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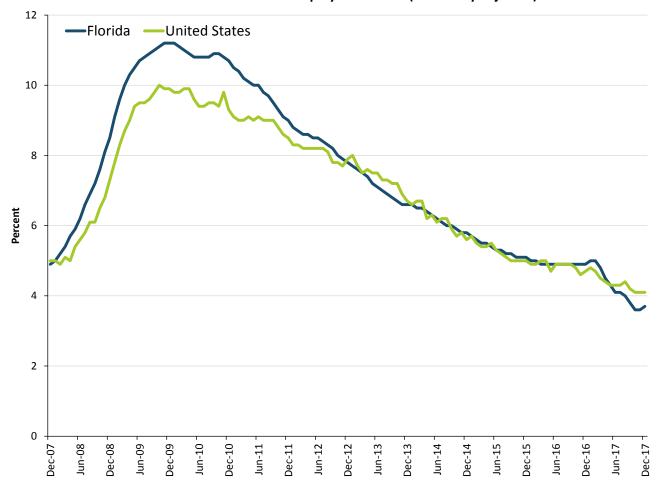
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Florida's December Employment Figures Released

Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.7 percent in December 2017, up 0.1 percentage point from November 2017, but down 1.2 percentage points from a year ago. There were 374,000 jobless Floridians out of a labor force of 10,127,000. The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.1 percent in December.

Florida's seasonally adjusted total nonagricultural employment was 8,705,900 in December 2017, an increase of 27,400 jobs (+0.3 percent) over the month. The state gained 213,500 jobs over the year, an increase of 2.5 percent. Nationally, the number of jobs rose 1.4 percent over the year. Prior to September 2017, Florida's over-the-year job growth rate had exceeded the nation's rate since May 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 8,705,900 in December 2017, up 213,500 jobs compared to a year ago. December 2017 was the 89th consecutive month with positive over-the-year job growth. The industry gaining the most jobs was professional and business services (+47,200 jobs, +3.6 percent).
- Other industries gaining jobs over the year included construction (+43,900 jobs, +9.1 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+33,600 jobs, +1.9 percent); education and health services (+22,300 jobs, +1.8 percent); manufacturing (+16,200 jobs, +4.5 percent); financial activities (+15,300 jobs, +2.8 percent); other services (+14,900 jobs, +4.2 percent); leisure and hospitality (+9,100 jobs, +0.8 percent); government (+8,800 jobs, +0.8 percent); and information (+2,200 jobs, +1.6 percent).

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

- In December 2017, St. Johns County had the state's lowest unemployment rate (2.8 percent); followed by Monroe, Okaloosa, and Wakulla counties (3.0 percent each); and Orange and Seminole counties (3.1 percent each).
- Hendry County had the highest unemployment rate (6.5 percent) in Florida in December 2017, followed by Hardee County (5.5 percent); and Citrus County (5.4 percent).

Area Nonagricultural Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

- In December 2017, 23 out of 24 metro areas in Florida had over-the-year job gains. The areas with the largest gains were Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford (+46,700 jobs, +3.8 percent); Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall (+35,000 jobs, +3.0 percent); and Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater (+29,100 jobs, +2.2 percent).
- The only metro area losing jobs over the year was Homosassa Springs (-100 jobs, -0.3 percent).

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 12, 2018, at 10:00 A.M.

LABOR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION RELEASE DATE: January 19, 2018

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

				Over-the	e-Month	Over-th	e-Year					
	Current Month	Month Ago	Year Ago	Cha	nge	Cha	nge					
	December 2017	November 2017	December 2016	Level	Percent	Level	Percent					
STATE OF FLORIDA												
Civilian Noninstitutional												
Population 16+	17,070,000	17,045,000	16,763,000	25,000	0.1	307,000	1.8					
Civilian Labor Force	10,127,000	10,124,000	9,942,000	3,000	*	185,000	1.9					
Employment	9,753,000	9,754,000	9,450,000	-1,000	*	303,000	3.2					
Unemployment	374,000	369,000	492,000	5,000	1.4	-118,000	-24.0					
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	3.6	4.9	0.1		-1.2						
		UNITED S	STATES									
Civilian Noninstitutional												
Population 16+	256,109,000	255,949,000	254,742,000	160,000	0.1	1,367,000	0.5					
Civilian Labor Force	160,597,000	160,533,000	159,736,000	64,000	*	861,000	0.5					
Employment	154,021,000	153,917,000	152,233,000	104,000	0.1	1,788,000	1.2					
Unemployment	6,576,000	6,616,000	7,502,000	-40,000	-0.6	-926,000	-12.3					
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	4.1	4.7	0.0		-0.6						

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

				Over-the	e-Month	Over-th	e-Year					
	Current Month	Month Ago	Year Ago	Cha	nge	Cha	nge					
	December 2017	017 November 2017 December 2016 L		Level	Level Percent		Percent					
STATE OF FLORIDA												
Civilian Noninstitutional												
Population 16+	17,070,000	17,045,000	16,763,000	25,000	0.1	307,000	1.8					
Civilian Labor Force	10,063,000	10,082,000	9,910,000	-19,000	-0.2	153,000	1.5					
Employment	9,694,000	9,695,000	9,442,000	-1,000	*	252,000	2.7					
Unemployment	368,000	388,000	467,000	-20,000	-5.2	-99,000	-21.2					
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	3.8	4.7	-0.1		-1.0						
		UNITED S	TATES									
Civilian Noninstitutional												
Population 16+	256,109,000	255,949,000	254,540,000	160,000	0.1	1,569,000	0.6					
Civilian Labor Force	159,880,000	160,466,000	159,451,000	-586,000	-0.4	429,000	0.3					
Employment	153,602,000	154,180,000	152,385,000	-578,000	-0.4	1,217,000	0.8					
Unemployment	6,278,000	6,286,000	7,066,000	-8,000	-0.1	-788,000	-11.2					
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.9	3.9	4.4	0.0		-0.5						

^{* =} 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.

Nonagricultural Employment in Florida Seasonally Adjusted

	December ^p	November ^r	December	Over-the Cha		Over-th Chai	
	2017	2017	2016	Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	8,705,900	8,678,500	8,492,400	27,400	0.3	213,500	2.5
Total Private	7,597,000	7,567,300	7,392,300	29,700	0.4	204,700	2.8
Goods Producing	908,000		847,900	6,100	0.7	60,100	7.1
Mining, Logging, and Construction	534,100	529,500	490,200	4,600	0.9	43,900	9.0
Construction	528,400	523,800	484,500	4,600	0.9	43,900	9.1
Manufacturing	373,900	372,400	357,700	1,500	0.4	16,200	4.5
Durable Goods	258,000	256,700	243,700	1,300	0.5	14,300	5.9
Nondurable Goods	115,900	115,700	114,000	200	0.2	1,900	1.7
Service Producing	7,797,900	7,776,600	7,644,500	21,300	0.3	153,400	2.0
Private Service Providing	6,689,000	6,665,400	6,544,400	23,600	0.4	144,600	2.2
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,771,400	1,768,700	1,737,800	2,700	0.2	33,600	1.9
Wholesale Trade	353,800	353,300	337,300	500	0.1	16,500	4.9
Retail Trade	1,127,500	1,127,100	1,118,100	400	*	9,400	0.8
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	290,100	288,300	282,400	1,800	0.6	7,700	2.7
Information	140,100	141,500	137,900	-1,400	-1.0	2,200	1.6
Financial Activities	568,300	566,300	553,000	2,000	0.4	15,300	2.8
Finance and Insurance	374,200	374,200	371,100	0	0.0	3,100	0.8
Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing	194,100	192,100	181,900	2,000	1.0	12,200	6.7
Professional and Business Services	1,350,200	1,340,900	1,303,000	9,300	0.7	47,200	3.6
Professional and Technical Services	555,300	555,400	533,500	-100	*	21,800	4.1
Management of Companies and Enterprises	105,700	,	102,900	600	0.6	2,800	2.7
Administrative and Waste Services	689,200	680,400	666,600	8,800	1.3	22,600	3.4
Education and Health Services	1,285,000	1,279,300	1,262,700	5,700	0.4	22,300	1.8
Educational Services	160,400	160,200	159,900	200	0.1	500	0.3
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,124,600	1,119,100	1,102,800	5,500	0.5	21,800	2.0
Leisure and Hospitality	1,203,100	1,199,100	1,194,000	4,000	0.3	9,100	0.8
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	226,700	221,900	223,500	4,800	2.2	3,200	1.4
Accommodation and Food Services	976,400	977,200	970,500	-800	-0.1	5,900	0.6
Other Services	370,900	369,600	356,000	1,300	0.4	14,900	4.2

Nonagricultural Employment in Florida Seasonally Adjusted

	December ^p	November ^r	December	Over-the-Month mber Change			e-Year nge
	2017	2017	2016	Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Total Government	1,108,900	1,111,200	1,100,100	-2,300	-0.2	8,800	0.8
Federal Government	138,700	139,100	140,000	-400	-0.3	-1,300	-0.9
State Government	212,200	212,300	212,800	-100	*	-600	-0.3
Local Government	758,000	759,800	747,300	-1,800	-0.2	10,700	1.4

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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.

^{* =} less than 0.1 percent

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					Change			
	December	November	December	Nov 2017 to		Dec 2016 to		
Industry Title	2017	2017	2016	Level	Percent	Level	Percent	
Total Nonagricultural Employment	8,801,900	8,761,200	8,581,400	40,700	0.5%	220,500	2.6%	
Total Private	7,676,000	7,627,900	7,466,300	48,100	0.6%	209,700	2.8%	
Goods Producing	913,100	909,400	852,600	3,700	0.4%	60,500	7.1%	
Mining and Logging	5,700	5,700	5,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
Mining, except Oil and Gas	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
Mining, Logging, and Construction	537,400	535,700	492,900	1,700	0.3%	44,500	9.0%	
Construction	531,700	530,000	487,200	1,700	0.3%	44,500	9.1%	
Construction of Buildings	103,600	103,600	94,300	0	0.0%	9,300	9.9%	
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	63,000	63,100	60,100	-100	-0.2%	2,900	4.89	
Specialty Trade Contractors	365,100	363,300	332,800	1,800	0.5%	32,300	9.79	
Building Equipment Contractors	156,900	157,500	146,100	-600	-0.4%	10,800	7.4%	
Manufacturing	375,700	373,700	359,700	2,000	0.5%	16,000	4.4%	
Durable Goods	259,200	257,600	244,800	1,600	0.6%	14,400	5.99	
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	43,000	41,900	38,700	1,100	2.6%	4,300	11.19	
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	42,100	42,100	41,800	0	0.0%	300	0.79	
Communications Equipment Manufacturing	5,300	5,300	5,500	0	0.0%	-200	-3.69	
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	43,800	43,400	41,200	400	0.9%	2,600	6.39	
Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing	22,700	22,600	21,300	100	0.4%	1,400	6.69	
Miscellaneous Durable Goods Manufacturing	32,400	32,500	32,300	-100	-0.3%	100	0.39	
Nondurable Goods	116,500	116,100	114,900	400	0.3%	1,600	1.49	
Food Manufacturing	32,700	32,400	32,200	300	0.9%	500	1.69	
Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing	11,600	11,600	11,300	0	0.0%	300	2.79	
Paper Manufacturing	8,500	8,400	8,700	100	1.2%	-200	-2.39	
Printing and Related Support Activities	17,700	17,500	17,600	200	1.1%	100	0.69	
Chemical Manufacturing	21,200	21,100	20,500	100	0.5%	700	3.49	

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	December	November	December	Nov 2017 to	Change	from Dec 2016 to	Dec 2017
Industry Title	2017	2017	2016	Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Service Providing	7,888,800	7,851,800	7,728,800	37,000	0.5%	160,000	2.1%
Private Service Providing	6,762,900	6,718,500	6,613,700	44,400	0.7%	149,200	2.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,818,500	1,798,100	1,787,600	20,400	1.1%	30,900	1.7%
Wholesale Trade	355,600	354,400	341,800	1,200	0.3%	13,800	4.0%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	182,700	181,500	171,700	1,200	0.7%	11,000	6.49
Commercial Equipment Wholesalers	51,400	51,400	47,600	0	0.0%	3,800	8.0%
Electrical and Electronic Goods Wholesalers	20,200	20,600	20,300	-400	-1.9%	-100	-0.5%
Machinery and Supply Wholesalers	32,600	32,600	31,200	0	0.0%	1,400	4.5%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	129,500	129,600	126,300	-100	-0.1%	3,200	2.5%
Grocery and Related Product Wholesalers	52,300	52,100	53,000	200	0.4%	-700	-1.39
Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents	43,400	43,300	43,800	100	0.2%	-400	-0.99
Retail Trade	1,162,200	1,153,700	1,151,900	8,500	0.7%	10,300	0.99
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	147,700	147,500	143,300	200	0.1%	4,400	3.19
Automobile Dealers	94,300	94,800	92,200	-500	-0.5%	2,100	2.3
Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores	40,200	39,700	37,800	500	1.3%	2,400	6.3
Electronics and Appliance Stores	39,300	39,900	40,900	-600	-1.5%	-1,600	-3.9
Building Material and Garden Supply Stores	87,600	87,500	83,800	100	0.1%	3,800	4.5
Food and Beverage Stores	227,800	225,800	225,400	2,000	0.9%	2,400	1.1
Health and Personal Care Stores	80,500	79,900	82,500	600	0.8%	-2,000	-2.4
Gasoline Stations	46,000	45,500	45,000	500	1.1%	1,000	2.2
Clothing and Accessory Stores	117,200	117,200	119,300	0	0.0%	-2,100	-1.8
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	45,100	42,700	42,200	2,400	5.6%	2,900	6.9
General Merchandise Stores	232,000	229,600	235,400	2,400	1.0%	-3,400	-1.4
Department Stores	92,900	90,000	96,100	2,900	3.2%	-3,200	-3.3
Other General Merchandise Stores	139,100	139,600	139,300	-500	-0.4%	-200	-0.1
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	59,000	59,300	58,900	-300	-0.5%	100	0.29
Nonstore Retailers	39,800	39,100	37,400	700	1.8%	2,400	6.4
Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order Houses	30,200	29,900	28,400	300	1.0%	1,800	6.3
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	300,700	290,000	293,900	10,700	3.7%	6,800	2.39
Utilities	22,700	22,800	22,800	-100	-0.4%	-100	-0.49

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					Change		
Industry Title	December 2017	November 2017	December	Nov 2017 to		Dec 2016 to	
Industry Title Transportation and Warehousing	278,000	267,200	2016 271,100	Level 10,800	Percent 4.0%	Level 6,900	Percent 2.5%
Air Transportation	41,400	40,000	39,900	1,400	3.5%	1,500	3.8%
Water Transportation	13,300	13,200	13,100	1,400	0.8%	200	1.5%
Truck Transportation	49,900	49,800	52,000	100	0.8%	-2,100	-4.0%
Support Activities for Transportation	62,000	61,000	59,600	1,000	1.6%	2,400	4.0%
Couriers and Messengers	46,100	39,000	45,100	7,100	18.2%	1,000	2.2%
Warehousing and Storage	37,200	36,500	35,500	7,100	1.9%	1,700	4.8%
wateriousing and storage	37,200	30,300	33,300	700	1.5/0	1,700	4.670
Information	140,900	141,400	138,200	-500	-0.4%	2,700	2.0%
Publishing Industries, except Internet	30,900	30,800	31,000	100	0.3%	-100	-0.3%
Broadcasting, except Internet	17,100	17,200	16,300	-100	-0.6%	800	4.9%
Telecommunications	51,800	51,400	51,400	400	0.8%	400	0.8%
Wired Telecommunications Carriers	40,200	40,000	40,600	200	0.5%	-400	-1.0%
Internet Service Providers and Data Processing	17,100	17,100	17,500	0	0.0%	-400	-2.3%
Financial Activities	569,800	566,100	556,300	3,700	0.7%	13,500	2.4%
Finance and Insurance	374,700	374,000	372,000	700	0.2%	2,700	0.7%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	161,700	162,900	162,300	-1,200	-0.7%	-600	-0.4%
Depository Credit Intermediation	96,900	97,400	95,700	-500	-0.5%	1,200	1.3%
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	162,700	160,800	159,900	1,900	1.2%	2,800	1.8%
Insurance Carriers	83,900	83,700	80,600	200	0.2%	3,300	4.1%
Insurance Agencies, Brokerages, and Related	78,800	77,100	79,300	1,700	2.2%	-500	-0.6%
Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing	195,100	192,100	184,300	3,000	1.6%	10,800	5.9%
Real Estate	147,900	145,400	139,600	2,500	1.7%	8,300	5.9%
Professional and Business Services	1,368,300	1,360,100	1,311,600	8,200	0.6%	56,700	4.3%
Professional and Technical Services	561,700	559,600	539,300	2,100	0.4%	22,400	4.2%
Legal Services	99,700	99,700	97,600	0	0.0%	2,100	2.2%
Accounting, Tax Preparation, and Bookkeeping	63,100	63,200	65,300	-100	-0.2%	-2,200	-3.4%
Architectural, Engineering, and Related	89,600	89,200	82,400	400	0.4%	7,200	8.7%
Computer Systems Design and Related	88,200	87,600	87,000	600	0.7%	1,200	1.4%
Management and Technical Consulting Services	113,200	112,500	102,500	700	0.6%	10,700	10.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	106,100	105,400	103,300	700	0.7%	2,800	2.7%

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					Change from			
	December	November	December	Nov 2017 to	Dec 2017	Dec 2016 to	Dec 2017	
Industry Title	2017	2017	2016	Level	Percent	Level	Percent	
Administrative and Waste Services	700,500	695,100	669,000	5,400	0.8%	31,500	4.7%	
Administrative and Support Services	677,900	672,600	647,000	5,300	0.8%	30,900	4.8%	
Employment Services	225,200	225,300	217,000	-100	0.0%	8,200	3.8%	
Business Support Services	106,500	106,100	101,300	400	0.4%	5,200	5.1%	
Travel Arrangement and Reservation Services	35,700	35,500	34,000	200	0.6%	1,700	5.0%	
Investigation and Security Services	71,800	70,700	74,700	1,100	1.6%	-2,900	-3.9%	
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	183,100	179,200	169,400	3,900	2.2%	13,700	8.1%	
Waste Management and Remediation Services	22,600	22,500	22,000	100	0.4%	600	2.7%	
Education and Health Services	1,293,300	1,288,500	1,273,800	4,800	0.4%	19,500	1.5%	
Educational Services	164,500	165,600	164,800	-1,100	-0.7%	-300	-0.2%	
Elementary and Secondary Schools	63,100	63,700	60,400	-600	-0.9%	2,700	4.5%	
Colleges and Universities	58,100	59,000	57,500	-900	-1.5%	600	1.09	
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,128,800	1,122,900	1,109,000	5,900	0.5%	19,800	1.8%	
Ambulatory Health Care Services	502,800	500,200	486,300	2,600	0.5%	16,500	3.49	
Offices of Physicians	216,800	217,200	211,100	-400	-0.2%	5,700	2.79	
Home Health Care Services	73,700	73,900	74,800	-200	-0.3%	-1,100	-1.5%	
Hospitals	307,800	306,900	302,600	900	0.3%	5,200	1.79	
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	187,800	186,700	191,000	1,100	0.6%	-3,200	-1.79	
Nursing Care Facilities	96,500	96,100	98,100	400	0.4%	-1,600	-1.69	
Community Care for the Elderly	66,900	66,200	65,100	700	1.1%	1,800	2.89	
Social Assistance	130,400	129,100	129,100	1,300	1.0%	1,300	1.0%	
Leisure and Hospitality	1,199,300	1,192,100	1,188,000	7,200	0.6%	11,300	1.0%	
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	226,500	222,800	225,000	3,700	1.7%	1,500	0.7%	
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation	178,800	175,600	177,500	3,200	1.8%	1,300	0.79	
Amusement Parks and Arcades	75,400	74,400	72,000	1,000	1.3%	3,400	4.7%	
Accommodation and Food Services	972,800	969,300	963,000	3,500	0.4%	9,800	1.09	
Accommodation	180,100	178,600	183,000	1,500	0.8%	-2,900	-1.69	
Food Services and Drinking Places	792,700	790,700	780,000	2,000	0.3%	12,700	1.6%	

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				Change from						
	December	November	December	Nov 2017 to	Dec 2017	Dec 2016 to	Dec 2017			
Industry Title	2017	2017	2016	Level	Percent	Level	Percent			
Other Services	372,800	372,200	358,200	600	0.2%	14,600	4.1%			
Repair and Maintenance	91,000	90,200	84,700	800	0.9%	6,300	7.4%			
Automotive Repair and Maintenance	63,000	62,700	59,300	300	0.5%	3,700	6.2%			
Personal and Laundry Services	104,700	105,000	103,200	-300	-0.3%	1,500	1.5%			
Membership Associations and Organizations	177,100	177,000	170,300	100	0.1%	6,800	4.0%			
Total Government	1,125,900	1,133,300	1,115,100	-7,400	-0.7%	10,800	1.0%			
Federal	141,300	139,100	141,900	2,200	1.6%	-600	-0.4%			
State	212,100	218,400	213,300	-6,300	-2.9%	-1,200	-0.6%			
Local	772,500	775,800	759,900	-3,300	-0.4%	12,600	1.7%			

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)

		DECEMBER	2017			NOVEMBER	R 2017		DECEMBER 2016				
	LABOR	EMPLOY-	UNEMPLO	YMENT	LABOR	EMPLOY-	UNEMPLO	YMENT	LABOR	EMPLOY-	UNEMPLO	YMENT	
COUNTY	FORCE	MENT	LEVEL	RATE	FORCE	MENT	LEVEL	RATE	FORCE	MENT	LEVEL	RATE	
Alachua County	135,324	131,016	4,308	3.2%	136,702	131,989	4,713	3.4%	133,162	127,731	5,431	4.1%	
Baker County	11,631	11,230	401	3.4%	11,679	11,244	435	3.7%	11,427	10,900	527	4.6%	
Bay County	86,607	83,208	3,399	3.9%	87,456	84,110	3,346	3.8%	85,966	81,498	4,468	5.2%	
Bradford County	11,069	10,692	377	3.4%	11,143	10,757	386	3.5%	10,964	10,519	445	4.1%	
Brevard County	263,184	253,510	9,674	3.7%	265,926	255,621	10,305	3.9%	263,029	250,214	12,815	4.9%	
Broward County	1,026,696	991,883	34,813	3.4%	1,032,249	995,338	36,911	3.6%	1,010,074	965,365	44,709	4.4%	
Calhoun County	4,875	4,673	202	4.1%	4,910	4,697	213	4.3%	4,924	4,662	262	5.3%	
Charlotte County	71,976	69,207	2,769	3.8%	71,923	69,023	2,900	4.0%	70,317	66,788	3,529	5.0%	
Citrus County	46,592	44,090	2,502	5.4%	46,951	44,447	2,504	5.3%	47,266	44,124	3,142	6.6%	
Clay County	102,772	99,442	3,330	3.2%	103,113	99,519	3,594	3.5%	100,929	96,552	4,377	4.3%	
Collier County	171,663	165,554	6,109	3.6%	170,756	164,132	6,624	3.9%	169,079	161,464	7,615	4.5%	
Columbia County	30,290	29,181	1,109	3.7%	30,355	29,195	1,160	3.8%	30,063	28,652	1,411	4.7%	
DeSoto County	13,479	12,968	511	3.8%	13,100	12,544	556	4.2%	13,806	13,118	688	5.0%	
Dixie County	5,617	5,373	244	4.3%	5,657	5,402	255	4.5%	5,624	5,316	308	5.5%	
Duval County	478,035	460,862	17,173	3.6%	479,698	461,532	18,166	3.8%	470,287	447,814	22,473	4.8%	
Escambia County	141,294	136,177	5,117	3.6%	142,826	137,320	5,506	3.9%	140,220	133,474	6,746	4.8%	
Flagler County	45,751	43,921	1,830	4.0%	45,744	43,795	1,949	4.3%	44,830	42,393	2,437	5.4%	
Franklin County	4,572	4,423	149	3.3%	4,639	4,489	150	3.2%	4,632	4,428	204	4.4%	
Gadsden County	18,428	17,593	835	4.5%	18,816	17,935	881	4.7%	18,393	17,278	1,115	6.1%	
Gilchrist County	6,825	6,575	250	3.7%	6,895	6,616	279	4.0%	6,720	6,376	344	5.1%	
Glades County	4,563	4,340	223	4.9%	4,562	4,326	236	5.2%	4,738	4,446	292	6.2%	
Gulf County	5,868	5,657	211	3.6%	5,940	5,737	203	3.4%	5,822	5,555	267	4.6%	
Hamilton County	4,211	4,041	170	4.0%	4,460	4,280	180	4.0%	4,255	4,009	246	5.8%	
Hardee County	8,463	7,996	467	5.5%	8,192	7,683	509	6.2%	9,268	8,657	611	6.6%	
Hendry County	15,744	14,727	1,017	6.5%	15,209	14,101	1,108	7.3%	16,230	14,939	1,291	8.0%	
Hernando County	68,501	65,393	3,108	4.5%	69,030	65,755	3,275	4.7%	67,808	63,814	3,994	5.9%	
Highlands County	37,241	35,441	1,800	4.8%	37,108	35,203	1,905	5.1%	37,265	34,956	2,309	6.2%	
Hillsborough County	722,243	698,123	24,120	3.3%	724,931	699,275	25,656	3.5%	712,163	681,447	30,716	4.3%	
Holmes County	6,607	6,331	276	4.2%	6,653	6,353	300	4.5%	6,689	6,326	363	5.4%	
Indian River County	63,597	60,837	2,760	4.3%	64,010	61,106	2,904	4.5%	63,610	59,963	3,647	5.7%	
Jackson County	17,021	16,358	663	3.9%	17,155	16,444	711	4.1%	17,168	16,275	893	5.2%	
Jefferson County	5,458	5,255	203	3.7%	5,479	5,267	212	3.9%	5,472	5,186	286	5.2%	
Lafayette County	2,920	2,825	95	3.3%	2,963	2,859	104	3.5%	3,012	2,891	121	4.0%	
Lake County	148,947	143,765	5,182	3.5%	148,874	143,338	5,536	3.7%	145,213	138,428	6,785	4.7%	
Lee County	330,332	319,205	11,127	3.4%	328,280	316,398	11,882	3.6%	331,666	317,081	14,585	4.4%	
Leon County	152,511	147,569	4,942	3.2%	153,442	148,028	5,414	3.5%	151,479	144,890	6,589	4.3%	
Levy County	16,573	15,928	645	3.9%	16,763	16,089	674	4.0%	16,646	15,798	848	5.1%	
Liberty County	2,645	2,543	102	3.9%	2,672	2,566	106	4.0%	2,662	2,525	137	5.1%	

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

		DECEMBER	2017		NOVEMBER 2017 DECEMBER 2016							
	LABOR	EMPLOY-	UNEMPLO	YMENT	LABOR	EMPLOY-	UNEMPLO	YMENT	LABOR	EMPLOY-	UNEMPLO	YMENT
COUNTY	FORCE	MENT	LEVEL	RATE	FORCE	MENT	LEVEL	RATE	FORCE	MENT	LEVEL	RATE
Madison County	7,045	6,763	282	4.0%	7,160	6,853	307	4.3%	7,321	6,950	371	5.1%
Manatee County	175,418	169,702	5,716	3.3%	175,489	169,364	6,125	3.5%	170,859	163,350	7,509	4.4%
Marion County	134,108	128,370	5,738	4.3%	135,079	129,056	6,023	4.5%	134,249	126,715	7,534	5.6%
Martin County	72,073	69,486	2,587	3.6%	72,433	69,703	2,730	3.8%	71,959	68,653	3,306	4.6%
Miami-Dade County	1,393,533	1,330,375	63,158	4.5%	1,386,950	1,323,322	63,628	4.6%	1,361,651	1,288,692	72,959	5.4%
Monroe County	46,318	44,939	1,379	3.0%	46,220	44,734	1,486	3.2%	46,577	45,178	1,399	3.0%
Nassau County	38,133	36,867	1,266	3.3%	38,276	36,930	1,346	3.5%	37,470	35,811	1,659	4.4%
Okaloosa County	93,253	90,466	2,787	3.0%	94,583	91,656	2,927	3.1%	91,681	88,009	3,672	4.0%
Okeechobee County	17,930	17,279	651	3.6%	17,951	17,249	702	3.9%	17,899	16,975	924	5.2%
Orange County	730,265	707,277	22,988	3.1%	729,291	704,676	24,615	3.4%	709,538	679,765	29,773	4.2%
Osceola County	167,053	160,858	6,195	3.7%	166,750	160,199	6,551	3.9%	162,465	154,587	7,878	4.8%
Palm Beach County	723,635	697,800	25,835	3.6%	724,853	697,219	27,634	3.8%	718,086	684,899	33,187	4.6%
Pasco County	224,582	216,017	8,565	3.8%	225,988	216,960	9,028	4.0%	221,775	210,591	11,184	5.0%
Pinellas County	491,720	475,773	15,947	3.2%	494,679	477,948	16,731	3.4%	484,565	464,124	20,441	4.2%
Polk County	292,941	281,011	11,930	4.1%	293,234	280,542	12,692	4.3%	287,843	272,302	15,541	5.4%
Putnam County	28,195	26,906	1,289	4.6%	27,665	26,331	1,334	4.8%	28,285	26,638	1,647	5.8%
Santa Rosa County	75,875	73,313	2,562	3.4%	76,623	73,886	2,737	3.6%	75,257	71,917	3,340	4.4%
Sarasota County	189,046	182,919	6,127	3.2%	189,620	183,118	6,502	3.4%	183,962	175,976	7,986	4.3%
Seminole County	252,227	244,369	7,858	3.1%	251,886	243,626	8,260	3.3%	245,105	234,969	10,136	4.1%
St. Johns County	118,844	115,522	3,322	2.8%	119,407	115,795	3,612	3.0%	116,567	112,335	4,232	3.6%
St. Lucie County	136,063	130,017	6,046	4.4%	136,546	130,247	6,299	4.6%	135,719	128,397	7,322	5.4%
Sumter County	30,019	28,507	1,512	5.0%	29,979	28,412	1,567	5.2%	29,433	27,435	1,998	6.8%
Suwannee County	18,735	18,081	654	3.5%	18,949	18,244	705	3.7%	18,312	17,433	879	4.8%
Taylor County	8,588	8,250	338	3.9%	8,646	8,293	353	4.1%	8,833	8,383	450	5.1%
Union County	4,718	4,557	161	3.4%	4,769	4,590	179	3.8%	4,756	4,561	195	4.1%
Volusia County	249,870	240,374	9,496	3.8%	250,098	240,083	10,015	4.0%	244,721	232,343	12,378	5.1%
Wakulla County	14,462	14,023	439	3.0%	14,541	14,069	472	3.2%	14,315	13,756	559	3.9%
Walton County	28,163	27,269	894	3.2%	28,623	27,693	930	3.2%	27,827	26,607	1,220	4.4%
Washington County	9,631	9,257	374	3.9%	9,705	9,310	395	4.1%	9,700	9,192	508	5.2%
Florida (Not Seasonally Adjusted)	10,063,000	9,694,000	368,000	3.7%	10,082,000	9,695,000	388,000	3.8%	9,910,000	9,442,000	467,000	4.7%
Florida (Seasonally Adjusted)	10,127,000	9,753,000	374,000	3.7%	10,124,000	9,754,000	369,000	3.6%	9,942,000	9,450,000	492,000	4.9%
United States (Not Seasonally Adjusted)	159,880,000	153,602,000	6,278,000	3.9%	160,466,000	154,180,000	6,286,000	3.9%	158,968,000	151,798,000	7,170,000	4.5%
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)	160,597,000	154,021,000	6,576,000	4.1%	160,533,000	153,917,000	6,616,000	4.1%	159,640,000	152,111,000	7,529,000	4.7%

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LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA) AND METROPOLITAN DIVISION (MD)

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

		DECEMBER 2	2017			NOVEMBER 20	017	DECEMBER 2016				
	LABOR	EMPLOY-	UNEMPLOY	/MENT	LABOR	EMPLOY-	UNEMPLOY	MENT	LABOR	EMPLOY-	UNEMPLOYMENT	
MSA/MD	FORCE	MENT	LEVEL	RATE	FORCE	MENT	LEVEL	RATE	FORCE	MENT	LEVEL	RATE
Cape Coral-Fort Myers MSA	330,332	319,205	11,127	3.4%	328,280	316,398	11,882	3.6%	331,666	317,081	14,585	4.4%
Crestview-Fort Walton Beach-Destin MSA	121,416	117,735	3,681	3.0%	123,206	119,349	3,857	3.1%	119,508	114,616	4,892	4.1%
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	295,621	284,295	11,326	3.8%	295,842	283,878	11,964	4.0%	289,551	274,736	14,815	5.1%
Gainesville MSA	142,149	137,591	4,558	3.2%	143,597	138,605	4,992	3.5%	139,882	134,107	5,775	4.1%
Homosassa Springs MSA	46,592	44,090	2,502	5.4%	46,951	44,447	2,504	5.3%	47,266	44,124	3,142	6.6%
Jacksonville MSA	749,415	723,923	25,492	3.4%	752,173	725,020	27,153	3.6%	736,680	703,412	33,268	4.5%
Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA	292,941	281,011	11,930	4.1%	293,234	280,542	12,692	4.3%	287,843	272,302	15,541	5.4%
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach MSA	3,143,864	3,020,058	123,806	3.9%	3,144,052	3,015,879	128,173	4.1%	3,089,811	2,938,956	150,855	4.9%
Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MD	1,026,696	991,883	34,813	3.4%	1,032,249	995,338	36,911	3.6%	1,010,074	965,365	44,709	4.4%
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	1,393,533	1,330,375	63,158	4.5%	1,386,950	1,323,322	63,628	4.6%	1,361,651	1,288,692	72,959	5.4%
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD	723,635	697,800	25,835	3.6%	724,853	697,219	27,634	3.8%	718,086	684,899	33,187	4.6%
Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island MSA	171,663	165,554	6,109	3.6%	170,756	164,132	6,624	3.9%	169,079	161,464	7,615	4.5%
North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton MSA	364,464	352,621	11,843	3.2%	365,109	352,482	12,627	3.5%	354,821	339,326	15,495	4.4%
Ocala MSA	134,108	128,370	5,738	4.3%	135,079	129,056	6,023	4.5%	134,249	126,715	7,534	5.6%
Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA	1,298,492	1,256,269	42,223	3.3%	1,296,801	1,251,839	44,962	3.5%	1,262,321	1,207,749	54,572	4.3%
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	263,184	253,510	9,674	3.7%	265,926	255,621	10,305	3.9%	263,029	250,214	12,815	4.9%
Panama City MSA	92,475	88,865	3,610	3.9%	93,396	89,847	3,549	3.8%	91,788	87,053	4,735	5.2%
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	217,169	209,490	7,679	3.5%	219,449	211,206	8,243	3.8%	215,477	205,391	10,086	4.7%
Port St. Lucie MSA	208,136	199,503	8,633	4.1%	208,979	199,950	9,029	4.3%	207,678	197,050	10,628	5.1%
Punta Gorda MSA	71,976	69,207	2,769	3.8%	71,923	69,023	2,900	4.0%	70,317	66,788	3,529	5.0%
Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	63,597	60,837	2,760	4.3%	64,010	61,106	2,904	4.5%	63,610	59,963	3,647	5.7%
Sebring MSA	37,241	35,441	1,800	4.8%	37,108	35,203	1,905	5.1%	37,265	34,956	2,309	6.2%
Tallahassee MSA	190,859	184,440	6,419	3.4%	192,278	185,299	6,979	3.6%	189,659	181,110	8,549	4.5%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA	1,507,046	1,455,306	51,740	3.4%	1,514,628	1,459,938	54,690	3.6%	1,486,311	1,419,976	66,335	4.5%
The Villages MSA	30,019	28,507	1,512	5.0%	29,979	28,412	1,567	5.2%	29,433	27,435	1,998	6.8%
Florida (Not Seasonally Adjusted)	10,063,000	9,694,000	368,000	3.7%	10,082,000	9,695,000	388,000	3.8%	9,910,000	9,442,000	467,000	4.7%
Florida (Seasonally Adjusted)	10,127,000	9,753,000	374,000	3.7%	10,124,000	9,754,000	369,000	3.6%	9,942,000	9,450,000	492,000	4.9%
United States (Not Seasonally Adjusted)	159,880,000	153,602,000	6,278,000	3.9%	160,466,000	154,180,000	6,286,000	3.9%	158,968,000	151,798,000	7,170,000	4.5%
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)	160,597,000	154,021,000	6,576,000	4.1%	160,533,000	153,917,000	6,616,000	4.1%	159,640,000	152,111,000	7,529,000	4.7%

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STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTIES RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

DECEMBER 2017 (PRELIMINARY)

1	Hendry County	6.5%
2	Hardee County	5.5%
3	Citrus County	5.4%
4	Sumter County	5.0%
5	Glades County	4.9%
6	Highlands County	4.8%
7	Putnam County	4.6%
8	Hernando County	4.5%
8	Miami-Dade County	4.5%
8	Gadsden County	4.5%
11	St. Lucie County	4.4%
12	Dixie County	4.3%
12	Indian River County	4.3%
12	Marion County	4.3%
15	Holmes County	4.2%
16	Calhoun County	4.1%
16	Polk County	4.1%
18	Hamilton County	4.0%
18	Madison County	4.0%
18	Flagler County	4.0%
21	Taylor County	3.9%
	United States	3.9%
21	Bay County	3.9%
21	Jackson County	3.9%
21	Levy County	3.9%
21	Washington County	3.9%
21	Liberty County	3.9%
27	Charlotte County	3.8%
27	Pasco County	3.8%
27	Volusia County	3.8%
27	DeSoto County	3.8%
31	Jefferson County	3.7%
31	Osceola County	3.7%
31	Brevard County	3.7%
31	Gilchrist County	3.7%
31	Columbia County	3.7%
	Florida	3.7%
36	Okeechobee County	3.6%
36	Escambia County	3.6%
36	Gulf County	3.6%
36	Duval County	3.6%

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTIES RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

DECEMBER 2017 (PRELIMINARY)

36	Martin County	3.6%
36	Palm Beach County	3.6%
36	Collier County	3.6%
43	Suwannee County	3.5%
43	Lake County	3.5%
45	Baker County	3.4%
45	Union County	3.4%
45	Bradford County	3.4%
45	Broward County	3.4%
45	Santa Rosa County	3.4%
45	Lee County	3.4%
51	Hillsborough County	3.3%
51	Nassau County	3.3%
51	Franklin County	3.3%
51	Manatee County	3.3%
51	Lafayette County	3.3%
56	Pinellas County	3.2%
56	Sarasota County	3.2%
56	Leon County	3.2%
56	Clay County	3.2%
56	Alachua County	3.2%
56	Walton County	3.2%
62	Orange County	3.1%
62	Seminole County	3.1%
64	Wakulla County	3.0%
64	Okaloosa County	3.0%
64	Monroe County	3.0%
67	St. Johns County	2.8%

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. Released: Friday, January 19, 2018

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STATE OF FLORIDA

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS (MSAs) AND METROPOLITAN DIVISIONS (MDs) RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED) DECEMBER 2017 (PRELIMINARY)

1	Homosassa Springs MSA	5.4%
2	The Villages MSA	5.0%
3	Sebring MSA	4.8%
4	Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	4.5%
5	Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	4.3%
5	Ocala MSA	4.3%
7	Port St. Lucie MSA	4.1%
7	Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA	4.1%
	United States	3.9%
9	Panama City MSA	3.9%
10	Punta Gorda MSA	3.8%
10	Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	3.8%
12	Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	3.7%
	Florida	3.7%
13	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD	3.6%
13	Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island MSA	3.6%
15	Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	3.5%
16	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA	3.4%
16	Jacksonville MSA	3.4%
16	Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MD	3.4%
16	Cape Coral-Fort Myers MSA	3.4%
16	Tallahassee MSA	3.4%
21	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA	3.3%
22	North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton MSA	3.2%
22	Gainesville MSA	3.2%
24	Crestview-Fort Walton Beach-Destin MSA	3.0%

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT FLORIDA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	December	November	December	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
Area	2017	2017	2016	Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Statewide	8,801,900	8,761,200	8,581,400	40,700	0.5%	220,500	2.6%
Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA	265,900	261,700	264,600	4,200	1.6%	1,300	0.5%
Crestview-Ft. Walton Beach-Destin MSA	112,900	113,600	110,100	-700	-0.6%	2,800	2.5%
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	205,600	204,000	199,200	1,600	0.8%	6,400	3.2%
Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MD	860,600	858,600	840,400	2,000	0.2%	20,200	2.4%
Gainesville MSA	146,400	146,500	143,200	-100	-0.1%	3,200	2.2%
Homosassa Springs MSA	33,400	33,500	33,500	-100	-0.3%	-100	-0.3%
Jacksonville MSA	700,100	697,400	682,600	2,700	0.4%	17,500	2.6%
Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA	227,300	225,900	220,900	1,400	0.6%	6,400	2.9%
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach MSA	2,716,900	2,698,900	2,651,400	18,000	0.7%	65,500	2.5%
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	1,220,600	1,209,800	1,185,600	10,800	0.9%	35,000	3.0%
Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island MSA	150,500	148,400	145,800	2,100	1.4%	4,700	3.2%
North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton MSA	315,100	312,400	303,400	2,700	0.9%	11,700	3.9%
Ocala MSA	105,100	104,900	104,200	200	0.2%	900	0.9%
Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA	1,283,300	1,271,500	1,236,600	11,800	0.9%	46,700	3.8%
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	216,500	217,000	214,500	-500	-0.2%	2,000	0.9%
Panama City MSA	84,200	84,500	82,700	-300	-0.4%	1,500	1.8%
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	177,800	177,900	174,900	-100	-0.1%	2,900	1.7%
Port St. Lucie MSA	148,500	147,800	147,200	700	0.5%	1,300	0.9%
Punta Gorda MSA	50,800	50,500	49,200	300	0.6%	1,600	3.3%
Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	53,300	53,100	52,500	200	0.4%	800	1.5%
Sebring MSA	27,800	27,500	27,300	300	1.1%	500	1.8%
Tallahassee MSA	185,000	184,700	182,400	300	0.2%	2,600	1.4%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA	1,357,800	1,355,800	1,328,700	2,000	0.1%	29,100	2.2%
The Villages MSA	29,000	28,700	27,900	300	1.0%	1,100	3.9%
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD	635,700	630,500	625,400	5,200	0.8%	10,300	1.6%

Note: Employment estimates have been rounded to the nearest hundred. Sum of detail may not equal totals due to rounding or the exclusion of certain industries from publication. All data are subject to revision. January 19, 2018.