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## **Florida's December Employment Figures Released**

**TALLAHASSEE** – Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2008 is 8.1 percent. This represents 752,000 jobless out of a labor force of 9,313,000. The unemployment rate is 0.7 percentage point higher than the revised November rate of 7.4 percent and is up 3.6 percentage points from the December 2007 rate. The state's current unemployment rate is 0.9 percentage point higher than the national unemployment rate of 7.2 percent.

Florida's December 2008 unemployment rate is the highest since September 1992, when the rate was 8.9 percent. Prior to 1992, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Florida using current methodology peaked at 9.7 percent in January, February, and March of 1976. A different methodology was used to calculate unemployment rates prior to 1976; during that time, the rate reached a high of 11.9 percent in May 1975.

Florida's total nonagricultural employment in December 2008 is 7,784,200, representing a job loss of 255,200, or -3.2 percent compared to December 2007. This is slower than the national rate for December which is -1.9 percent. The December 2008 rate of job loss continues the trend of over-the-year declines that began in September 2007, primarily due to declines in construction.

"Every day the people of our agency are touching the lives of hundreds of thousands of Floridians seeking assistance in weathering these challenging economic times," said Monesia T. Brown, Director of the Agency for Workforce Innovation. "We are encouraged by the many efforts of our state and local partners as together we pursue federal funding and generate new job opportunities to advance Florida's economy."

The Agency for Workforce Innovation continues to work closely with Governor Crist, Workforce Florida, Inc., and our partners throughout Florida's workforce system to provide key programs that help businesses flourish and match job seekers with employment opportunities. Recent highlights include:

- **Economic Stimulus Plan targeting small Florida businesses** – The Florida Legislature recently approved an economic stimulus plan proposed by Governor Crist that provides \$10 million in loans and support services for businesses of 10 to 50 employees. The stimulus plan will help create long-term growth through capital purchases, employee training and salaries for new jobs. Learn more at <http://www.flgov.com/release/10446>.
- **Governor's Economic Stimulus Meeting with Regional Workforce Board Directors** – On January 12, 2009, Governor Crist met with the state's Regional Workforce Board Directors to hear their ideas on how to reinvigorate the economy and best serve Florida's workforce. Governor Crist also explained how his Economic Stimulus Plan will expand and create new jobs in their communities.
- **Job Fairs Around the State** – Florida's 24 Regional Workforce Boards are regularly hosting job fairs to bring together employers and job seekers. Recent job fairs include the "Let's Make a Deal" job fair attended by the Governor and sponsored by Workforce Plus, the Regional

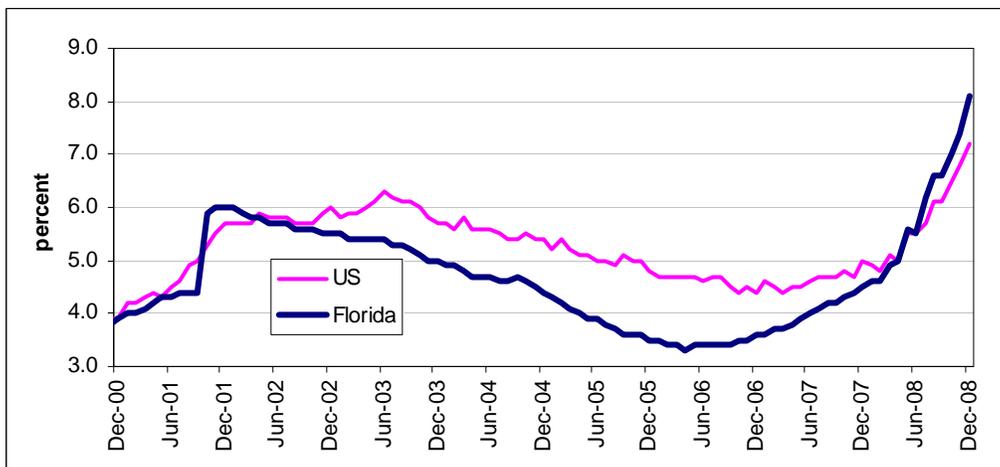
Workforce Board serving Gadsden, Leon and Wakulla counties, that connected 2,236 job seekers and 70 businesses and the Quincy Farms Resource Fair, also sponsored by Workforce Plus. Upcoming job fairs include the FloridaWorks Career Fair on February 10 at the Santa Fe Blount Center in Gainesville and the Veterans Welcome Home Job Fair at the Orlando VA Medical Center on February 28. Job seekers can monitor upcoming job fairs around the state at [www.floridajobs.org](http://www.floridajobs.org).

**Florida’s workforce system provides critical programs and services to job seekers and businesses alike. Such services offered throughout the state include:**

- **One-Stop Career Centers** – Florida’s nearly 90 One-Stop Career Centers, locally operated by Regional Workforce Boards, provide local access to job placement services, local workforce information and job training opportunities. Follow this link for a [Map of Florida One-Stop Career Centers](http://www.floridajobs.org/onestop/onestopdir/index.htm). (<http://www.floridajobs.org/onestop/onestopdir/index.htm>)
- **Employ Florida Marketplace** - The Employ Florida Marketplace Online Job Bank provides 24/7 access to a wide variety of local, state and national job openings. Follow this link to access the [Employ Florida Marketplace](http://www.employflorida.com/). (<http://www.employflorida.com/>)
- **Mobile One-Stop Career Centers** – Florida’s Mobile One-Stop Career Centers allow citizens in rural areas, at job fairs and during emergency situations to access critical workforce information and services.
- **Labor Market Information** – The Agency for Workforce Innovation’s Labor Market Statistics Center produces data, such as employment, unemployment and wage information, that assist workforce/economic development, education, employers and job seekers. These statistics assist with economic analysis, business recruitment, career counseling and other critical business decision-making. Follow this link for information about the Agency’s [Labor Market Statistics Center](http://www.labormarketinfo.com/). ([http://www.labormarketinfo.com/.](http://www.labormarketinfo.com/))
- **Work Opportunity Tax Credit** - The Work Opportunity Tax Credit offers a financial incentive to private, for-profit employers to hire individuals from certain targeted groups, who experience high rates of unemployment due to a variety of employment barriers. Follow this link for information about the [Work Opportunity Tax Credit](http://www.floridajobs.org/workforce/wotc.html). (<http://www.floridajobs.org/workforce/wotc.html>)

For more information on these and other Agency for Workforce Innovation programs, go to [www.FloridaJobs.org](http://www.FloridaJobs.org).

**United States and Florida Unemployment Rates (seasonally adjusted)**



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.

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

- The number of jobs in Florida is down 255,200 in December 2008 compared to a year ago. Construction, reacting to declines in the housing market, lost 88,200 jobs over the year (-15.6 percent). Construction losses account for almost 30 percent of job losses in the state.
- Trade, transportation, and utilities (-81,100 jobs, -5.0 percent); professional and business services (-53,700 jobs, -4.0 percent); manufacturing (-28,100 jobs, -7.4 percent); financial activities (-18,400 jobs, -3.4 percent); leisure and hospitality (-13,600 jobs, -1.5 percent); information (-8,100 jobs, -5.1 percent); total government (-4,000 jobs, -0.4 percent); and other services (-2,400 jobs, -0.7 percent) have over-the-year declines.
- The industry job declines are partially due to weakness in specialty trade contractors; general merchandise stores; employment services; fabricated metal product manufacturing; credit intermediation; food services and drinking places; publishing; and state government.
- Education and health services was the only sector gaining jobs among Florida's major industries, expanding by 42,400 jobs over the year (+4.2 percent). Much of this increase is due to growth in ambulatory health care services.

## Local Area Unemployment Statistics (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

- In December 2008, Liberty County has the state's lowest unemployment rate (5.0 percent), followed by Alachua County (5.2 percent); Leon County (5.4 percent); Sumter County (5.5 percent); and Franklin County (5.6 percent).
- Flagler County, at 11.7 percent, has the highest unemployment rate in Florida in December, followed by Hamilton and Hernando counties (10.9 percent); Hendry and St. Lucie counties (10.5 percent); Marion County (10.1 percent); and Lee County (10.0 percent each). Flagler County's high unemployment rate is due mainly to manufacturing layoffs and continued weakness in construction.

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

- All metro areas in the state lost jobs over the year in December 2008. Metro areas with the largest annual declines include Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach (-69,500 jobs, -2.8 percent); Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater (-34,400 jobs, -2.6 percent); and Orlando-Kissimmee (-19,100, -1.7 percent). Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA has the highest rate of job loss, at -5.1 percent over the year.
- Metro areas with the least annual declines include Punta Gorda (-1,500 jobs) and Sebastian-Vero Beach (-1,500 jobs). Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA has the slowest rate of job loss, at -1.1 percent over the year.

**Note:** These unemployment and job growth rates are estimates, which are primarily based on surveys created and mandated by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with the Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation.

The unemployment rate is derived from Florida household surveys conducted by the US Census Bureau under contract with the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. The job growth rate is derived from Florida employer surveys conducted by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Both estimates are revised on a monthly basis. In addition, these estimates are benchmarked (revised) annually based on actual counts from Florida's Unemployment Compensation tax records and other data.

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The Agency for Workforce Innovation is Florida's lead workforce agency and directly administers the state's various workforce and unemployment programs and the Office of Early Learning. Workforce development policy and guidance are provided by Workforce Florida, Inc. Partnering together, along with the state's 24 Regional Workforce Boards that deliver services through nearly 90 One-Stop Career Centers around the state, they compose the Employ Florida network.

*The next Florida Employment and Unemployment release will be on March 6, 2009 at 10:00 A.M.*

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LABOR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION  
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**SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

	Current Month December 2008	Month Ago November 2008	Year Ago December 2007	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
<b>STATE OF FLORIDA</b>							
Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+	14,590,000	14,577,000	14,436,000	13,000	0.1	154,000	1.1
Civilian Labor Force	9,313,000	9,318,000	9,241,000	-5,000	-0.1	72,000	0.8
Employment	8,561,000	8,630,000	8,825,000	-69,000	-0.8	-264,000	-3.0
Unemployment	752,000	688,000	415,000	64,000	9.3	337,000	81.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.1	7.4	4.5	0.7	--	3.6	--

**UNITED STATES**

Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+	235,035,000	234,828,000	233,156,000	207,000	0.1	1,879,000	0.8
Civilian Labor Force	154,447,000	154,620,000	153,836,000	-173,000	-0.1	611,000	0.4
Employment	143,338,000	144,144,000	146,294,000	-806,000	-0.6	-2,956,000	-2.0
Unemployment	11,108,000	10,476,000	7,541,000	632,000	6.0	3,567,000	47.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.2	6.8	4.9	0.4	--	2.3	--

**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

	Current Month December 2008	Month Ago November 2008	Year Ago December 2007	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
<b>STATE OF FLORIDA</b>							
Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+	14,590,000	14,577,000	14,436,000	13,000	0.1	154,000	1.1
Civilian Labor Force	9,281,000	9,311,000	9,215,000	-30,000	-0.3	66,000	0.7
Employment	8,557,000	8,625,000	8,802,000	-68,000	-0.8	-245,000	-2.8
Unemployment	724,000	685,000	413,000	39,000	5.7	311,000	75.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.8	7.4	4.5	0.4	--	3.3	--

**UNITED STATES**

Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+	235,035,000	234,828,000	233,156,000	207,000	0.1	1,879,000	0.8
Civilian Labor Force	154,349,000	154,624,000	153,705,000	-275,000	-0.2	644,000	0.4
Employment	143,350,000	144,609,000	146,334,000	-1,259,000	-0.9	-2,984,000	-2.0
Unemployment	10,999,000	10,015,000	7,371,000	984,000	9.8	3,628,000	49.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	6.5	4.8	0.6	--	2.3	--

\*\* = 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)**

	December <sup>P</sup> 2008	November <sup>r</sup> 2008	December 2007	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
<b>Total Nonagricultural Employment</b>	7,784.2	7,805.6	8,039.4	-21.4	-0.3	-255.2	-3.2
<b>Construction</b>	477.4	485.9	565.6	-8.5	-1.7	-88.2	-15.6
<b>Manufacturing</b>	353.3	356.1	381.4	-2.8	-0.8	-28.1	-7.4
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	1,535.5	1,558.2	1,616.6	-22.7	-1.5	-81.1	-5.0
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	352.8	356.8	359.0	-4.0	-1.1	-6.2	-1.7
<b>Retail Trade</b>	954.1	965.2	1,008.7	-11.1	-1.2	-54.6	-5.4
<b>Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities</b>	228.6	236.2	248.9	-7.6	-3.2	-20.3	-8.2
<b>Information</b>	151.9	152.5	160.0	-0.6	-0.4	-8.1	-5.1
<b>Financial Activities</b>	522.7	522.4	541.1	0.3	0.1	-18.4	-3.4
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>	354.2	355.1	368.2	-0.9	-0.3	-14.0	-3.8
<b>Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing</b>	168.5	167.3	172.9	1.2	0.7	-4.4	-2.5
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	1,280.8	1,270.9	1,334.5	9.9	0.8	-53.7	-4.0
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	1,061.9	1,061.9	1,019.5	0.0	0.0	42.4	4.2
<b>Educational Services</b>	142.2	142.0	136.7	0.2	0.1	5.5	4.0
<b>Health Care and Social Assistance</b>	919.7	919.9	882.8	-0.2	*	36.9	4.2
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	918.4	912.8	932.0	5.6	0.6	-13.6	-1.5
<b>Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation</b>	179.4	179.4	182.3	0.0	0.0	-2.9	-1.6
<b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	739.0	733.4	749.7	5.6	0.8	-10.7	-1.4
<b>Other Services</b>	342.9	342.4	345.3	0.5	0.1	-2.4	-0.7
<b>Total Government</b>	1,133.0	1,136.1	1,137.0	-3.1	-0.3	-4.0	-0.4
<b>Local Government</b>	792.4	792.3	792.2	0.1	*	0.2	*

<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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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	December 2008	November 2008	December 2007	Change from			
				Nov 2008 to Dec 2008 Level	Dec 2008 Percent	Dec 2007 to Dec 2008 Level	Dec 2007 to Dec 2008 Percent
<b>Total Nonagricultural Employment</b>	7,873,700	7,854,400	8,124,400	19,300	0.2%	-250,700	-3.1%
<b>Total Private</b>	6,717,500	6,693,600	6,968,400	23,900	0.4%	-250,900	-3.6%
<b>Goods Producing</b>	838,100	848,900	954,500	-10,800	-1.3%	-116,400	-12.2%
<b>Natural Resources and Mining</b>	6,400	6,400	6,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Mining, except Oil and Gas	3,600	3,600	3,900	0	0.0%	-300	-7.7%
<b>Construction</b>	477,900	486,400	566,200	-8,500	-1.7%	-88,300	-15.6%
Construction of Buildings	111,400	109,900	114,700	1,500	1.4%	-3,300	-2.9%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	63,800	65,500	75,800	-1,700	-2.6%	-12,000	-15.8%
Specialty Trade Contractors	302,700	311,000	375,700	-8,300	-2.7%	-73,000	-19.4%
Building Equipment Contractors	134,700	137,000	152,700	-2,300	-1.7%	-18,000	-11.8%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	353,800	356,100	381,900	-2,300	-0.6%	-28,100	-7.4%
Durable Goods	236,500	237,600	257,700	-1,100	-0.5%	-21,200	-8.2%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	35,100	35,200	38,800	-100	-0.3%	-3,700	-9.5%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	46,600	46,500	48,100	100	0.2%	-1,500	-3.1%
Communications Equipment Manufacturing	8,200	8,100	8,500	100	1.2%	-300	-3.5%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	42,300	42,100	43,800	200	0.5%	-1,500	-3.4%
Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing	20,700	20,200	19,500	500	2.5%	1,200	6.2%
Miscellaneous Durable Goods Manufacturing	29,100	29,200	29,400	-100	-0.3%	-300	-1.0%
Nondurable Goods	117,300	118,500	124,200	-1,200	-1.0%	-6,900	-5.6%
Food Manufacturing	31,300	31,300	31,600	0	0.0%	-300	-0.9%
Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing	10,900	10,800	11,200	100	0.9%	-300	-2.7%
Paper Manufacturing	9,900	9,900	9,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Printing and Related Support Activities	21,900	21,900	23,200	0	0.0%	-1,300	-5.6%
Chemical Manufacturing	19,300	19,200	19,900	100	0.5%	-600	-3.0%

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Industry Title	December 2008	November 2008	December 2007	Change from			
				Nov 2008 to Dec 2008 Level	Dec 2008 Percent	Dec 2007 to Dec 2008 Level	Dec 2007 to Dec 2008 Percent
<b>Service Providing</b>	7,035,600	7,005,500	7,169,900	30,100	0.4%	-134,300	-1.9%
<b>Private Service Providing</b>	5,879,400	5,844,700	6,013,900	34,700	0.6%	-134,500	-2.2%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	1,585,100	1,580,300	1,666,700	4,800	0.3%	-81,600	-4.9%
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	355,200	357,600	361,300	-2,400	-0.7%	-6,100	-1.7%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	182,300	184,200	189,900	-1,900	-1.0%	-7,600	-4.0%
Commercial Equipment Wholesalers	48,300	49,000	48,100	-700	-1.4%	200	0.4%
Electronic Goods Wholesalers	23,300	23,100	24,400	200	0.9%	-1,100	-4.5%
Machinery and Supply Wholesalers	34,500	34,300	34,900	200	0.6%	-400	-1.1%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	122,900	122,900	123,900	0	0.0%	-1,000	-0.8%
Grocery and Related Product Wholesalers	45,600	45,800	46,800	-200	-0.4%	-1,200	-2.6%
Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents	50,000	50,500	47,500	-500	-1.0%	2,500	5.3%
<b>Retail Trade</b>	995,100	985,400	1,049,900	9,700	1.0%	-54,800	-5.2%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	123,000	124,800	133,800	-1,800	-1.4%	-10,800	-8.1%
Automobile Dealers	79,300	81,200	88,000	-1,900	-2.3%	-8,700	-9.9%
Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores	43,000	42,400	44,900	600	1.4%	-1,900	-4.2%
Electronics and Appliance Stores	36,700	36,900	37,600	-200	-0.5%	-900	-2.4%
Building Material and Garden Supply Stores	74,900	75,900	80,000	-1,000	-1.3%	-5,100	-6.4%
Food and Beverage Stores	187,900	188,200	195,400	-300	-0.2%	-7,500	-3.8%
Health and Personal Care Stores	69,500	69,500	73,800	0	0.0%	-4,300	-5.8%
Gasoline Stations	38,600	38,700	39,200	-100	-0.3%	-600	-1.5%
Clothing and Accessory Stores	121,800	114,000	124,400	7,800	6.8%	-2,600	-2.1%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	37,000	36,700	40,000	300	0.8%	-3,000	-7.5%
General Merchandise Stores	187,300	183,900	201,600	3,400	1.8%	-14,300	-7.1%
Department Stores	83,800	81,700	94,400	2,100	2.6%	-10,600	-11.2%
Other General Merchandise Stores	103,500	102,200	107,200	1,300	1.3%	-3,700	-3.5%
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	52,900	52,200	56,400	700	1.3%	-3,500	-6.2%
Nonstore Retailers	22,500	22,200	22,800	300	1.4%	-300	-1.3%
Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order Houses	14,500	13,600	14,700	900	6.6%	-200	-1.4%
<b>Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities</b>	234,800	237,300	255,500	-2,500	-1.1%	-20,700	-8.1%
<b>Utilities</b>	23,500	23,600	23,500	-100	-0.4%	0	0.0%

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<b>Transportation and Warehousing</b>	211,300	213,700	232,000	-2,400	-1.1%	-20,700	-8.9%
Air Transportation	29,100	29,800	30,900	-700	-2.3%	-1,800	-5.8%
Water Transportation	12,300	12,300	12,400	0	0.0%	-100	-0.8%
Truck Transportation	45,400	46,100	48,500	-700	-1.5%	-3,100	-6.4%
Support Activities for Transportation	45,900	47,100	49,700	-1,200	-2.5%	-3,800	-7.6%
Couriers and Messengers	29,900	29,000	36,600	900	3.1%	-6,700	-18.3%
Warehousing and Storage	28,600	28,500	28,200	100	0.4%	400	1.4%
<b>Information</b>	152,600	152,800	160,700	-200	-0.1%	-8,100	-5.0%
Publishing Industries, except Internet	40,100	40,100	42,500	0	0.0%	-2,400	-5.6%
Broadcasting, except Internet	15,200	15,100	15,900	100	0.7%	-700	-4.4%
Telecommunications	63,900	64,100	65,000	-200	-0.3%	-1,100	-1.7%
Wired Telecommunications Carriers	47,600	47,800	48,800	-200	-0.4%	-1,200	-2.5%
Internet Service Providers and Data Processing	18,000	17,700	18,900	300	1.7%	-900	-4.8%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	522,900	521,800	541,200	1,100	0.2%	-18,300	-3.4%
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>	354,000	355,000	368,000	-1,000	-0.3%	-14,000	-3.8%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	175,900	174,700	185,600	1,200	0.7%	-9,700	-5.2%
Depository Credit Intermediation	105,000	105,000	105,300	0	0.0%	-300	-0.3%
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	135,700	136,000	137,100	-300	-0.2%	-1,400	-1.0%
Insurance Carriers	73,900	73,800	74,000	100	0.1%	-100	-0.1%
Insurance Agencies, Brokerages, and Related	61,800	62,200	63,100	-400	-0.6%	-1,300	-2.1%
<b>Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing</b>	168,900	166,800	173,200	2,100	1.3%	-4,300	-2.5%
Real Estate	125,400	123,800	126,600	1,600	1.3%	-1,200	-0.9%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	1,288,000	1,275,800	1,341,300	12,200	1.0%	-53,300	-4.0%
<b>Professional and Technical Services</b>	465,000	459,500	465,200	5,500	1.2%	-200	0.0%
Legal Services	91,500	91,000	91,000	500	0.5%	500	0.5%
Accounting, Tax Preparation, and Bookkeeping	55,600	50,400	57,400	5,200	10.3%	-1,800	-3.1%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related	86,100	86,600	92,600	-500	-0.6%	-6,500	-7.0%
Computer Systems Design and Related	63,200	63,200	63,100	0	0.0%	100	0.2%
Management, Scientific, and Technical	66,200	66,200	66,900	0	0.0%	-700	-1.0%
<b>Management of Companies and Enterprises</b>	78,500	78,500	79,000	0	0.0%	-500	-0.6%

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).

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STATEWIDE (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

Released January 23, 2009

Industry Title	December 2008	November 2008	December 2007	Change from			
				Nov 2008 to Dec 2008 Level	Dec 2008 Percent	Dec 2007 to Dec 2008 Level	Dec 2008 Percent
<b>Administrative and Waste Services</b>	744,500	737,800	797,100	6,700	0.9%	-52,600	-6.6%
Administrative and Support Services	723,200	716,600	776,500	6,600	0.9%	-53,300	-6.9%
Employment Services	366,600	358,500	409,900	8,100	2.3%	-43,300	-10.6%
Business Support Services	61,200	61,900	65,300	-700	-1.1%	-4,100	-6.3%
Travel Arrangement and Reservation Services	31,400	31,300	30,800	100	0.3%	600	1.9%
Investigation and Security Services	63,300	62,700	63,700	600	1.0%	-400	-0.6%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	130,400	132,800	136,200	-2,400	-1.8%	-5,800	-4.3%
Waste Management and Remediation Services	21,300	21,200	20,600	100	0.5%	700	3.4%
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	1,068,700	1,067,200	1,026,000	1,500	0.1%	42,700	4.2%
<b>Educational Services</b>	143,900	144,500	138,400	-600	-0.4%	5,500	4.0%
Elementary and Secondary Schools	51,000	50,900	48,300	100	0.2%	2,700	5.6%
Colleges and Universities	54,700	54,800	52,300	-100	-0.2%	2,400	4.6%
<b>Health Care and Social Assistance</b>	924,800	922,700	887,600	2,100	0.2%	37,200	4.2%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	381,100	378,500	361,700	2,600	0.7%	19,400	5.4%
Offices of Physicians	173,900	171,900	163,100	2,000	1.2%	10,800	6.6%
Home Health Care Services	56,000	56,200	54,500	-200	-0.4%	1,500	2.8%
Hospitals	255,400	256,600	248,400	-1,200	-0.5%	7,000	2.8%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	169,400	168,800	164,700	600	0.4%	4,700	2.9%
Nursing Care Facilities	96,400	95,500	92,800	900	0.9%	3,600	3.9%
Community Care for the Elderly	44,800	44,500	43,800	300	0.7%	1,000	2.3%
Social Assistance	118,900	118,800	112,800	100	0.1%	6,100	5.4%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	918,500	904,900	932,100	13,600	1.5%	-13,600	-1.5%
<b>Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation</b>	179,700	177,700	182,700	2,000	1.1%	-3,000	-1.6%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation	144,000	140,200	144,900	3,800	2.7%	-900	-0.6%
Amusement Parks and Arcades	57,000	56,400	56,900	600	1.1%	100	0.2%
<b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	738,800	727,200	749,400	11,600	1.6%	-10,600	-1.4%
Accommodation	157,700	155,200	162,000	2,500	1.6%	-4,300	-2.7%
Food Services and Drinking Places	581,100	572,000	587,400	9,100	1.6%	-6,300	-1.1%

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				Nov 2008 to Dec 2008 Level	Dec 2008 Percent	Dec 2007 to Dec 2008 Level	Dec 2008 Percent
<b>Other Services</b>	343,600	341,900	345,900	1,700	0.5%	-2,300	-0.7%
Repair and Maintenance	70,200	69,600	74,400	600	0.9%	-4,200	-5.6%
Automotive Repair and Maintenance	49,300	49,200	52,000	100	0.2%	-2,700	-5.2%
Personal and Laundry Services	83,200	82,500	82,300	700	0.8%	900	1.1%
Membership Associations and Organizations	190,200	189,800	189,200	400	0.2%	1,000	0.5%
<b>Total Government</b>	1,156,200	1,160,800	1,156,000	-4,600	-0.4%	200	0.0%
Federal	132,200	131,600	130,800	600	0.5%	1,400	1.1%
State	213,200	218,300	214,800	-5,100	-2.3%	-1,600	-0.7%
Local	810,800	810,900	810,400	-100	0.0%	400	0.0%

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	DECEMBER 2008				NOVEMBER 2008				DECEMBER 2007			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)
ALACHUA	128113	121480	6633	5.2	130841	124405	6436	4.9	127199	123224	3975	3.1
BAKER	11905	11037	868	7.3	11977	11173	804	6.7	11831	11334	497	4.2
BAY	87389	79538	7851	9.0	87204	80645	6559	7.5	86199	82222	3977	4.6
BRADFORD	12611	11861	750	5.9	12631	11929	702	5.6	12379	11935	444	3.6
BREVARD	265685	243264	22421	8.4	266714	245064	21650	8.1	263481	250266	13215	5.0
BROWARD	999271	930937	68334	6.8	1003722	936586	67136	6.7	1007268	967505	39763	3.9
CALHOUN	5604	5200	404	7.2	5594	5252	342	6.1	5405	5183	222	4.1
CHARLOTTE	68162	61413	6749	9.9	68624	61881	6743	9.8	68069	63762	4307	6.3
CITRUS	61450	55607	5843	9.5	61967	56389	5578	9.0	58075	54705	3370	5.8
CLAY	94008	87437	6571	7.0	94719	88514	6205	6.6	93561	89790	3771	4.0
COLLIER	150442	138299	12143	8.1	151251	139018	12233	8.1	151910	144475	7435	4.9
COLUMBIA	32879	30727	2152	6.5	33084	31029	2055	6.2	31631	30373	1258	4.0
DESOTO	15150	13960	1190	7.9	14896	13644	1252	8.4	14438	13676	762	5.3
DIXIE	5696	5196	500	8.8	5824	5348	476	8.2	5677	5344	333	5.9
DUVAL	444420	410138	34282	7.7	447962	415187	32775	7.3	440825	421174	19651	4.5
ESCAMBIA	142988	131951	11037	7.7	143238	133236	10002	7.0	139780	133817	5963	4.3
FLAGLER	31599	27902	3697	11.7	31832	28239	3593	11.3	30685	28417	2268	7.4
FRANKLIN	4707	4443	264	5.6	4755	4501	254	5.3	4683	4514	169	3.6
GADSDEN	21882	20194	1688	7.7	21944	20386	1558	7.1	21640	20624	1016	4.7
GILCHRIST	8024	7445	579	7.2	8178	7624	554	6.8	7899	7552	347	4.4
GLADES	4923	4543	380	7.7	4896	4516	380	7.8	4634	4419	215	4.6
GULF	6374	5860	514	8.1	6368	5935	433	6.8	6221	5952	269	4.3
HAMILTON	4745	4227	518	10.9	4764	4297	467	9.8	4545	4292	253	5.6
HARDEE	13426	12497	929	6.9	13202	12204	998	7.6	12603	12091	512	4.1
HENDRY	19209	17188	2021	10.5	18871	16656	2215	11.7	18692	17352	1340	7.2
HERNANDO	64289	57312	6977	10.9	64175	57593	6582	10.3	63404	59218	4186	6.6
HIGHLANDS	41134	37513	3621	8.8	40451	36830	3621	9.0	41246	39058	2188	5.3
HILLSBOROUGH	615408	567340	48068	7.8	616387	570122	46265	7.5	613653	586213	27440	4.5
HOLMES	9150	8565	585	6.4	9139	8610	529	5.8	8770	8428	342	3.9
INDIAN RIVER	61116	55207	5909	9.7	61450	55512	5938	9.7	60999	57256	3743	6.1
JACKSON	21480	20072	1408	6.6	21646	20321	1325	6.1	21202	20334	868	4.1
JEFFERSON	7272	6826	446	6.1	7295	6891	404	5.5	7194	6971	223	3.1
LAFAYETTE	3003	2832	171	5.7	3013	2845	168	5.6	2887	2792	95	3.3
LAKE	134220	122855	11365	8.5	134911	123986	10925	8.1	131833	125722	6111	4.6
LEE	282962	254566	28396	10.0	284922	256791	28131	9.9	287056	269922	17134	6.0
LEON	143679	135989	7690	5.4	144772	137278	7494	5.2	143519	138880	4639	3.2
LEVY	17727	16121	1606	9.1	17773	16242	1531	8.6	16949	16114	835	4.9
LIBERTY	3797	3608	189	5.0	3812	3625	187	4.9	3690	3582	108	2.9

STATE OF FLORIDA  
LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS BY COUNTY  
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COUNTY	DECEMBER 2008				NOVEMBER 2008				DECEMBER 2007			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)
MADISON	6746	6131	615	9.1	6753	6160	593	8.8	6660	6247	413	6.2
MANATEE	152942	139637	13305	8.7	153889	141188	12701	8.3	152879	145976	6903	4.5
MARION	140175	125988	14187	10.1	140888	127236	13652	9.7	136837	129397	7440	5.4
MARTIN	67189	61673	5516	8.2	67281	61934	5347	7.9	66184	62966	3218	4.9
MIAMI-DADE	1205588	1121647	83941	7.0	1201152	1134186	66966	5.6	1199292	1152193	47099	3.9
MONROE	43264	40734	2530	5.8	42858	40460	2398	5.6	43134	41830	1304	3.0
NASSAU	35131	32574	2557	7.3	35367	32975	2392	6.8	34803	33451	1352	3.9
OKALOOSA	97558	91660	5898	6.0	97868	92450	5418	5.5	97439	94084	3355	3.4
OKEECHOBEE	18502	16699	1803	9.7	18422	16585	1837	10.0	17495	16509	986	5.6
ORANGE	607201	560645	46556	7.7	610700	565802	44898	7.4	598692	573727	24965	4.2
OSCEOLA	133064	121492	11572	8.7	133804	122610	11194	8.4	130744	124327	6417	4.9
PALM BEACH	650424	599628	50796	7.8	650826	600678	50148	7.7	646285	616347	29938	4.6
PASCO	198733	180178	18555	9.3	198801	181062	17739	8.9	196968	186172	10796	5.5
PINELLAS	477183	438807	38376	8.0	477375	440958	36417	7.6	474575	453403	21172	4.5
POLK	272605	248994	23611	8.7	273980	250996	22984	8.4	270146	257090	13056	4.8
PUTNAM	32734	29659	3075	9.4	33005	30057	2948	8.9	31996	30295	1701	5.3
ST. JOHNS	90735	84773	5962	6.6	91550	85816	5734	6.3	90395	87054	3341	3.7
ST. LUCIE	125281	112123	13158	10.5	125766	112598	13168	10.5	122259	114476	7783	6.4
SANTA ROSA	71726	66730	4996	7.0	71947	67380	4567	6.3	70365	67673	2692	3.8
SARASOTA	175826	161588	14238	8.1	177422	163383	14039	7.9	177933	168924	9009	5.1
SEMINOLE	246126	228788	17338	7.0	247770	230892	16878	6.8	243935	234127	9808	4.0
SUMTER	39326	37148	2178	5.5	39653	37578	2075	5.2	36078	34880	1198	3.3
SUWANNEE	18446	17148	1298	7.0	18892	17642	1250	6.6	17250	16519	731	4.2
TAYLOR	8891	8146	745	8.4	8905	8185	720	8.1	8506	8072	434	5.1
UNION	5213	4905	308	5.9	5248	4956	292	5.6	5130	4943	187	3.6
VOLUSIA	255049	233108	21941	8.6	255782	234861	20921	8.2	249987	237938	12049	4.8
WAKULLA	15884	14986	898	5.7	16022	15128	894	5.6	15805	15305	500	3.2
WALTON	33546	31585	1961	5.8	33995	32274	1721	5.1	31951	30921	1030	3.2
WASHINGTON	9950	9042	908	9.1	9887	9127	760	7.7	9542	9083	459	4.8
FLORIDA												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	9281000	8557000	724000	7.8	9311000	8625000	685000	7.4	9215000	8802000	413000	4.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	9313000	8561000	752000	8.1	9318000	8630000	688000	7.4	9241000	8825000	415000	4.5
UNITED STATES												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	154349000	143350000	10999000	7.1	154624000	144609000	10015000	6.5	153705000	146334000	7371000	4.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	154447000	143338000	11108000	7.2	154620000	144144000	10476000	6.8	153836000	146294000	7541000	4.9

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

MSA (COUNTIES)	DECEMBER 2008				NOVEMBER 2008				DECEMBER 2007			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)
BRADENTON-SARASOTA-VENICE (Manatee and Sarasota)	328768	301225	27543	8.4	331311	304571	26740	8.1	330812	314900	15912	4.8
CAPE CORAL-FT. MYERS (Lee)	282962	254566	28396	10.0	284922	256791	28131	9.9	287056	269922	17134	6.0
DELTONA-DAYTONA BEACH-ORMOND BEACH (Volusia)	255049	233108	21941	8.6	255782	234861	20921	8.2	249987	237938	12049	4.8
FT. WALTON BEACH-CRESTVIEW-DESTIN (Okaloosa)	97558	91660	5898	6.0	97868	92450	5418	5.5	97439	94084	3355	3.4
GAINESVILLE (Alachua and Gilchrist)	136137	128925	7212	5.3	139019	132029	6990	5.0	135098	130776	4322	3.2
JACKSONVILLE (Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns)	676199	625959	50240	7.4	681575	633665	47910	7.0	671415	642803	28612	4.3
LAKELAND-WINTER HAVEN (Polk)	272605	248994	23611	8.7	273980	250996	22984	8.4	270146	257090	13056	4.8
MIAMI-FT. LAUDERDALE-POMPANO BEACH (Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach)	2855283	2652212	203071	7.1	2855700	2671450	184250	6.5	2852845	2736045	116800	4.1
Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach Metropolitan Division (Broward)	999271	930937	68334	6.8	1003722	936586	67136	6.7	1007268	967505	39763	3.9
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall Metropolitan Division (Miami-Dade)	1205588	1121647	83941	7.0	1201152	1134186	66966	5.6	1199292	1152193	47099	3.9
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division (Palm Beach)	650424	599628	50796	7.8	650826	600678	50148	7.7	646285	616347	29938	4.6
NAPLES-MARCO ISLAND (Collier)	150442	138299	12143	8.1	151251	139018	12233	8.1	151910	144475	7435	4.9
OCALA (Marion)	140175	125988	14187	10.1	140888	127236	13652	9.7	136837	129397	7440	5.4
ORLANDO-KISSIMMEE (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole)	1120611	1033780	86831	7.7	1127184	1043289	83895	7.4	1105205	1057903	47302	4.3
PALM BAY-MELBOURNE-TITUSVILLE (Brevard)	265685	243264	22421	8.4	266714	245064	21650	8.1	263481	250266	13215	5.0
PALM COAST (Flagler)	31599	27902	3697	11.7	31832	28239	3593	11.3	30685	28417	2268	7.4
PANAMA CITY-LYNN HAVEN (Bay)	87389	79538	7851	9.0	87204	80645	6559	7.5	86199	82222	3977	4.6
PENSACOLA-FERRY PASS-BRENT (Escambia and Santa Rosa)	214714	198681	16033	7.5	215185	200616	14569	6.8	210145	201490	8655	4.1
PORT ST. LUCIE (Martin and St. Lucie)	192470	173796	18674	9.7	193047	174532	18515	9.6	188443	177442	11001	5.8
PUNTA GORDA (Charlotte)	68162	61413	6749	9.9	68624	61881	6743	9.8	68069	63762	4307	6.3
SEBASTIAN-VERO BEACH (Indian River)	61116	55207	5909	9.7	61450	55512	5938	9.7	60999	57256	3743	6.1
TALLAHASSEE (Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, and Wakulla)	188719	177996	10723	5.7	190033	179683	10350	5.4	188157	181779	6378	3.4
TAMPA-ST. PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER (Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas)	1355614	1243637	111977	8.3	1356738	1249735	107003	7.9	1348600	1285006	63594	4.7
FLORIDA												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	9281000	8557000	724000	7.8	9311000	8625000	685000	7.4	9215000	8802000	413000	4.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	9313000	8561000	752000	8.1	9318000	8630000	688000	7.4	9241000	8825000	415000	4.5
UNITED STATES												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	154349000	143350000	10999000	7.1	154624000	144609000	10015000	6.5	153705000	146334000	7371000	4.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	154447000	143338000	11108000	7.2	154620000	144144000	10476000	6.8	153836000	146294000	7541000	4.9

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

DECEMBER 2008  
(PRELIMINARY)

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UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT		
RANK	COUNTY	RATE (%)	RANK	COUNTY	RATE (%)
1	FLAGLER	11.7	35	GLADES	7.7
2	HAMILTON	10.9	36	ESCAMBIA	7.7
3	HERNANDO	10.9	37	GADSDEN	7.7
4	HENDRY	10.5	38	DUVAL	7.7
5	ST. LUCIE	10.5	39	ORANGE	7.7
6	MARION	10.1	40	BAKER	7.3
7	LEE	10.0	41	NASSAU	7.3
8	CHARLOTTE	9.9	42	GILCHRIST	7.2
9	OKEECHOBEE	9.7	43	CALHOUN	7.2
10	INDIAN RIVER	9.7		UNITED STATES	7.1
11	CITRUS	9.5	44	SEMINOLE	7.0
12	PUTNAM	9.4	45	SUWANNEE	7.0
13	PASCO	9.3	46	CLAY	7.0
14	WASHINGTON	9.1	47	SANTA ROSA	7.0
15	MADISON	9.1	48	MIAMI-DADE	7.0
16	LEVY	9.1	49	HARDEE	6.9
17	BAY	9.0	50	BROWARD	6.8
18	HIGHLANDS	8.8	51	ST. JOHNS	6.6
19	DIXIE	8.8	52	JACKSON	6.6
20	MANATEE	8.7	53	COLUMBIA	6.5
21	OSCEOLA	8.7	54	HOLMES	6.4
22	POLK	8.7	55	JEFFERSON	6.1
23	VOLUSIA	8.6	56	OKALOOSA	6.0
24	LAKE	8.5	57	BRADFORD	5.9
25	BREVARD	8.4	58	UNION	5.9
26	TAYLOR	8.4	59	MONROE	5.8
27	MARTIN	8.2	60	WALTON	5.8
28	SARASOTA	8.1	61	LAFAYETTE	5.7
29	COLLIER	8.1	62	WAKULLA	5.7
30	GULF	8.1	63	FRANKLIN	5.6
31	PINELLAS	8.0	64	SUMTER	5.5
32	DESOTO	7.9	65	LEON	5.4
33	HILLSBOROUGH	7.8	66	ALACHUA	5.2
34	PALM BEACH	7.8	67	LIBERTY	5.0
	FLORIDA	7.8			

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

1. Palm Coast MSA	11.7 %
2. Ocala MSA	10.1
3. Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA	10.0
4. Punta Gorda MSA	9.9
5. Port St. Lucie MSA	9.7
6. Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	9.7
7. Panama City-Lynn Haven MSA	9.0
8. Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA	8.7
9. Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	8.6
10. Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	8.4
11. Bradenton-Sarasota-Venice MSA	8.4
12. Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA	8.3
13. Naples-Marco Island MSA	8.1
14. West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MD	7.8
<b>Florida</b>	<b>7.8</b>
15. Orlando-Kissimmee MSA	7.7
16. Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	7.5
17. Jacksonville MSA	7.4
18. Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach MSA	7.1
<b>United States</b>	<b>7.1</b>
19. Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	7.0
20. Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MD	6.8
21. Ft. Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin MSA	6.0
22. Tallahassee MSA	5.7
23. Gainesville MSA	5.3

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
FLORIDA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

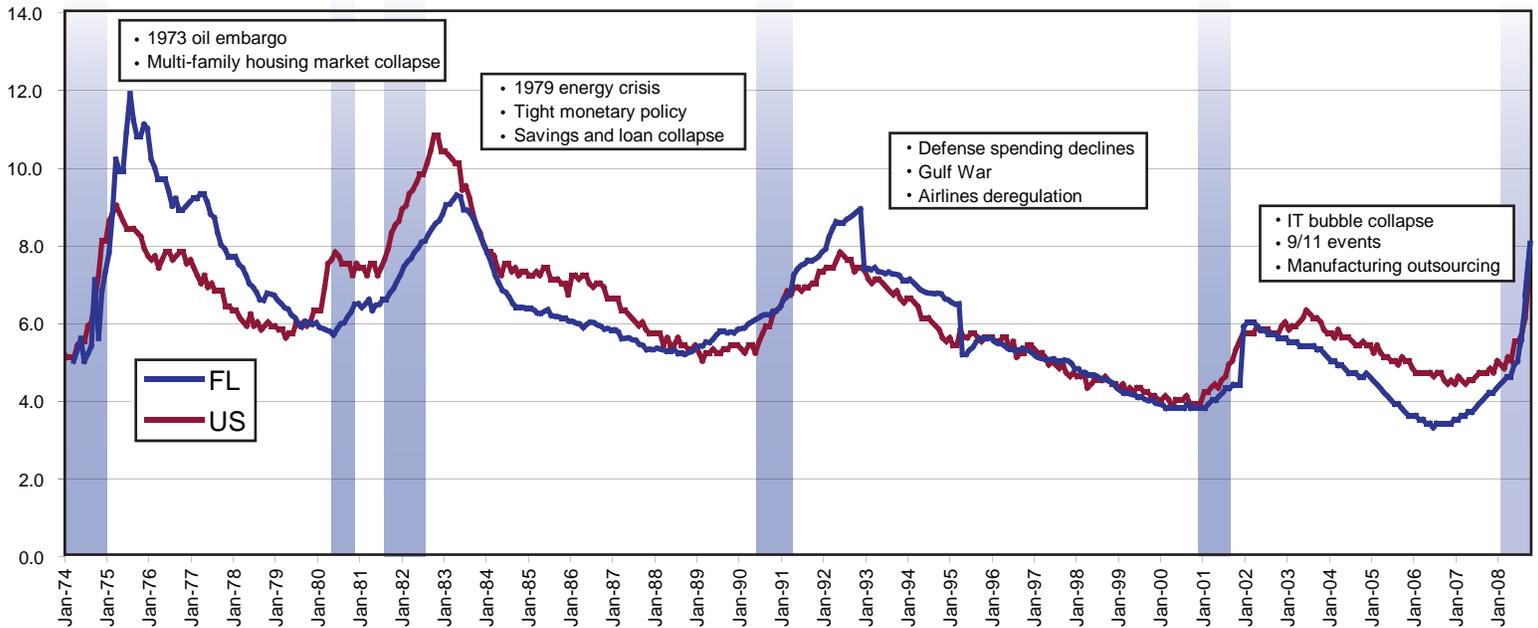
Area	December 2008	November 2008	December 2007	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Statewide	7,873,700	7,854,400	8,124,400	+19,300	+0.2%	-250,700	-3.1%
Bradenton-Sarasota-Venice MSA	283,600	284,800	296,200	-1,200	-0.4%	-12,600	-4.3%
Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA	215,800	215,700	227,500	+100	+0.0%	-11,700	-5.1%
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	169,200	169,500	172,700	-300	-0.2%	-3,500	-2.0%
Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MD	772,300	770,200	799,500	+2,100	+0.3%	-27,200	-3.4%
Ft. Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin MSA	83,400	83,400	85,600	+0	+0.0%	-2,200	-2.6%
Gainesville MSA	133,700	136,100	135,500	-2,400	-1.8%	-1,800	-1.3%
Jacksonville MSA	621,500	624,200	636,900	-2,700	-0.4%	-15,400	-2.4%
Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA	209,800	210,100	215,700	-300	-0.1%	-5,900	-2.7%
Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach MSA	2,398,800	2,392,200	2,468,300	+6,600	+0.3%	-69,500	-2.8%
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	1,050,200	1,048,600	1,077,800	+1,600	+0.2%	-27,600	-2.6%
Naples-Marco Island MSA	125,600	125,400	131,300	+200	+0.2%	-5,700	-4.3%
Ocala MSA	103,300	103,500	106,700	-200	-0.2%	-3,400	-3.2%
Orlando-Kissimmee MSA	1,090,500	1,091,200	1,109,600	-700	-0.1%	-19,100	-1.7%
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	207,700	207,900	213,400	-200	-0.1%	-5,700	-2.7%
Panama City-Lynn Haven MSA	74,000	74,500	76,600	-500	-0.7%	-2,600	-3.4%
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	173,700	174,100	175,600	-400	-0.2%	-1,900	-1.1%
Port St. Lucie MSA	132,600	132,500	135,500	+100	+0.1%	-2,900	-2.1%
Punta Gorda MSA	41,700	41,700	43,200	+0	+0.0%	-1,500	-3.5%
Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	47,000	47,000	48,500	+0	+0.0%	-1,500	-3.1%
Tallahassee MSA	178,400	178,600	181,800	-200	-0.1%	-3,400	-1.9%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA	1,270,800	1,266,100	1,305,200	+4,700	+0.4%	-34,400	-2.6%
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MD	576,300	573,400	591,000	+2,900	+0.5%	-14,700	-2.5%

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 January 23, 2009.

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# Florida and United States Labor Statistics and Recessionary Periods January 1974 - December 2008

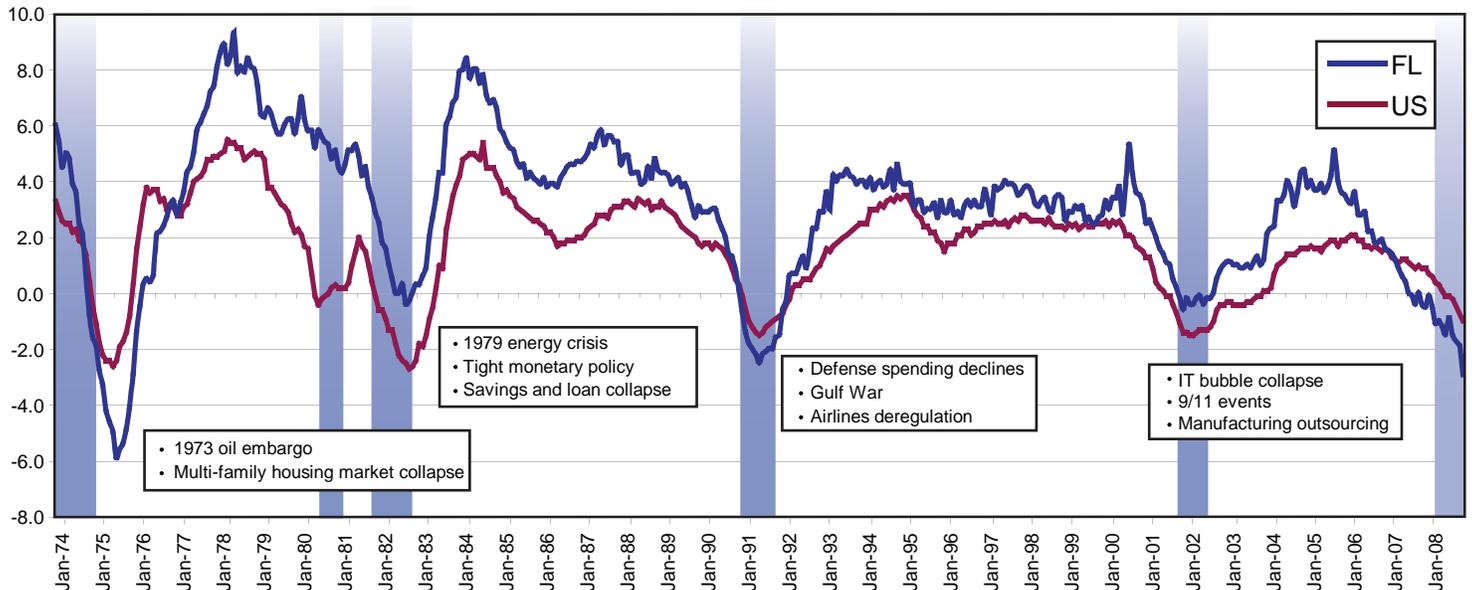
## Unemployment Rates



**Recession**

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## Total Nonagricultural Employment Annual Job Growth Rates



**Recession**

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