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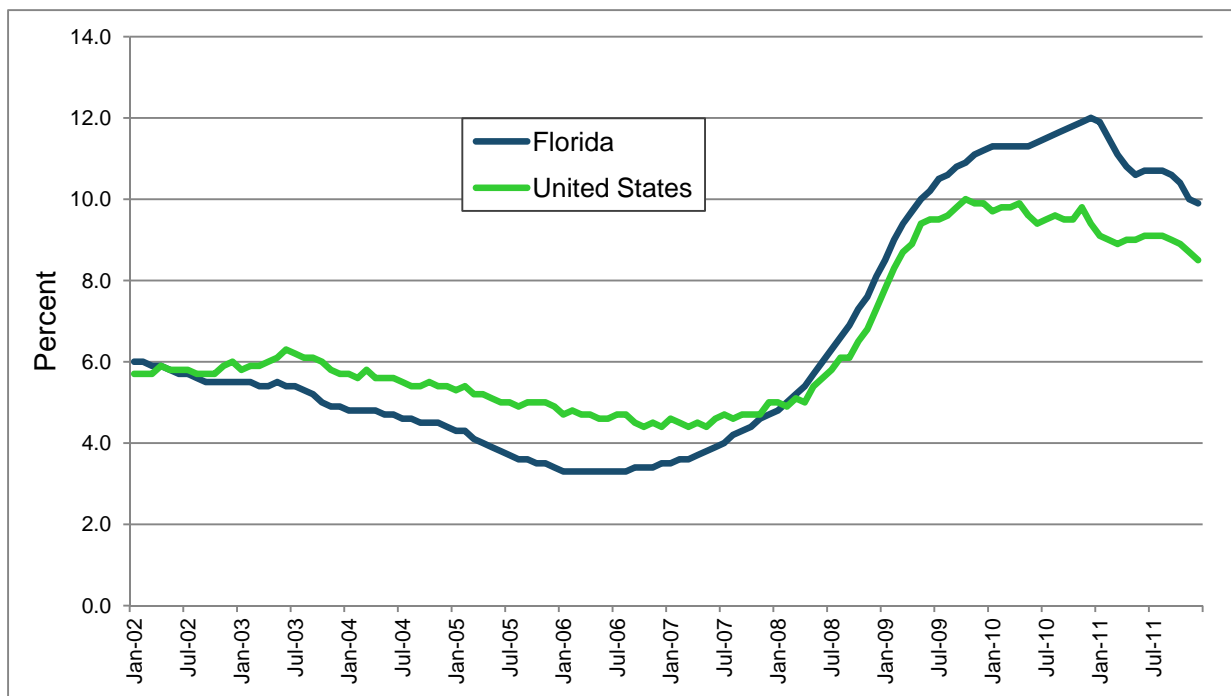
Florida's December Employment Figures Released
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TALLAHASSEE – Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in December 2011 was 9.9 percent, the lowest since April 2009 when the rate was 9.7 percent. This represented 913,000 jobless out of a labor force of 9,233,000. The state's unemployment rate was down 0.1 percentage point from November 2011 and was 2.1 percentage points lower than the December 2010 rate of 12.0 percent. The U.S. unemployment rate was 8.5 percent in December. Florida's unemployment rate has been higher than the nation since February 2008.

Florida's seasonally adjusted total nonagricultural employment in December 2011 was 7,291,500, an increase of 7,300 jobs (+0.1 percent) from November 2011. The number of jobs in the state was up 113,900 over the year, an increase of 1.6 percent from December 2010. The over-the-year growth rate in December was the strongest since January 2007. Nationally, the number of jobs was up 1.3 percent over the year.

United States and Florida Unemployment Rates (seasonally adjusted)



Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Labor Market Statistics Center, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Florida's Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted)

- The number of jobs in Florida was 7,291,500 in December 2011, up 113,900 jobs compared to a year ago. December was the fifteenth consecutive month with positive annual job growth after the state lost jobs for over three years. The industry gaining the most jobs was trade, transportation, and utilities (+37,200 jobs, +2.6 percent).
- Other industries gaining jobs included leisure and hospitality (+30,400 jobs, +3.3 percent); private education and health services (+27,300 jobs, +2.5 percent); professional and business services (+15,200 jobs, +1.5 percent); financial activities (+8,700 jobs, +1.9 percent); manufacturing (+5,600 jobs, +1.8 percent); and other services (+1,600 jobs, +0.5 percent).
- These industry job gains were partially due to increases in clothing and accessory stores; food services and drinking places; ambulatory health care services; management and technical consulting services; real estate; fabricated metal product manufacturing; and personal and laundry services.
- Industries losing jobs over the year included total government (-7,900 jobs, -0.7 percent), information (-3,400 jobs, -2.5 percent), and construction (-1,000 jobs, -0.3 percent).
- These industry job losses were partially due to losses in state government, telecommunications, and construction of buildings.

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

- In December 2011, Monroe County (6.2 percent) had the state's lowest unemployment rate, followed by Liberty County (6.3 percent), Okaloosa County (7.1 percent), and Walton County (7.5 percent). Many of the counties with the lowest unemployment rates were those with relatively high proportions of government employment.
- Flagler County had the highest unemployment rate (13.9 percent) in Florida in December 2011, followed by Hendry County (13.5 percent), Hernando County (12.7 percent), Hamilton County (12.0 percent), and St. Lucie County (11.9 percent). Over-the-year job losses in information and government and long-term job losses in construction contributed to Flagler County's high unemployment rate. There were 27 Florida counties with double-digit unemployment rates in December, down from 33 in November.

Area Nonagricultural Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

- Fifteen metro areas of the 22 in the state had over-the-year job gains in December 2011. The areas with the largest gains were Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater (+28,500 jobs, +2.5 percent), Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall (+18,200 jobs, +1.8 percent), and Jacksonville (+10,600 jobs, +1.8 percent).
- Of the metro areas with job declines, the largest losses were in Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville (-3,500 jobs, -1.8 percent), Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent (-2,100 jobs, -1.3 percent), and Lakeland-Winter Haven (-2,100 jobs, -1.1 percent).

Note: These unemployment and job growth rates are estimates, which are primarily based on surveys created and mandated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

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

New procedures recently mandated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics may result in more variable month-to-month changes. For further information, go to: <http://www.bls.gov/sae/cesprocs.htm>

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The next Florida Employment and Unemployment release will be on March 13, 2012, at 10:00 A.M.

LABOR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION
RELEASE DATE: JANUARY 20, 2012

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Current Month December 2011	Month Ago November 2011	Year Ago December 2010	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent

STATE OF FLORIDA

Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+	14,946,000	14,935,000	14,804,000	11,000	0.1	142,000	1.0
Civilian Labor Force	9,233,000	9,229,000	9,280,000	4,000	**	-47,000	-0.5
Employment	8,320,000	8,303,000	8,170,000	17,000	0.2	150,000	1.8
Unemployment	913,000	927,000	1,111,000	-14,000	-1.5	-198,000	-17.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.9	10.0	12.0	-0.1	--	-2.1	--

UNITED STATES

Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+	240,584,000	240,441,000	238,889,000	143,000	0.1	1,695,000	0.7
Civilian Labor Force	153,887,000	153,937,000	153,613,000	-50,000	**	274,000	0.2
Employment	140,790,000	140,614,000	139,220,000	176,000	0.1	1,570,000	1.1
Unemployment	13,097,000	13,323,000	14,393,000	-226,000	-1.7	-1,296,000	-9.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.5	8.7	9.4	-0.2	--	-0.9	--

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Current Month December 2011	Month Ago November 2011	Year Ago December 2010	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent

STATE OF FLORIDA

Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+	14,946,000	14,935,000	14,804,000	11,000	0.1	142,000	1.0
Civilian Labor Force	9,198,000	9,212,000	9,253,000	-14,000	-0.2	-55,000	-0.6
Employment	8,305,000	8,305,000	8,170,000	0	0.0	135,000	1.7
Unemployment	893,000	907,000	1,082,000	-14,000	-1.5	-189,000	-17.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.7	9.8	11.7	-0.1	--	-2.0	--

UNITED STATES

Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16+	240,584,000	240,441,000	238,889,000	143,000	0.1	1,695,000	0.7
Civilian Labor Force	153,373,000	153,683,000	153,156,000	-310,000	-0.2	217,000	0.1
Employment	140,681,000	141,070,000	139,159,000	-389,000	-0.3	1,522,000	1.1
Unemployment	12,692,000	12,613,000	13,997,000	79,000	0.6	-1,305,000	-9.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.3	8.2	9.1	0.1	--	-0.8	--

** = 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 Department of Economic Opportunity, 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)

	December ^P 2011	November ^r 2011	December 2010	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	7,291.5	7,284.2	7,177.6	7.3	0.1	113.9	1.6
Construction	331.4	331.1	332.4	0.3	0.1	-1.0	-0.3
Manufacturing	309.1	308.6	303.5	0.5	0.2	5.6	1.8
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,491.2	1,489.8	1,454.0	1.4	0.1	37.2	2.6
Wholesale Trade	306.2	302.8	307.0	3.4	1.1	-0.8	-0.3
Retail Trade	950.1	955.9	921.4	-5.8	-0.6	28.7	3.1
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	234.9	231.1	225.6	3.8	1.6	9.3	4.1
Information	130.2	128.6	133.6	1.6	1.2	-3.4	-2.5
Financial Activities	477.8	476.6	469.1	1.2	0.3	8.7	1.9
Finance and Insurance	319.6	318.1	317.2	1.5	0.5	2.4	0.8
Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing	158.2	158.5	151.9	-0.3	-0.2	6.3	4.1
Professional and Business Services	1,057.5	1,062.7	1,042.3	-5.2	-0.5	15.2	1.5
Professional and Technical Services	453.0	446.8	432.6	6.2	1.4	20.4	4.7
Management of Companies and Enterprises	80.9	79.8	77.5	1.1	1.4	3.4	4.4
Administrative and Waste Services	523.6	536.1	532.2	-12.5	-2.3	-8.6	-1.6
Education and Health Services	1,117.3	1,119.6	1,090.0	-2.3	-0.2	27.3	2.5
Educational Services	157.5	158.2	154.5	-0.7	-0.4	3.0	1.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	959.8	961.4	935.5	-1.6	-0.2	24.3	2.6
Leisure and Hospitality	961.9	958.6	931.5	3.3	0.3	30.4	3.3
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	192.7	192.7	188.6	0.0	0.0	4.1	2.2
Accommodation and Food Services	769.2	765.9	742.9	3.3	0.4	26.3	3.5
Other Services	312.1	307.8	310.5	4.3	1.4	1.6	0.5
Total Government	1,097.3	1,095.1	1,105.2	2.2	0.2	-7.9	-0.7
Federal Government	130.9	130.8	132.1	0.1	0.1	-1.2	-0.9
State Government	212.6	211.3	217.0	1.3	0.6	-4.4	-2.0
Local Government	753.8	753.0	756.1	0.8	0.1	-2.3	-0.3

^P = preliminary, ^r = revised

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	December 2011	November 2011	December 2010	Change from			
				Nov 2011 to Dec 2011 Level	Percent	Dec 2010 to Dec 2011 Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	7,358,900	7,320,100	7,244,300	38,800	0.5%	114,600	1.6%
Total Private	6,245,200	6,202,000	6,122,400	43,200	0.7%	122,800	2.0%
Goods Producing	647,000	644,300	642,700	2,700	0.4%	4,300	0.7%
Mining and Logging	5,700	5,700	5,500	0	0.0%	200	3.6%
Mining, except Oil and Gas	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	0.0%	-100	-3.3%
Construction	331,300	330,000	332,800	1,300	0.4%	-1,500	-0.5%
Construction of Buildings	60,300	59,600	64,000	700	1.2%	-3,700	-5.8%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	47,000	47,000	49,800	0	0.0%	-2,800	-5.6%
Specialty Trade Contractors	224,000	223,400	219,000	600	0.3%	5,000	2.3%
Building Equipment Contractors	97,900	97,800	101,500	100	0.1%	-3,600	-3.6%
Manufacturing	310,000	308,600	304,400	1,400	0.5%	5,600	1.8%
Durable Goods	205,400	204,200	198,900	1,200	0.6%	6,500	3.3%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	30,200	30,300	28,300	-100	-0.3%	1,900	6.7%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	42,700	42,600	42,900	100	0.2%	-200	-0.5%
Communications Equipment Manufacturing	7,500	7,500	7,600	0	0.0%	-100	-1.3%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	32,900	32,800	33,000	100	0.3%	-100	-0.3%
Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing	18,200	18,300	18,900	-100	-0.6%	-700	-3.7%
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	25,800	25,800	26,400	0	0.0%	-600	-2.3%
Nondurable Goods	104,600	104,400	105,500	200	0.2%	-900	-0.9%
Food Manufacturing	28,400	28,100	28,500	300	1.1%	-100	-0.4%
Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing	9,100	9,100	9,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Paper Manufacturing	8,500	8,500	9,000	0	0.0%	-500	-5.6%
Printing and Related Support Activities	17,100	17,000	17,400	100	0.6%	-300	-1.7%
Chemical Manufacturing	18,200	18,200	18,500	0	0.0%	-300	-1.6%

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Service Providing	6,711,900	6,675,800	6,601,600	36,100	0.5%	110,300	1.7%
Private Service Providing	5,598,200	5,557,700	5,479,700	40,500	0.7%	118,500	2.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,526,900	1,504,900	1,489,200	22,000	1.5%	37,700	2.5%
Wholesale Trade	307,800	303,600	308,600	4,200	1.4%	-800	-0.3%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	152,500	152,200	154,700	300	0.2%	-2,200	-1.4%
Commercial Equipment Wholesalers	44,400	44,200	44,400	200	0.5%	0	0.0%
Electrical and Electronic Goods Wholesalers	20,300	20,100	20,300	200	1.0%	0	0.0%
Machinery and Supply Wholesalers	26,000	25,900	26,800	100	0.4%	-800	-3.0%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	114,400	111,500	114,300	2,900	2.6%	100	0.1%
Grocery and Related Product Wholesalers	45,000	44,500	45,300	500	1.1%	-300	-0.7%
Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents	40,900	39,900	39,600	1,000	2.5%	1,300	3.3%
Retail Trade	978,200	969,200	949,300	9,000	0.9%	28,900	3.0%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	111,600	112,700	109,000	-1,100	-1.0%	2,600	2.4%
Automobile Dealers	70,200	70,800	67,200	-600	-0.9%	3,000	4.5%
Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores	31,600	31,300	31,800	300	1.0%	-200	-0.6%
Electronics and Appliance Stores	40,100	40,000	36,700	100	0.3%	3,400	9.3%
Building Material and Garden Supply Stores	65,000	64,800	66,500	200	0.3%	-1,500	-2.3%
Food and Beverage Stores	193,300	192,900	189,400	400	0.2%	3,900	2.1%
Health and Personal Care Stores	72,400	70,900	70,700	1,500	2.1%	1,700	2.4%
Gasoline Stations	37,200	37,200	37,400	0	0.0%	-200	-0.5%
Clothing and Accessory Stores	120,600	117,900	109,000	2,700	2.3%	11,600	10.6%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	32,700	31,800	34,300	900	2.8%	-1,600	-4.7%
General Merchandise Stores	198,200	195,100	192,100	3,100	1.6%	6,100	3.2%
Department Stores	90,600	87,700	87,900	2,900	3.3%	2,700	3.1%
Other General Merchandise Stores	107,600	107,400	104,200	200	0.2%	3,400	3.3%
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	51,600	50,600	49,500	1,000	2.0%	2,100	4.2%
Nonstore Retailers	23,900	24,000	22,900	-100	-0.4%	1,000	4.4%
Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order Houses	15,700	15,700	15,100	0	0.0%	600	4.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	240,900	232,100	231,300	8,800	3.8%	9,600	4.2%
Utilities	22,300	22,400	22,300	-100	-0.5%	0	0.0%

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Transportation and Warehousing	218,600	209,700	209,000	8,900	4.2%	9,600	4.6%
Air Transportation	32,000	31,500	31,200	500	1.6%	800	2.6%
Water Transportation	12,200	12,200	12,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Truck Transportation	45,200	44,100	41,400	1,100	2.5%	3,800	9.2%
Support Activities for Transportation	46,400	44,900	44,100	1,500	3.3%	2,300	5.2%
Couriers and Messengers	31,800	27,500	32,200	4,300	15.6%	-400	-1.2%
Warehousing and Storage	25,000	25,000	25,100	0	0.0%	-100	-0.4%
Information	130,500	130,200	133,900	300	0.2%	-3,400	-2.5%
Publishing Industries, except Internet	30,000	29,900	30,500	100	0.3%	-500	-1.6%
Broadcasting, except Internet	14,400	14,300	13,900	100	0.7%	500	3.6%
Telecommunications	53,200	53,400	56,900	-200	-0.4%	-3,700	-6.5%
Wired Telecommunications Carriers	42,200	42,500	43,900	-300	-0.7%	-1,700	-3.9%
Internet Service Providers and Data Processing	16,400	16,400	16,700	0	0.0%	-300	-1.8%
Financial Activities	478,000	475,500	469,300	2,500	0.5%	8,700	1.9%
Finance and Insurance	319,400	318,000	317,000	1,400	0.4%	2,400	0.8%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	152,000	151,400	150,500	600	0.4%	1,500	1.0%
Depository Credit Intermediation	98,300	97,600	96,200	700	0.7%	2,100	2.2%
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	124,600	124,000	124,700	600	0.5%	-100	-0.1%
Insurance Carriers	67,800	67,200	67,900	600	0.9%	-100	-0.2%
Insurance Agencies, Brokerages, and Related	56,800	56,800	56,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing	158,600	157,500	152,300	1,100	0.7%	6,300	4.1%
Real Estate	122,000	120,900	116,700	1,100	0.9%	5,300	4.5%
Professional and Business Services	1,063,200	1,063,500	1,047,600	-300	0.0%	15,600	1.5%
Professional and Technical Services	457,000	448,300	436,300	8,700	1.9%	20,700	4.7%
Legal Services	96,500	95,700	92,900	800	0.8%	3,600	3.9%
Accounting, Tax Preparation, and Bookkeeping	57,600	52,400	54,900	5,200	9.9%	2,700	4.9%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related	67,500	67,600	69,800	-100	-0.2%	-2,300	-3.3%
Computer Systems Design and Related	64,900	64,900	65,300	0	0.0%	-400	-0.6%
Management and Technical Consulting Services	78,700	76,500	72,500	2,200	2.9%	6,200	8.6%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	81,000	80,200	77,600	800	1.0%	3,400	4.4%

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Administrative and Waste Services	525,200	535,000	533,700	-9,800	-1.8%	-8,500	-1.6%
Administrative and Support Services	505,900	515,800	515,000	-9,900	-1.9%	-9,100	-1.8%
Employment Services	174,600	176,900	172,100	-2,300	-1.3%	2,500	1.5%
Business Support Services	64,100	64,100	64,300	0	0.0%	-200	-0.3%
Travel Arrangement and Reservation Services	25,600	25,200	26,200	400	1.6%	-600	-2.3%
Investigation and Security Services	62,400	61,800	62,800	600	1.0%	-400	-0.6%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	127,000	128,500	129,900	-1,500	-1.2%	-2,900	-2.2%
Waste Management and Remediation Services	19,300	19,200	18,700	100	0.5%	600	3.2%
Education and Health Services	1,126,400	1,125,700	1,098,500	700	0.1%	27,900	2.5%
Educational Services	160,300	162,100	157,200	-1,800	-1.1%	3,100	2.0%
Elementary and Secondary Schools	48,500	48,700	49,300	-200	-0.4%	-800	-1.6%
Colleges and Universities	62,600	63,000	63,700	-400	-0.6%	-1,100	-1.7%
Health Care and Social Assistance	966,100	963,600	941,300	2,500	0.3%	24,800	2.6%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	406,800	404,500	394,800	2,300	0.6%	12,000	3.0%
Offices of Physicians	181,000	179,600	174,100	1,400	0.8%	6,900	4.0%
Home Health Care Services	67,300	67,500	66,300	-200	-0.3%	1,000	1.5%
Hospitals	265,600	265,200	256,200	400	0.2%	9,400	3.7%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	178,800	178,000	176,500	800	0.5%	2,300	1.3%
Nursing Care Facilities	97,000	96,700	96,600	300	0.3%	400	0.4%
Community Care for the Elderly	50,500	50,300	50,100	200	0.4%	400	0.8%
Social Assistance	114,900	115,900	113,800	-1,000	-0.9%	1,100	1.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	961,100	949,400	930,600	11,700	1.2%	30,500	3.3%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	192,200	188,500	188,100	3,700	2.0%	4,100	2.2%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation	150,100	148,400	146,500	1,700	1.2%	3,600	2.5%
Amusement Parks and Arcades	66,200	64,900	62,200	1,300	2.0%	4,000	6.4%
Accommodation and Food Services	768,900	760,900	742,500	8,000	1.1%	26,400	3.6%
Accommodation	160,400	159,700	157,500	700	0.4%	2,900	1.8%
Food Services and Drinking Places	608,500	601,200	585,000	7,300	1.2%	23,500	4.0%

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Industry Title	December 2011	November 2011	December 2010	Change from			
				Nov 2011 to Dec 2011 Level	Nov 2011 to Dec 2011 Percent	Dec 2010 to Dec 2011 Level	Dec 2010 to Dec 2011 Percent
Other Services	312,100	308,500	310,600	3,600	1.2%	1,500	0.5%
Repair and Maintenance	65,400	64,400	66,000	1,000	1.6%	-600	-0.9%
Automotive Repair and Maintenance	43,700	42,800	44,400	900	2.1%	-700	-1.6%
Personal and Laundry Services	81,500	80,700	79,900	800	1.0%	1,600	2.0%
Membership Associations and Organizations	165,200	163,400	164,700	1,800	1.1%	500	0.3%
Total Government	1,113,700	1,118,100	1,121,900	-4,400	-0.4%	-8,200	-0.7%
Federal	131,900	130,800	133,100	1,100	0.8%	-1,200	-0.9%
State	212,400	216,800	217,000	-4,400	-2.0%	-4,600	-2.1%
Local	769,400	770,500	771,800	-1,100	-0.1%	-2,400	-0.3%

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 2011				NOVEMBER 2011				DECEMBER 2010			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)
ALACHUA	129725	119904	9821	7.6	131686	121403	10283	7.8	130995	119952	11043	8.4
BAKER	12390	11103	1287	10.4	12340	11080	1260	10.2	12250	10868	1382	11.3
BAY	88406	79499	8907	10.1	88095	79304	8791	10.0	89391	78826	10565	11.8
BRADFORD	12554	11485	1069	8.5	12606	11513	1093	8.7	12602	11344	1258	10.0
BREVARD	259246	231220	28026	10.8	260548	231657	28891	11.1	266031	234086	31945	12.0
BROWARD	978951	894687	84264	8.6	981823	894605	87218	8.9	985607	885009	100598	10.2
CALHOUN	6291	5787	504	8.0	6321	5813	508	8.0	6231	5644	587	9.4
CHARLOTTE	69576	62636	6940	10.0	69358	62182	7176	10.3	69889	61424	8465	12.1
CITRUS	57449	51191	6258	10.9	57932	51513	6419	11.1	58093	50625	7468	12.9
CLAY	95851	87700	8151	8.5	96024	87517	8507	8.9	96322	85841	10481	10.9
COLLIER	143164	129546	13618	9.5	142802	128458	14344	10.0	146500	129632	16868	11.5
COLUMBIA	30602	27673	2929	9.6	30684	27650	3034	9.9	30788	27431	3357	10.9
DESOTO	15655	14178	1477	9.4	13898	12329	1569	11.3	15770	14132	1638	10.4
DIXIE	5764	5105	659	11.4	5801	5114	687	11.8	5847	5106	741	12.7
DUVAL	445530	403034	42496	9.5	446343	402189	44154	9.9	445432	394488	50944	11.4
ESCAMBIA	136748	123236	13512	9.9	137980	124013	13967	10.1	139916	124037	15879	11.3
FLAGLER	32053	27590	4463	13.9	32683	28073	4610	14.1	33254	28047	5207	15.7
FRANKLIN	5336	4905	431	8.1	5407	4979	428	7.9	5185	4717	468	9.0
GADSDEN	21259	19163	2096	9.9	21268	19220	2048	9.6	21194	18854	2340	11.0
GILCHRIST	7702	6954	748	9.7	7789	7041	748	9.6	7757	6956	801	10.3
GLADES	6075	5614	461	7.6	6049	5566	483	8.0	5759	5239	520	9.0
GULF	6054	5443	611	10.1	6073	5473	600	9.9	6208	5476	732	11.8
HAMILTON	4553	4008	545	12.0	4372	3828	544	12.4	4600	4058	542	11.8
HARDEE	13107	11942	1165	8.9	12074	10819	1255	10.4	13363	11921	1442	10.8
HENDRY	17266	14927	2339	13.5	16943	14403	2540	15.0	17712	15037	2675	15.1
HERNANDO	62895	54925	7970	12.7	63133	54863	8270	13.1	62723	53474	9249	14.7
HIGHLANDS	40317	36105	4212	10.4	39200	34778	4422	11.3	42720	37803	4917	11.5
HILLSBOROUGH	599437	542269	57168	9.5	600791	541658	59133	9.8	598021	527947	70074	11.7
HOLMES	8715	8050	665	7.6	8730	8042	688	7.9	8849	8063	786	8.9
INDIAN RIVER	62347	55253	7094	11.4	61907	54479	7428	12.0	62608	54022	8586	13.7
JACKSON	22494	20690	1804	8.0	22513	20674	1839	8.2	22238	20284	1954	8.8
JEFFERSON	6610	6047	563	8.5	6643	6065	578	8.7	6683	5949	734	11.0
LAFAYETTE	2973	2740	233	7.8	2973	2743	230	7.7	3030	2763	267	8.8
LAKE	136508	122944	13564	9.9	136816	122970	13846	10.1	138178	121458	16720	12.1
LEE	271425	243805	27620	10.2	272828	244118	28710	10.5	275835	241175	34660	12.6
LEON	148394	137081	11313	7.6	149438	137487	11951	8.0	147497	134870	12627	8.6
LEVY	17220	15468	1752	10.2	17314	15517	1797	10.4	17302	15226	2076	12.0
LIBERTY	3930	3682	248	6.3	3985	3720	265	6.6	3943	3647	296	7.5

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

COUNTY	DECEMBER 2011				NOVEMBER 2011				DECEMBER 2010			
	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	6803	6012	791	11.6	6860	6051	809	11.8	6978	6160	818	11.7
MANATEE	139867	126157	13710	9.8	140844	126476	14368	10.2	141982	124712	17270	12.2
MARION	131250	116023	15227	11.6	132557	116866	15691	11.8	133706	115166	18540	13.9
MARTIN	62926	56789	6137	9.8	63246	56763	6483	10.3	64498	56994	7504	11.6
MIAMI-DADE	1311175	1176023	135152	10.3	1305232	1181871	123361	9.5	1303792	1132600	171192	13.1
MONROE	45509	42696	2813	6.2	45251	42345	2906	6.4	45540	42114	3426	7.5
NASSAU	36396	33114	3282	9.0	36374	33044	3330	9.2	36609	32412	4197	11.5
OKALOOSA	97196	90268	6928	7.1	98195	91081	7114	7.2	94781	86669	8112	8.6
OKEECHOBEE	18615	16554	2061	11.1	18461	16280	2181	11.8	19291	16838	2453	12.7
ORANGE	599904	543570	56334	9.4	601855	543685	58170	9.7	606203	537000	69203	11.4
OSCEOLA	140418	125451	14967	10.7	140876	125478	15398	10.9	141756	123935	17821	12.6
PALM BEACH	618909	558880	60029	9.7	617844	555446	62398	10.1	623489	550913	72576	11.6
PASCO	196884	174782	22102	11.2	197120	174586	22534	11.4	196003	170166	25837	13.2
PINELLAS	442670	399461	43209	9.8	443422	399011	44411	10.0	441517	388911	52606	11.9
POLK	269551	240809	28742	10.7	270494	240607	29887	11.0	275961	241300	34661	12.6
PUTNAM	32462	28685	3777	11.6	32569	28822	3747	11.5	33161	28933	4228	12.7
ST. JOHNS	98347	90216	8131	8.3	98379	90027	8352	8.5	97624	88303	9321	9.5
ST. LUCIE	123209	108561	14648	11.9	123776	108511	15265	12.3	126669	108952	17717	14.0
SANTA ROSA	70103	63718	6385	9.1	70603	64121	6482	9.2	71127	64133	6994	9.8
SARASOTA	159387	143756	15631	9.8	160300	144120	16180	10.1	161041	142111	18930	11.8
SEMINOLE	236856	216360	20496	8.7	237475	216405	21070	8.9	238902	213744	25158	10.5
SUMTER	34729	32075	2654	7.6	34810	32052	2758	7.9	34008	30894	3114	9.2
SUWANNEE	17822	16163	1659	9.3	18010	16315	1695	9.4	18262	16328	1934	10.6
TAYLOR	9284	8347	937	10.1	9302	8351	951	10.2	9246	8164	1082	11.7
UNION	5208	4796	412	7.9	5250	4820	430	8.2	5332	4854	478	9.0
VOLUSIA	251540	226120	25420	10.1	252570	226450	26120	10.3	252396	221461	30935	12.3
WAKULLA	16862	15582	1280	7.6	16913	15628	1285	7.6	16726	15331	1395	8.3
WALTON	29546	27344	2202	7.5	30054	27845	2209	7.4	29739	27079	2660	8.9
WASHINGTON	9732	8717	1015	10.4	9762	8716	1046	10.7	9947	8697	1250	12.6
FLORIDA												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	9198000	8305000	893000	9.7	9212000	8305000	907000	9.8	9253000	8170000	1082000	11.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	9233000	8320000	913000	9.9	9229000	8303000	927000	10.0	9280000	8170000	1111000	12.0
UNITED STATES												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	153373000	140681000	12692000	8.3	153683000	141070000	12613000	8.2	153156000	139159000	13997000	9.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
	153887000	140790000	13097000	8.5	153937000	140614000	13323000	8.7	153613000	139220000	14393000	9.4

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

MSA (COUNTIES)	DECEMBER 2011				NOVEMBER 2011				DECEMBER 2010			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)
CAPE CORAL-FT. MYERS (Lee)	271425	243805	27620	10.2	272828	244118	28710	10.5	275835	241175	34660	12.6
CRESTVIEW-FT. WALTON BEACH-DESTIN (Okaloosa)	97196	90268	6928	7.1	98195	91081	7114	7.2	94781	86669	8112	8.6
DELTONA-DAYTONA BEACH-ORMOND BEACH (Volusia)	251540	226120	25420	10.1	252570	226450	26120	10.3	252396	221461	30935	12.3
GAINESVILLE (Alachua and Gilchrist)	137427	126858	10569	7.7	139475	128444	11031	7.9	138752	126908	11844	8.5
JACKSONVILLE (Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns)	688514	625167	63347	9.2	689460	623857	65603	9.5	688236	611911	76325	11.1
LAKELAND-WINTER HAVEN (Polk)	269551	240809	28742	10.7	270494	240607	29887	11.0	275961	241300	34661	12.6
MIAMI-FT. LAUDERDALE-POMPANO BEACH (Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach)	2909035	2629590	279445	9.6	2904899	2631922	272977	9.4	2912888	2568522	344366	11.8
Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach Metropolitan Division (Broward)	978951	894687	84264	8.6	981823	894605	87218	8.9	985607	885009	100598	10.2
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall Metropolitan Division (Miami-Dade)	1311175	1176023	135152	10.3	1305232	1181871	123361	9.5	1303792	1132600	171192	13.1
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division (Palm Beach)	618909	558880	60029	9.7	617844	555446	62398	10.1	623489	550913	72576	11.6
NAPLES-MARCO ISLAND (Collier)	143164	129546	13618	9.5	142802	128458	14344	10.0	146500	129632	16868	11.5
NORTH PORT-BRADENTON-SARASOTA (Manatee and Sarasota)	299254	269913	29341	9.8	301144	270596	30548	10.1	303023	266823	36200	11.9
OCALA (Marion)	131250	116023	15227	11.6	132557	116866	15691	11.8	133706	115166	18540	13.9
ORLANDO-KISSIMMEE-SANFORD (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole)	1113686	1008325	105361	9.5	1117021	1008537	108484	9.7	1125039	996137	128902	11.5
PALM BAY-MELBOURNE-TITUSVILLE (Brevard)	259246	231220	28026	10.8	260548	231657	28891	11.1	266031	234086	31945	12.0
PALM COAST (Flagler)	32053	27590	4463	13.9	32683	28073	4610	14.1	33254	28047	5207	15.7
PANAMA CITY-LYNN HAVEN-PANAMA CITY BEACH (Bay)	88406	79499	8907	10.1	88095	79304	8791	10.0	89391	78826	10565	11.8
PENSACOLA-FERRY PASS-BRENT (Escambia and Santa Rosa)	206851	186954	19897	9.6	208583	188134	20449	9.8	211043	188170	22873	10.8
PORT ST. LUCIE (Martin and St. Lucie)	186135	165350	20785	11.2	187022	165274	21748	11.6	191167	165946	25221	13.2
PUNTA GORDA (Charlotte)	69576	62636	6940	10.0	69358	62182	7176	10.3	69889	61424	8465	12.1
SEBASTIAN-VERO BEACH (Indian River)	62347	55253	7094	11.4	61907	54479	7428	12.0	62608	54022	8586	13.7
TALLAHASSEE (Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, and Wakulla)	193126	177874	15252	7.9	194263	178400	15863	8.2	192101	175005	17096	8.9
TAMPA-ST. PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER (Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas)	1301885	1171437	130448	10.0	1304466	1170118	134348	10.3	1298265	1140498	157767	12.2
FLORIDA												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	9198000	8305000	893000	9.7	9212000	8305000	907000	9.8	9253000	8170000	1082000	11.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	9233000	8320000	913000	9.9	9229000	8303000	927000	10.0	9280000	8170000	1111000	12.0
UNITED STATES												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	153373000	140681000	12692000	8.3	153683000	141070000	12613000	8.2	153156000	139159000	13997000	9.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	153887000	140790000	13097000	8.5	153937000	140614000	13323000	8.7	153613000	139220000	14393000	9.4

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

DECEMBER 2011
(Preliminary)

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UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT		
RANK	COUNTY	RATE (%)	RANK	COUNTY	RATE (%)
1	FLAGLER	13.9	36	PALM BEACH	9.7
2	HENDRY	13.5		FLORIDA	9.7
3	HERNANDO	12.7	37	COLUMBIA	9.6
4	HAMILTON	12.0	38	DUVAL	9.5
5	ST. LUCIE	11.9	39	HILLSBOROUGH	9.5
6	PUTNAM	11.6	40	COLLIER	9.5
7	MADISON	11.6	41	DESOTO	9.4
8	MARION	11.6	42	ORANGE	9.4
9	DIXIE	11.4	43	SUWANNEE	9.3
10	INDIAN RIVER	11.4	44	SANTA ROSA	9.1
11	PASCO	11.2	45	NASSAU	9.0
12	OKEECHOBEE	11.1	46	HARDEE	8.9
13	CITRUS	10.9	47	SEMINOLE	8.7
14	BREVARD	10.8	48	BROWARD	8.6
15	POLK	10.7	49	JEFFERSON	8.5
16	OSCEOLA	10.7	50	BRADFORD	8.5
17	HIGHLANDS	10.4	51	CLAY	8.5
18	WASHINGTON	10.4	52	ST. JOHNS	8.3
19	BAKER	10.4		UNITED STATES	8.3
20	MIAMI-DADE	10.3	53	FRANKLIN	8.1
21	LEE	10.2	54	JACKSON	8.0
22	LEVY	10.2	55	CALHOUN	8.0
23	VOLUSIA	10.1	56	UNION	7.9
24	TAYLOR	10.1	57	LAFAYETTE	7.8
25	GULF	10.1	58	SUMTER	7.6
26	BAY	10.1	59	HOLMES	7.6
27	CHARLOTTE	10.0	60	LEON	7.6
28	LAKE	9.9	61	WAKULLA	7.6
29	ESCAMBIA	9.9	62	GLADES	7.6
30	GADSDEN	9.9	63	ALACHUA	7.6
31	SARASOTA	9.8	64	WALTON	7.5
32	MANATEE	9.8	65	OKALOOSA	7.1
33	PINELLAS	9.8	66	LIBERTY	6.3
34	MARTIN	9.8	67	MONROE	6.2
35	GILCHRIST	9.7			

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STATE OF FLORIDA
 METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS (MSAs) AND METROPOLITAN DIVISIONS (MDs)
 RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)
 DECEMBER 2011 (Preliminary)

1. Palm Coast MSA	13.9 %
2. Ocala MSA	11.6
3. Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	11.4
4. Port St. Lucie MSA	11.2
5. Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	10.8
6. Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA	10.7
7. Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	10.3
8. Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA	10.2
9. Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	10.1
10. Panama City-Lynn Haven-Panama City Beach MSA	10.1
11. Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA	10.0
12. Punta Gorda MSA	10.0
13. North Port-Bradenton-Sarasota MSA	9.8
14. West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MD	9.7
Florida	9.7
15. Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	9.6
16. Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach MSA	9.6
17. Naples-Marco Island MSA	9.5
18. Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA	9.5
19. Jacksonville MSA	9.2
20. Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MD	8.6
United States	8.3
21. Tallahassee MSA	7.9
22. Gainesville MSA	7.7
23. Crestview-Ft. Walton Beach-Destin MSA	7.1

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
FLORIDA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Area	December 2011	November 2011	December 2010	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Statewide	7,358,900	7,320,100	7,244,300	+38,800	+0.5%	+114,600	+1.6%
Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA	198,500	198,600	196,000	-100	-0.1%	+2,500	+1.3%
Crestview-Ft. Walton Beach-Destin MSA	79,700	80,000	76,500	-300	-0.4%	+3,200	+4.2%
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	157,600	157,300	154,500	+300	+0.2%	+3,100	+2.0%
Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MD	713,200	711,800	709,500	+1,400	+0.2%	+3,700	+0.5%
Gainesville MSA	126,500	127,700	127,500	-1,200	-0.9%	-1,000	-0.8%
Jacksonville MSA	597,700	595,000	587,100	+2,700	+0.5%	+10,600	+1.8%
Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA	193,400	194,100	195,500	-700	-0.4%	-2,100	-1.1%
Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach MSA	2,240,800	2,230,200	2,214,100	+10,600	+0.5%	+26,700	+1.2%
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	1,014,700	1,009,500	996,500	+5,200	+0.5%	+18,200	+1.8%
Naples-Marco Island MSA	111,500	110,000	111,500	+1,500	+1.4%	+0	+0.0%
North Port-Bradenton-Sarasota MSA	242,900	242,900	240,900	+0	+0.0%	+2,000	+0.8%
Ocala MSA	90,800	91,300	90,300	-500	-0.5%	+500	+0.6%
Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA	1,024,700	1,022,000	1,015,800	+2,700	+0.3%	+8,900	+0.9%
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	189,600	189,500	193,100	+100	+0.1%	-3,500	-1.8%
Palm Coast MSA	17,700	18,100	18,300	-400	-2.2%	-600	-3.3%
Panama City-Lynn Haven-Panama City Beach MSA	71,300	71,000	71,000	+300	+0.4%	+300	+0.4%
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	156,600	157,100	158,700	-500	-0.3%	-2,100	-1.3%
Port St. Lucie MSA	120,100	120,700	121,400	-600	-0.5%	-1,300	-1.1%
Punta Gorda MSA	41,800	41,500	41,100	+300	+0.7%	+700	+1.7%
Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	44,500	44,100	43,400	+400	+0.9%	+1,100	+2.5%
Tallahassee MSA	171,400	170,800	169,300	+600	+0.4%	+2,100	+1.2%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA	1,150,800	1,146,800	1,122,300	+4,000	+0.3%	+28,500	+2.5%
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MD	512,900	508,900	508,100	+4,000	+0.8%	+4,800	+0.9%

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 20, 2012.