

**Overview of the CLM Workforce Connection Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
January 20, 2012**

- The unemployment rate in the CLM Workforce Connection region (Citrus, Levy, and Marion counties) was 11.3 percent in December 2011, down 2.1 percentage points over the year. The region’s jobless rate was 1.6 percentage points above the state rate of 9.7 percent. Out of a labor force of 205,919, there were 23,237 unemployed residents in the region.
- The December 2011 unemployment rates in the counties that comprise the CLM Workforce Connection region were: 11.6 percent in Marion County, 10.9 percent in Citrus County, and 10.2 percent in Levy County.
- In December 2011, nonagricultural employment in the Ocala metro area (Marion County) was 90,800, an increase of 0.6 percent over the year. Ocala’s job growth rate was below the statewide growth rate of 1.6 percent over the same time period.
- Total nonagricultural employment was up 500 jobs over the year in the Ocala metropolitan area. Education and health services (+400 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities and leisure and hospitality (+300 jobs each), manufacturing and professional and business services (+100 jobs each) gained jobs over the year.
- Government and mining, logging, and construction (-300 jobs each) and information (-100 jobs) lost jobs over the year. Financial activities and other services remained unchanged over the year.
- Ocala’s growth rate in education and health services (+2.9 percent) exceeded the state’s growth rate (+2.5 percent).
- The Ocala metro area had positive over-the-year job growth in December 2011 for the fourth consecutive month since June 2007.

Unemployment Rates (%)			
(not seasonally adjusted)	Dec-11	Nov-11	Dec-10
CLM Workforce Connection Region	11.3	11.5	13.4
Citrus County	10.9	11.1	12.9
Levy County	10.2	10.4	12
Marion County	11.6	11.8	13.9
Florida	9.7	9.8	11.7
United States	8.3	8.2	9.1

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Ocala Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Dec-11	Dec-10	change	percent change	Dec-11	Dec-10	change	percent change
Total Employment	90,800	90,300	500	0.6	7,358,900	7,244,300	114,600	1.6
Mining, Logging, and Construction	5,800	6,100	-300	-4.9	337,000	338,300	-1,300	-0.4
Manufacturing	6,500	6,400	100	1.6	310,000	304,400	5,600	1.8
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	20,300	20,000	300	1.5	1,526,900	1,489,200	37,700	2.5
Wholesale Trade	3,300	3,300	0	0.0	307,800	308,600	-800	-0.3
Retail Trade	14,400	14,300	100	0.7	978,200	949,300	28,900	3.0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	2,600	2,400	200	8.3	240,900	231,300	9,600	4.2
Information	1,400	1,500	-100	-6.7	130,500	133,900	-3,400	-2.5
Financial Activities	4,100	4,100	0	0.0	478,000	469,300	8,700	1.9
Professional and Business Services	7,700	7,600	100	1.3	1,063,200	1,047,600	15,600	1.5
Education and Health Services	14,100	13,700	400	2.9	1,126,400	1,098,500	27,900	2.5
Leisure and Hospitality	9,900	9,600	300	3.1	961,100	930,600	30,500	3.3
Other Services	3,600	3,600	0	0.0	312,100	310,600	1,500	0.5
Government	17,400	17,700	-300	-1.7	1,113,700	1,121,900	-8,200	-0.7

Population	2011	2010	change	percent change
CLM Workforce Connection Region	513,468	513,335	133	0.0
Citrus County	140,956	141,236	-280	-0.2
Levy County	40,767	40,801	-34	-0.1
Marion County	331,745	331,298	447	0.1
Florida	18,905,048	18,801,310	103,738	0.6

Average Annual Wage	2010	2009	change	percent change
CLM Workforce Connection Region	\$33,057	\$32,599	\$458	1.4
Citrus County	\$34,628	\$33,568	\$1,060	3.2
Levy County	\$27,616	\$27,272	\$344	1.3
Marion County	\$32,997	\$32,728	\$269	0.8
Florida	\$41,574	\$40,991	\$583	1.4

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Labor Market Statistics Center