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Florida's March Unemployment Rate Remains Steady at 3.3 Percent

~Florida Unemployment Continues Below National Average~

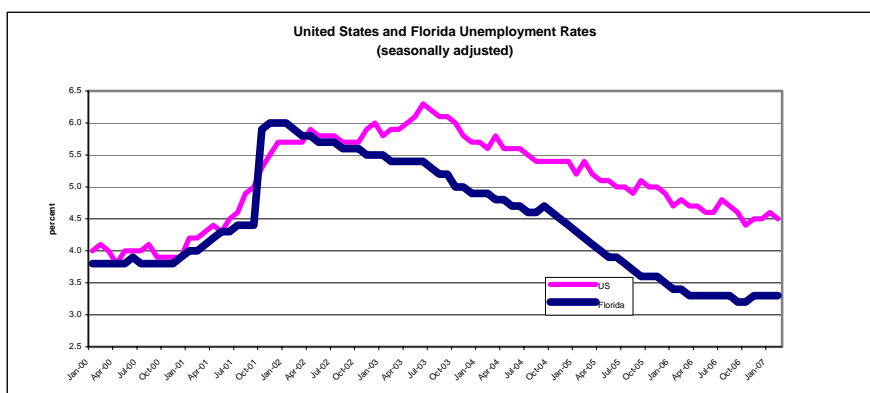
TALLAHASSEE – Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) Director Monesia T. Brown today announced Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2007 was 3.3 percent, unchanged since November of last year. Based on the latest nationwide data, Florida had the lowest unemployment rate of the ten most populous states and continued to be below the national average. The comparable national unemployment rate for March was 4.4 percent.

"Florida continues to diversify our economy and offer additional opportunities to our workforce," said AWI Director Monesia T. Brown. "It is vital that as we move forward, we create training programs that meet the needs of Florida's critical industries. Expanding industries such as biotechnology, aviation/aerospace, energy and health sciences support high wage jobs and they are vitally important to Florida's sustained economic growth."

Last week, the Employ Florida Banner Center for Logistics and Distribution was opened in Lake City, Florida to expand the training opportunities within these critical sectors. Partners in the Banner Center include the Agency for Workforce Innovation, Workforce Florida, Inc., Lake City Community College, the University of North Florida, Okaloosa County School District CHOICE Institutes, Polk Community College and Florida Community College at Jacksonville. Jobs within the logistics and distribution sectors are growing steadily and pay wages that are 32 percent above the state average wage.

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

- Florida has recorded 55 consecutive months of job growth.
- Florida gained 122,600 nonagricultural jobs in March compared to a year ago.
- Out of the civilian labor force of 9,194,000, there were 306,000 unemployed Floridians.
- Florida's March 2007 unemployment rate of 3.3 percent was 1.1 percentage points lower than the national rate of 4.4 percent. Florida's rate has been below the national average since mid-2002.



FLORIDA'S NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (Seasonally Adjusted)

- In March 2007, Florida's nonagricultural employment expanded by 1.5 percent over the year, totaling 8,102,100 jobs. In comparison, nonagricultural employment grew nationally at a rate of 1.4 percent. Florida's job growth rate has slowed recently due primarily to weakness in construction and manufacturing.
- Florida added 122,600 jobs since March 2006. Professional and business services (+31,700 jobs, +2.4 percent) and education and health services (+28,300, +2.9 percent) accounted for 49 percent of the new jobs in the state.
- Government ranked third among Florida's major industries in job growth and expanded by 20,900 jobs over the year (+1.9 percent). Local government accounted for 88 percent of the total increase in government.
- Leisure and hospitality increased by 20,800 jobs over March 2006 levels (+2.3 percent), and trade, transportation and utilities was next in annual growth with a 14,600 job increase (+0.9 percent).
- Construction employment, reacting to declines in the housing market, lost 3,000 jobs over the year (-0.5 percent). This was the first decline in construction jobs since July 2002.
- Manufacturing (-9,200 jobs, -2.3 percent) and information (-700 jobs, -0.4 percent) continued to have over-the-year declines, mainly due to weakness in computer and electronic product manufacturing; internet service providers; and telecommunications.

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

- In March 2007, Walton County had the state's lowest unemployment rate (2.1 percent), followed by Monroe County (2.3 percent) and Liberty County (2.4 percent). Alachua, Leon, and Okaloosa counties followed with rates of 2.5 percent.
- Madison County, at 5.6 percent, had the highest unemployment rate in Florida in March, followed by Flagler and Hernando counties (4.6 percent each), Hendry County (4.3 percent), and St. Lucie County (4.2 percent). Madison County's relatively high unemployment rate was due to the continuing effects of a manufacturing layoff.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

- The Orlando-Kissimmee Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) led the state in over-the-year employment gains (+30,800 jobs, +2.9 percent) in March 2007, followed by the Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach MSA (+26,600 jobs, +1.1 percent) and the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA (+14,800 jobs, +1.1 percent). The combined employment growth in these three MSAs accounted for 66 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 March 2007	Month Ago February 2007	Year Ago March 2006	Over-the-Month		Over-the-Year	
				Change		Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
STATE OF FLORIDA							
Civilian Noninstitutional							
Population 16+	14,398,000	14,380,000	14,140,000	18,000	0.1	258,000	1.8
Civilian Labor Force	9,194,000	9,148,000	8,918,000	46,000	0.5	276,000	3.1
Employment	8,887,000	8,847,000	8,622,000	40,000	0.5	265,000	3.1
Unemployment	306,000	301,000	296,000	5,000	1.7	10,000	3.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0	--	0.0	--

UNITED STATES

Civilian Noninstitutional							
Population 16+	231,034,000	230,834,000	227,975,000	200,000	0.1	3,059,000	1.3
Civilian Labor Force	152,979,000	152,784,000	150,689,000	195,000	0.1	2,290,000	1.5
Employment	146,254,000	145,919,000	143,680,000	335,000	0.2	2,574,000	1.8
Unemployment	6,724,000	6,865,000	7,009,000	-141,000	-2.1	-285,000	-4.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.5	4.7	-0.1	--	-0.3	--

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

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STATE OF FLORIDA							
Civilian Noninstitutional							
Population 16+	14,398,000	14,380,000	14,140,000	18,000	0.1	258,000	1.8
Civilian Labor Force	9,170,000	9,087,000	8,882,000	83,000	0.9	288,000	3.2
Employment	8,880,000	8,796,000	8,608,000	84,000	1.0	272,000	3.2
Unemployment	290,000	291,000	273,000	-1,000	-0.3	17,000	6.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	--	0.1	--

UNITED STATES

Civilian Noninstitutional							
Population 16+	231,034,000	230,834,000	227,975,000	200,000	0.1	3,059,000	1.3
Civilian Labor Force	152,236,000	151,879,000	150,027,000	357,000	0.2	2,209,000	1.5
Employment	145,323,000	144,479,000	142,772,000	844,000	0.6	2,551,000	1.8
Unemployment	6,913,000	7,400,000	7,255,000	-487,000	-6.6	-342,000	-4.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.9	4.8	-0.4	--	-0.3	--

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.

Nonagricultural Employment in Florida
Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)

	March ^P 2007	February ^r 2007	March 2006	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	8,102.1	8,085.7	7,979.5	16.4	0.2	122.6	1.5
Construction	634.0	635.4	637.0	-1.4	-0.2	-3.0	-0.5
Manufacturing	396.4	400.1	405.6	-3.7	-0.9	-9.2	-2.3
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,613.1	1,605.3	1,598.5	7.8	0.5	14.6	0.9
Wholesale Trade	352.6	352.1	345.1	0.5	0.1	7.5	2.2
Retail Trade	1,015.5	1,009.5	1,007.7	6.0	0.6	7.8	0.8
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	245.0	243.7	245.7	1.3	0.5	-0.7	-0.3
Information	166.4	167.3	167.1	-0.9	-0.5	-0.7	-0.4
Financial Activities	551.5	552.7	546.2	-1.2	-0.2	5.3	1.0
Finance and Insurance	372.8	373.0	367.9	-0.2	-0.1	4.9	1.3
Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing	178.7	179.7	178.3	-1.0	-0.6	0.4	0.2
Professional and Business Services	1,361.1	1,359.0	1,329.4	2.1	0.2	31.7	2.4
Education and Health Services	992.2	990.9	963.9	1.3	0.1	28.3	2.9
Educational Services	128.9	127.2	125.5	1.7	1.3	3.4	2.7
Health Care and Social Assistance	863.3	863.7	838.4	-0.4	*	24.9	3.0
Leisure and Hospitality	921.1	914.4	900.3	6.7	0.7	20.8	2.3
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	176.7	176.4	172.8	0.3	0.2	3.9	2.3
Accommodation and Food Services	744.4	738.0	727.5	6.4	0.9	16.9	2.3
Other Services	345.0	342.8	330.9	2.2	0.6	14.1	4.3
Total Government	1,114.8	1,111.3	1,093.9	3.5	0.3	20.9	1.9
Local Government	773.2	772.1	754.8	1.1	0.1	18.4	2.4

^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	March 2007	February 2007	March 2006	Change from		Feb 2007 to Mar 2007 Level	Mar 2006 to Mar 2007 Level
				Percent	Percent		
Total Nonagricultural Employment	8,152,100	8,099,900	8,042,800	52,200	0.6%	109,300	1.4%
Total Private	7,016,100	6,968,500	6,928,100	47,600	0.7%	88,000	1.3%
Goods Producing	1,034,700	1,037,600	1,050,400	-2,900	-0.3%	-15,700	-1.5%
Natural Resources and Mining	6,500	6,500	6,700	0	0.0%	-200	-3.0%
Mining, except Oil and Gas	3,800	3,800	4,100	0	0.0%	-300	-7.3%
Construction	631,100	631,500	637,000	-400	-0.1%	-5,900	-0.9%
Construction of Buildings	129,700	130,200	137,100	-500	-0.4%	-7,400	-5.4%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	78,700	79,600	76,500	-900	-1.1%	2,200	2.9%
Specialty Trade Contractors	422,700	421,700	423,400	1,000	0.2%	-700	-0.2%
Building Equipment Contractors	163,900	164,200	159,100	-300	-0.2%	4,800	3.0%
Manufacturing	397,100	399,600	406,700	-2,500	-0.6%	-9,600	-2.4%
Durable Goods	273,500	275,200	278,100	-1,700	-0.6%	-4,600	-1.7%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	41,600	41,800	41,400	-200	-0.5%	200	0.5%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	48,300	48,700	50,000	-400	-0.8%	-1,700	-3.4%
Communications Equipment Manufacturing	10,300	10,400	10,600	-100	-1.0%	-300	-2.8%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	44,000	44,000	43,800	0	0.0%	200	0.5%
Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing	18,900	18,800	18,300	100	0.5%	600	3.3%
Miscellaneous Durable Goods Manufacturing	29,500	29,900	30,000	-400	-1.3%	-500	-1.7%
Nondurable Goods	123,600	124,400	128,600	-800	-0.6%	-5,000	-3.9%
Food Manufacturing	30,100	30,300	30,900	-200	-0.7%	-800	-2.6%
Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing	10,900	10,900	10,700	0	0.0%	200	1.9%
Paper Manufacturing	10,100	10,300	10,600	-200	-1.9%	-500	-4.7%
Printing and Related Support Activities	22,600	22,700	23,400	-100	-0.4%	-800	-3.4%
Chemical Manufacturing	19,100	19,300	19,900	-200	-1.0%	-800	-4.0%

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Service Providing	7,117,400	7,062,300	6,992,400	55,100	0.8%	125,000	1.8%
Private Service Providing	5,981,400	5,930,900	5,877,700	50,500	0.9%	103,700	1.8%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,610,100	1,598,600	1,596,000	11,500	0.7%	14,100	0.9%
Wholesale Trade	352,600	351,300	346,000	1,300	0.4%	6,600	1.9%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	187,800	187,400	185,800	400	0.2%	2,000	1.1%
Commercial Equipment Wholesalers	47,200	46,900	46,600	300	0.6%	600	1.3%
Electronic Goods Wholesalers	22,800	22,500	22,400	300	1.3%	400	1.8%
Machinery and Supply Wholesalers	35,100	35,400	34,100	-300	-0.8%	1,000	2.9%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	124,300	123,400	121,800	900	0.7%	2,500	2.1%
Grocery and Related Product Wholesalers	43,700	43,500	44,000	200	0.5%	-300	-0.7%
Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents	40,500	40,500	38,400	0	0.0%	2,100	5.5%
Retail Trade	1,013,500	1,004,700	1,004,200	8,800	0.9%	9,300	0.9%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	137,400	136,300	134,300	1,100	0.8%	3,100	2.3%
Automobile Dealers	88,100	88,200	88,000	-100	-0.1%	100	0.1%
Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores	45,900	45,600	45,700	300	0.7%	200	0.4%
Electronics and Appliance Stores	38,100	37,900	36,000	200	0.5%	2,100	5.8%
Building Material and Garden Supply Stores	90,000	89,600	91,000	400	0.4%	-1,000	-1.1%
Food and Beverage Stores	195,200	195,500	198,500	-300	-0.2%	-3,300	-1.7%
Health and Personal Care Stores	67,900	67,900	66,700	0	0.0%	1,200	1.8%
Gasoline Stations	41,300	41,200	39,700	100	0.2%	1,600	4.0%
Clothing and Accessory Stores	101,500	100,600	100,300	900	0.9%	1,200	1.2%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	33,200	33,300	32,000	-100	-0.3%	1,200	3.8%
General Merchandise Stores	183,100	177,800	178,100	5,300	3.0%	5,000	2.8%
Department Stores	78,300	77,600	77,500	700	0.9%	800	1.0%
Other General Merchandise Stores	104,800	100,200	100,600	4,600	4.6%	4,200	4.2%
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	58,200	57,300	58,400	900	1.6%	-200	-0.3%
Nonstore Retailers	21,700	21,700	23,500	0	0.0%	-1,800	-7.7%
Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order Houses	13,900	13,900	15,400	0	0.0%	-1,500	-9.7%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	244,000	242,600	245,800	1,400	0.6%	-1,800	-0.7%
Utilities	24,400	24,200	24,400	200	0.8%	0	0.0%

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Transportation and Warehousing	219,600	218,400	221,400	1,200	0.5%	-1,800	-0.8%	
Air Transportation	28,800	28,400	29,900	400	1.4%	-1,100	-3.7%	
Water Transportation	12,000	12,000	12,700	0	0.0%	-700	-5.5%	
Truck Transportation	48,000	48,200	49,900	-200	-0.4%	-1,900	-3.8%	
Support Activities for Transportation	48,500	47,800	47,500	700	1.5%	1,000	2.1%	
Couriers and Messengers	30,600	30,300	30,600	300	1.0%	0	0.0%	
Warehousing and Storage	28,500	28,600	27,500	-100	-0.3%	1,000	3.6%	
Information	166,500	166,700	166,800	-200	-0.1%	-300	-0.2%	
Publishing Industries, except Internet	43,800	44,000	42,500	-200	-0.5%	1,300	3.1%	
Broadcasting, except Internet	18,700	18,700	18,600	0	0.0%	100	0.5%	
Telecommunications	63,000	62,800	63,500	200	0.3%	-500	-0.8%	
Wired Telecommunications Carriers	32,800	32,900	33,700	-100	-0.3%	-900	-2.7%	
Internet Service Providers and Data Processing	24,700	24,900	25,600	-200	-0.8%	-900	-3.5%	
Financial Activities	550,400	549,600	545,800	800	0.1%	4,600	0.8%	
Finance and Insurance	371,400	371,200	367,500	200	0.1%	3,900	1.1%	
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	193,400	193,000	189,400	400	0.2%	4,000	2.1%	
Depository Credit Intermediation	105,700	105,300	102,700	400	0.4%	3,000	2.9%	
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	135,700	136,500	136,600	-800	-0.6%	-900	-0.7%	
Insurance Carriers	74,600	75,000	75,900	-400	-0.5%	-1,300	-1.7%	
Insurance Agencies, Brokerages, and Related	61,100	61,500	60,700	-400	-0.7%	400	0.7%	
Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing	179,000	178,400	178,300	600	0.3%	700	0.4%	
Real Estate	131,800	131,100	129,700	700	0.5%	2,100	1.6%	
Professional and Business Services	1,369,400	1,356,600	1,341,000	12,800	0.9%	28,400	2.1%	
Professional and Technical Services	457,700	456,400	450,500	1,300	0.3%	7,200	1.6%	
Legal Services	89,200	89,300	92,100	-100	-0.1%	-2,900	-3.1%	
Accounting, Tax Preparation, and Bookkeeping	61,300	62,300	60,900	-1,000	-1.6%	400	0.7%	
Architectural, Engineering, and Related	94,000	94,100	91,200	-100	-0.1%	2,800	3.1%	
Computer Systems Design and Related	56,800	56,700	54,800	100	0.2%	2,000	3.6%	
Management, Scientific, and Technical	67,500	66,600	63,700	900	1.4%	3,800	6.0%	

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Management of Companies and Enterprises	72,600	72,800	73,600	-200	-0.3%	-1,000	-1.4%
Administrative and Waste Services	839,100	827,400	816,900	11,700	1.4%	22,200	2.7%
Administrative and Support Services	818,900	807,100	797,900	11,800	1.5%	21,000	2.6%
Employment Services	454,200	449,000	452,400	5,200	1.2%	1,800	0.4%
Business Support Services	61,900	61,500	58,900	400	0.7%	3,000	5.1%
Travel Arrangement and Reservation Services	30,700	30,500	30,300	200	0.7%	400	1.3%
Investigation and Security Services	58,300	58,000	57,900	300	0.5%	400	0.7%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	138,600	135,700	132,900	2,900	2.1%	5,700	4.3%
Waste Management and Remediation Services	20,200	20,300	19,000	-100	-0.5%	1,200	6.3%
Education and Health Services	993,700	990,800	968,400	2,900	0.3%	25,300	2.6%
Educational Services	131,700	129,400	129,000	2,300	1.8%	2,700	2.1%
Elementary and Secondary Schools	44,600	45,000	44,500	-400	-0.9%	100	0.2%
Colleges and Universities	50,600	49,500	48,500	1,100	2.2%	2,100	4.3%
Health Care and Social Assistance	862,000	861,400	839,400	600	0.1%	22,600	2.7%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	354,300	353,900	345,400	400	0.1%	8,900	2.6%
Offices of Physicians	162,400	161,900	156,100	500	0.3%	6,300	4.0%
Home Health Care Services	52,100	52,300	51,400	-200	-0.4%	700	1.4%
Hospitals	245,800	245,300	237,300	500	0.2%	8,500	3.6%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	156,400	157,600	152,200	-1,200	-0.8%	4,200	2.8%
Nursing Care Facilities	85,300	85,400	83,600	-100	-0.1%	1,700	2.0%
Community Care for the Elderly	41,400	41,800	40,100	-400	-1.0%	1,300	3.2%
Social Assistance	105,500	104,600	104,500	900	0.9%	1,000	1.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	945,500	925,500	927,200	20,000	2.2%	18,300	2.0%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	182,000	178,200	178,200	3,800	2.1%	3,800	2.1%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation	142,000	139,800	139,800	2,200	1.6%	2,200	1.6%
Amusement Parks and Arcades	55,300	54,500	53,000	800	1.5%	2,300	4.3%
Accommodation and Food Services	763,500	747,300	749,000	16,200	2.2%	14,500	1.9%
Accommodation	158,200	156,700	159,000	1,500	1.0%	-800	-0.5%
Food Services and Drinking Places	605,300	590,600	590,000	14,700	2.5%	15,300	2.6%

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Other Services	345,800	343,100	332,500	2,700	0.8%	13,300	4.0%
Repair and Maintenance	79,300	77,800	77,500	1,500	1.9%	1,800	2.3%
Automotive Repair and Maintenance	54,800	54,000	54,000	800	1.5%	800	1.5%
Personal and Laundry Services	77,900	77,000	79,700	900	1.2%	-1,800	-2.3%
Membership Associations and Organizations	188,600	188,300	175,300	300	0.2%	13,300	7.6%
Total Government	1,136,000	1,131,400	1,114,700	4,600	0.4%	21,300	1.9%
Federal	125,600	126,100	127,000	-500	-0.4%	-1,400	-1.1%
State	219,800	217,500	215,900	2,300	1.1%	3,900	1.8%
Local	790,600	787,800	771,800	2,800	0.4%	18,800	2.4%

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 2007				FEBRUARY 2007				MARCH 2006			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)
ALACHUA	126401	123290	3111	2.5	125496	122374	3122	2.5	122346	119329	3017	2.5
BAKER	11605	11252	353	3.0	11512	11155	357	3.1	11216	10891	325	2.9
BAY	86615	84020	2595	3.0	84653	81851	2802	3.3	83887	81425	2462	2.9
BRADFORD	12314	11962	352	2.9	12249	11887	362	3.0	11805	11497	308	2.6
BREVARD	263890	254503	9387	3.6	261315	251940	9375	3.6	259441	251684	7757	3.0
BROWARD	987167	958616	28551	2.9	977859	949128	28731	2.9	965320	936529	28791	3.0
CALHOUN	5457	5287	170	3.1	5414	5239	175	3.2	5317	5166	151	2.8
CHARLOTTE	70280	67595	2685	3.8	69245	66642	2603	3.8	68099	65951	2148	3.2
CITRUS	57159	54952	2207	3.9	56064	53851	2213	3.9	53331	51447	1884	3.5
CLAY	90148	87558	2590	2.9	89493	86807	2686	3.0	87205	84748	2457	2.8
COLLIER	159666	155231	4435	2.8	158204	153780	4424	2.8	154548	150634	3914	2.5
COLUMBIA	30572	29671	901	2.9	30186	29272	914	3.0	28832	27999	833	2.9
DESOTO	15788	15292	496	3.1	15772	15274	498	3.2	14375	13953	422	2.9
DIXIE	5889	5690	199	3.4	5821	5618	203	3.5	5722	5532	190	3.3
DUVAL	438062	423529	14533	3.3	434629	419899	14730	3.4	423283	409939	13344	3.2
ESCAMBIA	136697	132273	4424	3.2	135382	130872	4510	3.3	134992	131076	3916	2.9
FLAGLER	33857	32312	1545	4.6	33223	31689	1534	4.6	30429	29292	1137	3.7
FRANKLIN	5257	5116	141	2.7	5107	4963	144	2.8	5085	4937	148	2.9
GADSDEN	21175	20457	718	3.4	20983	20224	759	3.6	20620	19947	673	3.3
GILCHRIST	7683	7455	228	3.0	7618	7400	218	2.9	7410	7215	195	2.6
GLADES	4840	4670	170	3.5	4777	4605	172	3.6	4638	4496	142	3.1
GULF	6805	6600	205	3.0	6712	6499	213	3.2	6397	6224	173	2.7
HAMILTON	4772	4602	170	3.6	4685	4512	173	3.7	4592	4440	152	3.3
HARDEE	12969	12605	364	2.8	12906	12537	369	2.9	11808	11436	372	3.2
HENDRY	18584	17784	800	4.3	18387	17566	821	4.5	17914	17078	836	4.7
HERNANDO	61300	58481	2819	4.6	60744	57913	2831	4.7	59465	57009	2456	4.1
HIGHLANDS	44238	42828	1410	3.2	43845	42419	1426	3.3	42199	40913	1286	3.0
HILLSBOROUGH	610220	591132	19088	3.1	604568	585388	19180	3.2	593673	576247	17426	2.9
HOLMES	9031	8760	271	3.0	8921	8658	263	2.9	8468	8217	251	3.0
INDIAN RIVER	60911	58387	2524	4.1	60415	57888	2527	4.2	58892	56909	1983	3.4
JACKSON	22041	21301	740	3.4	21922	21149	773	3.5	20950	20329	621	3.0
JEFFERSON	7039	6855	184	2.6	6955	6777	178	2.6	6866	6684	182	2.7
LAFAYETTE	2889	2811	78	2.7	2858	2774	84	2.9	2830	2753	77	2.7
LAKE	126030	121641	4389	3.5	124655	120261	4394	3.5	120390	116661	3729	3.1
LEE	294577	285182	9395	3.2	291434	282198	9236	3.2	281913	274617	7296	2.6
LEON	142165	138547	3618	2.5	140565	136973	3592	2.6	138527	135093	3434	2.5
LEVY	17398	16837	561	3.2	17156	16580	576	3.4	16481	15972	509	3.1
LIBERTY	3699	3612	87	2.4	3672	3585	87	2.4	3461	3373	88	2.5

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

MARCH 2007					FEBRUARY 2007				MARCH 2006			
COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)
MADISON	7231	6828	403	5.6	7223	6778	445	6.2	7329	7056	273	3.7
MANATEE	157225	152526	4699	3.0	156097	151350	4747	3.0	152924	148809	4115	2.7
MARION	135253	130454	4799	3.5	134034	129209	4825	3.6	129871	125744	4127	3.2
MARTIN	66997	64763	2234	3.3	66623	64400	2223	3.3	66067	63958	2109	3.2
MIAMI-DADE	1174139	1137890	36249	3.1	1173201	1136512	36689	3.1	1138906	1097018	41888	3.7
MONROE	45289	44240	1049	2.3	44755	43687	1068	2.4	45189	44106	1083	2.4
NASSAU	34049	33105	944	2.8	33785	32821	964	2.9	32923	32042	881	2.7
OKALOOSA	99506	97030	2476	2.5	98203	95687	2516	2.6	96734	94531	2203	2.3
OKEECHOBEE	18252	17612	640	3.5	18050	17393	657	3.6	17504	16932	572	3.3
ORANGE	588232	570531	17701	3.0	581584	564060	17524	3.0	563707	547175	16532	2.9
OSCEOLA	123954	119667	4287	3.5	122619	118310	4309	3.5	118406	114769	3637	3.1
PALM BEACH	648111	626886	21225	3.3	639730	618378	21352	3.3	630511	609922	20589	3.3
PASCO	190547	182977	7570	4.0	188841	181199	7642	4.0	184923	178369	6554	3.5
PINELLAS	484349	469371	14978	3.1	479602	464810	14792	3.1	472032	457552	14480	3.1
POLK	274947	265803	9144	3.3	272308	263104	9204	3.4	266159	257946	8213	3.1
PUTNAM	32046	30794	1252	3.9	31828	30540	1288	4.0	30899	29815	1084	3.5
ST. JOHNS	87101	84723	2378	2.7	86360	83997	2363	2.7	84175	82004	2171	2.6
ST. LUCIE	117064	112151	4913	4.2	116462	111522	4940	4.2	114706	110757	3949	3.4
SANTA ROSA	68180	65919	2261	3.3	67273	65220	2053	3.1	67338	65322	2016	3.0
SARASOTA	184376	178654	5722	3.1	182777	177277	5500	3.0	179151	174302	4849	2.7
SEMINOLE	241224	234415	6809	2.8	238617	231756	6861	2.9	231307	224819	6488	2.8
SUMTER	32761	31884	877	2.7	32189	31316	873	2.7	27902	27152	750	2.7
SUWANNEE	17359	16842	517	3.0	17138	16618	520	3.0	16719	16215	504	3.0
TAYLOR	9220	8898	322	3.5	8978	8652	326	3.6	8788	8456	332	3.8
UNION	5237	5103	134	2.6	5228	5091	137	2.6	5021	4902	119	2.4
VOLUSIA	252795	244439	8356	3.3	249956	241569	8387	3.4	245797	238312	7485	3.0
WAKULLA	14938	14541	397	2.7	14773	14376	397	2.7	14517	14179	338	2.3
WALTON	34111	33408	703	2.1	33130	32415	715	2.2	30116	29491	625	2.1
WASHINGTON	9927	9611	316	3.2	9760	9422	338	3.5	9454	9165	289	3.1
FLORIDA												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	9170000	8880000	290000	3.2	9087000	8796000	291000	3.2	8882000	8608000	273000	3.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	9194000	8887000	306000	3.3	9148000	8847000	301000	3.3	8918000	8622000	296000	3.3
UNITED STATES												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	152236000	145323000	6913000	4.5	151879000	144479000	7400000	4.9	150027000	142772000	7255000	4.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	152979000	146254000	6724000	4.4	152784000	145919000	6865000	4.5	150689000	143680000	7009000	4.7

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

MARCH 2007					FEBRUARY 2007				MARCH 2006			
MSA (COUNTIES)	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)	294577	285182	9395	3.2	291434	282198	9236	3.2	281913	274617	7296	2.6
DELTONA-DAYTONA BEACH-ORMOND BEACH (Volusia)	252795	244439	8356	3.3	249956	241569	8387	3.4	245797	238312	7485	3.0
FT. WALTON BEACH-CRESTVIEW-DESTIN (Okaloosa)	99506	97030	2476	2.5	98203	95687	2516	2.6	96734	94531	2203	2.3
GAINESVILLE (Alachua and Gilchrist)	134084	130745	3339	2.5	133114	129774	3340	2.5	129756	126544	3212	2.5
JACKSONVILLE (Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns)	660962	640165	20797	3.1	655778	634679	21099	3.2	638802	619624	19178	3.0
LAKELAND (Polk)	274947	265803	9144	3.3	272308	263104	9204	3.4	266159	257946	8213	3.1
MIAMI-FT. LAUDERDALE-POMPANO BEACH (Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach)	2809417	2723392	86025	3.1	2790790	2704018	86772	3.1	2734737	2643469	91268	3.3
Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach Metropolitan Division (Broward)	987167	958616	28551	2.9	977859	949128	28731	2.9	965320	936529	28791	3.0
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall Metropolitan Division (Miami-Dade)	1174139	1137890	36249	3.1	1173201	1136512	36689	3.1	1138906	1097018	41888	3.7
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division (Palm Beach)	648111	626886	21225	3.3	639730	618378	21352	3.3	630511	609922	20589	3.3
NAPLES-MARCO ISLAND (Collier)	159666	155231	4435	2.8	158204	153780	4424	2.8	154548	150634	3914	2.5
OCALA (Marion)	135253	130454	4799	3.5	134034	129209	4825	3.6	129871	125744	4127	3.2
ORLANDO-KISSIMMEE (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole)	1079440	1046254	33186	3.1	1067475	1034387	33088	3.1	1033809	1003424	30385	2.9
PALM BAY-MELBOURNE-TITUSVILLE (Brevard)	263890	254503	9387	3.6	261315	251940	9375	3.6	259441	251684	7757	3.0
PALM COAST (Flagler)	33857	32312	1545	4.6	33223	31689	1534	4.6	30429	29292	1137	3.7
PANAMA CITY-LYNN HAVEN (Bay)	86615	84020	2595	3.0	84653	81851	2802	3.3	83887	81425	2462	2.9
PENSACOLA-FERRY PASS-BRENT (Escambia and Santa Rosa)	204877	198192	6685	3.3	202655	196092	6563	3.2	202330	196398	5932	2.9
PORT ST. LUCIE (Martin and St. Lucie)	184061	176914	7147	3.9	183085	175922	7163	3.9	180773	174715	6058	3.4
PUNTA GORDA (Charlotte)	70280	67595	2685	3.8	69245	66642	2603	3.8	68099	65951	2148	3.2
SARASOTA-BRADENTON-VENICE (Manatee and Sarasota)	341601	331180	10421	3.1	338874	328627	10247	3.0	332075	323111	8964	2.7
SEBASTIAN-VERO BEACH (Indian River)	60911	58387	2524	4.1	60415	57888	2527	4.2	58892	56909	1983	3.4
TALLAHASSEE (Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, and Wakulla)	185316	180400	4916	2.7	183276	178350	4926	2.7	180530	175902	4628	2.6
TAMPA-ST. PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER (Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas)	1346416	1301961	44455	3.3	1333755	1289310	44445	3.3	1310094	1269177	40917	3.1
FLORIDA												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	9170000	8880000	290000	3.2	9087000	8796000	291000	3.2	8882000	8608000	273000	3.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	9194000	8887000	306000	3.3	9148000	8847000	301000	3.3	8918000	8622000	296000	3.3
UNITED STATES												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	152236000	145323000	6913000	4.5	151879000	144479000	7400000	4.9	150027000	142772000	7255000	4.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	152979000	146254000	6724000	4.4	152784000	145919000	6865000	4.5	150689000	143680000	7009000	4.7

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

MARCH 2007

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UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT		
RANK	COUNTY	RATE (%)	RANK	COUNTY	RATE (%)
1	MADISON	5.6	34	HILLSBOROUGH	3.1
2	HERNANDO	4.6	35	CALHOUN	3.1
3	FLAGLER	4.6	36	SARASOTA	3.1
	UNITED STATES	4.5	37	PINELLAS	3.1
4	HENDRY	4.3	38	MIAMI-DADE	3.1
5	ST. LUCIE	4.2	39	BAKER	3.0
6	INDIAN RIVER	4.1	40	GULF	3.0
7	PASCO	4.0	41	ORANGE	3.0
8	PUTNAM	3.9	42	HOLMES	3.0
9	CITRUS	3.9	43	BAY	3.0
10	CHARLOTTE	3.8	44	MANATEE	3.0
11	HAMILTON	3.6	45	SUWANNEE	3.0
12	BREVARD	3.6	46	GILCHRIST	3.0
13	MARION	3.5	47	COLUMBIA	2.9
14	GLADES	3.5	48	BROWARD	2.9
15	OKEECHOBEE	3.5	49	CLAY	2.9
16	TAYLOR	3.5	50	BRADFORD	2.9
17	LAKE	3.5	51	SEMINOLE	2.8
18	OSCEOLA	3.5	52	HARDEE	2.8
19	GADSDEN	3.4	53	COLLIER	2.8
20	DIXIE	3.4	54	NASSAU	2.8
21	JACKSON	3.4	55	ST. JOHNS	2.7
22	MARTIN	3.3	56	LAFAYETTE	2.7
23	POLK	3.3	57	FRANKLIN	2.7
24	DUVAL	3.3	58	SUMTER	2.7
25	SANTA ROSA	3.3	59	WAKULLA	2.7
26	VOLUSIA	3.3	60	JEFFERSON	2.6
27	PALM BEACH	3.3	61	UNION	2.6
28	ESCAMBIA	3.2	62	LEON	2.5
29	LEVY	3.2	63	OKALOOSA	2.5
30	LEE	3.2	64	ALACHUA	2.5
31	HIGHLANDS	3.2	65	LIBERTY	2.4
32	WASHINGTON	3.2	66	MONROE	2.3
	FLORIDA	3.2	67	WALTON	2.1
33	DESOTO	3.1			

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

1. Palm Coast MSA	4.6 %
United States	4.5
2. Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	4.1
3. Port St. Lucie MSA	3.9
4. Punta Gorda MSA	3.8
5. Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	3.6
6. Ocala MSA	3.5
7. Lakeland MSA	3.3
8. Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	3.3
9. Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA	3.3
10. West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MD	3.3
11. Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	3.3
12. Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA	3.2
Florida	3.2
13. Jacksonville MSA	3.1
14. Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	3.1
15. Orlando-Kissimmee MSA	3.1
16. Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach MSA	3.1
17. Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice MSA	3.1
18. Panama City-Lynn Haven MSA	3.0
19. Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MD	2.9
20. Naples-Marco Island MSA	2.8
21. Tallahassee MSA	2.7
22. Gainesville MSA	2.5
23. Ft. Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin MSA	2.5

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
FLORIDA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Area	March 2007	February 2007	March 2006	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Statewide	8,152,100	8,099,900	8,042,800	+52,200	+0.6%	+109,300	+1.4%
Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA	241,000	239,300	235,300	+1,700	+0.7%	+5,700	+2.4%
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	178,400	176,800	176,700	+1,600	+0.9%	+1,700	+1.0%
Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MD	795,500	792,200	789,000	+3,300	+0.4%	+6,500	+0.8%
Ft. Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin MSA	88,200	87,600	87,600	+600	+0.7%	+600	+0.7%
Gainesville MSA	135,700	135,300	133,100	+400	+0.3%	+2,600	+2.0%
Jacksonville MSA	636,200	633,600	623,700	+2,600	+0.4%	+12,500	+2.0%
Lakeland MSA	224,600	223,200	221,700	+1,400	+0.6%	+2,900	+1.3%
Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach MSA	2,460,800	2,446,000	2,434,200	+14,800	+0.6%	+26,600	+1.1%
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	1,062,100	1,056,900	1,051,600	+5,200	+0.5%	+10,500	+1.0%
Naples-Marco Island MSA	140,700	140,300	137,800	+400	+0.3%	+2,900	+2.1%
Ocala MSA	107,700	107,000	105,700	+700	+0.7%	+2,000	+1.9%
Orlando-Kissimmee MSA	1,101,900	1,097,800	1,071,100	+4,100	+0.4%	+30,800	+2.9%
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	217,800	216,400	218,400	+1,400	+0.6%	-600	-0.3%
Panama City-Lynn Haven MSA	78,200	76,400	77,000	+1,800	+2.4%	+1,200	+1.6%
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	173,000	172,100	173,700	+900	+0.5%	-700	-0.4%
Port St. Lucie MSA	134,600	134,200	134,900	+400	+0.3%	-300	-0.2%
Punta Gorda MSA	45,800	45,500	45,300	+300	+0.7%	+500	+1.1%
Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice MSA	312,500	310,900	308,500	+1,600	+0.5%	+4,000	+1.3%
Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	49,600	49,300	49,300	+300	+0.6%	+300	+0.6%
Tallahassee MSA	180,900	179,600	178,500	+1,300	+0.7%	+2,400	+1.3%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA	1,327,300	1,319,600	1,312,500	+7,700	+0.6%	+14,800	+1.1%
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MD	603,200	596,900	593,600	+6,300	+1.1%	+9,600	+1.6%

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. Released April 20, 2007.