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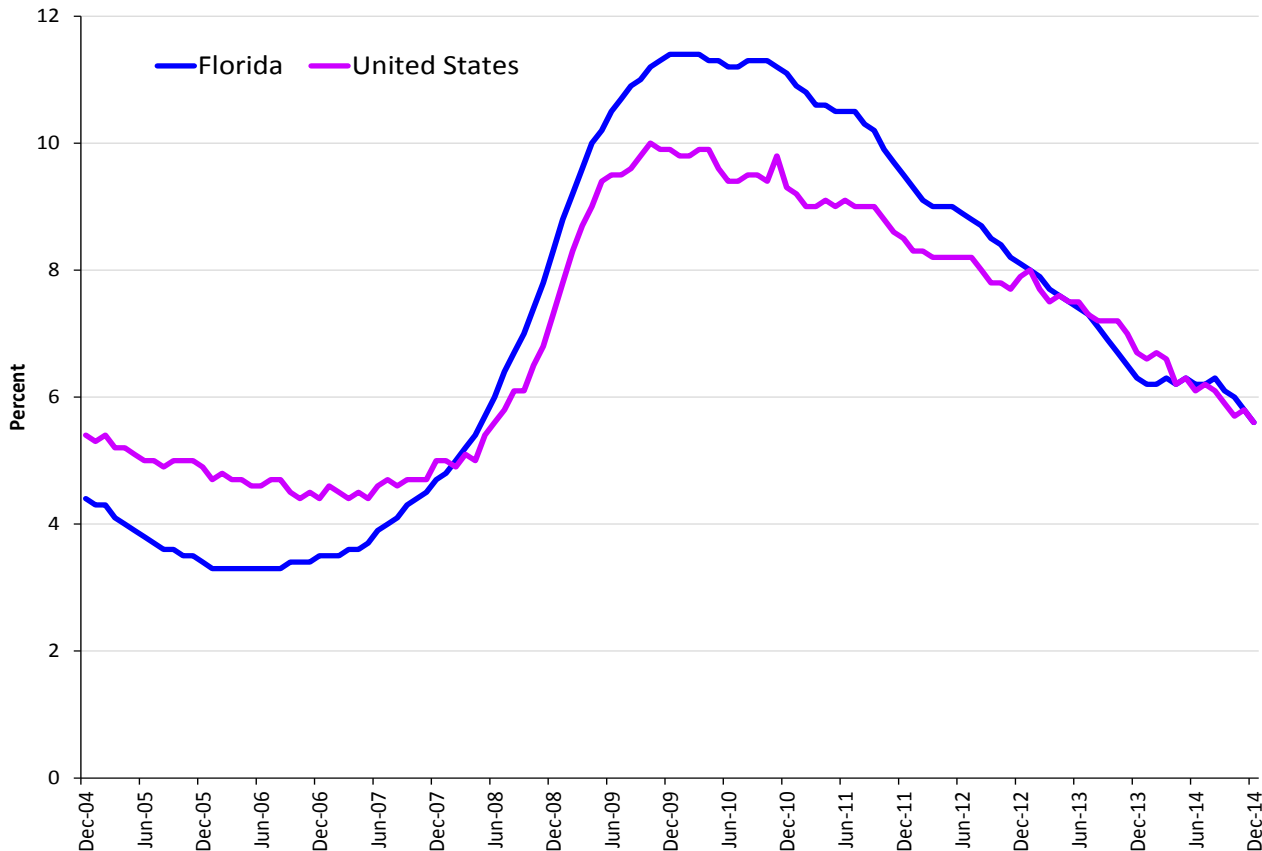
Florida's December Employment Figures Released
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TALLAHASSEE – Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in December 2014, down 0.2 percentage point from the November 2014 rate of 5.8 percent, and down 0.7 percentage point from 6.3 percent a year ago. The state's December rate was the lowest since April 2008 when it was 5.4 percent. There were 543,000 jobless Floridians out of a labor force of 9,644,000. The U.S. unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in December. Florida's unemployment rate has been less than or equal to the national rate for 17 of the last 21 months.

Florida's seasonally adjusted total nonagricultural employment was 7,911,200 in December 2014, an increase of 12,700 jobs (+0.2 percent) over the month. Compared to December a year ago, the number of jobs in the state was up by 230,600, an increase of 3.0 percent. Nationally, the number of jobs was up 2.1 percent over the year. Florida's annual job growth rate has exceeded the nation's rate since April 2012.

United States and Florida Unemployment Rates (seasonally adjusted)



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

Florida's Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted)

- The number of jobs in Florida was 7,911,200 in December 2014, up 230,600 jobs compared to a year ago. December 2014 was the 53rd consecutive month with positive annual job growth after the state lost jobs for over three years. The industry gaining the most jobs was professional and business services (+49,100 jobs, +4.3 percent).
- Other industries gaining jobs included trade, transportation, and utilities (+44,800 jobs, +2.8 percent); leisure and hospitality (+41,000 jobs, +3.9 percent); construction (+34,300 jobs, +8.9 percent); private education and health services (+27,100 jobs, +2.4 percent); financial activities (+12,800 jobs, +2.5 percent); other services (+10,600 jobs, +3.4 percent); government (+4,900 jobs, +0.5 percent); manufacturing (+4,300 jobs, +1.3 percent); and information (+1,500 jobs, +1.1 percent).
- These industry job gains were partially due to increases in employment services; food and beverage stores; food services and drinking places; specialty trade contractors; ambulatory health care services; insurance carriers and related activities; personal and laundry services; state government; transportation equipment manufacturing; and telecommunications.
- None of the ten major industries lost jobs over the year.

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

- In December 2014, Monroe County had the state's lowest unemployment rate (3.2 percent); followed by Walton County (3.8 percent); Okaloosa and Alachua counties (4.2 percent each); and Wakulla and St. Johns counties (4.4 percent each). Many of the counties with the lowest unemployment rates were those with relatively high proportions of government employment.
- Hendry County had the highest unemployment rate (8.4 percent) in Florida in December 2014, followed by Flagler County (7.6 percent); Hamilton County (7.5 percent); and Madison and Putnam counties (7.1 percent each). There was no county with a double-digit unemployment rate for December or November.

Area Nonagricultural Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

- Of the 22 metro areas in the state, 21 had over-the-year job gains in December 2014. The areas with the largest gains were Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford (+47,500 jobs, +4.3 percent), Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall (+30,300 jobs, +2.8 percent), and Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach (+28,600 jobs, +3.7 percent).
- The only metro area that lost jobs over the year was Ocala (-100 jobs, -0.1 percent).

Note: The 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 Reemployment Assistance tax records and other data.

Procedures 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 March 17, 2015, at 10:00 A.M.

LABOR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION
RELEASE DATE: January 23, 2015

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Current Month December 2014	Month Ago November 2014	Year Ago December 2013	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change		
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent	
STATE OF FLORIDA								
Civilian Noninstitutional								
Population 16+	15,981,000	15,964,000	15,768,000	17,000	0.1	213,000	1.4	
Civilian Labor Force	9,644,000	9,661,000	9,418,000	-17,000	-0.2	226,000	2.4	
Employment	9,101,000	9,105,000	8,827,000	-4,000	*	274,000	3.1	
Unemployment	543,000	556,000	592,000	-13,000	-2.3	-49,000	-8.3	
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	5.8	6.3	-0.2	--	-0.7	--	

UNITED STATES

Civilian Noninstitutional								
Population 16+	249,027,000	248,844,000	246,745,000	183,000	0.1	2,282,000	0.9	
Civilian Labor Force	156,129,000	156,402,000	155,047,000	-273,000	-0.2	1,082,000	0.7	
Employment	147,442,000	147,331,000	144,671,000	111,000	0.1	2,771,000	1.9	
Unemployment	8,688,000	9,071,000	10,376,000	-383,000	-4.2	-1,688,000	-16.3	
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	5.8	6.7	-0.2	--	-1.1	--	

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Current Month December 2014	Month Ago November 2014	Year Ago December 2013	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change		
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent	
STATE OF FLORIDA								
Civilian Noninstitutional								
Population 16+	15,981,000	15,964,000	15,768,000	17,000	0.1	213,000	1.4	
Civilian Labor Force	9,571,000	9,631,000	9,395,000	-60,000	-0.6	176,000	1.9	
Employment	9,056,000	9,089,000	8,837,000	-33,000	-0.4	219,000	2.5	
Unemployment	515,000	542,000	558,000	-27,000	-5.0	-43,000	-7.7	
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.6	5.9	-0.2	--	-0.5	--	
UNITED STATES								
Civilian Noninstitutional								
Population 16+	249,027,000	248,844,000	246,745,000	183,000	0.1	2,282,000	0.9	
Civilian Labor Force	155,521,000	156,297,000	154,408,000	-776,000	-0.5	1,113,000	0.7	
Employment	147,190,000	147,666,000	144,423,000	-476,000	-0.3	2,767,000	1.9	
Unemployment	8,331,000	8,630,000	9,984,000	-299,000	-3.5	-1,653,000	-16.6	
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.5	6.5	-0.1	--	-1.1	--	

* = less than 0.1 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: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program, in cooperation with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics.

Nonagricultural Employment in Florida
Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)

	December ^P	November ^r	December	Over-the-Month		Over-the-Year	
	2014	2014	2013	Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	7,911.2	7,898.5	7,680.6	12.7	0.2	230.6	3.0
Total Private	6,829.6	6,818.1	6,603.9	11.5	0.2	225.7	3.4
Goods Producing	758.5	759.5	719.7	-1.0	-0.1	38.8	5.4
Construction	421.2	421.8	386.9	-0.6	-0.1	34.3	8.9
Manufacturing	331.4	331.8	327.1	-0.4	-0.1	4.3	1.3
Durable Goods	226.7	227.2	219.7	-0.5	-0.2	7.0	3.2
Nondurable Goods	104.7	104.6	107.4	0.1	0.1	-2.7	-2.5
Service-Providing	7,152.7	7,139.0	6,960.9	13.7	0.2	191.8	2.8
Private Service Providing	6,071.1	6,058.6	5,884.2	12.5	0.2	186.9	3.2
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,648.2	1,647.8	1,603.4	0.4	*	44.8	2.8
Wholesale Trade	331.2	330.3	321.8	0.9	0.3	9.4	2.9
Retail Trade	1,059.8	1,058.3	1,030.5	1.5	0.1	29.3	2.8
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	257.2	259.2	251.1	-2.0	-0.8	6.1	2.4
Information	135.5	135.3	134.0	0.2	0.1	1.5	1.1
Financial Activities	529.1	528.2	516.3	0.9	0.2	12.8	2.5
Finance and Insurance	355.1	354.8	348.2	0.3	0.1	6.9	2.0
Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing	174.0	173.4	168.1	0.6	0.3	5.9	3.5
Professional and Business Services	1,183.5	1,177.7	1,134.4	5.8	0.5	49.1	4.3
Professional and Technical Services	497.6	496.2	475.1	1.4	0.3	22.5	4.7
Management of Companies and Enterprises	92.5	91.9	92.3	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.2
Administrative and Waste Services	593.4	589.6	567.0	3.8	0.6	26.4	4.7
Education and Health Services	1,164.1	1,158.2	1,137.0	5.9	0.5	27.1	2.4
Educational Services	146.8	145.8	144.8	1.0	0.7	2.0	1.4
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,017.3	1,012.4	992.2	4.9	0.5	25.1	2.5
Leisure and Hospitality	1,091.0	1,092.0	1,050.0	-1.0	-0.1	41.0	3.9
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	204.0	205.6	196.0	-1.6	-0.8	8.0	4.1
Accommodation and Food Services	887.0	886.4	854.0	0.6	0.1	33.0	3.9

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics Program.
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**Nonagricultural Employment in Florida
Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)**

	December ^P	November ^r	December	Over-the-Month		Over-the-Year	
	2014	2014	2013	Change Level	Change Percent	Change Level	Change Percent
Other Services	319.7	319.4	309.1	0.3	0.1	10.6	3.4
Total Government	1,081.6	1,080.4	1,076.7	1.2	0.1	4.9	0.5
Federal Government	133.9	132.0	132.1	1.9	1.4	1.8	1.4
State Government	209.1	208.8	206.3	0.3	0.1	2.8	1.4
Local Government	738.6	739.6	738.3	-1.0	-0.1	0.3	*

^P = preliminary, ^r = revised

* = less than 0.1 percent

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 2014	November 2014	December 2013	Change from			
				Nov 2014 to Dec 2014 Level	Percent	Dec 2013 to Dec 2014 Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	7,999,400	7,961,200	7,766,700	38,200	0.5%	232,700	3.0%
Total Private	6,901,700	6,859,100	6,673,800	42,600	0.6%	227,900	3.4%
Goods Producing	763,900	762,600	724,700	1,300	0.2%	39,200	5.4%
Mining and Logging	5,900	5,900	5,700	0	0.0%	200	3.5%
Mining, except Oil and Gas	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	0.0%	100	3.0%
Construction	425,500	424,900	390,900	600	0.1%	34,600	8.9%
Construction of Buildings	85,400	85,000	77,400	400	0.5%	8,000	10.3%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	57,600	57,500	50,400	100	0.2%	7,200	14.3%
Specialty Trade Contractors	282,500	282,400	263,100	100	0.0%	19,400	7.4%
Building Equipment Contractors	126,000	127,200	117,300	-1,200	-0.9%	8,700	7.4%
Manufacturing	332,500	331,800	328,100	700	0.2%	4,400	1.3%
Durable Goods	227,200	227,000	220,100	200	0.1%	7,100	3.2%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	36,200	36,800	34,800	-600	-1.6%	1,400	4.0%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	40,400	40,400	40,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Communications Equipment Manufacturing	5,800	5,800	6,200	0	0.0%	-400	-6.5%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	39,100	39,400	37,300	-300	-0.8%	1,800	4.8%
Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing	20,300	20,500	19,600	-200	-1.0%	700	3.6%
Miscellaneous Durable Goods Manufacturing	29,600	29,400	29,400	200	0.7%	200	0.7%
Nondurable Goods	105,300	104,800	108,000	500	0.5%	-2,700	-2.5%
Food Manufacturing	28,900	28,700	29,200	200	0.7%	-300	-1.0%
Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing	9,600	9,600	9,800	0	0.0%	-200	-2.0%
Paper Manufacturing	9,100	9,000	9,200	100	1.1%	-100	-1.1%
Printing and Related Support Activities	16,800	16,700	16,900	100	0.6%	-100	-0.6%
Chemical Manufacturing	18,700	18,600	18,500	100	0.5%	200	1.1%

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Industry Title	December 2014	November 2014	December 2013	Change from		Nov 2014 to Dec 2014 Level	Dec 2013 to Dec 2014 Level	Percent	Percent
				Level	Percent				
Service Providing	7,235,500	7,198,600	7,042,000	36,900	0.5%	193,500	2.8%		
Private Service Providing	6,137,800	6,096,500	5,949,100	41,300	0.7%	188,700	3.2%		
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,692,000	1,671,900	1,645,400	20,100	1.2%	46,600	2.8%		
Wholesale Trade	334,000	331,900	324,500	2,100	0.6%	9,500	2.9%		
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	169,900	169,300	163,700	600	0.4%	6,200	3.8%		
Commercial Equipment Wholesalers	48,200	47,900	47,900	300	0.6%	300	0.6%		
Electrical and Electronic Goods Wholesalers	20,400	20,200	20,700	200	1.0%	-300	-1.5%		
Machinery and Supply Wholesalers	29,300	29,200	28,600	100	0.3%	700	2.5%		
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	120,200	118,600	116,500	1,600	1.4%	3,700	3.2%		
Grocery and Related Product Wholesalers	48,000	47,500	47,200	500	1.1%	800	1.7%		
Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents	43,900	44,000	44,300	-100	-0.2%	-400	-0.9%		
Retail Trade	1,091,100	1,078,300	1,060,600	12,800	1.2%	30,500	2.9%		
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	127,400	127,500	121,400	-100	-0.1%	6,000	4.9%		
Automobile Dealers	82,800	82,700	77,500	100	0.1%	5,300	6.8%		
Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores	35,700	35,500	35,300	200	0.6%	400	1.1%		
Electronics and Appliance Stores	42,800	42,500	41,000	300	0.7%	1,800	4.4%		
Building Material and Garden Supply Stores	81,900	81,000	76,200	900	1.1%	5,700	7.5%		
Food and Beverage Stores	215,100	214,100	208,100	1,000	0.5%	7,000	3.4%		
Health and Personal Care Stores	78,500	78,500	76,600	0	0.0%	1,900	2.5%		
Gasoline Stations	42,300	42,000	41,800	300	0.7%	500	1.2%		
Clothing and Accessory Stores	126,700	125,400	124,800	1,300	1.0%	1,900	1.5%		
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	40,700	40,200	39,700	500	1.2%	1,000	2.5%		
General Merchandise Stores	218,500	211,800	215,500	6,700	3.2%	3,000	1.4%		
Department Stores	94,700	90,200	94,300	4,500	5.0%	400	0.4%		
Other General Merchandise Stores	123,800	121,600	121,200	2,200	1.8%	2,600	2.2%		
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	55,700	54,000	54,600	1,700	3.2%	1,100	2.0%		
Nonstore Retailers	25,800	25,800	25,600	0	0.0%	200	0.8%		
Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order Houses	17,800	17,800	17,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%		
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	266,900	261,700	260,300	5,200	2.0%	6,600	2.5%		
Utilities	22,300	22,400	22,200	-100	-0.5%	100	0.5%		

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Transportation and Warehousing	244,600	239,300	238,100	5,300	2.2%	6,500	2.7%
Air Transportation	33,200	33,100	32,400	100	0.3%	800	2.5%
Water Transportation	12,600	12,500	12,700	100	0.8%	-100	-0.8%
Truck Transportation	48,800	47,700	47,100	1,100	2.3%	1,700	3.6%
Support Activities for Transportation	57,300	57,100	54,600	200	0.4%	2,700	5.0%
Couriers and Messengers	35,900	32,600	35,700	3,300	10.1%	200	0.6%
Warehousing and Storage	30,800	30,600	30,100	200	0.7%	700	2.3%
Information	136,400	136,300	134,900	100	0.1%	1,500	1.1%
Publishing Industries, except Internet	32,000	32,000	30,900	0	0.0%	1,100	3.6%
Broadcasting, except Internet	15,400	15,200	15,600	200	1.3%	-200	-1.3%
Telecommunications	54,400	54,300	53,200	100	0.2%	1,200	2.3%
Wired Telecommunications Carriers	42,000	42,000	41,800	0	0.0%	200	0.5%
Internet Service Providers and Data Processing	16,300	16,300	17,200	0	0.0%	-900	-5.2%
Financial Activities	531,400	529,700	518,700	1,700	0.3%	12,700	2.5%
Finance and Insurance	356,500	355,500	349,600	1,000	0.3%	6,900	2.0%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	158,900	158,700	159,800	200	0.1%	-900	-0.6%
Depository Credit Intermediation	97,000	97,000	98,600	0	0.0%	-1,600	-1.6%
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	153,700	152,800	145,600	900	0.6%	8,100	5.6%
Insurance Carriers	80,200	79,800	76,400	400	0.5%	3,800	5.0%
Insurance Agencies, Brokerages, and Related	73,500	73,000	69,200	500	0.7%	4,300	6.2%
Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing	174,900	174,200	169,100	700	0.4%	5,800	3.4%
Real Estate	133,800	133,600	130,900	200	0.2%	2,900	2.2%
Professional and Business Services	1,193,000	1,187,200	1,144,000	5,800	0.5%	49,000	4.3%
Professional and Technical Services	500,800	496,200	478,100	4,600	0.9%	22,700	4.8%
Legal Services	101,000	100,500	99,800	500	0.5%	1,200	1.2%
Accounting, Tax Preparation, and Bookkeeping	63,500	61,300	60,700	2,200	3.6%	2,800	4.6%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related	79,100	78,200	71,700	900	1.2%	7,400	10.3%
Computer Systems Design and Related	79,700	77,800	72,700	1,900	2.4%	7,000	9.6%
Management and Technical Consulting Services	86,300	87,400	84,900	-1,100	-1.3%	1,400	1.7%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	93,000	92,200	92,800	800	0.9%	200	0.2%

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				Nov 2014 to Dec 2014 Level	Dec 2014 to Dec 2014 Percent	Dec 2013 to Dec 2014 Level	Dec 2013 to Dec 2014 Percent
Administrative and Waste Services	599,200	598,800	573,100	400	0.1%	26,100	4.6%
Administrative and Support Services	581,300	581,000	555,100	300	0.1%	26,200	4.7%
Employment Services	188,700	185,800	169,200	2,900	1.6%	19,500	11.5%
Business Support Services	88,200	88,700	88,700	-500	-0.6%	-500	-0.6%
Travel Arrangement and Reservation Services	29,300	29,500	27,700	-200	-0.7%	1,600	5.8%
Investigation and Security Services	68,400	68,600	67,200	-200	-0.3%	1,200	1.8%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	152,100	152,500	153,200	-400	-0.3%	-1,100	-0.7%
Waste Management and Remediation Services	17,900	17,800	18,000	100	0.6%	-100	-0.6%
Education and Health Services	1,173,100	1,170,300	1,145,900	2,800	0.2%	27,200	2.4%
Educational Services	150,700	152,500	148,700	-1,800	-1.2%	2,000	1.3%
Elementary and Secondary Schools	51,500	51,900	50,100	-400	-0.8%	1,400	2.8%
Colleges and Universities	54,000	54,800	53,000	-800	-1.5%	1,000	1.9%
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,022,400	1,017,800	997,200	4,600	0.5%	25,200	2.5%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	444,000	442,900	428,500	1,100	0.3%	15,500	3.6%
Offices of Physicians	194,900	194,200	188,900	700	0.4%	6,000	3.2%
Home Health Care Services	68,900	68,900	68,300	0	0.0%	600	0.9%
Hospitals	283,100	281,500	271,500	1,600	0.6%	11,600	4.3%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	181,500	179,900	182,100	1,600	0.9%	-600	-0.3%
Nursing Care Facilities	96,400	96,000	96,600	400	0.4%	-200	-0.2%
Community Care for the Elderly	58,000	57,600	56,400	400	0.7%	1,600	2.8%
Social Assistance	113,800	113,500	115,100	300	0.3%	-1,300	-1.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	1,091,000	1,082,000	1,050,000	9,000	0.8%	41,000	3.9%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	204,400	203,800	196,500	600	0.3%	7,900	4.0%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation	160,500	161,100	156,100	-600	-0.4%	4,400	2.8%
Amusement Parks and Arcades	67,900	67,900	66,900	0	0.0%	1,000	1.5%
Accommodation and Food Services	886,600	878,200	853,500	8,400	1.0%	33,100	3.9%
Accommodation	175,500	173,700	171,900	1,800	1.0%	3,600	2.1%
Food Services and Drinking Places	711,100	704,500	681,600	6,600	0.9%	29,500	4.3%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics Program.
Prepared by: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics.

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

Released January 23, 2015

Industry Title	December 2014	November 2014	December 2013	Change from		Dec 2013 to Dec 2014	
				Nov 2014 to Dec 2014 Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Other Services	320,900	319,100	310,200	1,800	0.6%	10,700	3.5%
Repair and Maintenance	73,900	73,200	74,300	700	1.0%	-400	-0.5%
Automotive Repair and Maintenance	51,200	50,600	50,000	600	1.2%	1,200	2.4%
Personal and Laundry Services	95,400	93,900	88,900	1,500	1.6%	6,500	7.3%
Membership Associations and Organizations	151,600	152,000	147,000	-400	-0.3%	4,600	3.1%
Total Government	1,097,700	1,102,100	1,092,900	-4,400	-0.4%	4,800	0.4%
Federal	135,100	132,100	133,300	3,000	2.3%	1,800	1.4%
State	208,600	214,000	205,900	-5,400	-2.5%	2,700	1.3%
Local	754,000	756,000	753,700	-2,000	-0.3%	300	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 2014				NOVEMBER 2014				DECEMBER 2013			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)
ALACHUA	133734	128051	5683	4.2	136145	129965	6180	4.5	132510	126429	6081	4.6
BAKER	12703	12107	596	4.7	12742	12103	639	5.0	12337	11644	693	5.6
BAY	86967	81919	5048	5.8	88583	83374	5209	5.9	86809	81477	5332	6.1
BRADFORD	11535	11021	514	4.5	11681	11135	546	4.7	11731	11167	564	4.8
BREVARD	261344	246502	14842	5.7	262983	246942	16041	6.1	259140	241973	17167	6.6
BROWARD	1065335	1017456	47879	4.5	1070423	1018582	51841	4.8	1034841	983209	51632	5.0
CALHOUN	5281	4980	301	5.7	5367	5052	315	5.9	5495	5186	309	5.6
CHARLOTTE	73878	70079	3799	5.1	73916	69788	4128	5.6	71520	67408	4112	5.7
CITRUS	52655	49139	3516	6.7	53316	49624	3692	6.9	55000	51163	3837	7.0
CLAY	101491	96649	4842	4.8	101815	96620	5195	5.1	98240	92956	5284	5.4
COLLIER	164634	156817	7817	4.7	164194	155611	8583	5.2	159590	151006	8584	5.4
COLUMBIA	30482	28895	1587	5.2	30890	29170	1720	5.6	31040	29266	1774	5.7
DESOTO	13629	12842	787	5.8	13466	12565	901	6.7	14065	13195	870	6.2
DIXIE	5546	5196	350	6.3	5606	5228	378	6.7	5443	5031	412	7.6
DUVAL	462548	438051	24497	5.3	464637	437922	26715	5.7	447749	421313	26436	5.9
ESCAMBIA	137269	129841	7428	5.4	139159	131151	8008	5.8	135087	126716	8371	6.2
FLAGLER	35061	32391	2670	7.6	35358	32498	2860	8.1	34412	31427	2985	8.7
FRANKLIN	4981	4709	272	5.5	5147	4865	282	5.5	5157	4886	271	5.3
GADSDEN	19681	18490	1191	6.1	19970	18738	1232	6.2	19344	18099	1245	6.4
GILCHRIST	7457	7068	389	5.2	7623	7174	449	5.9	7448	6978	470	6.3
GLADES	4913	4598	315	6.4	4945	4600	345	7.0	5301	4942	359	6.8
GULF	5839	5515	324	5.5	5933	5593	340	5.7	5833	5472	361	6.2
HAMILTON	4285	3965	320	7.5	4503	4157	346	7.7	4513	4143	370	8.2
HARDEE	10573	9892	681	6.4	10317	9572	745	7.2	11435	10684	751	6.6
HENDRY	17189	15748	1441	8.4	17190	15530	1660	9.7	17137	15559	1578	9.2
HERNANDO	61969	57668	4301	6.9	62570	57909	4661	7.4	61713	57046	4667	7.6
HIGHLANDS	39116	36578	2538	6.5	38800	36036	2764	7.1	40393	37573	2820	7.0
HILLSBOROUGH	634142	600925	33217	5.2	639605	603436	36169	5.7	631117	594443	36674	5.8
HOLMES	7997	7581	416	5.2	8078	7632	446	5.5	8379	7943	436	5.2
INDIAN RIVER	62289	58577	3712	6.0	62752	58664	4088	6.5	63150	58510	4640	7.3
JACKSON	20912	19909	1003	4.8	21189	20111	1078	5.1	21582	20541	1041	4.8
JEFFERSON	6405	6073	332	5.2	6514	6154	360	5.5	6274	5944	330	5.3
LAFAYETTE	2821	2651	170	6.0	2855	2671	184	6.4	2816	2650	166	5.9
LAKE	133560	126366	7194	5.4	134701	126803	7898	5.9	129160	121266	7894	6.1
LEE	300528	285425	15103	5.0	302022	285549	16473	5.5	297857	280914	16943	5.7
LEON	151400	144265	7135	4.7	154000	146195	7805	5.1	148663	141210	7453	5.0
LEVY	15748	14799	949	6.0	15963	14946	1017	6.4	16105	15029	1076	6.7
LIBERTY	3218	3069	149	4.6	3286	3120	166	5.1	3181	3010	171	5.4

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

COUNTY	DECEMBER 2014				NOVEMBER 2014				DECEMBER 2013			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE (%)
MADISON	6888	6398	490	7.1	6995	6452	543	7.8	6856	6303	553	8.1
MANATEE	151409	143764	7645	5.0	152314	143972	8342	5.5	145631	137185	8446	5.8
MARION	129844	121586	8258	6.4	131017	122143	8874	6.8	130438	121337	9101	7.0
MARTIN	66157	62673	3484	5.3	66656	62877	3779	5.7	65652	61445	4207	6.4
MIAMI-DADE	1314957	1224638	90319	6.9	1313665	1231577	82088	6.2	1282132	1194364	87768	6.8
MONROE	49112	47532	1580	3.2	49044	47344	1700	3.5	49551	47821	1730	3.5
NASSAU	38984	37081	1903	4.9	39001	37070	1931	5.0	37634	35664	1970	5.2
OKALOOSA	98770	94586	4184	4.2	100066	95596	4470	4.5	97010	92596	4414	4.6
OKEECHOBEE	17887	16754	1133	6.3	17900	16679	1221	6.8	18283	16974	1309	7.2
ORANGE	669363	636443	32920	4.9	674198	638647	35551	5.3	646292	610756	35536	5.5
OSCEOLA	149217	140983	8234	5.5	150380	141471	8909	5.9	144285	135292	8993	6.2
PALM BEACH	659398	627595	31803	4.8	664538	629535	35003	5.3	648501	609905	38596	6.0
PASCO	192621	180687	11934	6.2	194242	181442	12800	6.6	191699	178738	12961	6.8
PINELLAS	443103	419720	23383	5.3	446504	421474	25030	5.6	440976	415193	25783	5.8
POLK	273042	256315	16727	6.1	274788	256612	18176	6.6	270186	251908	18278	6.8
PUTNAM	29165	27088	2077	7.1	29481	27256	2225	7.5	29927	27583	2344	7.8
ST. JOHNS	107787	103058	4729	4.4	108112	103028	5084	4.7	104020	99120	4900	4.7
ST. LUCIE	127771	119878	7893	6.2	128964	120268	8696	6.7	127499	117531	9968	7.8
SANTA ROSA	73774	70266	3508	4.8	74769	70975	3794	5.1	72425	68575	3850	5.3
SARASOTA	171595	163118	8477	4.9	172512	163354	9158	5.3	164908	155653	9255	5.6
SEMINOLE	249911	238705	11206	4.5	251612	239531	12081	4.8	241461	229070	12391	5.1
SUMTER	39384	37545	1839	4.7	39744	37778	1966	4.9	38762	36833	1929	5.0
SUWANNEE	17998	17012	986	5.5	18447	17400	1047	5.7	18361	17337	1024	5.6
TAYLOR	9047	8421	626	6.9	9129	8465	664	7.3	9117	8464	653	7.2
UNION	4882	4640	242	5.0	4960	4694	266	5.4	5092	4823	269	5.3
VOLUSIA	253057	239680	13377	5.3	255740	241422	14318	5.6	249390	234427	14963	6.0
WAKULLA	15042	14382	660	4.4	15283	14575	708	4.6	14898	14078	820	5.5
WALTON	32634	31394	1240	3.8	33566	32268	1298	3.9	33153	31835	1318	4.0
WASHINGTON	9093	8488	605	6.7	9223	8575	648	7.0	9251	8600	651	7.0
FLORIDA												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
9571000	9056000	515000	5.4	9631000	9089000	542000	5.6	9395000	8837000	558000	5.9	
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
9644000	9101000	543000	5.6	9661000	9105000	556000	5.8	9418000	8827000	592000	6.3	
UNITED STATES												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
155521000	147190000	8331000	5.4	156297000	147666000	8630000	5.5	154408000	144423000	9984000	6.5	
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
156129000	147442000	8688000	5.6	156402000	147331000	9071000	5.8	155047000	144671000	10376000	6.7	

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

MSA (COUNTIES)	DECEMBER 2014				NOVEMBER 2014				DECEMBER 2013			
	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)	300528	285425	15103	5.0	302022	285549	16473	5.5	297857	280914	16943	5.7
CRESTVIEW-FT. WALTON BEACH-DESTIN (Okaloosa)	98770	94586	4184	4.2	100066	95596	4470	4.5	97010	92596	4414	4.6
DELTONA-DAYTONA BEACH-ORMOND BEACH (Volusia)	253057	239680	13377	5.3	255740	241422	14318	5.6	249390	234427	14963	6.0
GAINESVILLE (Alachua and Gilchrist)	141191	135119	6072	4.3	143768	137139	6629	4.6	139958	133407	6551	4.7
JACKSONVILLE (Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns)	723513	686946	36567	5.1	726307	686744	39563	5.4	699980	660698	39282	5.6
LAKELAND-WINTER HAVEN (Polk)	273042	256315	16727	6.1	274788	256612	18176	6.6	270186	251908	18278	6.8
MIAMI-FT. LAUDERDALE-POMPANO BEACH (Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach)	3039690	2869689	170001	5.6	3048626	2879694	168932	5.5	2965474	2787478	177996	6.0
Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach Metropolitan Division (Broward)	1065335	1017456	47879	4.5	1070423	1018582	51841	4.8	1034841	983209	51632	5.0
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall Metropolitan Division (Miami-Dade)	1314957	1224638	90319	6.9	1313665	1231577	82088	6.2	1282132	1194364	87768	6.8
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division (Palm Beach)	659398	627595	31803	4.8	664538	629535	35003	5.3	648501	609905	38596	6.0
NAPLES-MARCO ISLAND (Collier)	164634	156817	7817	4.7	164194	155611	8583	5.2	159590	151006	8584	5.4
NORTH PORT-BRADENTON-SARASOTA (Manatee and Sarasota)	323004	306882	16122	5.0	324826	307326	17500	5.4	310539	292838	17701	5.7
OCALA (Marion)	129844	121586	8258	6.4	131017	122143	8874	6.8	130438	121337	9101	7.0
ORLANDO-KISSIMMEE-SANFORD (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole)	1202050	1142496	59554	5.0	1210891	1146452	64439	5.3	1161198	1096384	64814	5.6
PALM BAY-MELBOURNE-TITUSVILLE (Brevard)	261344	246502	14842	5.7	262983	246942	16041	6.1	259140	241973	17167	6.6
PALM COAST (Flagler)	35061	32391	2670	7.6	35358	32498	2860	8.1	34412	31427	2985	8.7
PANAMA CITY-LYNN HAVEN-PANAMA CITY BEACH (Bay)	86967	81919	5048	5.8	88583	83374	5209	5.9	86809	81477	5332	6.1
PENSACOLA-FERRY PASS-BRENT (Escambia and Santa Rosa)	211043	200107	10936	5.2	213928	202126	11802	5.5	207512	195291	12221	5.9
PORT ST. LUCIE (Martin and St. Lucie)	193928	182551	11377	5.9	195620	183145	12475	6.4	193151	178976	14175	7.3
PUNTA GORDA (Charlotte)	73878	70079	3799	5.1	73916	69788	4128	5.6	71520	67408	4112	5.7
SEBASTIAN-VERO BEACH (Indian River)	62289	58577	3712	6.0	62752	58664	4088	6.5	63150	58510	4640	7.3
TALLAHASSEE (Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, and Wakulla)	192528	183210	9318	4.8	195768	185662	10106	5.2	189178	179331	9847	5.2
TAMPA-ST. PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER (Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas)	1331834	1258999	72835	5.5	1342922	1264261	78661	5.9	1325505	1245420	80085	6.0
FLORIDA												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	9571000	9056000	515000	5.4	9631000	9089000	542000	5.6	9395000	8837000	558000	5.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	9644000	9101000	543000	5.6	9661000	9105000	556000	5.8	9418000	8827000	592000	6.3
UNITED STATES												
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	155521000	147190000	8331000	5.4	156297000	147666000	8630000	5.5	154408000	144423000	9984000	6.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	156129000	147442000	8688000	5.6	156402000	147331000	9071000	5.8	155047000	144671000	10376000	6.7

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

December 2014
(Preliminary)

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UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT		
RANK	COUNTY	RATE (%)	RANK	COUNTY	RATE (%)
1	HENDRY	8.4	34	DUVAL	5.3
2	FLAGLER	7.6	34	VOLUSIA	5.3
3	HAMILTON	7.5	34	PINELLAS	5.3
4	PUTNAM	7.1	34	MARTIN	5.3
4	MADISON	7.1	38	HILLSBOROUGH	5.2
6	HERNANDO	6.9	38	GILCHRIST	5.2
6	TAYLOR	6.9	38	COLUMBIA	5.2
6	MIAMI-DADE	6.9	38	HOLMES	5.2
9	CITRUS	6.7	38	JEFFERSON	5.2
9	WASHINGTON	6.7	43	CHARLOTTE	5.1
11	HIGHLANDS	6.5	44	MANATEE	5.0
12	HARDEE	6.4	44	LEE	5.0
12	GLADES	6.4	44	UNION	5.0
12	MARION	6.4	47	SARASOTA	4.9
15	OKEECHOBEE	6.3	47	ORANGE	4.9
15	DIXIE	6.3	47	NASSAU	4.9
17	PASCO	6.2	50	PALM BEACH	4.8
17	ST. LUCIE	6.2	50	JACKSON	4.8
19	POLK	6.1	50	CLAY	4.8
19	GADSDEN	6.1	50	SANTA ROSA	4.8
21	LAFAYETTE	6.0	54	COLLIER	4.7
21	LEVY	6.0	54	LEON	4.7
21	INDIAN RIVER	6.0	54	BAKER	4.7
24	BAY	5.8	54	SUMTER	4.7
24	DESOTO	5.8	58	LIBERTY	4.6
26	CALHOUN	5.7	59	BROWARD	4.5
26	BREVARD	5.7	59	SEMINOLE	4.5
28	GULF	5.5	59	BRADFORD	4.5
28	OSCEOLA	5.5	62	WAKULLA	4.4
28	SUWANNEE	5.5	62	ST. JOHNS	4.4
28	FRANKLIN	5.5	64	ALACHUA	4.2
32	ESCAMBIA	5.4	64	OKALOOSA	4.2
32	LAKE	5.4	66	WALTON	3.8
	FLORIDA	5.4	67	MONROE	3.2
	UNITED STATES	5.4			

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STATE OF FLORIDA
 METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS (MSAs) AND METROPOLITAN DIVISIONS (MDs)
 RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)
 DECEMBER 2014 (Preliminary)

1. Palm Coast MSA	7.6 %
2. Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	6.9
3. Ocala MSA	6.4
4. Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA	6.1
5. Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	6.0
6. Port St. Lucie MSA	5.9
7. Panama City-Lynn Haven-Panama City Beach MSA	5.8
8. Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	5.7
9. Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach MSA	5.6
10. Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA	5.5
Florida	5.4
United States	5.4
11. Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	5.3
12. Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	5.2
13. Jacksonville MSA	5.1
13. Punta Gorda MSA	5.1
15. Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA	5.0
15. North Port-Bradenton-Sarasota MSA	5.0
15. Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA	5.0
18. Tallahassee MSA	4.8
18. West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MD	4.8
20. Naples-Marco Island MSA	4.7
21. Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MD	4.5
22. Gainesville MSA	4.3
23. Crestview-Ft. Walton Beach-Destin MSA	4.2

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
FLORIDA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Area	December 2014	November 2014	December 2013	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Statewide	7,999,400	7,961,200	7,766,700	38,200	0.5%	232,700	3.0%
Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA	228,000	226,000	224,500	2,000	0.9%	3,500	1.6%
Crestview-Ft. Walton Beach-Destin MSA	81,500	81,700	79,800	-200	-0.2%	1,700	2.1%
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	162,300	162,000	160,000	300	0.2%	2,300	1.4%
Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MD	796,400	789,600	767,800	6,800	0.9%	28,600	3.7%
Gainesville MSA	133,400	134,100	131,600	-700	-0.5%	1,800	1.4%
Jacksonville MSA	646,600	640,100	623,400	6,500	1.0%	23,200	3.7%
Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA	203,500	201,900	199,900	1,600	0.8%	3,600	1.8%
Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach MSA	2,487,200	2,472,800	2,414,400	14,400	0.6%	72,800	3.0%
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	1,121,200	1,117,300	1,090,900	3,900	0.4%	30,300	2.8%
Naples-Marco Island MSA	135,000	132,800	130,200	2,200	1.7%	4,800	3.7%
North Port-Bradenton-Sarasota MSA	273,200	270,900	261,200	2,300	0.9%	12,000	4.6%
Ocala MSA	93,400	92,600	93,500	800	0.9%	-100	-0.1%
Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA	1,141,000	1,134,900	1,093,500	6,100	0.5%	47,500	4.3%
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	198,400	196,900	195,500	1,500	0.8%	2,900	1.5%
Palm Coast MSA	21,100	20,900	20,500	200	1.0%	600	2.9%
Panama City-Lynn Haven-Panama City Beach MSA	72,500	72,900	72,200	-400	-0.6%	300	0.4%
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	165,300	165,300	161,700	0	0.0%	3,600	2.2%
Port St. Lucie MSA	132,800	131,900	130,400	900	0.7%	2,400	1.8%
Punta Gorda MSA	46,300	45,500	44,500	800	1.8%	1,800	4.0%
Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	46,900	46,700	46,800	200	0.4%	100	0.2%
Tallahassee MSA	173,500	174,100	170,600	-600	-0.3%	2,900	1.7%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA	1,212,800	1,208,300	1,198,500	4,500	0.4%	14,300	1.2%
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MD	569,600	565,900	555,700	3,700	0.7%	13,900	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, 2015.