

**Overview of the CLM Workforce Connection Region
January 22, 2010**

- The unemployment rate in the CLM Workforce Connection region (Citrus, Levy, and Marion counties) was 13.6 percent in December 2009, up 3.6 percentage points over the year. The December unemployment rate was the highest unemployment rate for the region in the current series going back to 1990. The region's jobless rate was 2.0 percentage points above the state rate of 11.6 percent. Out of a labor force of 214,073, there were 29,109 unemployed residents in the region.
- The December 2009 unemployment rates in the counties that comprise the CLM Workforce Connection Region were: 14.0 percent in Marion County, 12.9 percent in Citrus County, and 12.8 percent in Levy County.
- In December 2009, nonagricultural employment in the Ocala metro area (Marion County) was 97,900, a decline of 3.5 percent over the year. Statewide employment was down 3.1 percent over the same time period.
- Total nonagricultural employment was down 3,500 jobs over the year in the Ocala metropolitan area. Financial activities (-1,000 jobs) lost the most jobs, followed by trade, transportation, and utilities (-900 jobs); manufacturing (-800 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (-700 jobs); leisure and hospitality (-300 jobs); professional and business services (-200 jobs); and information (-100 jobs).
- Education and health services, and government each gained 200 jobs over the year; while other services gained 100 jobs. All three sectors expanded faster in the Ocala metro area than in the state.

| Unemployment Rates (%) | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| (not seasonally adjusted) | Dec-09 | Nov-09 | Dec-08 |
| CLM Workforce Connection Region | 13.6 | 13.5 | 10.0 |
| Citrus County | 12.9 | 12.7 | 9.9 |
| Levy County | 12.8 | 12.4 | 9.2 |
| Marion County | 14.0 | 13.9 | 10.1 |
| Florida | 11.6 | 11.5 | 7.8 |
| United States | 9.7 | 9.4 | 7.1 |

| Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted) | Ocala Metropolitan Statistical Area | | | | Florida | | | |
|---|--|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| | Dec-09 | Dec-08 | change | percent change | Dec-09 | Dec-08 | change | percent change |
| Total Employment | 97,900 | 101,400 | -3,500 | -3.5 | 7,421,900 | 7,656,900 | -235,000 | -3.1 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 8,400 | 9,100 | -700 | -7.7 | 413,300 | 473,500 | -60,200 | -12.7 |
| Manufacturing | 6,700 | 7,500 | -800 | -10.7 | 320,200 | 358,500 | -38,300 | -10.7 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 21,400 | 22,300 | -900 | -4.0 | 1,511,900 | 1,564,600 | -52,700 | -3.4 |
| Wholesale Trade | 4,000 | 4,100 | -100 | -2.4 | 335,300 | 344,300 | -9,000 | -2.6 |
| Retail Trade | 14,700 | 15,400 | -700 | -4.5 | 946,200 | 983,100 | -36,900 | -3.8 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities | 2,700 | 2,800 | -100 | -3.6 | 230,400 | 237,200 | -6,800 | -2.9 |
| Information | 1,700 | 1,800 | -100 | -5.6 | 141,500 | 150,400 | -8,900 | -5.9 |
| Financial Activities | 4,900 | 5,900 | -1,000 | -16.9 | 496,700 | 519,400 | -22,700 | -4.4 |
| Professional and Business Services | 7,800 | 8,000 | -200 | -2.5 | 1,086,400 | 1,127,000 | -40,600 | -3.6 |
| Education and Health Services | 14,400 | 14,200 | 200 | 1.4 | 1,075,000 | 1,065,200 | 9,800 | 0.9 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 9,900 | 10,200 | -300 | -2.9 | 906,000 | 916,500 | -10,500 | -1.1 |
| Other Services | 4,400 | 4,300 | 100 | 2.3 | 334,600 | 335,400 | -800 | -0.2 |
| Government | 18,300 | 18,100 | 200 | 1.1 | 1,136,300 | 1,146,400 | -10,100 | -0.9 |

| Population | 2009 | 2008 | change | percent change |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| CLM Workforce Connection Region | 513,723 | 512,278 | 1,445 | 0.3 |
| Citrus County | 142,609 | 142,043 | 566 | 0.4 |
| Levy County | 40,674 | 40,817 | -143 | -0.4 |
| Marion County | 330,440 | 329,418 | 1,022 | 0.3 |
| Florida | 18,750,483 | 18,807,219 | -56,736 | -0.3 |

| Average Annual Wage | 2008 | 2007 | change | percent change |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| CLM Workforce Connection Region | \$31,986 | \$31,349 | \$637 | 2.0 |
| Citrus County | \$31,708 | \$31,736 | -\$28 | -0.1 |
| Levy County | \$27,652 | \$26,813 | \$839 | 3.1 |
| Marion County | \$32,450 | \$31,622 | \$828 | 2.6 |
| Florida | \$40,579 | \$39,776 | \$803 | 2.0 |

Note: All data are subject to revision.
Source: Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor Market Statistics Center