900	-0.7%	-4,500	-3.4%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	76,400	75,700	79,300	700	0.9%	-2,900	-3.7%
Specialty Trade Contractors	412,700	408,600	426,100	4,100	1.0%	-13,400	-3.1%
Building Equipment Contractors	163,500	161,400	165,800	2,100	1.3%	-2,300	-1.4%
Manufacturing	391,200	392,600	399,800	-1,400	-0.4%	-8,600	-2.2%
Durable Goods	268,300	270,300	273,900	-2,000	-0.7%	-5,600	-2.0%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	42,500	43,000	41,500	-500	-1.2%	1,000	2.4%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	47,200	47,400	49,700	-200	-0.4%	-2,500	-5.0%
Communications Equipment Manufacturing	9,900	10,000	10,500	-100	-1.0%	-600	-5.7%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	44,600	44,700	43,100	-100	-0.2%	1,500	3.5%
Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing	19,000	19,200	18,300	-200	-1.0%	700	3.8%
Miscellaneous Durable Goods Manufacturing	29,300	29,100	30,200	200	0.7%	-900	-3.0%
Nondurable Goods	122,900	122,300	125,900	600	0.5%	-3,000	-2.4%
Food Manufacturing	30,400	30,000	31,000	400	1.3%	-600	-1.9%
Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing	10,500	10,600	11,000	-100	-0.9%	-500	-4.5%
Paper Manufacturing	10,000	10,000	10,300	0	0.0%	-300	-2.9%
Printing and Related Support Activities	22,700	22,800	23,100	-100	-0.4%	-400	-1.7%
Chemical Manufacturing	18,600	18,600	19,100	0	0.0%	-500	-2.6%

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Industry Title	December 2007	November 2007	December 2006	Change from			
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Service Providing	7,228,300	7,186,600	7,111,900	41,700	0.6%	116,400	1.6%
Private Service Providing	6,080,800	6,036,400	5,986,700	44,400	0.7%	94,100	1.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,662,600	1,639,500	1,651,500	23,100	1.4%	11,100	0.7%
Wholesale Trade	359,900	359,800	353,400	100	0.0%	6,500	1.8%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	191,400	192,600	189,100	-1,200	-0.6%	2,300	1.2%
Commercial Equipment Wholesalers	49,500	49,600	47,100	-100	-0.2%	2,400	5.1%
Electronic Goods Wholesalers	23,400	23,500	22,800	-100	-0.4%	600	2.6%
Machinery and Supply Wholesalers	35,000	35,200	35,600	-200	-0.6%	-600	-1.7%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	125,300	124,700	123,500	600	0.5%	1,800	1.5%
Grocery and Related Product Wholesalers	45,100	44,700	44,000	400	0.9%	1,100	2.5%
Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents	43,200	42,500	40,800	700	1.6%	2,400	5.9%
Retail Trade	1,048,600	1,031,400	1,048,300	17,200	1.7%	300	0.0%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	135,800	136,400	136,500	-600	-0.4%	-700	-0.5%
Automobile Dealers	88,200	88,800	88,400	-600	-0.7%	-200	-0.2%
Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores	47,900	47,400	47,300	500	1.1%	600	1.3%
Electronics and Appliance Stores	41,800	41,600	39,700	200	0.5%	2,100	5.3%
Building Material and Garden Supply Stores	84,300	84,800	89,300	-500	-0.6%	-5,000	-5.6%
Food and Beverage Stores	198,700	197,200	197,100	1,500	0.8%	1,600	0.8%
Health and Personal Care Stores	70,000	68,200	71,000	1,800	2.6%	-1,000	-1.4%
Gasoline Stations	41,000	41,200	40,800	-200	-0.5%	200	0.5%
Clothing and Accessory Stores	119,700	113,300	113,800	6,400	5.6%	5,900	5.2%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	36,200	35,200	37,900	1,000	2.8%	-1,700	-4.5%
General Merchandise Stores	192,200	186,000	192,200	6,200	3.3%	0	0.0%
Department Stores	85,900	81,900	88,600	4,000	4.9%	-2,700	-3.0%
Other General Merchandise Stores	106,300	104,100	103,600	2,200	2.1%	2,700	2.6%
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	59,100	58,600	60,000	500	0.9%	-900	-1.5%
Nonstore Retailers	21,900	21,500	22,700	400	1.9%	-800	-3.5%
Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order Houses	13,900	13,700	14,600	200	1.5%	-700	-4.8%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	254,100	248,300	249,800	5,800	2.3%	4,300	1.7%
Utilities	24,800	24,900	24,300	-100	-0.4%	500	2.1%

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Transportation and Warehousing	229,300	223,400	225,500	5,900	2.6%	3,800	1.7%
Air Transportation	28,300	28,500	28,800	-200	-0.7%	-500	-1.7%
Water Transportation	12,100	12,000	12,000	100	0.8%	100	0.8%
Truck Transportation	50,400	50,200	49,400	200	0.4%	1,000	2.0%
Support Activities for Transportation	50,200	49,200	48,300	1,000	2.0%	1,900	3.9%
Couriers and Messengers	35,800	31,400	36,300	4,400	14.0%	-500	-1.4%
Warehousing and Storage	28,300	28,300	28,500	0	0.0%	-200	-0.7%
Information	164,300	164,500	168,100	-200	-0.1%	-3,800	-2.3%
Publishing Industries, except Internet	41,200	41,500	43,900	-300	-0.7%	-2,700	-6.2%
Broadcasting, except Internet	18,500	18,600	19,000	-100	-0.5%	-500	-2.6%
Telecommunications	63,600	63,700	64,000	-100	-0.2%	-400	-0.6%
Wired Telecommunications Carriers	32,700	32,600	33,000	100	0.3%	-300	-0.9%
Internet Service Providers and Data Processing	25,300	24,800	25,000	500	2.0%	300	1.2%
Financial Activities	555,100	553,400	552,000	1,700	0.3%	3,100	0.6%
Finance and Insurance	376,000	375,800	371,600	200	0.1%	4,400	1.2%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	197,100	197,500	192,000	-400	-0.2%	5,100	2.7%
Depository Credit Intermediation	109,600	110,000	104,600	-400	-0.4%	5,000	4.8%
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	135,800	135,300	136,600	500	0.4%	-800	-0.6%
Insurance Carriers	72,600	72,600	75,000	0	0.0%	-2,400	-3.2%
Insurance Agencies, Brokerages, and Related	63,200	62,700	61,600	500	0.8%	1,600	2.6%
Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing	179,100	177,600	180,400	1,500	0.8%	-1,300	-0.7%
Real Estate	133,600	131,600	132,700	2,000	1.5%	900	0.7%
Professional and Business Services	1,379,300	1,380,600	1,365,200	-1,300	-0.1%	14,100	1.0%
Professional and Technical Services	466,800	464,900	459,600	1,900	0.4%	7,200	1.6%
Legal Services	89,900	90,300	92,300	-400	-0.4%	-2,400	-2.6%
Accounting, Tax Preparation, and Bookkeeping	58,200	53,600	55,000	4,600	8.6%	3,200	5.8%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related	97,700	97,100	94,600	600	0.6%	3,100	3.3%
Computer Systems Design and Related	59,800	59,800	57,200	0	0.0%	2,600	4.5%
Management, Scientific, and Technical	69,900	69,400	67,700	500	0.7%	2,200	3.2%

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Management of Companies and Enterprises	73,900	74,100	73,400	-200	-0.3%	500	0.7%
Administrative and Waste Services	838,600	841,600	832,200	-3,000	-0.4%	6,400	0.8%
Administrative and Support Services	817,800	820,700	812,300	-2,900	-0.4%	5,500	0.7%
Employment Services	459,800	460,100	454,500	-300	-0.1%	5,300	1.2%
Business Support Services	61,400	61,100	62,200	300	0.5%	-800	-1.3%
Travel Arrangement and Reservation Services	30,000	30,000	30,100	0	0.0%	-100	-0.3%
Investigation and Security Services	57,400	58,100	58,600	-700	-1.2%	-1,200	-2.0%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	138,500	140,300	137,700	-1,800	-1.3%	800	0.6%
Waste Management and Remediation Services	20,800	20,900	19,900	-100	-0.5%	900	4.5%
Education and Health Services	1,022,400	1,017,200	990,800	5,200	0.5%	31,600	3.2%
Educational Services	135,900	136,300	128,200	-400	-0.3%	7,700	6.0%
Elementary and Secondary Schools	46,100	46,000	44,500	100	0.2%	1,600	3.6%
Colleges and Universities	54,600	53,900	49,800	700	1.3%	4,800	9.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	886,500	880,900	862,600	5,600	0.6%	23,900	2.8%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	367,900	364,800	356,700	3,100	0.8%	11,200	3.1%
Offices of Physicians	169,300	167,900	161,900	1,400	0.8%	7,400	4.6%
Home Health Care Services	55,300	55,200	52,400	100	0.2%	2,900	5.5%
Hospitals	251,900	251,300	243,300	600	0.2%	8,600	3.5%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	161,000	160,200	157,400	800	0.5%	3,600	2.3%
Nursing Care Facilities	89,200	88,300	85,200	900	1.0%	4,000	4.7%
Community Care for the Elderly	42,400	42,100	41,700	300	0.7%	700	1.7%
Social Assistance	105,700	104,600	105,200	1,100	1.1%	500	0.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	943,700	929,300	914,800	14,400	1.5%	28,900	3.2%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	184,100	182,200	176,800	1,900	1.0%	7,300	4.1%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation	147,100	146,000	140,600	1,100	0.8%	6,500	4.6%
Amusement Parks and Arcades	58,600	57,800	55,000	800	1.4%	3,600	6.5%
Accommodation and Food Services	759,600	747,100	738,000	12,500	1.7%	21,600	2.9%
Accommodation	160,700	160,300	155,400	400	0.2%	5,300	3.4%
Food Services and Drinking Places	598,900	586,800	582,600	12,100	2.1%	16,300	2.8%

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Other Services	353,400	351,900	344,300	1,500	0.4%	9,100	2.6%
Repair and Maintenance	79,700	79,900	77,300	-200	-0.3%	2,400	3.1%
Automotive Repair and Maintenance	55,200	55,600	54,100	-400	-0.7%	1,100	2.0%
Personal and Laundry Services	79,400	78,600	78,900	800	1.0%	500	0.6%
Membership Associations and Organizations	194,300	193,400	188,100	900	0.5%	6,200	3.3%
Total Government	1,147,500	1,150,200	1,125,200	-2,700	-0.2%	22,300	2.0%
Federal	126,600	125,900	128,400	700	0.6%	-1,800	-1.4%
State	214,700	219,800	212,600	-5,100	-2.3%	2,100	1.0%
Local	806,200	804,500	784,200	1,700	0.2%	22,000	2.8%

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	DECEMBER 2007				NOVEMBER 2007				DECEMBER 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 (%)
ALACHUA	124651	120707	3944	3.2	127868	123950	3918	3.1	125037	122132	2905	2.3
BAKER	11771	11267	504	4.3	11776	11326	450	3.8	11570	11293	277	2.4
BAY	86470	82490	3980	4.6	87555	84075	3480	4.0	85154	82365	2789	3.3
BRADFORD	12350	11904	446	3.6	12449	12027	422	3.4	12257	11933	324	2.6
BREVARD	263461	250233	13228	5.0	264348	252069	12279	4.6	262633	254271	8362	3.2
BROWARD	997751	957890	39861	4.0	994428	955971	38457	3.9	990099	963548	26551	2.7
CALHOUN	5418	5196	222	4.1	5453	5257	196	3.6	5356	5201	155	2.9
CHARLOTTE	70614	66242	4372	6.2	70741	66555	4186	5.9	69392	67204	2188	3.2
CITRUS	58691	55348	3343	5.7	58554	55571	2983	5.1	55865	53905	1960	3.5
CLAY	91395	87674	3721	4.1	91652	88135	3517	3.8	90393	87882	2511	2.8
COLLIER	159061	151627	7434	4.7	158664	151204	7460	4.7	157376	153386	3990	2.5
COLUMBIA	31058	29816	1242	4.0	31074	29909	1165	3.7	30117	29242	875	2.9
DESOTO	16144	15373	771	4.8	15213	14367	846	5.6	15442	14964	478	3.1
DIXIE	6037	5703	334	5.5	5962	5714	248	4.2	5801	5621	180	3.1
DUVAL	443686	424094	19592	4.4	444975	426320	18655	4.2	439064	425097	13967	3.2
ESCAMBIA	137482	131484	5998	4.4	138430	132640	5790	4.2	136914	132817	4097	3.0
FLAGLER	34628	32411	2217	6.4	34792	32722	2070	5.9	32728	31316	1412	4.3
FRANKLIN	5021	4850	171	3.4	5136	4961	175	3.4	5103	4974	129	2.5
GADSDEN	21552	20533	1019	4.7	21656	20663	993	4.6	21060	20375	685	3.3
GILCHRIST	7646	7299	347	4.5	7822	7495	327	4.2	7580	7385	195	2.6
GLADES	4725	4510	215	4.6	4708	4485	223	4.7	4676	4522	154	3.3
GULF	6796	6526	270	4.0	6869	6615	254	3.7	6706	6509	197	2.9
HAMILTON	4755	4506	249	5.2	4782	4546	236	4.9	4696	4525	171	3.6
HARDEE	13617	13100	517	3.8	13308	12744	564	4.2	12885	12521	364	2.8
HENDRY	19414	18072	1342	6.9	18956	17531	1425	7.5	18540	17648	892	4.8
HERNANDO	62325	58203	4122	6.6	62258	58422	3836	6.2	60931	58433	2498	4.1
HIGHLANDS	44764	42568	2196	4.9	43725	41494	2231	5.1	42940	41636	1304	3.0
HILLSBOROUGH	615575	588315	27260	4.4	616436	590529	25907	4.2	608187	590644	17543	2.9
HOLMES	9101	8752	349	3.8	9134	8810	324	3.5	8859	8619	240	2.7
INDIAN RIVER	62213	58454	3759	6.0	61703	58001	3702	6.0	60989	58633	2356	3.9
JACKSON	21820	20946	874	4.0	21971	21139	832	3.8	22042	21265	777	3.5
JEFFERSON	7105	6881	224	3.2	7149	6924	225	3.1	7036	6828	208	3.0
LAFAYETTE	2886	2792	94	3.3	2893	2802	91	3.1	2872	2798	74	2.6
LAKE	128602	122593	6009	4.7	128858	123148	5710	4.4	125396	121523	3873	3.1
LEE	299177	282251	16926	5.7	296640	280761	15879	5.4	290852	283008	7844	2.7
LEON	143739	139066	4673	3.3	144531	139946	4585	3.2	141395	137996	3399	2.4
LEVY	17458	16623	835	4.8	17566	16798	768	4.4	17177	16628	549	3.2
LIBERTY	3792	3683	109	2.9	3813	3706	107	2.8	3623	3546	77	2.1

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

COUNTY	DECEMBER 2007				NOVEMBER 2007				DECEMBER 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	7097	6684	413	5.8	7102	6712	390	5.5	7426	6954	472	6.4
MANATEE	155892	148977	6915	4.4	156858	150257	6601	4.2	156806	152649	4157	2.7
MARION	136587	129256	7331	5.4	136853	129976	6877	5.0	134697	130380	4317	3.2
MARTIN	68025	64774	3251	4.8	68181	65031	3150	4.6	66964	64939	2025	3.0
MIAMI-DADE	1214782	1167243	47539	3.9	1212356	1167248	45108	3.7	1175253	1134618	40635	3.5
MONROE	43732	42401	1331	3.0	43394	42083	1311	3.0	44399	43461	938	2.1
NASSAU	34487	33149	1338	3.9	34567	33323	1244	3.6	34109	33227	882	2.6
OKALOOSA	99557	96147	3410	3.4	100049	96877	3172	3.2	98994	96759	2235	2.3
OKEECHOBEE	18449	17460	989	5.4	18338	17337	1001	5.5	17919	17266	653	3.6
ORANGE	599793	574997	24796	4.1	601374	577601	23773	4.0	586324	569978	16346	2.8
OSCEOLA	126883	120604	6279	4.9	127043	121151	5892	4.6	123622	119552	4070	3.3
PALM BEACH	651312	621284	30028	4.6	648759	619474	29285	4.5	643194	623231	19963	3.1
PASCO	192765	182105	10660	5.5	192848	182790	10058	5.2	189614	182825	6789	3.6
PINELLAS	488459	467134	21325	4.4	489207	468892	20315	4.2	482492	468983	13509	2.8
POLK	275349	262425	12924	4.7	276851	264237	12614	4.6	273179	264579	8600	3.1
PUTNAM	32125	30416	1709	5.3	32083	30511	1572	4.9	31712	30555	1157	3.6
ST. JOHNS	88156	84836	3320	3.8	88434	85281	3153	3.6	87248	85036	2212	2.5
ST. LUCIE	119876	112171	7705	6.4	120205	112617	7588	6.3	117107	112457	4650	4.0
SANTA ROSA	68215	65526	2689	3.9	68680	66102	2578	3.8	68110	66190	1920	2.8
SARASOTA	183562	174498	9064	4.9	184858	175997	8861	4.8	183608	178798	4810	2.6
SEMINOLE	246074	236250	9824	4.0	246642	237320	9322	3.8	240340	234188	6152	2.6
SUMTER	35111	33942	1169	3.3	34898	33785	1113	3.2	30926	30160	766	2.5
SUWANNEE	17629	16898	731	4.1	17669	16982	687	3.9	17173	16666	507	3.0
TAYLOR	9066	8629	437	4.8	9068	8663	405	4.5	8827	8502	325	3.7
UNION	5249	5060	189	3.6	5274	5099	175	3.3	5205	5077	128	2.5
VOLUSIA	252939	240890	12049	4.8	254388	243134	11254	4.4	250986	243224	7762	3.1
WAKULLA	15090	14596	494	3.3	15160	14688	472	3.1	14823	14483	340	2.3
WALTON	34659	33642	1017	2.9	35076	34156	920	2.6	32030	31406	624	1.9
WASHINGTON	9952	9494	458	4.6	9985	9594	391	3.9	9769	9458	311	3.2
FLORIDA												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	9284000	8871000	412000	4.4	9290000	8896000	394000	4.2	9132000	8858000	274000	3.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	9312000	8871000	441000	4.7	9294000	8898000	396000	4.3	9101000	8804000	297000	3.3
UNITED STATES												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	153705000	146334000	7371000	4.8	154035000	147118000	6917000	4.5	152571000	146081000	6491000	4.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	153866000	146211000	7655000	5.0	153828000	146647000	7181000	4.7	152709000	145949000	6760000	4.4

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

MSA (COUNTIES)	DECEMBER 2007				NOVEMBER 2007				DECEMBER 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)	299177	282251	16926	5.7	296640	280761	15879	5.4	290852	283008	7844	2.7
DELTONA-DAYTONA BEACH-ORMOND BEACH (Volusia)	252939	240890	12049	4.8	254388	243134	11254	4.4	250986	243224	7762	3.1
FT. WALTON BEACH-CRESTVIEW-DESTIN (Okaloosa)	99557	96147	3410	3.4	100049	96877	3172	3.2	98994	96759	2235	2.3
GAINESVILLE (Alachua and Gilchrist)	132297	128006	4291	3.2	135690	131445	4245	3.1	132617	129517	3100	2.3
JACKSONVILLE (Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns)	669495	641019	28476	4.3	671404	644385	27019	4.0	662385	642535	19850	3.0
LAKELAND (Polk)	275349	262425	12924	4.7	276851	264237	12614	4.6	273179	264579	8600	3.1
MIAMI-FT. LAUDERDALE-POMPANO BEACH (Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach)	2863845	2746417	117428	4.1	2855543	2742693	112850	4.0	2808546	2721397	87149	3.1
Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach Metropolitan Division (Broward)	997751	957890	39861	4.0	994428	955971	38457	3.9	990099	963548	26551	2.7
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall Metropolitan Division (Miami-Dade)	1214782	1167243	47539	3.9	1212356	1167248	45108	3.7	1175253	1134618	40635	3.5
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division (Palm Beach)	651312	621284	30028	4.6	648759	619474	29285	4.5	643194	623231	19963	3.1
NAPLES-MARCO ISLAND (Collier)	159061	151627	7434	4.7	158664	151204	7460	4.7	157376	153386	3990	2.5
OCALA (Marion)	136587	129256	7331	5.4	136853	129976	6877	5.0	134697	130380	4317	3.2
ORLANDO-KISSIMMEE (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole)	1101353	1054445	46908	4.3	1103917	1059220	44697	4.0	1075683	1045241	30442	2.8
PALM BAY-MELBOURNE-TITUSVILLE (Brevard)	263461	250233	13228	5.0	264348	252069	12279	4.6	262633	254271	8362	3.2
PALM COAST (Flagler)	34628	32411	2217	6.4	34792	32722	2070	5.9	32728	31316	1412	4.3
PANAMA CITY-LYNN HAVEN (Bay)	86470	82490	3980	4.6	87555	84075	3480	4.0	85154	82365	2789	3.3
PENSACOLA-FERRY PASS-BRENT (Escambia and Santa Rosa)	205697	197010	8687	4.2	207110	198742	8368	4.0	205024	199007	6017	2.9
PORT ST. LUCIE (Martin and St. Lucie)	187901	176945	10956	5.8	188386	177648	10738	5.7	184071	177396	6675	3.6
PUNTA GORDA (Charlotte)	70614	66242	4372	6.2	70741	66555	4186	5.9	69392	67204	2188	3.2
SARASOTA-BRADENTON-VENICE (Manatee and Sarasota)	339454	323475	15979	4.7	341716	326254	15462	4.5	340414	331447	8967	2.6
SEBASTIAN-VERO BEACH (Indian River)	62213	58454	3759	6.0	61703	58001	3702	6.0	60989	58633	2356	3.9
TALLAHASSEE (Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, and Wakulla)	187486	181076	6410	3.4	188497	182222	6275	3.3	184315	179682	4633	2.5
TAMPA-ST. PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER (Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas)	1359123	1295756	63367	4.7	1360748	1300632	60116	4.4	1341224	1300885	40339	3.0
FLORIDA												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	9284000	8871000	412000	4.4	9290000	8896000	394000	4.2	9132000	8858000	274000	3.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	9312000	8871000	441000	4.7	9294000	8898000	396000	4.3	9101000	8804000	297000	3.3
UNITED STATES												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	153705000	146334000	7371000	4.8	154035000	147118000	6917000	4.5	152571000	146081000	6491000	4.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	153866000	146211000	7655000	5.0	153828000	146647000	7181000	4.7	152709000	145949000	6760000	4.4

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

DECEMBER 2007

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UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT		
RANK	COUNTY	RATE (%)	RANK	COUNTY	RATE (%)
1	HENDRY	6.9	35	HILLSBOROUGH	4.4
2	HERNANDO	6.6	36	DUVAL	4.4
3	ST. LUCIE	6.4	37	PINELLAS	4.4
4	FLAGLER	6.4	38	ESCAMBIA	4.4
5	CHARLOTTE	6.2		FLORIDA	4.4
6	INDIAN RIVER	6.0	39	BAKER	4.3
7	MADISON	5.8	40	SUWANNEE	4.1
8	CITRUS	5.7	41	ORANGE	4.1
9	LEE	5.7	42	CALHOUN	4.1
10	DIXIE	5.5	43	CLAY	4.1
11	PASCO	5.5	44	JACKSON	4.0
12	MARION	5.4	45	COLUMBIA	4.0
13	OKEECHOBEE	5.4	46	BROWARD	4.0
14	PUTNAM	5.3	47	SEMINOLE	4.0
15	HAMILTON	5.2	48	GULF	4.0
16	BREVARD	5.0	49	SANTA ROSA	3.9
17	OSCEOLA	4.9	50	MIAMI-DADE	3.9
18	SARASOTA	4.9	51	NASSAU	3.9
19	HIGHLANDS	4.9	52	HOLMES	3.8
20	TAYLOR	4.8	53	HARDEE	3.8
21	LEVY	4.8	54	ST. JOHNS	3.8
22	MARTIN	4.8	55	BRADFORD	3.6
23	DESOTO	4.8	56	UNION	3.6
24	VOLUSIA	4.8	57	OKALOOSA	3.4
	UNITED STATES	4.8	58	FRANKLIN	3.4
25	GADSDEN	4.7	59	SUMTER	3.3
26	POLK	4.7	60	WAKULLA	3.3
27	COLLIER	4.7	61	LAFAYETTE	3.3
28	LAKE	4.7	62	LEON	3.3
29	PALM BEACH	4.6	63	ALACHUA	3.2
30	BAY	4.6	64	JEFFERSON	3.2
31	WASHINGTON	4.6	65	MONROE	3.0
32	GLADES	4.6	66	WALTON	2.9
33	GILCHRIST	4.5	67	LIBERTY	2.9
34	MANATEE	4.4			

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

1. Palm Coast MSA	6.4 %
2. Punta Gorda MSA	6.2
3. Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	6.0
4. Port St. Lucie MSA	5.8
5. Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA	5.7
6. Ocala MSA	5.4
7. Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	5.0
8. Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	4.8
United States	4.8
9. Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice MSA	4.7
10. Lakeland MSA	4.7
11. Naples-Marco Island MSA	4.7
12. Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA	4.7
13. West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MD	4.6
14. Panama City-Lynn Haven MSA	4.6
Florida	4.4
15. Orlando-Kissimmee MSA	4.3
16. Jacksonville MSA	4.3
17. Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	4.2
18. Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach MSA	4.1
19. Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MD	4.0
20. Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	3.9
21. Ft. Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin MSA	3.4
22. Tallahassee MSA	3.4
23. Gainesville MSA	3.2

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
FLORIDA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Area	December 2007	November 2007	December 2006	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Statewide	8,243,800	8,199,600	8,157,000	+44,200	+0.5%	+86,800	+1.1%
Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA	242,300	239,900	239,300	+2,400	+1.0%	+3,000	+1.3%
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	178,300	178,100	177,200	+200	+0.1%	+1,100	+0.6%
Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MD	805,700	799,000	800,300	+6,700	+0.8%	+5,400	+0.7%
Ft. Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin MSA	88,800	88,700	88,500	+100	+0.1%	+300	+0.3%
Gainesville MSA	134,900	137,200	134,300	-2,300	-1.7%	+600	+0.4%
Jacksonville MSA	647,400	644,600	638,800	+2,800	+0.4%	+8,600	+1.3%
Lakeland MSA	224,600	223,700	223,200	+900	+0.4%	+1,400	+0.6%
Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach MSA	2,495,000	2,474,300	2,470,200	+20,700	+0.8%	+24,800	+1.0%
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	1,081,700	1,075,100	1,070,200	+6,600	+0.6%	+11,500	+1.1%
Naples-Marco Island MSA	139,900	138,200	139,100	+1,700	+1.2%	+800	+0.6%
Ocala MSA	108,100	107,600	107,600	+500	+0.5%	+500	+0.5%
Orlando-Kissimmee MSA	1,126,100	1,124,500	1,100,900	+1,600	+0.1%	+25,200	+2.3%
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	217,400	216,900	217,600	+500	+0.2%	-200	-0.1%
Panama City-Lynn Haven MSA	78,100	78,800	76,800	-700	-0.9%	+1,300	+1.7%
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	175,000	174,700	173,700	+300	+0.2%	+1,300	+0.7%
Port St. Lucie MSA	137,100	135,900	135,300	+1,200	+0.9%	+1,800	+1.3%
Punta Gorda MSA	45,600	45,400	45,600	+200	+0.4%	+0	+0.0%
Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice MSA	310,300	309,700	312,600	+600	+0.2%	-2,300	-0.7%
Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	50,100	49,800	49,600	+300	+0.6%	+500	+1.0%
Tallahassee MSA	184,500	182,900	180,300	+1,600	+0.9%	+4,200	+2.3%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA	1,340,200	1,335,500	1,326,700	+4,700	+0.4%	+13,500	+1.0%
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MD	607,600	600,200	599,700	+7,400	+1.2%	+7,900	+1.3%

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 January 18, 2008.

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