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## **Florida's April Unemployment Rate Remains Nearly Unchanged** ~Florida's Rate of Job Growth Picks Up Speed~

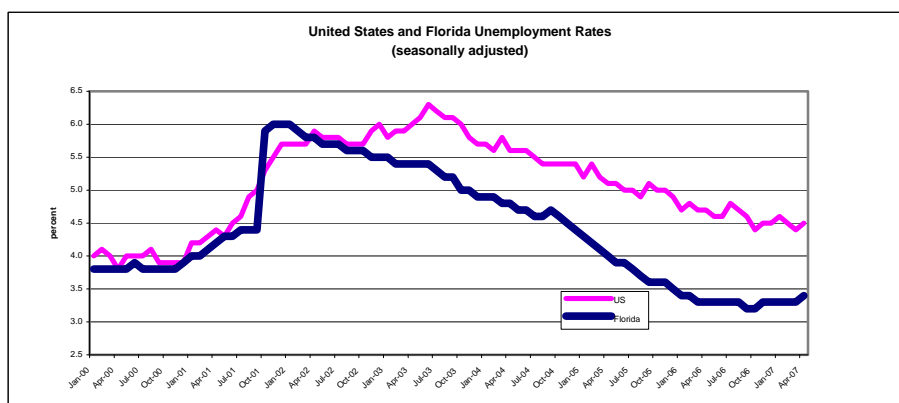
**TALLAHASSEE** – Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) Director Monesia T. Brown today announced Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2007 was 3.4 percent, and has remained essentially unchanged since November of last year when the unemployment rate was 3.3 percent. Based 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 April was 4.5 percent.

"Florida's job market continues to receive national attention. In fact, Business 2.0 magazine recently reported that Orlando has the hottest job market in the nation," said Monesia T. Brown, Director of the Agency for Workforce Innovation. "The magazine noted that three of the top ten hottest job markets are in Florida. We are also encouraged by reports such as the Cyberstates 2007 report that highlights Florida's national ranking in high technology job growth."

The report, *Cyberstates 2007: A Complete State-by-State Overview of the High-Technology Industry* released on April 24, 2007 by the American Electronics Association highlighted Florida's national standing as a growing hub of high-tech employment. The survey, covering 2005 data, showed that Florida now ranks fourth in the nation in total high tech employment and was the second-fastest growing high tech job market, trailing only California. Florida added 10,900 high tech jobs in 2005, the latest year for which data are available.

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

- Florida has recorded 56 consecutive months of job growth.
- Florida gained 148,600 nonagricultural jobs in April compared to a year ago.
- Out of the civilian labor force of 9,179,000, there were 313,000 unemployed Floridians.
- Florida's April 2007 unemployment rate of 3.4 percent was 1.1 percentage points lower than the national rate of 4.5 percent. Florida's rate has been below the national average since mid-2002.



## **FLORIDA'S NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (Seasonally Adjusted)**

- In April 2007, Florida's nonagricultural employment expanded by 1.9 percent over the year, totaling 8,117,400 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, but showed slight improvement with the April statistics.
- Florida added 148,600 jobs since April 2006. Professional and business services (+36,700 jobs, +2.8 percent) and education and health services (+33,200 jobs, +3.4 percent) accounted for 47 percent of the new jobs in the state.
- Leisure and hospitality increased by 27,200 jobs over April 2006 levels (+3.0 percent). Accommodation and food services accounted for 83 percent of the job growth in leisure and hospitality.
- Government ranked fourth among Florida's major industries in job growth and expanded by 25,900 jobs over the year (+2.4 percent). Local government accounted for 87 percent of the total increase in government. Trade, transportation, and utilities was next in annual growth with a 20,500 job increase (+1.3 percent).
- Construction employment, reacting to declines in the housing market, lost 6,600 jobs over the year (-1.0 percent). This drop in employment continued from last month which was the first decline posted in construction jobs since July 2002.
- Manufacturing (-7,900 jobs, -2.0 percent) and information (-1,100 jobs, -0.7 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 April 2007, Walton County had the state's lowest unemployment rate (1.9 percent), followed by Liberty and Monroe counties (2.2 percent). Alachua and Okaloosa counties followed with unemployment rates of 2.3 percent.
- Madison County, at 5.3 percent, had the highest unemployment rate in Florida in April, followed by Flagler County (4.6 percent each), Hendry and Hernando counties (4.5 percent), and St. Lucie County (4.4 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 Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) led the state in over-the-year employment gains (+41,200 jobs, +1.7 percent) in April 2007, followed by the Orlando-Kissimmee MSA (+29,500 jobs, +2.7 percent) and the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA (+19,600 jobs, +1.5 percent). The combined employment growth in these three MSAs accounted for 63 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 April 2007	Month Ago March 2007	Year Ago April 2006	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
<b>STATE OF FLORIDA</b>							
Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+	14,417,000	14,398,000	14,163,000	19,000	0.1	254,000	1.8
Civilian Labor Force	9,179,000	9,194,000	8,933,000	-15,000	-0.2	246,000	2.8
Employment	8,866,000	8,887,000	8,639,000	-21,000	-0.2	227,000	2.6
Unemployment	313,000	306,000	294,000	7,000	2.3	19,000	6.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.4	3.3	3.3	0.1	--	0.1	--

**UNITED STATES**

Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+	231,253,000	231,034,000	228,199,000	219,000	0.1	3,054,000	1.3
Civilian Labor Force	152,587,000	152,979,000	150,862,000	-392,000	-0.3	1,725,000	1.1
Employment	145,786,000	146,254,000	143,763,000	-468,000	-0.3	2,023,000	1.4
Unemployment	6,801,000	6,724,000	7,098,000	77,000	1.1	-297,000	-4.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.4	4.7	0.1	--	-0.2	--

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Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+	14,417,000	14,398,000	14,163,000	19,000	0.1	254,000	1.8
Civilian Labor Force	9,133,000	9,170,000	8,883,000	-37,000	-0.4	250,000	2.8
Employment	8,844,000	8,880,000	8,612,000	-36,000	-0.4	232,000	2.7
Unemployment	289,000	290,000	271,000	-1,000	-0.3	18,000	6.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.2	3.2	3.0	0.0	--	0.2	--

**UNITED STATES**

Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+	231,253,000	231,034,000	228,199,000	219,000	0.1	3,054,000	1.3
Civilian Labor Force	151,829,000	152,236,000	150,209,000	-407,000	-0.3	1,620,000	1.1
Employment	145,297,000	145,323,000	143,405,000	-26,000	**	1,892,000	1.3
Unemployment	6,532,000	6,913,000	6,804,000	-381,000	-5.5	-272,000	-4.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.5	4.5	-0.2	--	-0.2	--

\*\* 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.

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

	April <sup>P</sup> 2007	March <sup>r</sup> 2007	April 2006	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
<b>Total Nonagricultural Employment</b>	8,117.4	8,106.3	7,968.8	11.1	0.1	148.6	1.9
<b>Construction</b>	632.8	633.3	639.4	-0.5	-0.1	-6.6	-1.0
<b>Manufacturing</b>	396.7	396.0	404.6	0.7	0.2	-7.9	-2.0
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	1,615.0	1,613.6	1,594.5	1.4	0.1	20.5	1.3
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	352.3	352.7	345.7	-0.4	-0.1	6.6	1.9
<b>Retail Trade</b>	1,017.1	1,015.7	1,003.9	1.4	0.1	13.2	1.3
<b>Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities</b>	245.6	245.2	244.9	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.3
<b>Information</b>	166.4	165.8	167.5	0.6	0.4	-1.1	-0.7
<b>Financial Activities</b>	552.5	552.4	545.4	0.1	*	7.1	1.3
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>	374.1	373.7	367.3	0.4	0.1	6.8	1.9
<b>Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing</b>	178.4	178.7	178.1	-0.3	-0.2	0.3	0.2
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	1,360.7	1,360.5	1,324.0	0.2	*	36.7	2.8
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	997.2	994.9	964.0	2.3	0.2	33.2	3.4
<b>Educational Services</b>	129.2	129.3	124.6	-0.1	-0.1	4.6	3.7
<b>Health Care and Social Assistance</b>	868.0	865.6	839.4	2.4	0.3	28.6	3.4
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	925.9	922.9	898.7	3.0	0.3	27.2	3.0
<b>Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation</b>	178.3	178.0	173.7	0.3	0.2	4.6	2.6
<b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	747.6	744.9	725.0	2.7	0.4	22.6	3.1
<b>Other Services</b>	345.9	345.3	332.2	0.6	0.2	13.7	4.1
<b>Total Government</b>	1,117.8	1,115.1	1,091.9	2.7	0.2	25.9	2.4
<b>Local Government</b>	777.7	773.5	755.1	4.2	0.5	22.6	3.0

<sup>P</sup> = preliminary, <sup>r</sup> = 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  
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Industry Title	April 2007	March 2007	April 2006	Change from			
				Mar 2007 to Apr 2007 Level	Percent	Apr 2006 to Apr 2007 Level	Percent
<b>Total Nonagricultural Employment</b>	8,163,200	8,156,300	8,020,400	6,900	0.1%	142,800	1.8%
<b>Total Private</b>	7,025,400	7,020,000	6,909,000	5,400	0.1%	116,400	1.7%
<b>Goods Producing</b>	1,035,300	1,033,600	1,048,100	1,700	0.2%	-12,800	-1.2%
<b>Natural Resources and Mining</b>	6,500	6,500	6,600	0	0.0%	-100	-1.5%
Mining, except Oil and Gas	3,800	3,800	4,000	0	0.0%	-200	-5.0%
<b>Construction</b>	632,000	630,400	637,100	1,600	0.3%	-5,100	-0.8%
Construction of Buildings	130,100	129,400	138,000	700	0.5%	-7,900	-5.7%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	79,000	79,200	76,700	-200	-0.3%	2,300	3.0%
Specialty Trade Contractors	422,900	421,800	422,400	1,100	0.3%	500	0.1%
Building Equipment Contractors	163,200	163,000	160,000	200	0.1%	3,200	2.0%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	396,800	396,700	404,400	100	0.0%	-7,600	-1.9%
Durable Goods	274,500	273,400	276,700	1,100	0.4%	-2,200	-0.8%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	41,800	41,600	41,400	200	0.5%	400	1.0%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	48,100	48,500	49,600	-400	-0.8%	-1,500	-3.0%
Communications Equipment Manufacturing	10,300	10,400	10,300	-100	-1.0%	0	0.0%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	44,200	43,900	43,500	300	0.7%	700	1.6%
Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing	18,900	18,700	18,300	200	1.1%	600	3.3%
Miscellaneous Durable Goods Manufacturing	29,200	29,600	29,600	-400	-1.4%	-400	-1.4%
Nondurable Goods	122,300	123,300	127,700	-1,000	-0.8%	-5,400	-4.2%
Food Manufacturing	29,500	30,000	30,700	-500	-1.7%	-1,200	-3.9%
Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing	10,700	10,900	10,600	-200	-1.8%	100	0.9%
Paper Manufacturing	10,100	10,100	10,400	0	0.0%	-300	-2.9%
Printing and Related Support Activities	23,000	22,600	23,400	400	1.8%	-400	-1.7%
Chemical Manufacturing	18,700	19,100	19,900	-400	-2.1%	-1,200	-6.0%

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<b>Service Providing</b>	7,127,900	7,122,700	6,972,300	5,200	0.1%	155,600	2.2%
<b>Private Service Providing</b>	5,990,100	5,986,400	5,860,900	3,700	0.1%	129,200	2.2%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	1,611,100	1,610,600	1,590,700	500	0.0%	20,400	1.3%
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	353,100	352,700	346,400	400	0.1%	6,700	1.9%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	187,200	187,800	186,000	-600	-0.3%	1,200	0.6%
Commercial Equipment Wholesalers	47,400	47,200	46,400	200	0.4%	1,000	2.2%
Electronic Goods Wholesalers	22,800	22,700	22,500	100	0.4%	300	1.3%
Machinery and Supply Wholesalers	35,100	35,200	34,100	-100	-0.3%	1,000	2.9%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	124,700	124,400	121,400	300	0.2%	3,300	2.7%
Grocery and Related Product Wholesalers	44,200	43,800	44,200	400	0.9%	0	0.0%
Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents	41,200	40,500	39,000	700	1.7%	2,200	5.6%
<b>Retail Trade</b>	1,012,800	1,013,700	999,100	-900	-0.1%	13,700	1.4%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	138,400	137,400	134,900	1,000	0.7%	3,500	2.6%
Automobile Dealers	88,900	88,300	88,300	600	0.7%	600	0.7%
Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores	45,800	46,200	45,000	-400	-0.9%	800	1.8%
Electronics and Appliance Stores	38,000	38,200	36,100	-200	-0.5%	1,900	5.3%
Building Material and Garden Supply Stores	91,500	90,000	92,300	1,500	1.7%	-800	-0.9%
Food and Beverage Stores	196,800	194,900	197,100	1,900	1.0%	-300	-0.2%
Health and Personal Care Stores	68,300	67,900	66,300	400	0.6%	2,000	3.0%
Gasoline Stations	41,100	41,300	39,700	-200	-0.5%	1,400	3.5%
Clothing and Accessory Stores	101,900	101,900	99,800	0	0.0%	2,100	2.1%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	33,400	33,200	31,600	200	0.6%	1,800	5.7%
General Merchandise Stores	179,000	182,900	175,300	-3,900	-2.1%	3,700	2.1%
Department Stores	77,600	78,200	77,200	-600	-0.8%	400	0.5%
Other General Merchandise Stores	101,400	104,700	98,100	-3,300	-3.2%	3,300	3.4%
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	57,100	58,100	57,800	-1,000	-1.7%	-700	-1.2%
Nonstore Retailers	21,500	21,700	23,200	-200	-0.9%	-1,700	-7.3%
Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order Houses	13,800	13,900	15,500	-100	-0.7%	-1,700	-11.0%
<b>Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities</b>	245,200	244,200	245,200	1,000	0.4%	0	0.0%
<b>Utilities</b>	24,400	24,400	24,300	0	0.0%	100	0.4%

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<b>Transportation and Warehousing</b>	220,800	219,800	220,900	1,000	0.5%	-100	0.0%
Air Transportation	29,200	28,700	29,900	500	1.7%	-700	-2.3%
Water Transportation	12,200	12,000	12,600	200	1.7%	-400	-3.2%
Truck Transportation	49,400	48,700	49,600	700	1.4%	-200	-0.4%
Support Activities for Transportation	47,800	48,000	47,300	-200	-0.4%	500	1.1%
Couriers and Messengers	30,800	30,600	30,300	200	0.7%	500	1.7%
Warehousing and Storage	28,200	28,500	27,700	-300	-1.1%	500	1.8%
<b>Information</b>	166,100	165,900	166,500	200	0.1%	-400	-0.2%
Publishing Industries, except Internet	43,600	43,900	42,900	-300	-0.7%	700	1.6%
Broadcasting, except Internet	18,900	18,500	18,600	400	2.2%	300	1.6%
Telecommunications	62,400	62,800	63,200	-400	-0.6%	-800	-1.3%
Wired Telecommunications Carriers	32,800	32,800	33,300	0	0.0%	-500	-1.5%
Internet Service Providers and Data Processing	24,700	24,700	25,300	0	0.0%	-600	-2.4%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	553,900	551,300	545,700	2,600	0.5%	8,200	1.5%
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>	374,300	372,300	366,800	2,000	0.5%	7,500	2.0%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	193,500	193,600	189,200	-100	-0.1%	4,300	2.3%
Depository Credit Intermediation	105,300	105,700	102,500	-400	-0.4%	2,800	2.7%
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	135,800	135,700	136,100	100	0.1%	-300	-0.2%
Insurance Carriers	74,400	74,600	75,600	-200	-0.3%	-1,200	-1.6%
Insurance Agencies, Brokerages, and Related	61,400	61,100	60,500	300	0.5%	900	1.5%
<b>Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing</b>	179,600	179,000	178,900	600	0.3%	700	0.4%
Real Estate	131,600	131,600	130,400	0	0.0%	1,200	0.9%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	1,366,600	1,368,800	1,336,500	-2,200	-0.2%	30,100	2.3%
<b>Professional and Technical Services</b>	461,600	458,200	450,800	3,400	0.7%	10,800	2.4%
Legal Services	89,300	89,100	91,900	200	0.2%	-2,600	-2.8%
Accounting, Tax Preparation, and Bookkeeping	61,500	61,400	58,700	100	0.2%	2,800	4.8%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related	94,800	94,200	91,900	600	0.6%	2,900	3.2%
Computer Systems Design and Related	57,500	56,600	55,500	900	1.6%	2,000	3.6%
Management, Scientific, and Technical	67,800	66,800	64,000	1,000	1.5%	3,800	5.9%

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<b>Management of Companies and Enterprises</b>	72,500	72,200	72,800	300	0.4%	-300	-0.4%		
<b>Administrative and Waste Services</b>	832,500	838,400	812,900	-5,900	-0.7%	19,600	2.4%		
Administrative and Support Services	812,700	818,300	794,100	-5,600	-0.7%	18,600	2.3%		
Employment Services	450,700	455,000	449,300	-4,300	-0.9%	1,400	0.3%		
Business Support Services	61,100	61,400	58,300	-300	-0.5%	2,800	4.8%		
Travel Arrangement and Reservation Services	30,300	30,500	29,700	-200	-0.7%	600	2.0%		
Investigation and Security Services	57,300	58,200	57,600	-900	-1.5%	-300	-0.5%		
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	139,500	138,600	134,100	900	0.6%	5,400	4.0%		
Waste Management and Remediation Services	19,800	20,100	18,800	-300	-1.5%	1,000	5.3%		
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	998,900	996,400	966,900	2,500	0.3%	32,000	3.3%		
<b>Educational Services</b>	131,900	132,100	127,400	-200	-0.2%	4,500	3.5%		
Elementary and Secondary Schools	44,700	44,700	44,000	0	0.0%	700	1.6%		
Colleges and Universities	50,200	50,300	48,200	-100	-0.2%	2,000	4.1%		
<b>Health Care and Social Assistance</b>	867,000	864,300	839,500	2,700	0.3%	27,500	3.3%		
Ambulatory Health Care Services	357,800	354,600	345,900	3,200	0.9%	11,900	3.4%		
Offices of Physicians	163,600	162,300	156,600	1,300	0.8%	7,000	4.5%		
Home Health Care Services	52,600	52,100	51,400	500	1.0%	1,200	2.3%		
Hospitals	246,900	247,500	237,100	-600	-0.2%	9,800	4.1%		
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	157,200	156,700	152,500	500	0.3%	4,700	3.1%		
Nursing Care Facilities	86,700	86,000	84,000	700	0.8%	2,700	3.2%		
Community Care for the Elderly	42,100	41,400	40,500	700	1.7%	1,600	4.0%		
Social Assistance	105,100	105,500	104,000	-400	-0.4%	1,100	1.1%		
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	947,500	947,300	920,800	200	0.0%	26,700	2.9%		
<b>Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation</b>	183,500	183,300	179,100	200	0.1%	4,400	2.5%		
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation	143,400	142,000	140,500	1,400	1.0%	2,900	2.1%		
Amusement Parks and Arcades	55,900	55,300	53,900	600	1.1%	2,000	3.7%		
<b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	764,000	764,000	741,700	0	0.0%	22,300	3.0%		
Accommodation	161,300	159,600	158,100	1,700	1.1%	3,200	2.0%		
Food Services and Drinking Places	602,700	604,400	583,600	-1,700	-0.3%	19,100	3.3%		

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

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

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Industry Title	April 2007	March 2007	April 2006	Change from			
				Mar 2007 to Apr 2007 Level	Percent	Apr 2006 to Apr 2007 Level	Percent
<b>Other Services</b>	346,000	346,100	333,800	-100	0.0%	12,200	3.7%
Repair and Maintenance	79,800	79,000	77,000	800	1.0%	2,800	3.6%
Automotive Repair and Maintenance	55,400	54,700	53,600	700	1.3%	1,800	3.4%
Personal and Laundry Services	77,600	78,200	79,200	-600	-0.8%	-1,600	-2.0%
Membership Associations and Organizations	188,600	188,900	177,600	-300	-0.2%	11,000	6.2%
<b>Total Government</b>	1,137,800	1,136,300	1,111,400	1,500	0.1%	26,400	2.4%
Federal	125,900	125,600	127,300	300	0.2%	-1,400	-1.1%
State	219,000	219,800	214,300	-800	-0.4%	4,700	2.2%
Local	792,900	790,900	769,800	2,000	0.3%	23,100	3.0%

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	APRIL 2007				MARCH 2007				APRIL 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	126677	123747	2930	2.3	126401	123290	3111	2.5	122628	119695	2933	2.4
BAKER	11547	11185	362	3.1	11605	11252	353	3.0	11184	10862	322	2.9
BAY	86194	83719	2475	2.9	86615	84020	2595	3.0	83614	81250	2364	2.8
BRADFORD	12238	11892	346	2.8	12314	11962	352	2.9	11835	11532	303	2.6
BREVARD	262099	252728	9371	3.6	263890	254503	9387	3.6	259446	251744	7702	3.0
BROWARD	980589	952254	28335	2.9	987167	958616	28551	2.9	960079	931385	28694	3.0
CALHOUN	5425	5257	168	3.1	5457	5287	170	3.1	5360	5216	144	2.7
CHARLOTTE	69821	67077	2744	3.9	70280	67595	2685	3.8	67269	65110	2159	3.2
CITRUS	56556	54413	2143	3.8	57159	54952	2207	3.9	53234	51408	1826	3.4
CLAY	89614	87037	2577	2.9	90148	87558	2590	2.9	86996	84527	2469	2.8
COLLIER	157549	153238	4311	2.7	159666	155231	4435	2.8	153024	149286	3738	2.4
COLUMBIA	30440	29592	848	2.8	30572	29671	901	2.9	29126	28302	824	2.8
DESOTO	15822	15340	482	3.0	15788	15292	496	3.1	14783	14389	394	2.7
DIXIE	5886	5698	188	3.2	5889	5690	199	3.4	5807	5629	178	3.1
DUVAL	435291	421009	14282	3.3	438062	423529	14533	3.3	422247	408870	13377	3.2
ESCAMBIA	136195	131892	4303	3.2	136697	132273	4424	3.2	134961	131042	3919	2.9
FLAGLER	33842	32270	1572	4.6	33857	32312	1545	4.6	30690	29525	1165	3.8
FRANKLIN	5252	5123	129	2.5	5257	5116	141	2.7	5137	4992	145	2.8
GADSDEN	20987	20308	679	3.2	21175	20457	718	3.4	20586	19953	633	3.1
GILCHRIST	7703	7483	220	2.9	7683	7455	228	3.0	7438	7238	200	2.7
GLADES	4755	4581	174	3.7	4840	4670	170	3.5	4649	4505	144	3.1
GULF	6831	6636	195	2.9	6805	6600	205	3.0	6510	6338	172	2.6
HAMILTON	4725	4560	165	3.5	4772	4602	170	3.6	4617	4475	142	3.1
HARDEE	13143	12804	339	2.6	12969	12605	364	2.8	12198	11852	346	2.8
HENDRY	18239	17415	824	4.5	18584	17784	800	4.3	17793	17004	789	4.4
HERNANDO	60975	58232	2743	4.5	61300	58481	2819	4.6	59501	57104	2397	4.0
HIGHLANDS	43990	42668	1322	3.0	44238	42828	1410	3.2	42468	41247	1221	2.9
HILLSBOROUGH	607412	588609	18803	3.1	610220	591132	19088	3.1	594714	577208	17506	2.9
HOLMES	9055	8800	255	2.8	9031	8760	271	3.0	8598	8365	233	2.7
INDIAN RIVER	60343	57875	2468	4.1	60911	58387	2524	4.1	58991	56949	2042	3.5
JACKSON	21890	21182	708	3.2	22041	21301	740	3.4	21042	20441	601	2.9
JEFFERSON	6991	6805	186	2.7	7039	6855	184	2.6	6857	6686	171	2.5
LAFAYETTE	2916	2843	73	2.5	2889	2811	78	2.7	2831	2759	72	2.5
LAKE	125459	121258	4201	3.3	126030	121641	4389	3.5	121101	117465	3636	3.0
LEE	291276	281590	9686	3.3	294577	285182	9395	3.2	279708	272549	7159	2.6
LEON	141072	137543	3529	2.5	142165	138547	3618	2.5	138568	135137	3431	2.5
LEVY	17321	16775	546	3.2	17398	16837	561	3.2	16640	16129	511	3.1
LIBERTY	3702	3619	83	2.2	3699	3612	87	2.4	3501	3414	87	2.5

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

COUNTY	APRIL 2007				MARCH 2007				APRIL 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	7116	6738	378	5.3	7231	6828	403	5.6	7361	7097	264	3.6
MANATEE	156469	151860	4609	2.9	157225	152526	4699	3.0	152230	148326	3904	2.6
MARION	134385	129742	4643	3.5	135253	130454	4799	3.5	129094	125093	4001	3.1
MARTIN	66386	64230	2156	3.2	66997	64763	2234	3.3	65354	63346	2008	3.1
MIAMI-DADE	1183308	1144949	38359	3.2	1174139	1137890	36249	3.1	1146511	1105097	41414	3.6
MONROE	44323	43340	983	2.2	45289	44240	1049	2.3	44736	43687	1049	2.3
NASSAU	33829	32908	921	2.7	34049	33105	944	2.8	32862	31959	903	2.7
OKALOOSA	99805	97479	2326	2.3	99506	97030	2476	2.5	97468	95354	2114	2.2
OKEECHOBEE	17995	17361	634	3.5	18252	17612	640	3.5	17399	16842	557	3.2
ORANGE	586691	568736	17955	3.1	588232	570531	17701	3.0	567685	550947	16738	2.9
OSCEOLA	123615	119291	4324	3.5	123954	119667	4287	3.5	119193	115560	3633	3.0
PALM BEACH	642520	621474	21046	3.3	648111	626886	21225	3.3	625911	605574	20337	3.2
PASCO	189588	182196	7392	3.9	190547	182977	7570	4.0	185152	178666	6486	3.5
PINELLAS	482071	467367	14704	3.1	484349	469371	14978	3.1	472500	458314	14186	3.0
POLK	273461	264517	8944	3.3	274947	265803	9144	3.3	265904	257841	8063	3.0
PUTNAM	32140	30930	1210	3.8	32046	30794	1252	3.9	31692	30621	1071	3.4
ST. JOHNS	86506	84219	2287	2.6	87101	84723	2378	2.7	83915	81790	2125	2.5
ST. LUCIE	116290	111228	5062	4.4	117064	112151	4913	4.2	113781	109699	4082	3.6
SANTA ROSA	67686	65728	1958	2.9	68180	65919	2261	3.3	67067	65305	1762	2.6
SARASOTA	183911	177874	6037	3.3	184376	178654	5722	3.1	178841	173735	5106	2.9
SEMINOLE	240457	233677	6780	2.8	241224	234415	6809	2.8	232796	226369	6427	2.8
SUMTER	32712	31881	831	2.5	32761	31884	877	2.7	28008	27299	709	2.5
SUWANNEE	17355	16867	488	2.8	17359	16842	517	3.0	16982	16483	499	2.9
TAYLOR	9052	8743	309	3.4	9220	8898	322	3.5	8670	8364	306	3.5
UNION	5202	5074	128	2.5	5237	5103	134	2.6	5058	4933	125	2.5
VOLUSIA	250896	242620	8276	3.3	252795	244439	8356	3.3	246152	238700	7452	3.0
WAKULLA	14830	14436	394	2.7	14938	14541	397	2.7	14522	14183	339	2.3
WALTON	34873	34208	665	1.9	34111	33408	703	2.1	30957	30355	602	1.9
WASHINGTON	9897	9586	311	3.1	9927	9611	316	3.2	9489	9203	286	3.0
FLORIDA												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	9133000	8844000	289000	3.2	9170000	8880000	290000	3.2	8883000	8612000	271000	3.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	9179000	8866000	313000	3.4	9194000	8887000	306000	3.3	8933000	8639000	294000	3.3
UNITED STATES												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	151829000	145297000	6532000	4.3	152236000	145323000	6913000	4.5	150209000	143405000	6804000	4.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	152587000	145786000	6801000	4.5	152979000	146254000	6724000	4.4	150862000	143763000	7098000	4.7

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

MSA (COUNTIES)	APRIL 2007				MARCH 2007				APRIL 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)	291276	281590	9686	3.3	294577	285182	9395	3.2	279708	272549	7159	2.6
DELTONA-DAYTONA BEACH-ORMOND BEACH (Volusia)	250896	242620	8276	3.3	252795	244439	8356	3.3	246152	238700	7452	3.0
FT. WALTON BEACH-CRESTVIEW-DESTIN (Okaloosa)	99805	97479	2326	2.3	99506	97030	2476	2.5	97468	95354	2114	2.2
GAINESVILLE (Alachua and Gilchrist)	134380	131230	3150	2.3	134084	130745	3339	2.5	130066	126933	3133	2.4
JACKSONVILLE (Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns)	656785	636356	20429	3.1	660962	640165	20797	3.1	637205	618009	19196	3.0
LAKELAND (Polk)	273461	264517	8944	3.3	274947	265803	9144	3.3	265904	257841	8063	3.0
MIAMI-FT. LAUDERDALE-POMPANO BEACH (Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach)	2806417	2718677	87740	3.1	2809417	2723392	86025	3.1	2732501	2642056	90445	3.3
Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach Metropolitan Division (Broward)	980589	952254	28335	2.9	987167	958616	28551	2.9	960079	931385	28694	3.0
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall Metropolitan Division (Miami-Dade)	1183308	1144949	38359	3.2	1174139	1137890	36249	3.1	1146511	1105097	41414	3.6
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division (Palm Beach)	642520	621474	21046	3.3	648111	626886	21225	3.3	625911	605574	20337	3.2
NAPLES-MARCO ISLAND (Collier)	157549	153238	4311	2.7	159666	155231	4435	2.8	153024	149286	3738	2.4
OCALA (Marion)	134385	129742	4643	3.5	135253	130454	4799	3.5	129094	125093	4001	3.1
ORLANDO-KISSIMMEE (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole)	1076223	1042962	33261	3.1	1079440	1046254	33186	3.1	1040776	1010341	30435	2.9
PALM BAY-MELBOURNE-TITUSVILLE (Brevard)	262099	252728	9371	3.6	263890	254503	9387	3.6	259446	251744	7702	3.0
PALM COAST (Flagler)	33842	32270	1572	4.6	33857	32312	1545	4.6	30690	29525	1165	3.8
PANAMA CITY-LYNN HAVEN (Bay)	86194	83719	2475	2.9	86615	84020	2595	3.0	83614	81250	2364	2.8
PENSACOLA-FERRY PASS-BRENT (Escambia and Santa Rosa)	203881	197620	6261	3.1	204877	198192	6685	3.3	202028	196347	5681	2.8
PORT ST. LUCIE (Martin and St. Lucie)	182676	175458	7218	4.0	184061	176914	7147	3.9	179135	173045	6090	3.4
PUNTA GORDA (Charlotte)	69821	67077	2744	3.9	70280	67595	2685	3.8	67269	65110	2159	3.2
SARASOTA-BRADENTON-VENICE (Manatee and Sarasota)	340380	329734	10646	3.1	341601	331180	10421	3.1	331071	322061	9010	2.7
SEBASTIAN-VERO BEACH (Indian River)	60343	57875	2468	4.1	60911	58387	2524	4.1	58991	56949	2042	3.5
TALLAHASSEE (Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, and Wakulla)	183881	179093	4788	2.6	185316	180400	4916	2.7	180533	175960	4573	2.5
TAMPA-ST. PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER (Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas)	1340046	1296404	43642	3.3	1346416	1301961	44455	3.3	1311867	1271292	40575	3.1
FLORIDA												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	9133000	8844000	289000	3.2	9170000	8880000	290000	3.2	8883000	8612000	271000	3.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	9179000	8866000	313000	3.4	9194000	8887000	306000	3.3	8933000	8639000	294000	3.3
UNITED STATES												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	151829000	145297000	6532000	4.3	152236000	145323000	6913000	4.5	150209000	143405000	6804000	4.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	152587000	145786000	6801000	4.5	152979000	146254000	6724000	4.4	150862000	143763000	7098000	4.7

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

APRIL 2007

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UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT		
RANK	COUNTY	RATE (%)	RANK	COUNTY	RATE (%)
1	MADISON	5.3	34	CALHOUN	3.1
2	FLAGLER	4.6	35	HILLSBOROUGH	3.1
3	HENDRY	4.5	36	ORANGE	3.1
4	HERNANDO	4.5	37	PINELLAS	3.1
5	ST. LUCIE	4.4	38	DESOTO	3.0
	UNITED STATES	4.3	39	HIGHLANDS	3.0
6	INDIAN RIVER	4.1	40	MANATEE	2.9
7	CHARLOTTE	3.9	41	SANTA ROSA	2.9
8	PASCO	3.9	42	BROWARD	2.9
9	CITRUS	3.8	43	CLAY	2.9
10	PUTNAM	3.8	44	BAY	2.9
11	GLADES	3.7	45	GILCHRIST	2.9
12	BREVARD	3.6	46	GULF	2.9
13	OKEECHOBEE	3.5	47	BRADFORD	2.8
14	OSCEOLA	3.5	48	SEMINOLE	2.8
15	HAMILTON	3.5	49	HOLMES	2.8
16	MARION	3.5	50	SUWANNEE	2.8
17	TAYLOR	3.4	51	COLUMBIA	2.8
18	LAKE	3.3	52	COLLIER	2.7
19	LEE	3.3	53	NASSAU	2.7
20	VOLUSIA	3.3	54	JEFFERSON	2.7
21	SARASOTA	3.3	55	WAKULLA	2.7
22	DUVAL	3.3	56	ST. JOHNS	2.6
23	PALM BEACH	3.3	57	HARDEE	2.6
24	POLK	3.3	58	SUMTER	2.5
25	MARTIN	3.2	59	LAFAYETTE	2.5
26	MIAMI-DADE	3.2	60	LEON	2.5
27	GADSDEN	3.2	61	UNION	2.5
28	JACKSON	3.2	62	FRANKLIN	2.5
29	DIXIE	3.2	63	OKALOOSA	2.3
30	ESCAMBIA	3.2	64	ALACHUA	2.3
31	LEVY	3.2	65	LIBERTY	2.2
	FLORIDA	3.2	66	MONROE	2.2
32	WASHINGTON	3.1	67	WALTON	1.9
33	BAKER	3.1			

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

1. Palm Coast MSA	4.6 %
<b>United States</b>	<b>4.3</b>
2. Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	4.1
3. Port St. Lucie MSA	4.0
4. Punta Gorda MSA	3.9
5. Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	3.6
6. Ocala MSA	3.5
7. Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA	3.3
8. Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	3.3
9. West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MD	3.3
10. Lakeland MSA	3.3
11. Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA	3.3
12. Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	3.2
<b>Florida</b>	<b>3.2</b>
13. Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice MSA	3.1
14. Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach MSA	3.1
15. Jacksonville MSA	3.1
16. Orlando-Kissimmee MSA	3.1
17. Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	3.1
18. Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MD	2.9
19. Panama City-Lynn Haven MSA	2.9
20. Naples-Marco Island MSA	2.7
21. Tallahassee MSA	2.6
22. Gainesville MSA	2.3
23. Ft. Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin MSA	2.3

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
FLORIDA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Area	April 2007	March 2007	April 2006	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Statewide	8,163,200	8,156,300	8,020,400	+6,900	+0.1%	+142,800	+1.8%
Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA	239,400	240,900	232,600	-1,500	-0.6%	+6,800	+2.9%
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	178,200	178,400	176,800	-200	-0.1%	+1,400	+0.8%
Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MD	795,600	796,100	782,000	-500	-0.1%	+13,600	+1.7%
Ft. Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin MSA	89,100	88,200	88,200	+900	+1.0%	+900	+1.0%
Gainesville MSA	136,100	135,800	133,300	+300	+0.2%	+2,800	+2.1%
Jacksonville MSA	636,700	636,700	621,300	+0	+0.0%	+15,400	+2.5%
Lakeland MSA	225,000	225,000	220,600	+0	+0.0%	+4,400	+2.0%
Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach MSA	2,458,700	2,463,100	2,417,500	-4,400	-0.2%	+41,200	+1.7%
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	1,061,300	1,064,500	1,046,300	-3,200	-0.3%	+15,000	+1.4%
Naples-Marco Island MSA	139,900	140,600	136,600	-700	-0.5%	+3,300	+2.4%
Ocala MSA	108,000	107,700	105,200	+300	+0.3%	+2,800	+2.7%
Orlando-Kissimmee MSA	1,105,500	1,099,900	1,076,000	+5,600	+0.5%	+29,500	+2.7%
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	217,900	217,800	218,300	+100	+0.0%	-400	-0.2%
Panama City-Lynn Haven MSA	78,500	78,100	76,700	+400	+0.5%	+1,800	+2.3%
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	173,400	172,900	173,700	+500	+0.3%	-300	-0.2%
Port St. Lucie MSA	134,600	134,500	133,400	+100	+0.1%	+1,200	+0.9%
Punta Gorda MSA	45,800	45,900	44,700	-100	-0.2%	+1,100	+2.5%
Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice MSA	312,900	312,600	307,300	+300	+0.1%	+5,600	+1.8%
Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	49,600	49,500	49,300	+100	+0.2%	+300	+0.6%
Tallahassee MSA	180,900	181,100	178,700	-200	-0.1%	+2,200	+1.2%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA	1,331,200	1,329,200	1,311,600	+2,000	+0.2%	+19,600	+1.5%
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MD	601,800	602,500	589,200	-700	-0.1%	+12,600	+2.1%

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 May 18, 2007.