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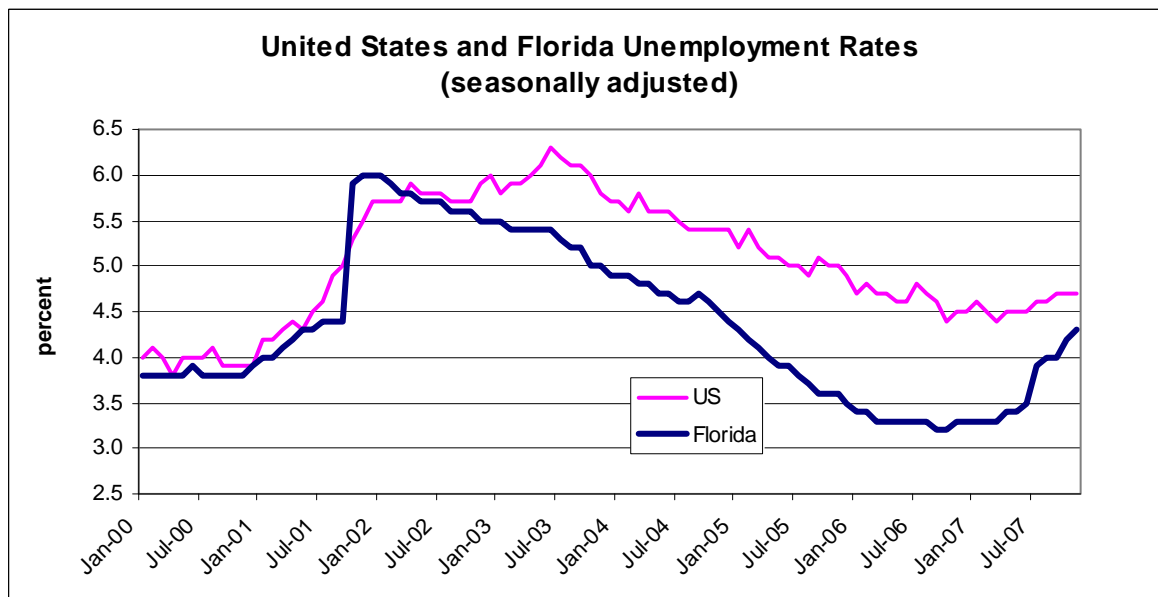
## **Florida's Unemployment Rate Rises, Remains Below National Average**

*~State job growth equals pace of national rate~*

**TALLAHASSEE** – Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.3 percent in November 2007, an increase of 0.1 percent from the previous month. The national unemployment rate was 4.7 percent in November 2007. Florida had the third lowest unemployment rate of the ten most populous states, based on the latest nationwide data, and has been below the national average since mid-2002. The November unemployment rate in Florida represents 396,000 jobless out of a labor force of 9,294,000.

Florida's nonagricultural employment growth rate was 1.1 percent in November, representing 90,200 new jobs over the year. This equaled the national job growth rate for November. Nonagricultural employment in November increased to a total of 8,149,400 jobs from the October total of 8,144,400. Based on the latest nationwide data, Florida ranked third in job growth rate among the ten most populous states, behind Texas and Georgia. Florida ranked second among the ten most populous states in the number of new jobs over the year, behind only Texas.

"The Agency remains committed and ready to serve Floridians through education, training and workforce programs," said Monesia T. Brown, Director of the Agency for Workforce Innovation. "Throughout the state's nearly 100 One-Stop Career Centers, we are enhancing our re-employment services to meet the needs of the people of Florida."



## **Florida's Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted)**

- Florida added 90,200 jobs since November 2006. Education and health services (+29,500 jobs, +3.0 percent) and leisure and hospitality (+24,500 jobs, +2.7 percent) accounted for 60 percent of the new jobs in the state.
- Total government ranked third among Florida's major industries in job growth, expanding by 21,400 jobs over the year (+1.9 percent). Local government accounted for the increase in government employment.
- Professional and business services increased by 16,600 jobs over November 2006 levels (+1.2 percent).
- Construction employment, reacting to declines in the housing market, lost 24,100 jobs over the year (-3.8 percent). It was the first time since 1992 that the state has experienced nine consecutive months of over-the-year declines in construction jobs.
- Manufacturing (-3,700 jobs, -0.9 percent) and information (-3,000 jobs, -1.8 percent) continued to have over-the-year declines, mainly due to weakness in computer and electronic product manufacturing and publishing.

## **Local Area Unemployment Statistics (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

- In November 2007, Walton County had the state's lowest unemployment rate (2.6 percent), followed by Liberty County (2.8 percent); Monroe County (3.0 percent); and Alachua, Jefferson, Lafayette, and Wakulla counties (3.1 percent each). Leon, Okaloosa, and Sumter counties followed, with unemployment rates of 3.2 percent each.
- Hendry County, at 7.5 percent, had the highest unemployment rate in Florida in November, followed by St. Lucie County (6.3 percent); Hernando County (6.2 percent); Indian River County (6.0 percent); and Charlotte and Flagler counties (5.9 percent each). Hendry County's relatively high unemployment rate was due mainly to the seasonal nature of agriculture in the area.

## **Area Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

- The Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) led the state in over-the-year employment gains (+26,400 jobs, +1.1 percent) in November 2007, followed by the Orlando-Kissimmee MSA (+22,500 jobs, +2.0 percent) and the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA (+12,400 jobs, +0.9 percent). The combined employment growth in these three MSAs accounted for 68 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 November 2007	Month Ago October 2007	Year Ago November 2006	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
<b>STATE OF FLORIDA</b>							
Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+	14,564,000	14,544,000	14,323,000	20,000	0.1	241,000	1.7
Civilian Labor Force	9,294,000	9,273,000	9,088,000	21,000	0.2	206,000	2.3
Employment	8,898,000	8,880,000	8,792,000	18,000	0.2	106,000	1.2
Unemployment	396,000	393,000	296,000	3,000	0.8	100,000	33.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.2	3.3	0.1	--	1.0	--

**UNITED STATES**

Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+	232,939,000	232,715,000	229,905,000	224,000	0.1	3,034,000	1.3
Civilian Labor Force	153,870,000	153,253,000	152,449,000	617,000	0.4	1,421,000	0.9
Employment	146,703,000	146,007,000	145,623,000	696,000	0.5	1,080,000	0.7
Unemployment	7,167,000	7,245,000	6,826,000	-78,000	-1.1	341,000	5.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.7	4.5	0.0	--	0.2	--

**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

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<b>STATE OF FLORIDA</b>							
Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+	14,564,000	14,544,000	14,323,000	20,000	0.1	241,000	1.7
Civilian Labor Force	9,290,000	9,290,000	9,119,000	0	0.0	171,000	1.9
Employment	8,896,000	8,893,000	8,822,000	3,000	**	74,000	0.8
Unemployment	394,000	397,000	297,000	-3,000	-0.8	97,000	32.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.3	3.3	-0.1	--	0.9	--

**UNITED STATES**

Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+	232,939,000	232,715,000	229,905,000	224,000	0.1	3,034,000	1.3
Civilian Labor Force	154,035,000	153,516,000	152,590,000	519,000	0.3	1,445,000	0.9
Employment	147,118,000	146,743,000	146,014,000	375,000	0.3	1,104,000	0.8
Unemployment	6,917,000	6,773,000	6,576,000	144,000	2.1	341,000	5.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.4	4.3	0.1	--	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.

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)**

	November <sup>P</sup> 2007	October <sup>r</sup> 2007	November 2006	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
<b>Total Nonagricultural Employment</b>	8,149.4	8,144.4	8,059.2	5.0	0.1	90.2	1.1
<b>Construction</b>	613.9	615.2	638.0	-1.3	-0.2	-24.1	-3.8
<b>Manufacturing</b>	393.1	394.3	396.8	-1.2	-0.3	-3.7	-0.9
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	1,615.4	1,616.5	1,599.6	-1.1	-0.1	15.8	1.0
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	359.2	358.4	350.6	0.8	0.2	8.6	2.5
<b>Retail Trade</b>	1,008.9	1,012.6	1,005.7	-3.7	-0.4	3.2	0.3
<b>Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities</b>	247.3	245.5	243.3	1.8	0.7	4.0	1.6
<b>Information</b>	164.3	163.6	167.3	0.7	0.4	-3.0	-1.8
<b>Financial Activities</b>	554.8	556.8	548.6	-2.0	-0.4	6.2	1.1
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>	376.6	377.5	369.5	-0.9	-0.2	7.1	1.9
<b>Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing</b>	178.2	179.3	179.1	-1.1	-0.6	-0.9	-0.5
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	1,373.4	1,369.9	1,356.8	3.5	0.3	16.6	1.2
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	1,009.9	1,008.4	980.4	1.5	0.1	29.5	3.0
<b>Educational Services</b>	132.1	130.8	125.9	1.3	1.0	6.2	4.9
<b>Health Care and Social Assistance</b>	877.8	877.6	854.5	0.2	*	23.3	2.7
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	937.3	939.4	912.8	-2.1	-0.2	24.5	2.7
<b>Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation</b>	184.4	183.0	175.8	1.4	0.8	8.6	4.9
<b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	752.9	756.4	737.0	-3.5	-0.5	15.9	2.2
<b>Other Services</b>	351.2	350.6	344.1	0.6	0.2	7.1	2.1
<b>Total Government</b>	1,129.8	1,123.4	1,108.4	6.4	0.6	21.4	1.9
<b>Local Government</b>	788.5	783.3	768.4	5.2	0.7	20.1	2.6

<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  
STATEWIDE (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

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Industry Title	November 2007	October 2007	November 2006	Change from			
				Oct 2007 to Nov 2007 Level	Percent	Nov 2006 to Nov 2007 Level	Percent
<b>Total Nonagricultural Employment</b>	8,201,500	8,146,300	8,111,000	55,200	0.7%	90,500	1.1%
<b>Total Private</b>	7,048,200	7,001,300	6,979,600	46,900	0.7%	68,600	1.0%
<b>Goods Producing</b>	1,014,600	1,017,400	1,042,700	-2,800	-0.3%	-28,100	-2.7%
<b>Natural Resources and Mining</b>	6,300	6,300	6,400	0	0.0%	-100	-1.6%
Mining, except Oil and Gas	3,700	3,700	3,800	0	0.0%	-100	-2.6%
<b>Construction</b>	614,600	617,400	638,800	-2,800	-0.5%	-24,200	-3.8%
Construction of Buildings	130,300	132,100	134,100	-1,800	-1.4%	-3,800	-2.8%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	75,500	76,100	78,400	-600	-0.8%	-2,900	-3.7%
Specialty Trade Contractors	408,800	409,200	426,300	-400	-0.1%	-17,500	-4.1%
Building Equipment Contractors	160,900	161,700	167,000	-800	-0.5%	-6,100	-3.7%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	393,700	393,700	397,500	0	0.0%	-3,800	-1.0%
Durable Goods	272,100	272,200	271,900	-100	0.0%	200	0.1%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	43,200	43,000	41,000	200	0.5%	2,200	5.4%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	47,400	47,500	49,400	-100	-0.2%	-2,000	-4.0%
Communications Equipment Manufacturing	10,000	10,000	10,500	0	0.0%	-500	-4.8%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	45,300	45,000	43,500	300	0.7%	1,800	4.1%
Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing	19,300	19,000	18,300	300	1.6%	1,000	5.5%
Miscellaneous Durable Goods Manufacturing	29,300	29,200	29,800	100	0.3%	-500	-1.7%
Nondurable Goods	121,600	121,500	125,600	100	0.1%	-4,000	-3.2%
Food Manufacturing	30,000	29,400	30,800	600	2.0%	-800	-2.6%
Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing	10,600	10,500	10,900	100	1.0%	-300	-2.8%
Paper Manufacturing	10,000	10,100	10,300	-100	-1.0%	-300	-2.9%
Printing and Related Support Activities	22,800	22,700	23,100	100	0.4%	-300	-1.3%
Chemical Manufacturing	18,600	18,800	18,900	-200	-1.1%	-300	-1.6%

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<b>Service Providing</b>	7,186,900	7,128,900	7,068,300	58,000	0.8%	118,600	1.7%
<b>Private Service Providing</b>	6,033,600	5,983,900	5,936,900	49,700	0.8%	96,700	1.6%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	1,639,500	1,611,300	1,623,600	28,200	1.8%	15,900	1.0%
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	360,300	358,400	351,700	1,900	0.5%	8,600	2.4%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	193,300	192,900	188,700	400	0.2%	4,600	2.4%
Commercial Equipment Wholesalers	49,600	48,900	46,700	700	1.4%	2,900	6.2%
Electronic Goods Wholesalers	23,400	23,100	23,000	300	1.3%	400	1.7%
Machinery and Supply Wholesalers	35,100	35,300	35,200	-200	-0.6%	-100	-0.3%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	124,700	122,900	122,900	1,800	1.5%	1,800	1.5%
Grocery and Related Product Wholesalers	44,700	44,300	43,200	400	0.9%	1,500	3.5%
Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents	42,300	42,600	40,100	-300	-0.7%	2,200	5.5%
<b>Retail Trade</b>	1,030,900	1,007,200	1,027,600	23,700	2.4%	3,300	0.3%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	137,800	136,400	135,500	1,400	1.0%	2,300	1.7%
Automobile Dealers	89,100	89,000	88,900	100	0.1%	200	0.2%
Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores	46,900	46,400	46,200	500	1.1%	700	1.5%
Electronics and Appliance Stores	40,600	39,600	39,500	1,000	2.5%	1,100	2.8%
Building Material and Garden Supply Stores	85,400	86,400	90,500	-1,000	-1.2%	-5,100	-5.6%
Food and Beverage Stores	197,300	194,100	195,600	3,200	1.6%	1,700	0.9%
Health and Personal Care Stores	68,500	67,900	69,200	600	0.9%	-700	-1.0%
Gasoline Stations	41,200	41,400	40,500	-200	-0.5%	700	1.7%
Clothing and Accessory Stores	113,300	105,600	107,100	7,700	7.3%	6,200	5.8%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	34,600	33,600	35,300	1,000	3.0%	-700	-2.0%
General Merchandise Stores	185,000	178,000	186,200	7,000	3.9%	-1,200	-0.6%
Department Stores	81,900	76,100	84,400	5,800	7.6%	-2,500	-3.0%
Other General Merchandise Stores	103,100	101,900	101,800	1,200	1.2%	1,300	1.3%
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	58,800	56,600	59,500	2,200	3.9%	-700	-1.2%
Nonstore Retailers	21,500	21,200	22,500	300	1.4%	-1,000	-4.4%
Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order Houses	13,700	13,400	14,500	300	2.2%	-800	-5.5%
<b>Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities</b>	248,300	245,700	244,300	2,600	1.1%	4,000	1.6%
<b>Utilities</b>	24,900	24,700	24,400	200	0.8%	500	2.0%

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<b>Transportation and Warehousing</b>	223,400	221,000	219,900	2,400	1.1%	3,500	1.6%
Air Transportation	28,500	28,400	29,000	100	0.4%	-500	-1.7%
Water Transportation	12,000	12,200	11,900	-200	-1.6%	100	0.8%
Truck Transportation	50,200	49,600	49,300	600	1.2%	900	1.8%
Support Activities for Transportation	49,200	48,300	46,900	900	1.9%	2,300	4.9%
Couriers and Messengers	31,400	31,100	31,800	300	1.0%	-400	-1.3%
Warehousing and Storage	28,400	27,800	28,200	600	2.2%	200	0.7%
<b>Information</b>	164,700	163,400	167,700	1,300	0.8%	-3,000	-1.8%
Publishing Industries, except Internet	42,200	42,000	43,500	200	0.5%	-1,300	-3.0%
Broadcasting, except Internet	18,500	18,500	18,800	0	0.0%	-300	-1.6%
Telecommunications	63,500	63,300	64,300	200	0.3%	-800	-1.2%
Wired Telecommunications Carriers	32,600	32,500	33,000	100	0.3%	-400	-1.2%
Internet Service Providers and Data Processing	24,500	24,600	24,800	-100	-0.4%	-300	-1.2%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	553,400	555,700	547,300	-2,300	-0.4%	6,100	1.1%
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>	375,800	377,400	368,800	-1,600	-0.4%	7,000	1.9%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	196,900	198,600	190,600	-1,700	-0.9%	6,300	3.3%
Depository Credit Intermediation	109,600	110,200	104,200	-600	-0.5%	5,400	5.2%
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	135,300	135,600	135,800	-300	-0.2%	-500	-0.4%
Insurance Carriers	72,600	73,100	74,500	-500	-0.7%	-1,900	-2.6%
Insurance Agencies, Brokerages, and Related	62,700	62,500	61,300	200	0.3%	1,400	2.3%
<b>Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing</b>	177,600	178,300	178,500	-700	-0.4%	-900	-0.5%
Real Estate	131,600	132,300	131,200	-700	-0.5%	400	0.3%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	1,379,300	1,368,500	1,362,600	10,800	0.8%	16,700	1.2%
<b>Professional and Technical Services</b>	463,400	463,600	451,300	-200	0.0%	12,100	2.7%
Legal Services	90,200	90,800	91,400	-600	-0.7%	-1,200	-1.3%
Accounting, Tax Preparation, and Bookkeeping	53,600	52,500	51,300	1,100	2.1%	2,300	4.5%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related	97,100	97,500	93,900	-400	-0.4%	3,200	3.4%
Computer Systems Design and Related	59,200	59,200	57,100	0	0.0%	2,100	3.7%
Management, Scientific, and Technical	69,500	69,000	66,900	500	0.7%	2,600	3.9%

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<b>Management of Companies and Enterprises</b>	74,500	74,600	73,200	-100	-0.1%	1,300	1.8%
<b>Administrative and Waste Services</b>	841,400	830,300	838,100	11,100	1.3%	3,300	0.4%
Administrative and Support Services	820,600	809,300	818,200	11,300	1.4%	2,400	0.3%
Employment Services	462,800	454,700	457,900	8,100	1.8%	4,900	1.1%
Business Support Services	61,000	61,400	61,700	-400	-0.7%	-700	-1.1%
Travel Arrangement and Reservation Services	30,000	29,900	30,100	100	0.3%	-100	-0.3%
Investigation and Security Services	58,600	58,000	58,000	600	1.0%	600	1.0%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	140,600	140,700	139,200	-100	-0.1%	1,400	1.0%
Waste Management and Remediation Services	20,800	21,000	19,900	-200	-1.0%	900	4.5%
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	1,017,200	1,014,500	987,500	2,700	0.3%	29,700	3.0%
<b>Educational Services</b>	135,500	134,400	129,200	1,100	0.8%	6,300	4.9%
Elementary and Secondary Schools	46,000	45,500	44,800	500	1.1%	1,200	2.7%
Colleges and Universities	53,900	53,000	49,900	900	1.7%	4,000	8.0%
<b>Health Care and Social Assistance</b>	881,700	880,100	858,300	1,600	0.2%	23,400	2.7%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	366,700	366,100	353,000	600	0.2%	13,700	3.9%
Offices of Physicians	169,000	169,000	160,000	0	0.0%	9,000	5.6%
Home Health Care Services	55,200	55,200	52,300	0	0.0%	2,900	5.5%
Hospitals	250,700	250,000	242,500	700	0.3%	8,200	3.4%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	159,200	159,400	157,300	-200	-0.1%	1,900	1.2%
Nursing Care Facilities	87,300	87,800	85,200	-500	-0.6%	2,100	2.5%
Community Care for the Elderly	41,700	41,800	41,400	-100	-0.2%	300	0.7%
Social Assistance	105,100	104,600	105,500	500	0.5%	-400	-0.4%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	928,200	921,300	904,000	6,900	0.7%	24,200	2.7%
<b>Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation</b>	183,400	179,200	174,900	4,200	2.3%	8,500	4.9%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation	145,000	143,000	139,300	2,000	1.4%	5,700	4.1%
Amusement Parks and Arcades	57,800	58,400	53,600	-600	-1.0%	4,200	7.8%
<b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	744,800	742,100	729,100	2,700	0.4%	15,700	2.2%
Accommodation	158,200	157,200	154,300	1,000	0.6%	3,900	2.5%
Food Services and Drinking Places	586,600	584,900	574,800	1,700	0.3%	11,800	2.1%

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	November 2007	October 2007	November 2006	Change from			
				Oct 2007 to Nov 2007 Level	Percent	Nov 2006 to Nov 2007 Level	Percent
<b>Other Services</b>	351,300	349,200	344,200	2,100	0.6%	7,100	2.1%
Repair and Maintenance	79,900	79,300	77,600	600	0.8%	2,300	3.0%
Automotive Repair and Maintenance	55,500	55,800	54,200	-300	-0.5%	1,300	2.4%
Personal and Laundry Services	79,000	77,900	78,600	1,100	1.4%	400	0.5%
Membership Associations and Organizations	192,400	192,000	188,000	400	0.2%	4,400	2.3%
<b>Total Government</b>	1,153,300	1,145,000	1,131,400	8,300	0.7%	21,900	1.9%
Federal	126,400	125,500	127,400	900	0.7%	-1,000	-0.8%
State	220,000	219,100	217,700	900	0.4%	2,300	1.1%
Local	806,900	800,400	786,300	6,500	0.8%	20,600	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	NOVEMBER 2007				OCTOBER 2007				NOVEMBER 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	127868	123950	3918	3.1	127840	124158	3682	2.9	127372	124234	3138	2.5
BAKER	11776	11326	450	3.8	11798	11382	416	3.5	11561	11266	295	2.6
BAY	87555	84075	3480	4.0	87417	84258	3159	3.6	85712	83041	2671	3.1
BRADFORD	12449	12027	422	3.4	12526	12115	411	3.3	12277	11938	339	2.8
BREVARD	264348	252069	12279	4.6	264303	252280	12023	4.5	262774	253751	9023	3.4
BROWARD	994428	955971	38457	3.9	994564	956733	37831	3.8	983642	954189	29453	3.0
CALHOUN	5453	5257	196	3.6	5504	5308	196	3.6	5374	5207	167	3.1
CHARLOTTE	70741	66555	4186	5.9	70717	66484	4233	6.0	69123	66711	2412	3.5
CITRUS	58554	55571	2983	5.1	58148	55249	2899	5.0	55719	53654	2065	3.7
CLAY	91652	88135	3517	3.8	91922	88573	3349	3.6	90408	87673	2735	3.0
COLLIER	158664	151204	7460	4.7	158255	150117	8138	5.1	156321	151632	4689	3.0
COLUMBIA	31074	29909	1165	3.7	30977	29867	1110	3.6	30109	29130	979	3.3
DESOTO	15213	14367	846	5.6	14932	14072	860	5.8	14357	13782	575	4.0
DIXIE	5962	5714	248	4.2	5935	5704	231	3.9	5781	5589	192	3.3
DUVAL	444975	426320	18655	4.2	446724	428442	18282	4.1	439093	424086	15007	3.4
ESCAMBIA	138430	132640	5790	4.2	139250	133617	5633	4.0	137458	133165	4293	3.1
FLAGLER	34792	32722	2070	5.9	34625	32604	2021	5.8	32759	31248	1511	4.6
FRANKLIN	5136	4961	175	3.4	5265	5100	165	3.1	5151	5010	141	2.7
GADSDEN	21656	20663	993	4.6	21645	20670	975	4.5	21178	20436	742	3.5
GILCHRIST	7822	7495	327	4.2	7831	7507	324	4.1	7719	7512	207	2.7
GLADES	4708	4485	223	4.7	4668	4434	234	5.0	4606	4427	179	3.9
GULF	6869	6615	254	3.7	6879	6637	242	3.5	6729	6520	209	3.1
HAMILTON	4782	4546	236	4.9	4802	4584	218	4.5	4733	4547	186	3.9
HARDEE	13308	12744	564	4.2	12987	12323	664	5.1	12496	12017	479	3.8
HENDRY	18956	17531	1425	7.5	18589	17006	1583	8.5	18125	17053	1072	5.9
HERNANDO	62258	58422	3836	6.2	62276	58577	3699	5.9	60933	58257	2676	4.4
HIGHLANDS	43725	41494	2231	5.1	43010	40807	2203	5.1	41732	40153	1579	3.8
HILLSBOROUGH	616436	590529	25907	4.2	617745	592101	25644	4.2	607959	588869	19090	3.1
HOLMES	9134	8810	324	3.5	9207	8879	328	3.6	8867	8600	267	3.0
INDIAN RIVER	61703	58001	3702	6.0	61193	57236	3957	6.5	60455	57850	2605	4.3
JACKSON	21971	21139	832	3.8	22027	21220	807	3.7	22052	21214	838	3.8
JEFFERSON	7149	6924	225	3.1	7155	6927	228	3.2	7062	6848	214	3.0
LAFAYETTE	2893	2802	91	3.1	2904	2822	82	2.8	2890	2810	80	2.8
LAKE	128858	123148	5710	4.4	128509	122890	5619	4.4	125698	121456	4242	3.4
LEE	296640	280761	15879	5.4	295446	279681	15765	5.3	288424	279885	8539	3.0
LEON	144531	139946	4585	3.2	144367	139989	4378	3.0	142173	138410	3763	2.6
LEVY	17566	16798	768	4.4	17601	16879	722	4.1	17184	16628	556	3.2
LIBERTY	3813	3706	107	2.8	3843	3741	102	2.7	3628	3542	86	2.4

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

COUNTY	NOVEMBER 2007				OCTOBER 2007				NOVEMBER 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	7102	6712	390	5.5	7114	6729	385	5.4	7473	6947	526	7.0
MANATEE	156858	150257	6601	4.2	157693	151056	6637	4.2	157013	152388	4625	2.9
MARION	136853	129976	6877	5.0	137339	130722	6617	4.8	134403	129789	4614	3.4
MARTIN	68181	65031	3150	4.6	67986	64844	3142	4.6	66835	64594	2241	3.4
MIAMI-DADE	1212356	1167248	45108	3.7	1210543	1159052	51491	4.3	1175644	1133923	41721	3.5
MONROE	43394	42083	1311	3.0	42937	41646	1291	3.0	43831	42776	1055	2.4
NASSAU	34567	33323	1244	3.6	34693	33489	1204	3.5	34072	33148	924	2.7
OKALOOSA	100049	96877	3172	3.2	100987	97980	3007	3.0	99150	96748	2402	2.4
OKEECHOBEE	18338	17337	1001	5.5	18302	17245	1057	5.8	17792	17057	735	4.1
ORANGE	601374	577601	23773	4.0	599487	576389	23098	3.9	587311	569661	17650	3.0
OSCEOLA	127043	121151	5892	4.6	126783	120896	5887	4.6	123966	119485	4481	3.6
PALM BEACH	648759	619474	29285	4.5	649381	619180	30201	4.7	637429	615262	22167	3.5
PASCO	192848	182790	10058	5.2	193065	183277	9788	5.1	189626	182276	7350	3.9
PINELLAS	489207	468892	20315	4.2	490059	470140	19919	4.1	482419	467574	14845	3.1
POLK	276851	264237	12614	4.6	276020	263118	12902	4.7	272737	263250	9487	3.5
PUTNAM	32083	30511	1572	4.9	32163	30596	1567	4.9	31715	30512	1203	3.8
ST. JOHNS	88434	85281	3153	3.6	88775	85706	3069	3.5	87205	84834	2371	2.7
ST. LUCIE	120205	112617	7588	6.3	120192	112293	7899	6.6	117003	111858	5145	4.4
SANTA ROSA	68680	66102	2578	3.8	69054	66589	2465	3.6	68422	66363	2059	3.0
SARASOTA	184858	175997	8861	4.8	185962	176932	9030	4.9	183988	178494	5494	3.0
SEMINOLE	246642	237320	9322	3.8	245764	236822	8942	3.6	240795	234058	6737	2.8
SUMTER	34898	33785	1113	3.2	34763	33693	1070	3.1	30702	29864	838	2.7
SUWANNEE	17669	16982	687	3.9	17594	16943	651	3.7	17191	16647	544	3.2
TAYLOR	9068	8663	405	4.5	9108	8730	378	4.2	8751	8407	344	3.9
UNION	5274	5099	175	3.3	5294	5131	163	3.1	5200	5065	135	2.6
VOLUSIA	254388	243134	11254	4.4	254445	243521	10924	4.3	251605	243266	8339	3.3
WAKULLA	15160	14688	472	3.1	15142	14692	450	3.0	14897	14527	370	2.5
WALTON	35076	34156	920	2.6	35483	34596	887	2.5	32034	31378	656	2.0
WASHINGTON	9985	9594	391	3.9	10050	9662	388	3.9	9765	9451	314	3.2
FLORIDA												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	9290000	8896000	394000	4.2	9290000	8893000	397000	4.3	9119000	8822000	297000	3.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	9294000	8898000	396000	4.3	9273000	8880000	393000	4.2	9088000	8792000	296000	3.3
UNITED STATES												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	154035000	147118000	6917000	4.5	153516000	146743000	6773000	4.4	152590000	146014000	6576000	4.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	153870000	146703000	7167000	4.7	153253000	146007000	7245000	4.7	152449000	145623000	6826000	4.5

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

MSA (COUNTIES)	NOVEMBER 2007				OCTOBER 2007				NOVEMBER 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)	296640	280761	15879	5.4	295446	279681	15765	5.3	288424	279885	8539	3.0
DELTONA-DAYTONA BEACH-ORMOND BEACH (Volusia)	254388	243134	11254	4.4	254445	243521	10924	4.3	251605	243266	8339	3.3
FT. WALTON BEACH-CRESTVIEW-DESTIN (Okaloosa)	100049	96877	3172	3.2	100987	97980	3007	3.0	99150	96748	2402	2.4
GAINESVILLE (Alachua and Gilchrist)	135690	131445	4245	3.1	135671	131665	4006	3.0	135091	131746	3345	2.5
JACKSONVILLE (Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns)	671404	644385	27019	4.0	673913	647592	26321	3.9	662341	641008	21333	3.2
LAKELAND (Polk)	276851	264237	12614	4.6	276020	263118	12902	4.7	272737	263250	9487	3.5
MIAMI-FT. LAUDERDALE-POMPANO BEACH (Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach)	2855543	2742693	112850	4.0	2854488	2734965	119523	4.2	2796715	2703374	93341	3.3
Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach Metropolitan Division (Broward)	994428	955971	38457	3.9	994564	956733	37831	3.8	983642	954189	29453	3.0
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall Metropolitan Division (Miami-Dade)	1212356	1167248	45108	3.7	1210543	1159052	51491	4.3	1175644	1133923	41721	3.5
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division (Palm Beach)	648759	619474	29285	4.5	649381	619180	30201	4.7	637429	615262	22167	3.5
NAPLES-MARCO ISLAND (Collier)	158664	151204	7460	4.7	158255	150117	8138	5.1	156321	151632	4689	3.0
OCALA (Marion)	136853	129976	6877	5.0	137339	130722	6617	4.8	134403	129789	4614	3.4
ORLANDO-KISSIMMEE (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole)	1103917	1059220	44697	4.0	1100543	1056997	43546	4.0	1077770	1044660	33110	3.1
PALM BAY-MELBOURNE-TITUSVILLE (Brevard)	264348	252069	12279	4.6	264303	252280	12023	4.5	262774	253751	9023	3.4
PALM COAST (Flagler)	34792	32722	2070	5.9	34625	32604	2021	5.8	32759	31248	1511	4.6
PANAMA CITY-LYNN HAVEN (Bay)	87555	84075	3480	4.0	87417	84258	3159	3.6	85712	83041	2671	3.1
PENSACOLA-FERRY PASS-BRENT (Escambia and Santa Rosa)	207110	198742	8368	4.0	208304	200206	8098	3.9	205880	199528	6352	3.1
PORT ST. LUCIE (Martin and St. Lucie)	188386	177648	10738	5.7	188178	177137	11041	5.9	183838	176452	7386	4.0
PUNTA GORDA (Charlotte)	70741	66555	4186	5.9	70717	66484	4233	6.0	69123	66711	2412	3.5
SARASOTA-BRADENTON-VENICE (Manatee and Sarasota)	341716	326254	15462	4.5	343655	327988	15667	4.6	341001	330882	10119	3.0
SEBASTIAN-VERO BEACH (Indian River)	61703	58001	3702	6.0	61193	57236	3957	6.5	60455	57850	2605	4.3
TALLAHASSEE (Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, and Wakulla)	188497	182222	6275	3.3	188309	182278	6031	3.2	185311	180222	5089	2.7
TAMPA-ST. PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER (Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas)	1360748	1300632	60116	4.4	1363144	1304095	59049	4.3	1340937	1296976	43961	3.3
FLORIDA												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	9290000	8896000	394000	4.2	9290000	8893000	397000	4.3	9119000	8822000	297000	3.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	9294000	8898000	396000	4.3	9273000	8880000	393000	4.2	9088000	8792000	296000	3.3
UNITED STATES												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	154035000	147118000	6917000	4.5	153516000	146743000	6773000	4.4	152590000	146014000	6576000	4.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	153870000	146703000	7167000	4.7	153253000	146007000	7245000	4.7	152449000	145623000	6826000	4.5

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

NOVEMBER 2007

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UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT		
RANK	COUNTY	RATE (%)	RANK	COUNTY	RATE (%)
1	HENDRY	7.5	35	GILCHRIST	4.2
2	ST. LUCIE	6.3	36	DIXIE	4.2
3	HERNANDO	6.2	37	PINELLAS	4.2
4	INDIAN RIVER	6.0		FLORIDA	4.2
5	FLAGLER	5.9	38	BAY	4.0
6	CHARLOTTE	5.9	39	ORANGE	4.0
7	DESOTO	5.6	40	WASHINGTON	3.9
8	MADISON	5.5	41	SUWANNEE	3.9
9	OKEECHOBEE	5.5	42	BROWARD	3.9
10	LEE	5.4	43	CLAY	3.8
11	PASCO	5.2	44	BAKER	3.8
12	HIGHLANDS	5.1	45	JACKSON	3.8
13	CITRUS	5.1	46	SEMINOLE	3.8
14	MARION	5.0	47	SANTA ROSA	3.8
15	HAMILTON	4.9	48	COLUMBIA	3.7
16	PUTNAM	4.9	49	MIAMI-DADE	3.7
17	SARASOTA	4.8	50	GULF	3.7
18	GLADES	4.7	51	NASSAU	3.6
19	COLLIER	4.7	52	CALHOUN	3.6
20	BREVARD	4.6	53	ST. JOHNS	3.6
21	OSCEOLA	4.6	54	HOLMES	3.5
22	MARTIN	4.6	55	FRANKLIN	3.4
23	GADSDEN	4.6	56	BRADFORD	3.4
24	POLK	4.6	57	UNION	3.3
25	PALM BEACH	4.5	58	SUMTER	3.2
26	TAYLOR	4.5	59	LEON	3.2
	UNITED STATES	4.5	60	OKALOOSA	3.2
27	LAKE	4.4	61	JEFFERSON	3.1
28	VOLUSIA	4.4	62	LAFAYETTE	3.1
29	LEVY	4.4	63	WAKULLA	3.1
30	HARDEE	4.2	64	ALACHUA	3.1
31	MANATEE	4.2	65	MONROE	3.0
32	HILLSBOROUGH	4.2	66	LIBERTY	2.8
33	DUVAL	4.2	67	WALTON	2.6
34	ESCAMBIA	4.2			

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

1. Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	6.0 %
2. Palm Coast MSA	5.9
3. Punta Gorda MSA	5.9
4. Port St. Lucie MSA	5.7
5. Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA	5.4
6. Ocala MSA	5.0
7. Naples-Marco Island MSA	4.7
8. Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	4.6
9. Lakeland MSA	4.6
10. Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice MSA	4.5
11. West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MD	4.5
<b>United States</b>	<b>4.5</b>
12. Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	4.4
13. Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA	4.4
<b>Florida</b>	<b>4.2</b>
14. Orlando-Kissimmee MSA	4.0
15. Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	4.0
16. Jacksonville MSA	4.0
17. Panama City-Lynn Haven MSA	4.0
18. Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach MSA	4.0
19. Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MD	3.9
20. Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	3.7
21. Tallahassee MSA	3.3
22. Ft. Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin MSA	3.2
23. Gainesville MSA	3.1

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
FLORIDA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Area	November 2007	October 2007	November 2006	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Statewide	8,201,500	8,146,300	8,111,000	+55,200	+0.7%	+90,500	+1.1%
Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA	239,000	236,900	236,400	+2,100	+0.9%	+2,600	+1.1%
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	178,300	176,800	176,900	+1,500	+0.8%	+1,400	+0.8%
Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MD	796,800	795,300	791,100	+1,500	+0.2%	+5,700	+0.7%
Ft. Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin MSA	88,400	88,400	88,300	+0	+0.0%	+100	+0.1%
Gainesville MSA	137,100	136,400	136,400	+700	+0.5%	+700	+0.5%
Jacksonville MSA	643,600	640,400	636,000	+3,200	+0.5%	+7,600	+1.2%
Lakeland MSA	224,500	223,300	222,800	+1,200	+0.5%	+1,700	+0.8%
Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach MSA	2,472,200	2,457,400	2,445,800	+14,800	+0.6%	+26,400	+1.1%
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	1,076,300	1,067,600	1,064,400	+8,700	+0.8%	+11,900	+1.1%
Naples-Marco Island MSA	138,100	136,100	137,300	+2,000	+1.5%	+800	+0.6%
Ocala MSA	107,400	107,300	107,000	+100	+0.1%	+400	+0.4%
Orlando-Kissimmee MSA	1,121,700	1,114,100	1,099,200	+7,600	+0.7%	+22,500	+2.0%
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	216,300	215,300	216,600	+1,000	+0.5%	-300	-0.1%
Panama City-Lynn Haven MSA	78,600	78,200	77,200	+400	+0.5%	+1,400	+1.8%
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	174,600	174,200	173,900	+400	+0.2%	+700	+0.4%
Port St. Lucie MSA	136,200	134,700	134,200	+1,500	+1.1%	+2,000	+1.5%
Punta Gorda MSA	45,400	44,900	45,100	+500	+1.1%	+300	+0.7%
Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice MSA	309,300	308,200	311,000	+1,100	+0.4%	-1,700	-0.5%
Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	49,500	48,600	49,200	+900	+1.9%	+300	+0.6%
Tallahassee MSA	183,300	182,300	180,100	+1,000	+0.5%	+3,200	+1.8%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA	1,333,800	1,330,500	1,321,400	+3,300	+0.2%	+12,400	+0.9%
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MD	599,100	594,500	590,300	+4,600	+0.8%	+8,800	+1.5%

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 December 21, 2007.

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