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Florida's September Unemployment Rate Holds Steady *~ Job growth was lead by the leisure and hospitality industry ~*

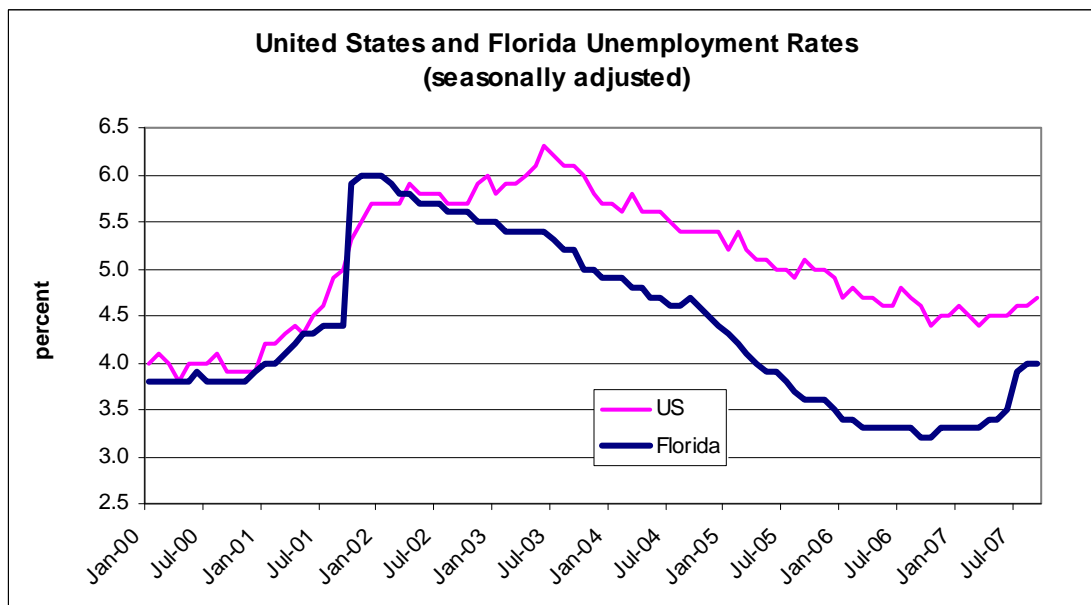
TALLAHASSEE – Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) Director Monesia T. Brown today announced Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 4.0 percent in September 2007, unchanged from the month-ago rate. The 4.0 percent unemployment rate represented 373,000 jobless out of a labor force of 9,270,000. Florida's August and September 2007 unemployment rates of 4.0 percent were the highest since April 2005 when the rate was also 4.0 percent.

The national unemployment rate for September 2007 was 4.7, which was 0.7 percentage point higher than Florida's current rate. Since mid-2002, Florida's rate has been below the national average and Florida had the lowest unemployment rate of the ten most populous states, based on the latest nationwide data.

Florida's nonagricultural employment growth rate was 1.3 percent in September, representing 105,700 new jobs over the year. The statewide job growth rate was just slightly higher than the national job growth rate of 1.2 percent for September. Nonagricultural employment in September increased to a total of 8,145,200 jobs. Based on the latest nationwide data, Florida ranked third in job growth among the ten most populous states, behind only Texas and California.

In partnership with the education and business communities, the Agency for Workforce Innovation is working diligently to meet Florida's workforce needs by implementing innovative programs. One such program creates career and professional education academies that link the resources of public education to the workforce needs of businesses to promote a vibrant state economy. The effort to create these academies is led by Senator Don Gaetz who successfully championed the Florida Career and Professional Education Act in the 2007 legislative session. Earlier this week, Governor Crist presented the prestigious national William L. Heartwell, Jr. Award to Senator Gaetz for his significant and substantial contributions to the state's workforce system.

"Senator Gaetz is a valuable asset to the workforce system," said Director Brown. "His incredible vision, diligence and drive have transformed Florida's workforce services and paved the way for the next generation of skilled workers by recognizing the significant connection between education and a successful workforce."



Florida's Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted)

- Florida added 105,700 jobs since September 2006. Leisure and hospitality (+41,800 jobs, +4.6 percent) and education and health services (+33,800 jobs, +3.5 percent) accounted for 72 percent of the new jobs in the state.
- Government ranked third among Florida's major industries in job growth, expanding by 19,500 jobs over the year (+1.8 percent). Local government accounted for the increase in government employment.
- Trade, transportation, and utilities increased by 17,400 jobs over September 2006 levels (+1.1 percent). Retail trade accounted for the majority of the growth.
- Construction employment, reacting to declines in the housing market, lost 22,300 jobs over the year (-3.5 percent). It was the first time since 1992 that the state has experienced seven consecutive months of over-the-year declines in construction jobs.
- Manufacturing (-5,600 jobs, -1.4 percent) and information (-2,300 jobs, -1.4 percent) continued to have over-the-year declines, mainly due to weakness in computer and electronic product manufacturing and wired telecommunications.

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

- In September 2007, Walton County had the state's lowest unemployment rate (2.4 percent), followed by Lafayette, Liberty, and Wakulla counties (2.8 percent each). Alachua and Okaloosa counties followed, both with unemployment rates of 2.9 percent.
- Hendry County, at 9.9 percent, had the highest unemployment rate in Florida in September, followed by Indian River County (7.0 percent), St. Lucie County (6.9 percent), Okeechobee County (6.2 percent), and Charlotte County (5.9 percent). Hendry County's relatively high unemployment rate was due to seasonal declines in agriculture and related industries.

Area Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

- The Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) led the state in over-the-year employment gains (+31,700 jobs, +1.3 percent) in September 2007, followed by the Orlando-Kissimmee MSA (+22,700 jobs, +2.1 percent) and the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA (+13,400 jobs, +1.0 percent). The combined employment growth in these three MSAs accounted for 65 percent of the total job growth in the state.

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LABOR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION
RELEASE DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2007

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

| | Current Month September 2007 | Month Ago August 2007 | Year Ago September 2006 | Over-the-Month Change | | Over-the-Year Change | |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| | | | | Level | Percent | Level | Percent |
| STATE OF FLORIDA | | | | | | | |
| Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+ | 14,522,000 | 14,500,000 | 14,279,000 | 22,000 | 0.2 | 243,000 | 1.7 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 9,270,000 | 9,225,000 | 9,046,000 | 45,000 | 0.5 | 224,000 | 2.5 |
| Employment | 8,897,000 | 8,855,000 | 8,752,000 | 42,000 | 0.5 | 145,000 | 1.7 |
| Unemployment | 373,000 | 370,000 | 294,000 | 3,000 | 0.8 | 79,000 | 26.9 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 0.0 | -- | 0.8 | -- |

UNITED STATES

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|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------|-----|-----------|-----|
| Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+ | 232,461,000 | 232,211,000 | 229,420,000 | 250,000 | 0.1 | 3,041,000 | 1.3 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 153,464,000 | 152,891,000 | 151,818,000 | 573,000 | 0.4 | 1,646,000 | 1.1 |
| Employment | 146,257,000 | 145,794,000 | 144,906,000 | 463,000 | 0.3 | 1,351,000 | 0.9 |
| Unemployment | 7,207,000 | 7,097,000 | 6,912,000 | 110,000 | 1.5 | 295,000 | 4.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 0.1 | -- | 0.1 | -- |

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

| | Current Month September 2007 | Month Ago August 2007 | Year Ago September 2006 | Over-the-Month Change | | Over-the-Year Change | |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| | | | | Level | Percent | Level | Percent |
| STATE OF FLORIDA | | | | | | | |
| Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+ | 14,522,000 | 14,500,000 | 14,279,000 | 22,000 | 0.2 | 243,000 | 1.7 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 9,297,000 | 9,284,000 | 9,077,000 | 13,000 | 0.1 | 220,000 | 2.4 |
| Employment | 8,901,000 | 8,887,000 | 8,761,000 | 14,000 | 0.2 | 140,000 | 1.6 |
| Unemployment | 396,000 | 397,000 | 315,000 | -1,000 | -0.3 | 81,000 | 25.7 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.3 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 0.0 | -- | 0.8 | -- |

UNITED STATES

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|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|------|-----------|-----|
| Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+ | 232,461,000 | 232,211,000 | 229,420,000 | 250,000 | 0.1 | 3,041,000 | 1.3 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 153,400,000 | 153,493,000 | 151,635,000 | -93,000 | -0.1 | 1,765,000 | 1.2 |
| Employment | 146,448,000 | 146,406,000 | 145,010,000 | 42,000 | ** | 1,438,000 | 1.0 |
| Unemployment | 6,952,000 | 7,088,000 | 6,625,000 | -136,000 | -1.9 | 327,000 | 4.9 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.4 | -0.1 | -- | 0.1 | -- |

** = 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)

| | September ^P 2007 | August ^r 2007 | September 2006 | Over-the-Month Change | | Over-the-Year Change | |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| | | | | Level | Percent | Level | Percent |
| Total Nonagricultural Employment | 8,145.2 | 8,147.8 | 8,039.5 | -2.6 | * | 105.7 | 1.3 |
| Construction | 615.0 | 618.1 | 637.3 | -3.1 | -0.5 | -22.3 | -3.5 |
| Manufacturing | 395.6 | 396.4 | 401.2 | -0.8 | -0.2 | -5.6 | -1.4 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 1,615.3 | 1,620.1 | 1,597.9 | -4.8 | -0.3 | 17.4 | 1.1 |
| Wholesale Trade | 356.8 | 357.2 | 347.8 | -0.4 | -0.1 | 9.0 | 2.6 |
| Retail Trade | 1,015.5 | 1,019.0 | 1,005.0 | -3.5 | -0.3 | 10.5 | 1.0 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities | 243.0 | 243.9 | 245.1 | -0.9 | -0.4 | -2.1 | -0.9 |
| Information | 164.6 | 163.0 | 166.9 | 1.6 | 1.0 | -2.3 | -1.4 |
| Financial Activities | 552.2 | 553.7 | 545.8 | -1.5 | -0.3 | 6.4 | 1.2 |
| Finance and Insurance | 374.6 | 374.7 | 368.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 6.5 | 1.8 |
| Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing | 177.6 | 179.0 | 177.7 | -1.4 | -0.8 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Professional and Business Services | 1,365.1 | 1,362.7 | 1,356.7 | 2.4 | 0.2 | 8.4 | 0.6 |
| Education and Health Services | 1,008.2 | 1,008.4 | 974.4 | -0.2 | * | 33.8 | 3.5 |
| Educational Services | 132.5 | 132.0 | 126.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 6.1 | 4.8 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 875.7 | 876.4 | 848.0 | -0.7 | -0.1 | 27.7 | 3.3 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 948.0 | 945.7 | 906.2 | 2.3 | 0.2 | 41.8 | 4.6 |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | 184.3 | 185.4 | 174.6 | -1.1 | -0.6 | 9.7 | 5.6 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 763.7 | 760.3 | 731.6 | 3.4 | 0.4 | 32.1 | 4.4 |
| Other Services | 350.5 | 350.5 | 341.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.6 | 2.5 |
| Total Government | 1,124.4 | 1,122.8 | 1,104.9 | 1.6 | 0.1 | 19.5 | 1.8 |
| Local Government | 781.3 | 778.8 | 761.8 | 2.5 | 0.3 | 19.5 | 2.6 |

^P = preliminary, ^r = revised

* = less than 0.1

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

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

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| Industry Title | September 2007 | August 2007 | September 2006 | Change from | | September 2006 | September 2007 |
|---|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | Aug 2007 to Level | Sep 2007 Percent | | |
| Total Nonagricultural Employment | 8,112,600 | 8,116,200 | 8,007,700 | -3,600 | 0.0% | 104,900 | 1.3% |
| Total Private | 6,977,600 | 6,989,500 | 6,892,400 | -11,900 | -0.2% | 85,200 | 1.2% |
| Goods Producing | 1,015,400 | 1,021,700 | 1,045,800 | -6,300 | -0.6% | -30,400 | -2.9% |
| Natural Resources and Mining | 6,300 | 6,400 | 6,300 | -100 | -1.6% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Mining, except Oil and Gas | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,800 | 0 | 0.0% | -100 | -2.6% |
| Construction | 614,300 | 619,900 | 638,600 | -5,600 | -0.9% | -24,300 | -3.8% |
| Construction of Buildings | 132,600 | 131,500 | 136,000 | 1,100 | 0.8% | -3,400 | -2.5% |
| Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction | 76,000 | 75,900 | 76,900 | 100 | 0.1% | -900 | -1.2% |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 405,700 | 412,500 | 425,700 | -6,800 | -1.6% | -20,000 | -4.7% |
| Building Equipment Contractors | 163,700 | 163,700 | 164,800 | 0 | 0.0% | -1,100 | -0.7% |
| Manufacturing | 394,800 | 395,400 | 400,900 | -600 | -0.2% | -6,100 | -1.5% |
| Durable Goods | 272,800 | 274,000 | 275,200 | -1,200 | -0.4% | -2,400 | -0.9% |
| Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing | 42,500 | 42,100 | 41,000 | 400 | 1.0% | 1,500 | 3.7% |
| Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing | 47,800 | 48,200 | 49,700 | -400 | -0.8% | -1,900 | -3.8% |
| Communications Equipment Manufacturing | 10,100 | 10,100 | 10,400 | 0 | 0.0% | -300 | -2.9% |
| Transportation Equipment Manufacturing | 45,100 | 44,700 | 43,600 | 400 | 0.9% | 1,500 | 3.4% |
| Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing | 19,400 | 19,400 | 18,300 | 0 | 0.0% | 1,100 | 6.0% |
| Miscellaneous Durable Goods Manufacturing | 29,200 | 29,400 | 30,100 | -200 | -0.7% | -900 | -3.0% |
| Nondurable Goods | 122,000 | 121,400 | 125,700 | 600 | 0.5% | -3,700 | -2.9% |
| Food Manufacturing | 29,200 | 28,900 | 29,700 | 300 | 1.0% | -500 | -1.7% |
| Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing | 10,600 | 10,700 | 10,900 | -100 | -0.9% | -300 | -2.8% |
| Paper Manufacturing | 10,000 | 10,100 | 10,400 | -100 | -1.0% | -400 | -3.8% |
| Printing and Related Support Activities | 22,400 | 22,500 | 23,100 | -100 | -0.4% | -700 | -3.0% |
| Chemical Manufacturing | 19,100 | 18,800 | 19,400 | 300 | 1.6% | -300 | -1.5% |

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| | | | | Aug 2007 to Sep 2007 Level | Sep 2007 Percent | Sep 2006 to Level | Sep 2007 Percent |
| Service Providing | 7,097,200 | 7,094,500 | 6,961,900 | 2,700 | 0.0% | 135,300 | 1.9% |
| Private Service Providing | 5,962,200 | 5,967,800 | 5,846,600 | -5,600 | -0.1% | 115,600 | 2.0% |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 1,601,200 | 1,607,100 | 1,583,300 | -5,900 | -0.4% | 17,900 | 1.1% |
| Wholesale Trade | 356,100 | 356,200 | 346,700 | -100 | 0.0% | 9,400 | 2.7% |
| Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods | 191,600 | 190,500 | 186,900 | 1,100 | 0.6% | 4,700 | 2.5% |
| Commercial Equipment Wholesalers | 48,800 | 48,300 | 46,000 | 500 | 1.0% | 2,800 | 6.1% |
| Electronic Goods Wholesalers | 22,900 | 23,200 | 22,900 | -300 | -1.3% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Machinery and Supply Wholesalers | 35,300 | 34,500 | 34,700 | 800 | 2.3% | 600 | 1.7% |
| Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods | 122,500 | 123,800 | 120,400 | -1,300 | -1.1% | 2,100 | 1.7% |
| Grocery and Related Product Wholesalers | 44,000 | 43,900 | 43,000 | 100 | 0.2% | 1,000 | 2.3% |
| Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents | 42,000 | 41,900 | 39,400 | 100 | 0.2% | 2,600 | 6.6% |
| Retail Trade | 1,002,300 | 1,007,200 | 992,500 | -4,900 | -0.5% | 9,800 | 1.0% |
| Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers | 137,500 | 136,800 | 135,900 | 700 | 0.5% | 1,600 | 1.2% |
| Automobile Dealers | 88,800 | 88,100 | 89,200 | 700 | 0.8% | -400 | -0.4% |
| Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores | 45,800 | 45,800 | 44,400 | 0 | 0.0% | 1,400 | 3.2% |
| Electronics and Appliance Stores | 38,400 | 37,700 | 36,500 | 700 | 1.9% | 1,900 | 5.2% |
| Building Material and Garden Supply Stores | 87,200 | 87,800 | 89,900 | -600 | -0.7% | -2,700 | -3.0% |
| Food and Beverage Stores | 193,700 | 194,900 | 191,900 | -1,200 | -0.6% | 1,800 | 0.9% |
| Health and Personal Care Stores | 68,400 | 68,600 | 67,800 | -200 | -0.3% | 600 | 0.9% |
| Gasoline Stations | 41,900 | 41,900 | 39,900 | 0 | 0.0% | 2,000 | 5.0% |
| Clothing and Accessory Stores | 102,200 | 105,500 | 99,700 | -3,300 | -3.1% | 2,500 | 2.5% |
| Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores | 33,900 | 33,700 | 32,500 | 200 | 0.6% | 1,400 | 4.3% |
| General Merchandise Stores | 175,300 | 176,000 | 174,700 | -700 | -0.4% | 600 | 0.3% |
| Department Stores | 75,300 | 75,800 | 77,400 | -500 | -0.7% | -2,100 | -2.7% |
| Other General Merchandise Stores | 100,000 | 100,200 | 97,300 | -200 | -0.2% | 2,700 | 2.8% |
| Miscellaneous Store Retailers | 56,700 | 57,000 | 57,100 | -300 | -0.5% | -400 | -0.7% |
| Nonstore Retailers | 21,300 | 21,500 | 22,200 | -200 | -0.9% | -900 | -4.1% |
| Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order Houses | 13,600 | 13,800 | 14,400 | -200 | -1.4% | -800 | -5.6% |
| Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities | 242,800 | 243,700 | 244,100 | -900 | -0.4% | -1,300 | -0.5% |
| Utilities | 24,900 | 24,600 | 24,500 | 300 | 1.2% | 400 | 1.6% |

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| | | | | Aug 2007 to Sep 2007 Level | Sep 2006 to Sep 2007 Percent | Sep 2006 to Sep 2007 Level | Sep 2006 to Sep 2007 Percent |
| Transportation and Warehousing | 217,900 | 219,100 | 219,600 | -1,200 | -0.5% | -1,700 | -0.8% |
| Air Transportation | 28,200 | 28,600 | 29,700 | -400 | -1.4% | -1,500 | -5.1% |
| Water Transportation | 12,200 | 12,200 | 12,000 | 0 | 0.0% | 200 | 1.7% |
| Truck Transportation | 50,300 | 50,000 | 49,400 | 300 | 0.6% | 900 | 1.8% |
| Support Activities for Transportation | 47,000 | 47,100 | 46,500 | -100 | -0.2% | 500 | 1.1% |
| Couriers and Messengers | 30,400 | 30,600 | 31,000 | -200 | -0.7% | -600 | -1.9% |
| Warehousing and Storage | 27,700 | 27,900 | 27,800 | -200 | -0.7% | -100 | -0.4% |
| Information | 163,800 | 163,100 | 166,700 | 700 | 0.4% | -2,900 | -1.7% |
| Publishing Industries, except Internet | 42,500 | 42,600 | 43,100 | -100 | -0.2% | -600 | -1.4% |
| Broadcasting, except Internet | 18,300 | 18,100 | 18,900 | 200 | 1.1% | -600 | -3.2% |
| Telecommunications | 63,200 | 62,800 | 63,400 | 400 | 0.6% | -200 | -0.3% |
| Wired Telecommunications Carriers | 32,500 | 32,500 | 33,400 | 0 | 0.0% | -900 | -2.7% |
| Internet Service Providers and Data Processing | 24,400 | 24,700 | 24,800 | -300 | -1.2% | -400 | -1.6% |
| Financial Activities | 552,100 | 554,400 | 544,500 | -2,300 | -0.4% | 7,600 | 1.4% |
| Finance and Insurance | 375,000 | 375,200 | 367,700 | -200 | -0.1% | 7,300 | 2.0% |
| Credit Intermediation and Related Activities | 196,800 | 195,800 | 190,600 | 1,000 | 0.5% | 6,200 | 3.3% |
| Depository Credit Intermediation | 108,900 | 108,300 | 103,500 | 600 | 0.6% | 5,400 | 5.2% |
| Insurance Carriers and Related Activities | 135,500 | 135,300 | 135,400 | 200 | 0.1% | 100 | 0.1% |
| Insurance Carriers | 73,900 | 73,500 | 74,800 | 400 | 0.5% | -900 | -1.2% |
| Insurance Agencies, Brokerages, and Related | 61,600 | 61,800 | 60,600 | -200 | -0.3% | 1,000 | 1.7% |
| Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing | 177,100 | 179,200 | 176,800 | -2,100 | -1.2% | 300 | 0.2% |
| Real Estate | 130,800 | 132,200 | 129,100 | -1,400 | -1.1% | 1,700 | 1.3% |
| Professional and Business Services | 1,362,200 | 1,359,400 | 1,348,000 | 2,800 | 0.2% | 14,200 | 1.1% |
| Professional and Technical Services | 460,400 | 458,300 | 447,900 | 2,100 | 0.5% | 12,500 | 2.8% |
| Legal Services | 89,900 | 90,700 | 91,500 | -800 | -0.9% | -1,600 | -1.7% |
| Accounting, Tax Preparation, and Bookkeeping | 51,700 | 50,900 | 50,100 | 800 | 1.6% | 1,600 | 3.2% |
| Architectural, Engineering, and Related | 96,900 | 96,600 | 93,600 | 300 | 0.3% | 3,300 | 3.5% |
| Computer Systems Design and Related | 59,400 | 58,900 | 57,000 | 500 | 0.8% | 2,400 | 4.2% |
| Management, Scientific, and Technical | 68,300 | 67,800 | 65,200 | 500 | 0.7% | 3,100 | 4.8% |

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| | | | | Aug 2007 to Sep 2007 Level | Sep 2007 Percent | Sep 2006 to Sep 2007 Level | Sep 2007 Percent |
| Management of Companies and Enterprises | 74,300 | 73,400 | 73,600 | 900 | 1.2% | 700 | 1.0% |
| Administrative and Waste Services | 827,500 | 827,700 | 826,500 | -200 | 0.0% | 1,000 | 0.1% |
| Administrative and Support Services | 806,400 | 807,200 | 806,800 | -800 | -0.1% | -400 | 0.0% |
| Employment Services | 452,500 | 454,400 | 454,700 | -1,900 | -0.4% | -2,200 | -0.5% |
| Business Support Services | 60,300 | 60,000 | 60,300 | 300 | 0.5% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Travel Arrangement and Reservation Services | 29,600 | 29,400 | 29,500 | 200 | 0.7% | 100 | 0.3% |
| Investigation and Security Services | 57,400 | 57,500 | 58,000 | -100 | -0.2% | -600 | -1.0% |
| Services to Buildings and Dwellings | 141,200 | 142,000 | 138,900 | -800 | -0.6% | 2,300 | 1.7% |
| Waste Management and Remediation Services | 21,100 | 20,500 | 19,700 | 600 | 2.9% | 1,400 | 7.1% |
| Education and Health Services | 1,008,800 | 1,002,100 | 975,200 | 6,700 | 0.7% | 33,600 | 3.4% |
| Educational Services | 132,800 | 126,600 | 126,700 | 6,200 | 4.9% | 6,100 | 4.8% |
| Elementary and Secondary Schools | 45,400 | 42,700 | 44,100 | 2,700 | 6.3% | 1,300 | 2.9% |
| Colleges and Universities | 50,600 | 48,000 | 48,500 | 2,600 | 5.4% | 2,100 | 4.3% |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 876,000 | 875,500 | 848,500 | 500 | 0.1% | 27,500 | 3.2% |
| Ambulatory Health Care Services | 365,200 | 364,100 | 349,200 | 1,100 | 0.3% | 16,000 | 4.6% |
| Offices of Physicians | 167,600 | 167,000 | 158,200 | 600 | 0.4% | 9,400 | 5.9% |
| Home Health Care Services | 55,000 | 54,600 | 52,000 | 400 | 0.7% | 3,000 | 5.8% |
| Hospitals | 249,400 | 248,900 | 239,600 | 500 | 0.2% | 9,800 | 4.1% |
| Nursing and Residential Care Facilities | 158,800 | 159,800 | 155,600 | -1,000 | -0.6% | 3,200 | 2.1% |
| Nursing Care Facilities | 86,700 | 87,000 | 85,400 | -300 | -0.3% | 1,300 | 1.5% |
| Community Care for the Elderly | 42,400 | 42,200 | 41,300 | 200 | 0.5% | 1,100 | 2.7% |
| Social Assistance | 102,600 | 102,700 | 104,100 | -100 | -0.1% | -1,500 | -1.4% |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 926,100 | 932,500 | 887,800 | -6,400 | -0.7% | 38,300 | 4.3% |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | 177,900 | 180,500 | 169,200 | -2,600 | -1.4% | 8,700 | 5.1% |
| Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation | 140,000 | 140,700 | 135,400 | -700 | -0.5% | 4,600 | 3.4% |
| Amusement Parks and Arcades | 56,300 | 56,700 | 54,200 | -400 | -0.7% | 2,100 | 3.9% |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 748,200 | 752,000 | 718,600 | -3,800 | -0.5% | 29,600 | 4.1% |
| Accommodation | 156,600 | 158,100 | 151,300 | -1,500 | -0.9% | 5,300 | 3.5% |
| Food Services and Drinking Places | 591,600 | 593,900 | 567,300 | -2,300 | -0.4% | 24,300 | 4.3% |

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

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

Released October 19, 2007

| Industry Title | September 2007 | August 2007 | September 2006 | Change from | | | |
|---|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| | | | | Aug 2007 to Sep 2007 Level | Sep 2007 Percent | Sep 2006 to Sep 2007 Level | Sep 2007 Percent |
| Other Services | 348,000 | 349,200 | 341,100 | -1,200 | -0.3% | 6,900 | 2.0% |
| Repair and Maintenance | 80,200 | 79,500 | 76,600 | 700 | 0.9% | 3,600 | 4.7% |
| Automotive Repair and Maintenance | 56,000 | 55,600 | 53,100 | 400 | 0.7% | 2,900 | 5.5% |
| Personal and Laundry Services | 77,100 | 78,200 | 78,400 | -1,100 | -1.4% | -1,300 | -1.7% |
| Membership Associations and Organizations | 190,700 | 191,500 | 186,100 | -800 | -0.4% | 4,600 | 2.5% |
| Total Government | 1,135,000 | 1,126,700 | 1,115,300 | 8,300 | 0.7% | 19,700 | 1.8% |
| Federal | 125,100 | 125,300 | 127,400 | -200 | -0.2% | -2,300 | -1.8% |
| State | 216,900 | 210,300 | 214,700 | 6,600 | 3.1% | 2,200 | 1.0% |
| Local | 793,000 | 791,100 | 773,200 | 1,900 | 0.2% | 19,800 | 2.6% |

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

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

| COUNTY | SEPTEMBER 2007 | | | | AUGUST 2007 | | | | SEPTEMBER 2006 | | | |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|----------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|----------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|----------|
| | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOY- MENT | UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL | RATE (%) | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOY- MENT | UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL | RATE (%) | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOY- MENT | UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL | RATE (%) |
| ALACHUA | 127436 | 123762 | 3674 | 2.9 | 125676 | 121721 | 3955 | 3.1 | 126923 | 123531 | 3392 | 2.7 |
| BAKER | 11815 | 11372 | 443 | 3.7 | 11779 | 11335 | 444 | 3.8 | 11478 | 11174 | 304 | 2.6 |
| BAY | 87504 | 84410 | 3094 | 3.5 | 88001 | 84875 | 3126 | 3.6 | 85690 | 83144 | 2546 | 3.0 |
| BRADFORD | 12568 | 12140 | 428 | 3.4 | 12501 | 12059 | 442 | 3.5 | 12224 | 11867 | 357 | 2.9 |
| BREVARD | 266773 | 254833 | 11940 | 4.5 | 266180 | 254123 | 12057 | 4.5 | 263581 | 254416 | 9165 | 3.5 |
| BROWARD | 1000771 | 962905 | 37866 | 3.8 | 999869 | 962013 | 37856 | 3.8 | 983353 | 952183 | 31170 | 3.2 |
| CALHOUN | 5501 | 5302 | 199 | 3.6 | 5451 | 5231 | 220 | 4.0 | 5475 | 5292 | 183 | 3.3 |
| CHARLOTTE | 70885 | 66686 | 4199 | 5.9 | 70402 | 66450 | 3952 | 5.6 | 68601 | 65999 | 2602 | 3.8 |
| CITRUS | 58492 | 55539 | 2953 | 5.0 | 58644 | 55598 | 3046 | 5.2 | 55268 | 53150 | 2118 | 3.8 |
| CLAY | 91709 | 88498 | 3211 | 3.5 | 91511 | 88209 | 3302 | 3.6 | 89763 | 86955 | 2808 | 3.1 |
| COLLIER | 157684 | 149301 | 8383 | 5.3 | 157091 | 148899 | 8192 | 5.2 | 152809 | 147060 | 5749 | 3.8 |
| COLUMBIA | 31299 | 30176 | 1123 | 3.6 | 31199 | 30062 | 1137 | 3.6 | 30138 | 29135 | 1003 | 3.3 |
| DESOTO | 15093 | 14212 | 881 | 5.8 | 15022 | 14147 | 875 | 5.8 | 13882 | 13269 | 613 | 4.4 |
| DIXIE | 6001 | 5765 | 236 | 3.9 | 5970 | 5724 | 246 | 4.1 | 5849 | 5652 | 197 | 3.4 |
| DUVAL | 446325 | 428076 | 18249 | 4.1 | 446438 | 426680 | 19758 | 4.4 | 436178 | 420613 | 15565 | 3.6 |
| ESCAMBIA | 139430 | 133942 | 5488 | 3.9 | 139270 | 133591 | 5679 | 4.1 | 137899 | 133475 | 4424 | 3.2 |
| FLAGLER | 34895 | 32890 | 2005 | 5.7 | 34805 | 32800 | 2005 | 5.8 | 32226 | 30806 | 1420 | 4.4 |
| FRANKLIN | 5349 | 5190 | 159 | 3.0 | 5361 | 5188 | 173 | 3.2 | 5337 | 5188 | 149 | 2.8 |
| GADSDEN | 21617 | 20665 | 952 | 4.4 | 21186 | 20197 | 989 | 4.7 | 21144 | 20418 | 726 | 3.4 |
| GILCHRIST | 7791 | 7483 | 308 | 4.0 | 7673 | 7360 | 313 | 4.1 | 7694 | 7469 | 225 | 2.9 |
| GLADES | 4671 | 4400 | 271 | 5.8 | 4642 | 4355 | 287 | 6.2 | 4465 | 4247 | 218 | 4.9 |
| GULF | 6993 | 6757 | 236 | 3.4 | 7020 | 6781 | 239 | 3.4 | 6818 | 6622 | 196 | 2.9 |
| HAMILTON | 4816 | 4624 | 192 | 4.0 | 4796 | 4581 | 215 | 4.5 | 4723 | 4534 | 189 | 4.0 |
| HARDEE | 12655 | 11954 | 701 | 5.5 | 12470 | 11775 | 695 | 5.6 | 11853 | 11253 | 600 | 5.1 |
| HENDRY | 18333 | 16519 | 1814 | 9.9 | 18048 | 16279 | 1769 | 9.8 | 17314 | 15907 | 1407 | 8.1 |
| HERNANDO | 62510 | 58890 | 3620 | 5.8 | 62452 | 58730 | 3722 | 6.0 | 61051 | 58328 | 2723 | 4.5 |
| HIGHLANDS | 43133 | 40883 | 2250 | 5.2 | 43026 | 40762 | 2264 | 5.3 | 40470 | 38733 | 1737 | 4.3 |
| HILLSBOROUGH | 620729 | 595265 | 25464 | 4.1 | 619043 | 593650 | 25393 | 4.1 | 609508 | 589588 | 19920 | 3.3 |
| HOLMES | 9350 | 9025 | 325 | 3.5 | 9270 | 8936 | 334 | 3.6 | 8921 | 8654 | 267 | 3.0 |
| INDIAN RIVER | 61597 | 57292 | 4305 | 7.0 | 61553 | 57356 | 4197 | 6.8 | 59869 | 56842 | 3027 | 5.1 |
| JACKSON | 22111 | 21266 | 845 | 3.8 | 21844 | 20945 | 899 | 4.1 | 21982 | 21141 | 841 | 3.8 |
| JEFFERSON | 7161 | 6925 | 236 | 3.3 | 7006 | 6768 | 238 | 3.4 | 7057 | 6842 | 215 | 3.0 |
| LAFAYETTE | 2930 | 2848 | 82 | 2.8 | 2918 | 2830 | 88 | 3.0 | 2908 | 2826 | 82 | 2.8 |
| LAKE | 128959 | 123235 | 5724 | 4.4 | 128988 | 123204 | 5784 | 4.5 | 125256 | 120805 | 4451 | 3.6 |
| LEE | 295730 | 280386 | 15344 | 5.2 | 294182 | 279720 | 14462 | 4.9 | 283209 | 274318 | 8891 | 3.1 |
| LEON | 144395 | 139960 | 4435 | 3.1 | 141469 | 136787 | 4682 | 3.3 | 142235 | 138284 | 3951 | 2.8 |
| LEVY | 17584 | 16865 | 719 | 4.1 | 17470 | 16707 | 763 | 4.4 | 17160 | 16555 | 605 | 3.5 |
| LIBERTY | 3867 | 3758 | 109 | 2.8 | 3804 | 3688 | 116 | 3.0 | 3654 | 3559 | 95 | 2.6 |

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

| COUNTY | SEPTEMBER 2007 | | | | AUGUST 2007 | | | | SEPTEMBER 2006 | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|----------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|----------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|----------|
| | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOY- MENT | UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL | RATE (%) | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOY- MENT | UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL | RATE (%) | LABOR FORCE | EMPLOY- MENT | UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL | RATE (%) |
| MADISON | 7136 | 6740 | 396 | 5.5 | 7230 | 6816 | 414 | 5.7 | 7381 | 6857 | 524 | 7.1 |
| MANATEE | 157491 | 150940 | 6551 | 4.2 | 157396 | 150691 | 6705 | 4.3 | 156072 | 151213 | 4859 | 3.1 |
| MARION | 137188 | 130633 | 6555 | 4.8 | 136540 | 129935 | 6605 | 4.8 | 133945 | 129286 | 4659 | 3.5 |
| MARTIN | 67713 | 64577 | 3136 | 4.6 | 67480 | 64257 | 3223 | 4.8 | 66026 | 63586 | 2440 | 3.7 |
| MIAMI-DADE | 1192579 | 1143368 | 49211 | 4.1 | 1199380 | 1150777 | 48603 | 4.1 | 1159766 | 1113714 | 46052 | 4.0 |
| MONROE | 43277 | 41967 | 1310 | 3.0 | 44261 | 42943 | 1318 | 3.0 | 43598 | 42448 | 1150 | 2.6 |
| NASSAU | 34643 | 33460 | 1183 | 3.4 | 34569 | 33351 | 1218 | 3.5 | 33874 | 32877 | 997 | 2.9 |
| OKALOOSA | 102094 | 99148 | 2946 | 2.9 | 103123 | 99994 | 3129 | 3.0 | 100034 | 97608 | 2426 | 2.4 |
| OKEECHOBEE | 18439 | 17287 | 1152 | 6.2 | 18363 | 17250 | 1113 | 6.1 | 17612 | 16710 | 902 | 5.1 |
| ORANGE | 601260 | 578008 | 23252 | 3.9 | 601244 | 577862 | 23382 | 3.9 | 584787 | 566613 | 18174 | 3.1 |
| OSCEOLA | 126946 | 121236 | 5710 | 4.5 | 126923 | 121205 | 5718 | 4.5 | 123200 | 118846 | 4354 | 3.5 |
| PALM BEACH | 650548 | 619539 | 31009 | 4.8 | 648832 | 617933 | 30899 | 4.8 | 635003 | 610009 | 24994 | 3.9 |
| PASCO | 194049 | 184256 | 9793 | 5.0 | 193579 | 183756 | 9823 | 5.1 | 189779 | 182499 | 7280 | 3.8 |
| PINELLAS | 492309 | 472652 | 19657 | 4.0 | 491221 | 471370 | 19851 | 4.0 | 483852 | 468144 | 15708 | 3.2 |
| POLK | 278180 | 264756 | 13424 | 4.8 | 276843 | 263316 | 13527 | 4.9 | 272705 | 262007 | 10698 | 3.9 |
| PUTNAM | 32438 | 30894 | 1544 | 4.8 | 32354 | 30762 | 1592 | 4.9 | 31814 | 30593 | 1221 | 3.8 |
| ST. JOHNS | 88676 | 85632 | 3044 | 3.4 | 88408 | 85353 | 3055 | 3.5 | 86546 | 84139 | 2407 | 2.8 |
| ST. LUCIE | 120090 | 111830 | 8260 | 6.9 | 119240 | 111276 | 7964 | 6.7 | 115819 | 110113 | 5706 | 4.9 |
| SANTA ROSA | 69237 | 66750 | 2487 | 3.6 | 69330 | 66575 | 2755 | 4.0 | 68623 | 66517 | 2106 | 3.1 |
| SARASOTA | 185700 | 176797 | 8903 | 4.8 | 184741 | 176506 | 8235 | 4.5 | 183174 | 177117 | 6057 | 3.3 |
| SEMINOLE | 246515 | 237487 | 9028 | 3.7 | 246518 | 237427 | 9091 | 3.7 | 239760 | 232805 | 6955 | 2.9 |
| SUMTER | 34658 | 33588 | 1070 | 3.1 | 34310 | 33194 | 1116 | 3.3 | 30190 | 29356 | 834 | 2.8 |
| SUWANNEE | 17643 | 16975 | 668 | 3.8 | 17611 | 16921 | 690 | 3.9 | 17192 | 16635 | 557 | 3.2 |
| TAYLOR | 9220 | 8849 | 371 | 4.0 | 9069 | 8665 | 404 | 4.5 | 8766 | 8435 | 331 | 3.8 |
| UNION | 5355 | 5187 | 168 | 3.1 | 5325 | 5151 | 174 | 3.3 | 5201 | 5061 | 140 | 2.7 |
| VOLUSIA | 255488 | 244626 | 10862 | 4.3 | 254503 | 243476 | 11027 | 4.3 | 250988 | 242643 | 8345 | 3.3 |
| WAKULLA | 15114 | 14689 | 425 | 2.8 | 14816 | 14356 | 460 | 3.1 | 14907 | 14514 | 393 | 2.6 |
| WALTON | 36125 | 35269 | 856 | 2.4 | 36776 | 35901 | 875 | 2.4 | 32495 | 31817 | 678 | 2.1 |
| WASHINGTON | 10121 | 9745 | 376 | 3.7 | 10076 | 9678 | 398 | 3.9 | 9793 | 9469 | 324 | 3.3 |
| FLORIDA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 9297000 | 8901000 | 396000 | 4.3 | 9284000 | 8887000 | 397000 | 4.3 | 9077000 | 8761000 | 315000 | 3.5 |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 9270000 | 8897000 | 373000 | 4.0 | 9225000 | 8855000 | 370000 | 4.0 | 9046000 | 8752000 | 294000 | 3.2 |
| UNITED STATES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 153400000 | 146448000 | 6952000 | 4.5 | 153493000 | 146406000 | 7088000 | 4.6 | 151635000 | 145010000 | 6625000 | 4.4 |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 153464000 | 146257000 | 7207000 | 4.7 | 152891000 | 145794000 | 7097000 | 4.6 | 151818000 | 144906000 | 6912000 | 4.6 |

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

| MSA (COUNTIES) | SEPTEMBER 2007 | | | | AUGUST 2007 | | | | SEPTEMBER 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) | 295730 | 280386 | 15344 | 5.2 | 294182 | 279720 | 14462 | 4.9 | 283209 | 274318 | 8891 | 3.1 |
| DELTONA-DAYTONA BEACH-ORMOND BEACH (Volusia) | 255488 | 244626 | 10862 | 4.3 | 254503 | 243476 | 11027 | 4.3 | 250988 | 242643 | 8345 | 3.3 |
| FT. WALTON BEACH-CRESTVIEW-DESTIN (Okaloosa) | 102094 | 99148 | 2946 | 2.9 | 103123 | 99994 | 3129 | 3.0 | 100034 | 97608 | 2426 | 2.4 |
| GAINESVILLE (Alachua and Gilchrist) | 135227 | 131245 | 3982 | 2.9 | 133349 | 129081 | 4268 | 3.2 | 134617 | 131000 | 3617 | 2.7 |
| JACKSONVILLE (Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns) | 673169 | 647038 | 26131 | 3.9 | 672706 | 644929 | 27777 | 4.1 | 657839 | 635758 | 22081 | 3.4 |
| LAKELAND (Polk) | 278180 | 264756 | 13424 | 4.8 | 276843 | 263316 | 13527 | 4.9 | 272705 | 262007 | 10698 | 3.9 |
| MIAMI-FT. LAUDERDALE-POMPANO BEACH (Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach) | 2843898 | 2725812 | 118086 | 4.2 | 2848081 | 2730723 | 117358 | 4.1 | 2778122 | 2675906 | 102216 | 3.7 |
| Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach Metropolitan Division (Broward) | 1000771 | 962905 | 37866 | 3.8 | 999869 | 962013 | 37856 | 3.8 | 983353 | 952183 | 31170 | 3.2 |
| Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall Metropolitan Division (Miami-Dade) | 1192579 | 1143368 | 49211 | 4.1 | 1199380 | 1150777 | 48603 | 4.1 | 1159766 | 1113714 | 46052 | 4.0 |
| West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division (Palm Beach) | 650548 | 619539 | 31009 | 4.8 | 648832 | 617933 | 30899 | 4.8 | 635003 | 610009 | 24994 | 3.9 |
| NAPLES-MARCO ISLAND (Collier) | 157684 | 149301 | 8383 | 5.3 | 157091 | 148899 | 8192 | 5.2 | 152809 | 147060 | 5749 | 3.8 |
| OCALA (Marion) | 137188 | 130633 | 6555 | 4.8 | 136540 | 129935 | 6605 | 4.8 | 133945 | 129286 | 4659 | 3.5 |
| ORLANDO-KISSIMMEE (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole) | 1103680 | 1059966 | 43714 | 4.0 | 1103673 | 1059698 | 43975 | 4.0 | 1073004 | 1039069 | 33935 | 3.2 |
| PALM BAY-MELBOURNE-TITUSVILLE (Brevard) | 266773 | 254833 | 11940 | 4.5 | 266180 | 254123 | 12057 | 4.5 | 263581 | 254416 | 9165 | 3.5 |
| PALM COAST (Flagler) | 34895 | 32890 | 2005 | 5.7 | 34805 | 32800 | 2005 | 5.8 | 32226 | 30806 | 1420 | 4.4 |
| PANAMA CITY-LYNN HAVEN (Bay) | 87504 | 84410 | 3094 | 3.5 | 88001 | 84875 | 3126 | 3.6 | 85690 | 83144 | 2546 | 3.0 |
| PENSACOLA-FERRY PASS-BRENT (Escambia and Santa Rosa) | 208667 | 200692 | 7975 | 3.8 | 208600 | 200166 | 8434 | 4.0 | 206522 | 199992 | 6530 | 3.2 |
| PORT ST. LUCIE (Martin and St. Lucie) | 187803 | 176407 | 11396 | 6.1 | 186720 | 175533 | 11187 | 6.0 | 181845 | 173699 | 8146 | 4.5 |
| PUNTA GORDA (Charlotte) | 70885 | 66686 | 4199 | 5.9 | 70402 | 66450 | 3952 | 5.6 | 68601 | 65999 | 2602 | 3.8 |
| SARASOTA-BRADENTON-VENICE (Manatee and Sarasota) | 343191 | 327737 | 15454 | 4.5 | 342137 | 327197 | 14940 | 4.4 | 339246 | 328330 | 10916 | 3.2 |
| SEBASTIAN-VERO BEACH (Indian River) | 61597 | 57292 | 4305 | 7.0 | 61553 | 57356 | 4197 | 6.8 | 59869 | 56842 | 3027 | 5.1 |
| TALLAHASSEE (Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, and Wakulla) | 188288 | 182240 | 6048 | 3.2 | 184478 | 178108 | 6370 | 3.5 | 185343 | 180058 | 5285 | 2.9 |
| TAMPA-ST. PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER (Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas) | 1369598 | 1311064 | 58534 | 4.3 | 1366296 | 1307507 | 58789 | 4.3 | 1344190 | 1298559 | 45631 | 3.4 |
| FLORIDA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | 9297000 | 8901000 | 396000 | 4.3 | 9284000 | 8887000 | 397000 | 4.3 | 9077000 | 8761000 | 315000 | 3.5 |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | 9270000 | 8897000 | 373000 | 4.0 | 9225000 | 8855000 | 370000 | 4.0 | 9046000 | 8752000 | 294000 | 3.2 |
| UNITED STATES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | 153400000 | 146448000 | 6952000 | 4.5 | 153493000 | 146406000 | 7088000 | 4.6 | 151635000 | 145010000 | 6625000 | 4.4 |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | 153464000 | 146257000 | 7207000 | 4.7 | 152891000 | 145794000 | 7097000 | 4.6 | 151818000 | 144906000 | 6912000 | 4.6 |

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

SEPTEMBER 2007

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| UNEMPLOYMENT | | | UNEMPLOYMENT | | |
|--------------|---------------|----------|--------------|------------|----------|
| RANK | COUNTY | RATE (%) | RANK | COUNTY | RATE (%) |
| 1 | HENDRY | 9.9 | 34 | PINELLAS | 4.0 |
| 2 | INDIAN RIVER | 7.0 | 35 | HAMILTON | 4.0 |
| 3 | ST. LUCIE | 6.9 | 36 | GILCHRIST | 4.0 |
| 4 | OKEECHOBEE | 6.2 | 37 | ESCAMBIA | 3.9 |
| 5 | CHARLOTTE | 5.9 | 38 | DIXIE | 3.9 |
| 6 | DESOTO | 5.8 | 39 | ORANGE | 3.9 |
| 7 | GLADES | 5.8 | 40 | JACKSON | 3.8 |
| 8 | HERNANDO | 5.8 | 41 | SUWANNEE | 3.8 |
| 9 | FLAGLER | 5.7 | 42 | BROWARD | 3.8 |
| 10 | MADISON | 5.5 | 43 | BAKER | 3.7 |
| 11 | HARDEE | 5.5 | 44 | WASHINGTON | 3.7 |
| 12 | COLLIER | 5.3 | 45 | SEMINOLE | 3.7 |
| 13 | HIGHLANDS | 5.2 | 46 | CALHOUN | 3.6 |
| 14 | LEE | 5.2 | 47 | SANTA ROSA | 3.6 |
| 15 | CITRUS | 5.0 | 48 | COLUMBIA | 3.6 |
| 16 | PASCO | 5.0 | 49 | BAY | 3.5 |
| 17 | POLK | 4.8 | 50 | CLAY | 3.5 |
| 18 | SARASOTA | 4.8 | 51 | HOLMES | 3.5 |
| 19 | MARION | 4.8 | 52 | ST. JOHNS | 3.4 |
| 20 | PALM BEACH | 4.8 | 53 | NASSAU | 3.4 |
| 21 | PUTNAM | 4.8 | 54 | BRADFORD | 3.4 |
| 22 | MARTIN | 4.6 | 55 | GULF | 3.4 |
| 23 | OSCEOLA | 4.5 | 56 | JEFFERSON | 3.3 |
| 24 | BREVARD | 4.5 | 57 | UNION | 3.1 |
| | UNITED STATES | 4.5 | 58 | SUMTER | 3.1 |
| 25 | LAKE | 4.4 | 59 | LEON | 3.1 |
| 26 | GADSDEN | 4.4 | 60 | MONROE | 3.0 |
| 27 | VOLUSIA | 4.3 | 61 | FRANKLIN | 3.0 |
| | FLORIDA | 4.3 | 62 | OKALOOSA | 2.9 |
| 28 | MANATEE | 4.2 | 63 | ALACHUA | 2.9 |
| 29 | MIAMI-DADE | 4.1 | 64 | LIBERTY | 2.8 |
| 30 | HILLSBOROUGH | 4.1 | 65 | WAKULLA | 2.8 |
| 31 | LEVY | 4.1 | 66 | LAFAYETTE | 2.8 |
| 32 | DUVAL | 4.1 | 67 | WALTON | 2.4 |
| 33 | TAYLOR | 4.0 | | | |

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

| | |
|---|------------|
| 1. Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA | 7.0 % |
| 2. Port St. Lucie MSA | 6.1 |
| 3. Punta Gorda MSA | 5.9 |
| 4. Palm Coast MSA | 5.7 |
| 5. Naples-Marco Island MSA | 5.3 |
| 6. Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA | 5.2 |
| 7. Lakeland MSA | 4.8 |
| 8. Ocala MSA | 4.8 |
| 9. West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MD | 4.8 |
| 10. Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice MSA | 4.5 |
| 11. Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA | 4.5 |
| United States | 4.5 |
| 12. Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA | 4.3 |
| 13. Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA | 4.3 |
| Florida | 4.3 |
| 14. Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach MSA | 4.2 |
| 15. Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD | 4.1 |
| 16. Orlando-Kissimmee MSA | 4.0 |
| 17. Jacksonville MSA | 3.9 |
| 18. Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA | 3.8 |
| 19. Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MD | 3.8 |
| 20. Panama City-Lynn Haven MSA | 3.5 |
| 21. Tallahassee MSA | 3.2 |
| 22. Gainesville MSA | 2.9 |
| 23. Ft. Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin MSA | 2.9 |

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
FLORIDA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

| Area | September 2007 | August 2007 | September 2006 | Over-the-Month Change | | Over-the-Year Change | |
|---|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| | | | | Level | Percent | Level | Percent |
| Statewide | 8,112,600 | 8,116,200 | 8,007,700 | -3,600 | ** | +104,900 | +1.3% |
| Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA | 234,900 | 234,700 | 229,800 | +200 | +0.1% | +5,100 | +2.2% |
| Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA | 176,400 | 176,100 | 175,300 | +300 | +0.2% | +1,100 | +0.6% |
| Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MD | 791,500 | 790,900 | 782,800 | +600 | +0.1% | +8,700 | +1.1% |
| Ft. Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin MSA | 89,000 | 90,100 | 88,200 | -1,100 | -1.2% | +800 | +0.9% |
| Gainesville MSA | 135,000 | 133,200 | 134,700 | +1,800 | +1.4% | +300 | +0.2% |
| Jacksonville MSA | 637,100 | 637,400 | 625,900 | -300 | -0.0% | +11,200 | +1.8% |
| Lakeland MSA | 222,700 | 221,800 | 220,600 | +900 | +0.4% | +2,100 | +1.0% |
| Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach MSA | 2,444,300 | 2,438,300 | 2,412,600 | +6,000 | +0.2% | +31,700 | +1.3% |
| Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD | 1,061,700 | 1,056,000 | 1,048,700 | +5,700 | +0.5% | +13,000 | +1.2% |
| Naples-Marco Island MSA | 135,000 | 135,100 | 132,600 | -100 | -0.1% | +2,400 | +1.8% |
| Ocala MSA | 106,700 | 106,200 | 106,100 | +500 | +0.5% | +600 | +0.6% |
| Orlando-Kissimmee MSA | 1,105,800 | 1,106,000 | 1,083,100 | -200 | ** | +22,700 | +2.1% |
| Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA | 216,000 | 216,400 | 215,600 | -400 | -0.2% | +400 | +0.2% |
| Panama City-Lynn Haven MSA | 77,900 | 78,500 | 76,600 | -600 | -0.8% | +1,300 | +1.7% |
| Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA | 173,500 | 173,300 | 172,700 | +200 | +0.1% | +800 | +0.5% |
| Port St. Lucie MSA | 133,800 | 133,500 | 131,700 | +300 | +0.2% | +2,100 | +1.6% |
| Punta Gorda MSA | 44,700 | 44,900 | 44,500 | -200 | -0.4% | +200 | +0.4% |
| Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice MSA | 306,800 | 307,300 | 307,100 | -500 | -0.2% | -300 | -0.1% |
| Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA | 48,600 | 48,700 | 48,200 | -100 | -0.2% | +400 | +0.8% |
| Tallahassee MSA | 181,000 | 177,800 | 178,700 | +3,200 | +1.8% | +2,300 | +1.3% |
| Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA | 1,325,700 | 1,324,800 | 1,312,300 | +900 | +0.1% | +13,400 | +1.0% |
| West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MD | 591,100 | 591,400 | 581,100 | -300 | -0.1% | +10,000 | +1.7% |

** = Less than 0.05 percent

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 October 19, 2007.

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