

**Overview of the CLM Workforce Connection Region
March 10, 2010**

- The unemployment rate in the CLM Workforce Connection region (Citrus, Levy, and Marion counties) was 15.1 percent in January 2010, up 3.7 percentage points over the year. The January unemployment rate was the highest unemployment rate for the region in the current series going back to 1990. The region's jobless rate was 2.9 percentage points above the state rate of 12.2 percent. Out of a labor force of 208,444, there were 31,474 unemployed residents in the region.
- The January 2010 unemployment rates in the counties that comprise the CLM Workforce Connection Region were: 15.4 percent in Marion County, 14.6 percent in Citrus County, and 14.3 percent in Levy County.
- In January 2010, nonagricultural employment in the Ocala metro area (Marion County) was 90,000, a decline of 6.0 percent over the year. Statewide employment was down 3.7 percent over the same time period.
- Total nonagricultural employment was down 5,700 jobs over the year in the Ocala metropolitan area. Mining, logging, and construction (-1,200 jobs) lost the most jobs, followed by financial activities (-1,100 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (-1,000 jobs); manufacturing (-800 jobs); leisure and hospitality (-600 jobs); professional and business services (-400 jobs); information (-300 jobs); government (-300 jobs); and education and health services (-200 jobs).
- Education and health services gained 200 jobs over the year, and expanded faster in the Ocala metro area than in the state (+5.7 percent).

Unemployment Rates (%)			
(not seasonally adjusted)	Jan-10	Dec-09	Jan-09
CLM Workforce Connection Region	15.1	14.1	11.4
Citrus County	14.6	13.6	11.6
Levy County	14.3	13.4	10.2
Marion County	15.4	14.4	11.5
Florida	12.2	11.6	8.9
United States	10.6	9.7	8.5

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Ocala Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Jan-10	Jan-09	change	percent change	Jan-10	Jan-09	change	percent change
Total Employment	90,000	95,700	-5,700	-6.0	7,130,800	7,404,000	-273,200	-3.7
Mining, Logging, and Construction	6,600	7,800	-1,200	-15.4	355,200	435,500	-80,300	-18.4
Manufacturing	6,200	7,000	-800	-11.4	304,600	345,100	-40,500	-11.7
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	20,200	21,200	-1,000	-4.7	1,456,300	1,511,400	-55,100	-3.6
Wholesale Trade	3,400	3,700	-300	-8.1	310,500	329,000	-18,500	-5.6
Retail Trade	14,400	14,900	-500	-3.4	918,900	944,200	-25,300	-2.7
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	2,400	2,600	-200	-7.7	226,900	238,200	-11,300	-4.7
Information	1,600	1,900	-300	-15.8	135,000	147,900	-12,900	-8.7
Financial Activities	4,500	5,600	-1,100	-19.6	468,200	493,700	-25,500	-5.2
Professional and Business Services	7,500	7,900	-400	-5.1	1,024,600	1,059,500	-34,900	-3.3
Education and Health Services	12,600	12,800	-200	-1.6	1,073,800	1,045,000	28,800	2.8
Leisure and Hospitality	9,400	10,000	-600	-6.0	875,300	916,300	-41,000	-4.5
Other Services	3,700	3,500	200	5.7	307,500	315,900	-8,400	-2.7
Government	17,700	18,000	-300	-1.7	1,130,300	1,133,700	-3,400	-0.3

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