

**Overview of the CLM Workforce Connection Region
October 21, 2011**

- The unemployment rate in the CLM Workforce Connection region (Citrus, Levy, and Marion counties) was 12.1 percent in September 2011, down 1.4 percentage points over the year. The region’s jobless rate was 1.5 percentage points above the state rate of 10.6 percent. Out of a labor force of 210,375, there were 25,371 unemployed residents in the region.
- The September 2011 unemployment rates in the counties that comprise the CLM Workforce Connection region were: 12.4 percent in Marion County, 11.6 percent in Citrus County, and 11.0 percent in Levy County.
- In September 2011, nonagricultural employment in the Ocala metro area (Marion County) was 90,400, an increase of 0.8 percent over the year. Statewide employment was up 1.1 percent over the same time period.
- Total nonagricultural employment was up 700 jobs over the year in the Ocala metropolitan area. Education and health services (+600 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (+400 jobs), leisure and hospitality (+200 jobs), financial activities, professional and business services, and other services (+100 jobs each) gained jobs over the year.
- Government lost the most jobs over the year (-400 jobs), followed by mining, logging, and construction (-300 jobs), and information (-100 jobs). Manufacturing was unchanged over the year.
- Ocala’s growth rate in education and health services (+4.5 percent), other services (+2.9 percent), and financial activities (+2.5 percent) exceeded the state’s growth rate.
- The Ocala metro area had positive over-the-year job growth in September 2011 for the first time since June 2007.

Unemployment Rates (%)			
(not seasonally adjusted)	Sep-11	Aug-11	Sep-10
CLM Workforce Connection Region	12.1	12.4	13.5
Citrus County	11.6	11.9	12.9
Levy County	11.0	11.2	12.2
Marion County	12.4	12.7	13.9
Florida	10.6	11.0	11.8
United States	8.8	9.1	9.2

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Ocala Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Sep-11	Sep-10	change	percent change	Sep-11	Sep-10	change	percent change
Total Employment	90,400	89,700	700	0.8	7,213,000	7,135,800	77,200	1.1
Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,000	6,300	-300	-4.8	339,200	353,700	-14,500	-4.1
Manufacturing	6,400	6,400	0	0.0	306,300	306,100	200	0.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	20,100	19,700	400	2.0	1,457,600	1,442,000	15,600	1.1
Wholesale Trade	3,400	3,300	100	3.0	297,800	304,600	-6,800	-2.2
Retail Trade	14,200	14,100	100	0.7	931,800	915,900	15,900	1.7
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	2,500	2,300	200	8.7	228,000	221,500	6,500	2.9
Information	1,400	1,500	-100	-6.7	128,800	134,200	-5,400	-4.0
Financial Activities	4,100	4,000	100	2.5	469,300	466,800	2,500	0.5
Professional and Business Services	7,700	7,600	100	1.3	1,046,600	1,035,200	11,400	1.1
Education and Health Services	14,000	13,400	600	4.5	1,106,200	1,074,500	31,700	3.0
Leisure and Hospitality	9,800	9,600	200	2.1	948,500	895,800	52,700	5.9
Other Services	3,600	3,500	100	2.9	309,300	308,500	800	0.3
Government	17,300	17,700	-400	-2.3	1,101,200	1,119,000	-17,800	-1.6

Population	2010	2009	change	percent change
CLM Workforce Connection Region	513,770	513,723	47	0.0
Citrus County	142,202	142,609	-407	-0.3
Levy County	41,451	40,674	777	1.9
Marion County	330,117	330,440	-323	-0.1
Florida	18,772,352	18,750,483	21,869	0.1

Average Annual Wage	2010	2009	change	percent change
CLM Workforce Connection Region	\$33,061	\$32,599	\$462	1.4
Citrus County	\$34,631	\$33,568	\$1,063	3.2
Levy County	\$27,617	\$27,272	\$345	1.3
Marion County	\$33,001	\$32,728	\$273	0.8
Florida	\$41,570	\$40,991	\$579	1.4

Note: All data are subject to revision.
Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Labor Market Statistics Center