

**Overview of CLM Workforce Connection Region  
March 27, 2009**

- The unemployment rate in the CLM Workforce Connection Region (Citrus, Levy, and Marion counties) was 12.0 percent in February 2009, up 5.9 percentage points over the year. The region's jobless rate was 2.6 percentage points above the state rate of 9.4 percent. Out of a labor force of 217,708 there were 26,017 unemployed CLM residents.
- The February 2009 unemployment rates in the counties that comprise the CLM Workforce Connection region were: 11.6 percent in Citrus County, 10.6 percent in Levy County, and 12.3 percent in Marion County.
- In February 2009, nonagricultural employment in the Ocala metropolitan statistical area (Marion County) totaled 100,600. Total nonagricultural employment declined by 5,400 or by 5.1 percent over the year in the metropolitan area, the same rate of decline as the state.
- Job gains in the Ocala metropolitan area were limited to two industries: education and health services (+500 jobs) and government (+300 jobs). Industries that declined over the year were: manufacturing (-1,700 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (-1,700 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (-1,300 jobs); professional and business services (-700 jobs); leisure and hospitality (-400 jobs); and financial activities and information (-200 jobs each). Other services remained unchanged over the year.
- Industry sectors that expanded faster in the Ocala metropolitan area than in the state were: education and health services (+3.6 percent) and government (+1.7 percent).

<b>Unemployment Rates (%)</b>			
<b>(not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Feb-09</b>	<b>Jan-09</b>	<b>Feb-08</b>
CLM Workforce Connection	12.0	11.5	6.1
Citrus County	11.6	11.4	6.5
Levy County	10.6	10.2	5.2
Marion County	12.3	11.6	6.0
Florida	9.4	8.9	4.8

<b>Nonagricultural Employment by Industry</b> <b>(not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Ocala Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>				<b>Florida</b>			
	<b>Feb-09</b>	<b>Feb-08</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>	<b>Feb-09</b>	<b>Feb-08</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Total Employment	100,600	106,000	-5,400	-5.1	7,520,600	7,927,800	-407,200	-5.1
Mining, Logging, and Construction	9,100	10,400	-1,300	-12.5	444,000	555,900	-111,900	-20.1
Manufacturing	7,200	8,900	-1,700	-19.1	348,200	383,800	-35,600	-9.3
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	21,700	23,400	-1,700	-7.3	1,521,000	1,611,200	-90,200	-5.6
Wholesale Trade	4,100	4,200	-100	-2.4	341,300	353,500	-12,200	-3.5
Retail Trade	14,900	16,200	-1,300	-8.0	945,200	1,007,000	-61,800	-6.1
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	2,700	3,000	-300	-10.0	234,500	250,700	-16,200	-6.5
Information	1,800	2,000	-200	-10.0	148,300	159,200	-10,900	-6.8
Financial Activities	5,900	6,100	-200	-3.3	514,800	534,200	-19,400	-3.6
Professional and Business Services	7,800	8,500	-700	-8.2	1,070,300	1,173,100	-102,800	-8.8
Education and Health Services	14,200	13,700	500	3.6	1,062,900	1,043,900	19,000	1.8
Leisure and Hospitality	10,300	10,700	-400	-3.7	931,100	968,600	-37,500	-3.9
Other Services	4,300	4,300	0	0.0	330,500	346,100	-15,600	-4.5
Government	18,300	18,000	300	1.7	1,149,500	1,151,800	-2,300	-0.2

<b>Population</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Citrus County	142,043	140,124	1,919	1.4
Levy County	40,817	40,045	772	1.9
Marion County	329,418	325,023	4,395	1.4
CLM Workforce Connection	512,278	505,192	7,086	1.4
Florida	18,807,219	18,680,367	126,852	0.7

<b>Average Annual Wage</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Citrus County	\$31,736	\$31,450	\$286	0.9
Levy County	\$26,813	\$26,159	\$654	2.5
Marion County	\$31,622	\$31,309	\$313	1.0
CLM Workforce Connection	\$31,349	\$31,024	\$325	1.0
Florida	\$39,776	\$38,497	\$1,279	3.3

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor Market Statistics Center