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Florida's Rising Unemployment Rate Remains Below U.S. Rate

~ Education and health continues job growth while statewide total declines ~

TALLAHASSEE – Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2008 is 4.9 percent. The rate represents 452,000 jobless out of a labor force of 9,215,000 and is a 0.3 percentage point rise over the month and 1.2 percentage points rise over the year. Florida's March 2008 unemployment rate is the highest since February 2004 which was also 4.9 percent. The state's unemployment rate remains below the national unemployment rate of 5.1 percent.

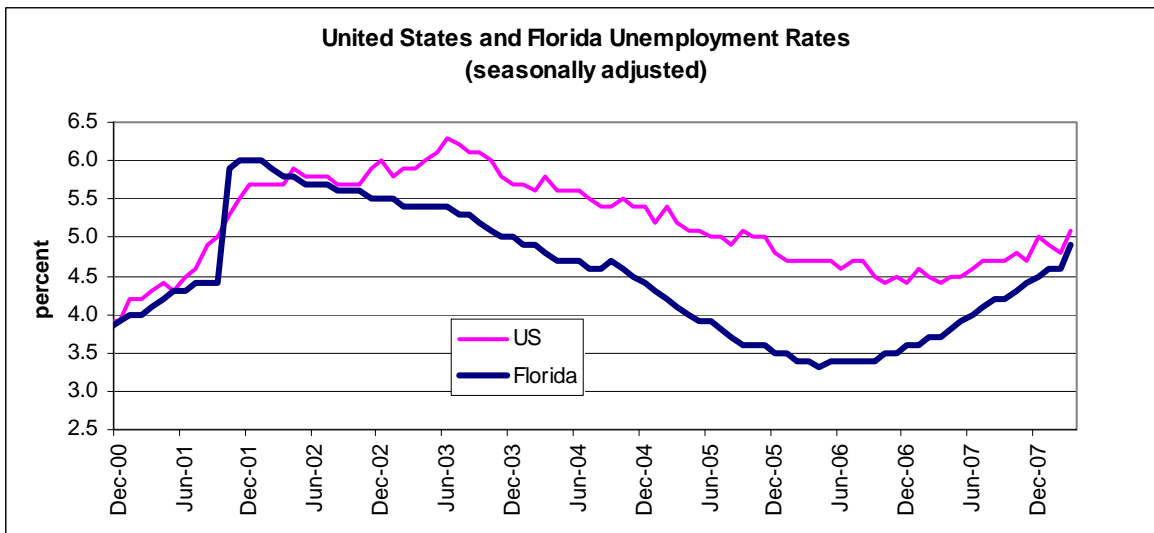
Florida's nonagricultural employment growth rate for March 2008 is -0.7 percent. The rate represents a loss of 56,600 jobs over the year to reach a total employment level of 8,014,500. This is slower than the national job growth rate for March which is +0.4 percent over the year. The March 2008 job growth rate of -0.7 percent continues the trend of negative over-the-year growth that began in September 2007, primarily due to declines in construction.

"In these economic times, we continue to work diligently to increase awareness of programs that help Florida's businesses and workforce," said Monesia T. Brown, Director of the Agency for Workforce Innovation. "Workforce Florida-led initiatives, as well as services and resources available through Florida's 24 regional workforce boards and nearly 100 One-Stop Career Centers, support employment and training opportunities in high-skill, high-wage and high-demand sectors. These programs are accessible through www.EmployFlorida.com."

The Agency for Workforce Innovation works closely with Workforce Florida, Inc. and its Regional Workforce Board partners, the Florida Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise Florida, Inc. to develop world-class talent and sustain personal and economic growth for Florida's employers and job seekers. These programs include the Short Time Compensation Program, a voluntary employer program designed to help employers maintain their workforce by offsetting the cost of full-time wages, instead of temporarily laying off employees; the Quick Response Training Program, providing customized training for new or expanding businesses; and the Incumbent and Employed Worker Training Programs, offering upgrade skills training for existing full-time employees.

In addition, the Employ Florida Marketplace, www.EmployFlorida.com, is a powerful online labor market exchange tool specifically designed for employers, job seekers, students, training providers, workforce customer service representatives and professionals, and others seeking benefits and services.

For more information on these and other Agency for Workforce Innovation programs, go to www.FloridaJobs.org.



Source: Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor Market Statistics Center, Local Area Unemployment Statistics program.

Florida's Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted)

- Florida is down by 56,600 jobs in March 2008 compared to a year ago. Construction, reacting to declines in the housing market, lost 82,100 jobs over the year (-13.1 percent). Construction losses account for 59 percent of job losses in the state.
- Manufacturing (-21,900 jobs, -5.5 percent); professional and business services (-18,000 jobs, -1.4 percent); financial activities (-8,900 jobs, -1.6 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (-5,400 jobs, -0.3 percent); and information (-1,700 jobs, -1.0 percent) have over-the-year declines. These declines are mainly due to weakness in fabricated metal product manufacturing; employment services; real estate, rental and leasing; building material and garden supply stores; and publishing.
- Education and health services (+35,100 jobs, +3.5 percent) and total government (+24,400 jobs, +2.2 percent) account for the majority of job gains among those industries with positive annual growth.
- Leisure and hospitality ranks third among Florida's major industries in job growth, expanding by 17,500 jobs over the year (+1.9 percent).

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

- In March 2008, Alachua and Liberty counties have the state's lowest unemployment rates (3.1 percent each); followed by Leon, Monroe, and Walton counties (3.3 percent each); and Lafayette, Sumter, and Wakulla counties (3.4 percent each). Franklin and Okaloosa counties followed, with unemployment rates of 3.6 percent each. Bradford, Jefferson, and Union counties have the fifth lowest unemployment rates (3.8 percent each).
- Flagler County, at 7.8 percent, has the highest unemployment rate in Florida in March, followed by Hernando County (7.0 percent); Charlotte and Hendry counties (6.9 percent each); St. Lucie County (6.6 percent); and Lee County (6.5 percent). Most of these relatively high unemployment rates are due mainly to declines in the housing market.

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Area Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

- The Orlando-Kissimmee Metropolitan Statistical Area leads the state in over-the-year employment gains (+4,400 jobs, +0.4 percent) in March 2008, followed by the Gainesville Metropolitan Statistical Area (+2,500 jobs, +1.9 percent). Metro areas with the largest annual declines in jobs include Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach (-20,800 jobs, -0.8 percent) and Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater (-17,300 jobs, -1.3 percent).

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LABOR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION
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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Current Month March 2008	Month Ago February 2008	Year Ago March 2007	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change		
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent	
STATE OF FLORIDA								
Civilian Noninstitutional								
Population 16+	14,469,000	14,458,000	14,304,000	11,000	0.1	165,000	1.2	
Civilian Labor Force	9,215,000	9,214,000	9,106,000	1,000	**	109,000	1.2	
Employment	8,762,000	8,789,000	8,768,000	-27,000	-0.3	-6,000	-0.1	
Unemployment	452,000	426,000	338,000	26,000	6.1	114,000	33.7	
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	4.6	3.7	0.3	--	1.2	--	

UNITED STATES

Civilian Noninstitutional								
Population 16+	232,995,000	232,809,000	231,034,000	186,000	0.1	1,961,000	0.8	
Civilian Labor Force	153,784,000	153,374,000	152,884,000	410,000	0.3	900,000	0.6	
Employment	145,969,000	145,993,000	146,145,000	-24,000	**	-176,000	-0.1	
Unemployment	7,815,000	7,381,000	6,738,000	434,000	5.9	1,077,000	16.0	
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	4.8	4.4	0.3	--	0.7	--	

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Current Month March 2008	Month Ago February 2008	Year Ago March 2007	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change		
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STATE OF FLORIDA								
Civilian Noninstitutional								
Population 16+	14,469,000	14,458,000	14,304,000	11,000	0.1	165,000	1.2	
Civilian Labor Force	9,185,000	9,149,000	9,108,000	36,000	0.4	77,000	0.8	
Employment	8,749,000	8,735,000	8,796,000	14,000	0.2	-47,000	-0.5	
Unemployment	435,000	414,000	312,000	21,000	5.1	123,000	39.4	
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.5	3.4	0.2	--	1.3	--	

UNITED STATES

Civilian Noninstitutional								
Population 16+	232,995,000	232,809,000	231,034,000	186,000	0.1	1,961,000	0.8	
Civilian Labor Force	153,135,000	152,503,000	152,236,000	632,000	0.4	899,000	0.6	
Employment	145,108,000	144,550,000	145,323,000	558,000	0.4	-215,000	-0.1	
Unemployment	8,027,000	7,953,000	6,913,000	74,000	0.9	1,114,000	16.1	
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	5.2	4.5	0.0	--	0.7	--	

** = 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)**

	March ^P 2008	February ^r 2008	March 2007	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	8,014.5	8,031.9	8,071.1	-17.4	-0.2	-56.6	-0.7
Construction	542.9	549.6	625.0	-6.7	-1.2	-82.1	-13.1
Manufacturing	372.7	374.1	394.6	-1.4	-0.4	-21.9	-5.5
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,609.5	1,615.6	1,614.9	-6.1	-0.4	-5.4	-0.3
Wholesale Trade	358.7	361.0	356.7	-2.3	-0.6	2.0	0.6
Retail Trade	1,005.4	1,009.1	1,013.1	-3.7	-0.4	-7.7	-0.8
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	245.4	245.5	245.1	-0.1	*	0.3	0.1
Information	160.4	160.7	162.1	-0.3	-0.2	-1.7	-1.0
Financial Activities	536.9	538.8	545.8	-1.9	-0.4	-8.9	-1.6
Finance and Insurance	366.6	367.7	370.6	-1.1	-0.3	-4.0	-1.1
Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing	170.3	171.1	175.2	-0.8	-0.5	-4.9	-2.8
Professional and Business Services	1,313.9	1,330.9	1,331.9	-17.0	-1.3	-18.0	-1.4
Education and Health Services	1,034.0	1,031.1	998.9	2.9	0.3	35.1	3.5
Educational Services	136.5	136.2	131.1	0.3	0.2	5.4	4.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	897.5	894.9	867.8	2.6	0.3	29.7	3.4
Leisure and Hospitality	945.4	938.9	927.9	6.5	0.7	17.5	1.9
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	184.6	184.2	180.4	0.4	0.2	4.2	2.3
Accommodation and Food Services	760.8	754.7	747.5	6.1	0.8	13.3	1.8
Other Services	348.0	343.9	343.3	4.1	1.2	4.7	1.4
Total Government	1,144.4	1,141.9	1,120.0	2.5	0.2	24.4	2.2
Local Government	791.8	791.6	777.5	0.2	*	14.3	1.8

^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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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	March 2008	February 2008	March 2007	Change from			
				Feb 2008 to Mar 2008 Level	Percent	Mar 2007 to Mar 2008 Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	8,063,700	8,041,300	8,141,600	22,400	0.3%	-77,900	-1.0%
Total Private	6,901,000	6,881,900	7,001,000	19,100	0.3%	-100,000	-1.4%
Goods Producing	920,000	926,900	1,027,500	-6,900	-0.7%	-107,500	-10.5%
Natural Resources and Mining	6,400	6,400	6,700	0	0.0%	-300	-4.5%
Mining, except Oil and Gas	3,900	3,900	4,300	0	0.0%	-400	-9.3%
Construction	540,300	546,400	625,300	-6,100	-1.1%	-85,000	-13.6%
Construction of Buildings	112,600	111,700	133,900	900	0.8%	-21,300	-15.9%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	73,100	73,700	78,000	-600	-0.8%	-4,900	-6.3%
Specialty Trade Contractors	354,600	361,000	413,400	-6,400	-1.8%	-58,800	-14.2%
Building Equipment Contractors	153,200	153,200	160,100	0	0.0%	-6,900	-4.3%
Manufacturing	373,300	374,100	395,500	-800	-0.2%	-22,200	-5.6%
Durable Goods	252,700	252,400	268,200	300	0.1%	-15,500	-5.8%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	38,700	38,700	40,500	0	0.0%	-1,800	-4.4%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	47,300	47,400	48,800	-100	-0.2%	-1,500	-3.1%
Communications Equipment Manufacturing	8,300	8,400	9,100	-100	-1.2%	-800	-8.8%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	43,700	43,700	44,600	0	0.0%	-900	-2.0%
Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing	19,300	19,300	19,500	0	0.0%	-200	-1.0%
Miscellaneous Durable Goods Manufacturing	29,700	29,700	30,100	0	0.0%	-400	-1.3%
Nondurable Goods	120,600	121,700	127,300	-1,100	-0.9%	-6,700	-5.3%
Food Manufacturing	31,800	31,900	31,500	-100	-0.3%	300	1.0%
Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing	10,900	11,100	10,900	-200	-1.8%	0	0.0%
Paper Manufacturing	9,900	9,900	10,300	0	0.0%	-400	-3.9%
Printing and Related Support Activities	22,500	22,700	23,900	-200	-0.9%	-1,400	-5.9%
Chemical Manufacturing	19,700	19,700	20,400	0	0.0%	-700	-3.4%

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Service Providing	7,143,700	7,114,400	7,114,100	29,300	0.4%	29,600	0.4%
Private Service Providing	5,981,000	5,955,000	5,973,500	26,000	0.4%	7,500	0.1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,609,500	1,609,100	1,612,600	400	0.0%	-3,100	-0.2%
Wholesale Trade	358,600	360,200	357,700	-1,600	-0.4%	900	0.3%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	187,800	188,600	189,100	-800	-0.4%	-1,300	-0.7%
Commercial Equipment Wholesalers	48,200	47,900	47,100	300	0.6%	1,100	2.3%
Electronic Goods Wholesalers	23,800	23,900	24,200	-100	-0.4%	-400	-1.7%
Machinery and Supply Wholesalers	34,900	34,700	35,000	200	0.6%	-100	-0.3%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	123,200	124,100	125,000	-900	-0.7%	-1,800	-1.4%
Grocery and Related Product Wholesalers	46,200	46,600	45,700	-400	-0.9%	500	1.1%
Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents	47,600	47,500	43,600	100	0.2%	4,000	9.2%
Retail Trade	1,005,800	1,004,400	1,009,900	1,400	0.1%	-4,100	-0.4%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	133,200	134,100	136,100	-900	-0.7%	-2,900	-2.1%
Automobile Dealers	85,800	86,100	88,400	-300	-0.3%	-2,600	-2.9%
Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores	43,500	43,600	44,700	-100	-0.2%	-1,200	-2.7%
Electronics and Appliance Stores	35,000	35,100	37,000	-100	-0.3%	-2,000	-5.4%
Building Material and Garden Supply Stores	82,000	81,100	85,600	900	1.1%	-3,600	-4.2%
Food and Beverage Stores	193,100	193,600	195,900	-500	-0.3%	-2,800	-1.4%
Health and Personal Care Stores	69,900	69,900	68,700	0	0.0%	1,200	1.7%
Gasoline Stations	39,500	39,400	40,800	100	0.3%	-1,300	-3.2%
Clothing and Accessory Stores	111,500	110,800	105,800	700	0.6%	5,700	5.4%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	35,400	35,400	34,900	0	0.0%	500	1.4%
General Merchandise Stores	185,900	185,200	184,700	700	0.4%	1,200	0.6%
Department Stores	81,900	82,600	79,800	-700	-0.8%	2,100	2.6%
Other General Merchandise Stores	104,000	102,600	104,900	1,400	1.4%	-900	-0.9%
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	54,500	53,900	53,400	600	1.1%	1,100	2.1%
Nonstore Retailers	22,300	22,300	22,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order Houses	14,000	14,200	14,200	-200	-1.4%	-200	-1.4%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	245,100	244,500	245,000	600	0.2%	100	0.0%
Utilities	23,500	23,300	23,500	200	0.9%	0	0.0%

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Transportation and Warehousing	221,600	221,200	221,500	400	0.2%	100	0.0%
Air Transportation	30,400	30,500	30,700	-100	-0.3%	-300	-1.0%
Water Transportation	12,500	12,500	12,300	0	0.0%	200	1.6%
Truck Transportation	48,500	48,500	49,000	0	0.0%	-500	-1.0%
Support Activities for Transportation	48,000	48,300	46,900	-300	-0.6%	1,100	2.3%
Couriers and Messengers	29,400	29,600	30,800	-200	-0.7%	-1,400	-4.5%
Warehousing and Storage	28,400	28,200	28,600	200	0.7%	-200	-0.7%
Information	160,300	160,400	161,800	-100	-0.1%	-1,500	-0.9%
Publishing Industries, except Internet	42,300	42,400	43,300	-100	-0.2%	-1,000	-2.3%
Broadcasting, except Internet	15,900	15,800	15,700	100	0.6%	200	1.3%
Telecommunications	65,000	64,700	65,400	300	0.5%	-400	-0.6%
Wired Telecommunications Carriers	48,600	48,800	49,100	-200	-0.4%	-500	-1.0%
Internet Service Providers and Data Processing	19,100	19,000	18,800	100	0.5%	300	1.6%
Financial Activities	536,200	536,200	546,100	0	0.0%	-9,900	-1.8%
Finance and Insurance	365,700	366,200	370,600	-500	-0.1%	-4,900	-1.3%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	187,800	187,400	191,000	400	0.2%	-3,200	-1.7%
Depository Credit Intermediation	106,000	105,900	104,600	100	0.1%	1,400	1.3%
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	135,900	136,200	136,200	-300	-0.2%	-300	-0.2%
Insurance Carriers	73,700	73,800	74,600	-100	-0.1%	-900	-1.2%
Insurance Agencies, Brokerages, and Related	62,200	62,400	61,600	-200	-0.3%	600	1.0%
Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing	170,500	170,000	175,500	500	0.3%	-5,000	-2.8%
Real Estate	124,400	124,700	127,000	-300	-0.2%	-2,600	-2.0%
Professional and Business Services	1,321,400	1,328,100	1,345,800	-6,700	-0.5%	-24,400	-1.8%
Professional and Technical Services	462,200	465,600	457,200	-3,400	-0.7%	5,000	1.1%
Legal Services	89,300	89,800	91,100	-500	-0.6%	-1,800	-2.0%
Accounting, Tax Preparation, and Bookkeeping	63,800	64,200	63,400	-400	-0.6%	400	0.6%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related	91,800	92,000	91,800	-200	-0.2%	0	0.0%
Computer Systems Design and Related	62,000	62,000	59,400	0	0.0%	2,600	4.4%
Management, Scientific, and Technical	66,900	65,200	64,600	1,700	2.6%	2,300	3.6%

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Management of Companies and Enterprises	78,000	78,000	79,100	0	0.0%	-1,100	-1.4%
Administrative and Waste Services	781,200	784,500	809,500	-3,300	-0.4%	-28,300	-3.5%
Administrative and Support Services	760,600	763,800	789,200	-3,200	-0.4%	-28,600	-3.6%
Employment Services	389,500	392,100	416,000	-2,600	-0.7%	-26,500	-6.4%
Business Support Services	61,400	62,100	65,000	-700	-1.1%	-3,600	-5.5%
Travel Arrangement and Reservation Services	31,400	31,100	31,200	300	1.0%	200	0.6%
Investigation and Security Services	62,600	63,200	61,400	-600	-0.9%	1,200	2.0%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	135,200	133,900	138,000	1,300	1.0%	-2,800	-2.0%
Waste Management and Remediation Services	20,600	20,700	20,300	-100	-0.5%	300	1.5%
Education and Health Services	1,035,600	1,030,800	1,003,200	4,800	0.5%	32,400	3.2%
Educational Services	139,500	138,200	134,400	1,300	0.9%	5,100	3.8%
Elementary and Secondary Schools	49,200	48,700	46,900	500	1.0%	2,300	4.9%
Colleges and Universities	52,800	51,300	50,400	1,500	2.9%	2,400	4.8%
Health Care and Social Assistance	896,100	892,600	868,800	3,500	0.4%	27,300	3.1%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	364,300	363,100	356,100	1,200	0.3%	8,200	2.3%
Offices of Physicians	164,400	163,700	161,000	700	0.4%	3,400	2.1%
Home Health Care Services	54,100	53,700	53,100	400	0.7%	1,000	1.9%
Hospitals	250,700	249,300	241,100	1,400	0.6%	9,600	4.0%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	166,100	165,900	161,700	200	0.1%	4,400	2.7%
Nursing Care Facilities	92,900	92,800	90,200	100	0.1%	2,700	3.0%
Community Care for the Elderly	43,800	43,600	42,100	200	0.5%	1,700	4.0%
Social Assistance	115,000	114,300	109,900	700	0.6%	5,100	4.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	969,600	946,900	957,200	22,700	2.4%	12,400	1.3%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	189,700	185,300	186,400	4,400	2.4%	3,300	1.8%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation	148,200	145,400	144,200	2,800	1.9%	4,000	2.8%
Amusement Parks and Arcades	57,800	56,900	54,600	900	1.6%	3,200	5.9%
Accommodation and Food Services	779,900	761,600	770,800	18,300	2.4%	9,100	1.2%
Accommodation	167,200	166,500	163,300	700	0.4%	3,900	2.4%
Food Services and Drinking Places	612,700	595,100	607,500	17,600	3.0%	5,200	0.9%

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 April 18, 2008

Industry Title	March 2008	February 2008	March 2007	Change from			
				Feb 2008 to Mar 2008 Level	Percent	Mar 2007 to Mar 2008 Level	Percent
Other Services	348,400	343,500	346,800	4,900	1.4%	1,600	0.5%
Repair and Maintenance	73,600	72,600	76,900	1,000	1.4%	-3,300	-4.3%
Automotive Repair and Maintenance	51,400	50,800	53,100	600	1.2%	-1,700	-3.2%
Personal and Laundry Services	81,700	80,900	83,000	800	1.0%	-1,300	-1.6%
Membership Associations and Organizations	193,100	190,000	186,900	3,100	1.6%	6,200	3.3%
Total Government	1,162,700	1,159,400	1,140,600	3,300	0.3%	22,100	1.9%
Federal	131,000	131,200	127,000	-200	-0.2%	4,000	3.1%
State	222,000	219,700	219,800	2,300	1.0%	2,200	1.0%
Local	809,700	808,500	793,800	1,200	0.1%	15,900	2.0%

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	MARCH 2008				FEBRUARY 2008				MARCH 2007			
	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	128812	124799	4013	3.1	128367	124506	3861	3.0	125457	122136	3321	2.6
BAKER	11805	11257	548	4.6	11733	11188	545	4.6	11606	11235	371	3.2
BAY	86676	82986	3690	4.3	85264	81492	3772	4.4	85039	82275	2764	3.3
BRADFORD	12388	11919	469	3.8	12331	11873	458	3.7	12169	11795	374	3.1
BREVARD	262886	249075	13811	5.3	260555	247352	13203	5.1	259733	249759	9974	3.8
BROWARD	994549	952141	42408	4.3	992291	952473	39818	4.0	989596	959264	30332	3.1
CALHOUN	5479	5238	241	4.4	5410	5193	217	4.0	5400	5218	182	3.4
CHARLOTTE	68601	63888	4713	6.9	67953	63513	4440	6.5	69393	66589	2804	4.0
CITRUS	59116	55487	3629	6.1	58531	55023	3508	6.0	55481	53112	2369	4.3
CLAY	93140	89179	3961	4.3	92472	88632	3840	4.2	91818	89004	2814	3.1
COLLIER	152598	144907	7691	5.0	151565	144294	7271	4.8	157472	152735	4737	3.0
COLUMBIA	31937	30619	1318	4.1	31789	30515	1274	4.0	30325	29346	979	3.2
DESOTO	14560	13817	743	5.1	14473	13765	708	4.9	14219	13691	528	3.7
DIXIE	5767	5438	329	5.7	5734	5416	318	5.5	5496	5285	211	3.8
DUVAL	439264	418305	20959	4.8	435727	415740	19987	4.6	433091	417488	15603	3.6
ESCAMBIA	140143	133896	6247	4.5	139236	133222	6014	4.3	137104	132397	4707	3.4
FLAGLER	31213	28781	2432	7.8	30960	28637	2323	7.5	30583	28860	1723	5.6
FRANKLIN	4826	4651	175	3.6	4716	4543	173	3.7	4862	4717	145	3.0
GADSDEN	21517	20514	1003	4.7	21350	20397	953	4.5	21119	20365	754	3.6
GILCHRIST	7960	7648	312	3.9	7947	7630	317	4.0	7723	7485	238	3.1
GLADES	4690	4474	216	4.6	4634	4425	209	4.5	4723	4543	180	3.8
GULF	6375	6056	319	5.0	6266	5980	286	4.6	6175	5957	218	3.5
HAMILTON	4576	4318	258	5.6	4459	4219	240	5.4	4544	4360	184	4.0
HARDEE	12621	12103	518	4.1	12652	12161	491	3.9	11982	11597	385	3.2
HENDRY	18634	17356	1278	6.9	18226	17009	1217	6.7	18187	17335	852	4.7
HERNANDO	63228	58805	4423	7.0	63015	58799	4216	6.7	62483	59409	3074	4.9
HIGHLANDS	42434	40240	2194	5.2	42098	39994	2104	5.0	40565	39072	1493	3.7
HILLSBOROUGH	611706	582123	29583	4.8	609988	582065	27923	4.6	608648	588100	20548	3.4
HOLMES	8931	8573	358	4.0	8850	8506	344	3.9	8598	8318	280	3.3
INDIAN RIVER	61391	57584	3807	6.2	60777	57151	3626	6.0	60734	58045	2689	4.4
JACKSON	21055	20177	878	4.2	20932	20091	841	4.0	20982	20201	781	3.7
JEFFERSON	7211	6934	277	3.8	7139	6895	244	3.4	7072	6884	188	2.7
LAFAYETTE	2892	2795	97	3.4	2889	2797	92	3.2	2847	2766	81	2.8
LAKE	131817	125145	6672	5.1	131110	124774	6336	4.8	128940	124215	4725	3.7
LEE	286581	267861	18720	6.5	285255	267545	17710	6.2	293008	282785	10223	3.5
LEON	142827	138142	4685	3.3	141798	137355	4443	3.1	140934	137135	3799	2.7
LEVY	17341	16426	915	5.3	17119	16281	838	4.9	16666	16066	600	3.6
LIBERTY	3732	3615	117	3.1	3716	3604	112	3.0	3567	3476	91	2.6

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

COUNTY	MARCH 2008				FEBRUARY 2008				MARCH 2007			
	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	6654	6271	383	5.8	6600	6249	351	5.3	6673	6246	427	6.4
MANATEE	151464	143761	7703	5.1	150277	143054	7223	4.8	155162	150128	5034	3.2
MARION	137575	129257	8318	6.0	136447	128587	7860	5.8	135092	129881	5211	3.9
MARTIN	66321	62820	3501	5.3	65777	62497	3280	5.0	65725	63366	2359	3.6
MIAMI-DADE	1183832	1137394	46438	3.9	1192332	1147035	45297	3.8	1180913	1140005	40908	3.5
MONROE	43729	42273	1456	3.3	43527	42155	1372	3.2	44133	43034	1099	2.5
NASSAU	34668	33223	1445	4.2	34426	33019	1407	4.1	34161	33158	1003	2.9
OKALOOSA	98354	94819	3535	3.6	96994	93480	3514	3.6	96622	94039	2583	2.7
OKEECHOBEE	17828	16829	999	5.6	17734	16798	936	5.3	17186	16505	681	4.0
ORANGE	597300	571094	26206	4.4	593995	569400	24595	4.1	585936	566847	19089	3.3
OSCEOLA	130213	123756	6457	5.0	129525	123389	6136	4.7	127587	122836	4751	3.7
PALM BEACH	641991	609901	32090	5.0	639622	609643	29979	4.7	639507	616999	22508	3.5
PASCO	196507	184873	11634	5.9	195927	184855	11072	5.7	195054	186771	8283	4.2
PINELLAS	472779	450240	22539	4.8	471661	450195	21466	4.6	470667	454863	15804	3.4
POLK	269322	255823	13499	5.0	268098	255318	12780	4.8	268554	258703	9851	3.7
PUTNAM	31979	30150	1829	5.7	31909	30166	1743	5.5	31538	30215	1323	4.2
ST. JOHNS	90221	86461	3760	4.2	89466	85930	3536	4.0	88895	86292	2603	2.9
ST. LUCIE	122329	114208	8121	6.6	121270	113623	7647	6.3	120504	115202	5302	4.4
SANTA ROSA	70702	67714	2988	4.2	70218	67372	2846	4.1	69356	66956	2400	3.5
SARASOTA	176080	166361	9719	5.5	174562	165543	9019	5.2	179782	173729	6053	3.4
SEMINOLE	243666	233052	10614	4.4	242494	232361	10133	4.2	238576	231319	7257	3.0
SUMTER	38311	37009	1302	3.4	38076	36815	1261	3.3	32272	31309	963	3.0
SUWANNEE	17480	16712	768	4.4	17381	16655	726	4.2	16840	16296	544	3.2
TAYLOR	8711	8292	419	4.8	8599	8177	422	4.9	8604	8264	340	4.0
UNION	5169	4973	196	3.8	5159	4972	187	3.6	5048	4906	142	2.8
VOLUSIA	250826	237802	13024	5.2	249104	236761	12343	5.0	249758	240834	8924	3.6
WAKULLA	15751	15223	528	3.4	15652	15137	515	3.3	15537	15112	425	2.7
WALTON	33891	32762	1129	3.3	32976	31806	1170	3.5	30764	30008	756	2.5
WASHINGTON	9585	9098	487	5.1	9467	9004	463	4.9	9395	9065	330	3.5
FLORIDA												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	9185000	8749000	435000	4.7	9149000	8735000	414000	4.5	9108000	8796000	312000	3.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	9215000	8762000	452000	4.9	9214000	8789000	426000	4.6	9106000	8768000	338000	3.7
UNITED STATES												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	153135000	145108000	8027000	5.2	152503000	144550000	7953000	5.2	152236000	145323000	6913000	4.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	153784000	145969000	7815000	5.1	153374000	145993000	7381000	4.8	152884000	146145000	6738000	4.4

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

MSA (COUNTIES)	MARCH 2008				FEBRUARY 2008				MARCH 2007			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)
BRADENTON-SARASOTA-VENICE (Manatee and Sarasota)	327544	310122	17422	5.3	324839	308597	16242	5.0	334944	323857	11087	3.3
CAPE CORAL-FT. MYERS (Lee)	286581	267861	18720	6.5	285255	267545	17710	6.2	293008	282785	10223	3.5
DELTONA-DAYTONA BEACH-ORMOND BEACH (Volusia)	250826	237802	13024	5.2	249104	236761	12343	5.0	249758	240834	8924	3.6
FT. WALTON BEACH-CRESTVIEW-DESTIN (Okaloosa)	98354	94819	3535	3.6	96994	93480	3514	3.6	96622	94039	2583	2.7
GAINESVILLE (Alachua and Gilchrist)	136772	132447	4325	3.2	136314	132136	4178	3.1	133180	129621	3559	2.7
JACKSONVILLE (Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns)	669097	638424	30673	4.6	663824	634509	29315	4.4	659571	637177	22394	3.4
LAKELAND-WINTER HAVEN (Polk)	269322	255823	13499	5.0	268098	255318	12780	4.8	268554	258703	9851	3.7
MIAMI-FT. LAUDERDALE-POMPANO BEACH (Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach)	2820372	2699436	120936	4.3	2824245	2709151	115094	4.1	2810016	2716268	93748	3.3
Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach Metropolitan Division (Broward)	994549	952141	42408	4.3	992291	952473	39818	4.0	989596	959264	30332	3.1
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall Metropolitan Division (Miami-Dade)	1183832	1137394	46438	3.9	1192332	1147035	45297	3.8	1180913	1140005	40908	3.5
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division (Palm Beach)	641991	609901	32090	5.0	639622	609643	29979	4.7	639507	616999	22508	3.5
NAPLES-MARCO ISLAND (Collier)	152598	144907	7691	5.0	151565	144294	7271	4.8	157472	152735	4737	3.0
OCALA (Marion)	137575	129257	8318	6.0	136447	128587	7860	5.8	135092	129881	5211	3.9
ORLANDO-KISSIMMEE (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole)	1102996	1053047	49949	4.5	1097124	1049924	47200	4.3	1081038	1045216	35822	3.3
PALM BAY-MELBOURNE-TITUSVILLE (Brevard)	262886	249075	13811	5.3	260555	247352	13203	5.1	259733	249759	9974	3.8
PALM COAST (Flagler)	31213	28781	2432	7.8	30960	28637	2323	7.5	30583	28860	1723	5.6
PANAMA CITY-LYNN HAVEN (Bay)	86676	82986	3690	4.3	85264	81492	3772	4.4	85039	82275	2764	3.3
PENSACOLA-FERRY PASS-BRENT (Escambia and Santa Rosa)	210845	201610	9235	4.4	209454	200594	8860	4.2	206460	199353	7107	3.4
PORT ST. LUCIE (Martin and St. Lucie)	188650	177028	11622	6.2	187047	176120	10927	5.8	186229	178568	7661	4.1
PUNTA GORDA (Charlotte)	68601	63888	4713	6.9	67953	63513	4440	6.5	69393	66589	2804	4.0
SEBASTIAN-VERO BEACH (Indian River)	61391	57584	3807	6.2	60777	57151	3626	6.0	60734	58045	2689	4.4
TALLAHASSEE (Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, and Wakulla)	187306	180813	6493	3.5	185939	179784	6155	3.3	184662	179496	5166	2.8
TAMPA-ST. PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER (Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas)	1344220	1276042	68178	5.1	1340590	1275914	64676	4.8	1336852	1289143	47709	3.6
FLORIDA												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	9185000	8749000	435000	4.7	9149000	8735000	414000	4.5	9108000	8796000	312000	3.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	9215000	8762000	452000	4.9	9214000	8789000	426000	4.6	9106000	8768000	338000	3.7
UNITED STATES												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	153135000	145108000	8027000	5.2	152503000	144550000	7953000	5.2	152236000	145323000	6913000	4.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	153784000	145969000	7815000	5.1	153374000	145993000	7381000	4.8	152884000	146145000	6738000	4.4

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

MARCH 2008
(PRELIMINARY)

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UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT		
RANK	COUNTY	RATE (%)	RANK	COUNTY	RATE (%)
1	FLAGLER	7.8	35	GADSDEN	4.7
2	HERNANDO	7.0		FLORIDA	4.7
3	CHARLOTTE	6.9	36	BAKER	4.6
4	HENDRY	6.9	37	GLADES	4.6
5	ST. LUCIE	6.6	38	ESCAMBIA	4.5
6	LEE	6.5	39	CALHOUN	4.4
7	INDIAN RIVER	6.2	40	SUWANNEE	4.4
8	CITRUS	6.1	41	ORANGE	4.4
9	MARION	6.0	42	SEMINOLE	4.4
10	PASCO	5.9	43	BROWARD	4.3
11	MADISON	5.8	44	BAY	4.3
12	PUTNAM	5.7	45	CLAY	4.3
13	DIXIE	5.7	46	SANTA ROSA	4.2
14	HAMILTON	5.6	47	JACKSON	4.2
15	OKEECHOBEE	5.6	48	NASSAU	4.2
16	SARASOTA	5.5	49	ST. JOHNS	4.2
17	MARTIN	5.3	50	COLUMBIA	4.1
18	LEVY	5.3	51	HARDEE	4.1
19	BREVARD	5.3	52	HOLMES	4.0
20	VOLUSIA	5.2	53	MIAMI-DADE	3.9
21	HIGHLANDS	5.2	54	GILCHRIST	3.9
	UNITED STATES	5.2	55	JEFFERSON	3.8
22	DESOTO	5.1	56	UNION	3.8
23	MANATEE	5.1	57	BRADFORD	3.8
24	WASHINGTON	5.1	58	FRANKLIN	3.6
25	LAKE	5.1	59	OKALOOSA	3.6
26	COLLIER	5.0	60	SUMTER	3.4
27	POLK	5.0	61	LAFAYETTE	3.4
28	GULF	5.0	62	WAKULLA	3.4
29	PALM BEACH	5.0	63	WALTON	3.3
30	OSCEOLA	5.0	64	MONROE	3.3
31	HILLSBOROUGH	4.8	65	LEON	3.3
32	TAYLOR	4.8	66	LIBERTY	3.1
33	DUVAL	4.8	67	ALACHUA	3.1
34	PINELLAS	4.8			

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STATE OF FLORIDA
 METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS (MSAs) AND METROPOLITAN DIVISIONS (MDs)
 RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)
 MARCH 2008 (Preliminary)

1. Palm Coast MSA	7.8 %
2. Punta Gorda MSA	6.9
3. Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA	6.5
4. Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	6.2
5. Port St. Lucie MSA	6.2
6. Ocala MSA	6.0
7. Bradenton-Sarasota-Venice MSA	5.3
8. Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	5.3
United States	5.2
9. Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	5.2
10. Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA	5.1
11. Naples-Marco Island MSA	5.0
12. Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA	5.0
13. West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MD	5.0
Florida	4.7
14. Jacksonville MSA	4.6
15. Orlando-Kissimmee MSA	4.5
16. Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	4.4
17. Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach MSA	4.3
18. Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MD	4.3
19. Panama City-Lynn Haven MSA	4.3
20. Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	3.9
21. Ft. Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin MSA	3.6
22. Tallahassee MSA	3.5
23. Gainesville MSA	3.2

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
FLORIDA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Area	March 2008	February 2008	March 2007	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Statewide	8,063,700	8,041,300	8,141,600	+22,400	+0.3%	-77,900	-1.0%
Bradenton-Sarasota-Venice MSA	292,800	290,900	306,000	+1,900	+0.7%	-13,200	-4.3%
Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA	226,100	225,200	240,000	+900	+0.4%	-13,900	-5.8%
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	173,100	172,400	176,200	+700	+0.4%	-3,100	-1.8%
Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MD	789,300	786,400	799,100	+2,900	+0.4%	-9,800	-1.2%
Ft. Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin MSA	86,200	85,000	86,200	+1,200	+1.4%	+0	+0.0%
Gainesville MSA	137,600	137,400	135,100	+200	+0.1%	+2,500	+1.9%
Jacksonville MSA	634,600	630,600	635,200	+4,000	+0.6%	-600	-0.1%
Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA	215,700	214,400	218,900	+1,300	+0.6%	-3,200	-1.5%
Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach MSA	2,442,900	2,437,200	2,463,700	+5,700	+0.2%	-20,800	-0.8%
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	1,067,200	1,064,900	1,070,500	+2,300	+0.2%	-3,300	-0.3%
Naples-Marco Island MSA	131,600	131,100	139,000	+500	+0.4%	-7,400	-5.3%
Ocala MSA	106,500	105,700	107,900	+800	+0.8%	-1,400	-1.3%
Orlando-Kissimmee MSA	1,108,800	1,102,200	1,104,400	+6,600	+0.6%	+4,400	+0.4%
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	213,000	211,500	214,100	+1,500	+0.7%	-1,100	-0.5%
Panama City-Lynn Haven MSA	77,400	75,900	77,100	+1,500	+2.0%	+300	+0.4%
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	176,400	175,800	174,600	+600	+0.3%	+1,800	+1.0%
Port St. Lucie MSA	135,600	134,600	137,200	+1,000	+0.7%	-1,600	-1.2%
Punta Gorda MSA	43,500	43,200	45,400	+300	+0.7%	-1,900	-4.2%
Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	49,000	48,500	49,500	+500	+1.0%	-500	-1.0%
Tallahassee MSA	181,500	180,400	180,800	+1,100	+0.6%	+700	+0.4%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA	1,301,200	1,296,200	1,318,500	+5,000	+0.4%	-17,300	-1.3%
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MD	586,400	585,900	594,100	+500	+0.1%	-7,700	-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 April 18, 2008.

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