

CareerSource Chipola Industry & Education Consortium QUARTERLY REPORT

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Report quarter: Quarter 3 / 2026

Date of meeting: September 28, 2026

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B. ATTENDANCE

Name	Organization	Industry or Education Organization	Contact Information
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C. SUMMARY REPORT

Members were provided with the latest employment report (attached) from FloridaCommerce and a discussion was held on the current labor market.

Key points:

Unemployment is down slightly over the last month, but up slightly over the last year. The labor force for the five-county area has remained nearly flat over the last year with unemployment creeping up slightly. The unemployment rate for the five-county CareerSource Chipola region remains higher than the state's average by 0.6%.

Jackson County, with 40.9% of the areas' total labor force has an unemployment rate of 5.2%.

Next the education representatives talked about adult education and CTE programs. A discussion was held about changes in those attending Adult Education classes and opportunities to move them through Adult Education and into the new short-term Pell-eligible training programs.

Chipola College discussed the addition of Patient Care Technician, Medical Coder and Biller, Lab Assistant, and Phelbotomy programs. Also announced the new Advanced Manufacturing program has seven student enrolled and four would be entering the workforce in March. Chipola was asked to investigate the Certified Medical Assistant certification.

Discussion then moved to the employers with both employers expressing concerns over the talent pool and changes in the labor force. A concern was also expressed about the demand impacts on commercial electricians and HVAC talent pools.

A request was made for CSC to contact the National Guard to see if they had a members of the guard with challenges finding employment. It was mentioned this seemed to be the case in a neighboring state and that

employers were working with the guard to help find employment for members of the National Guard in an effort to keep the individuals living local.

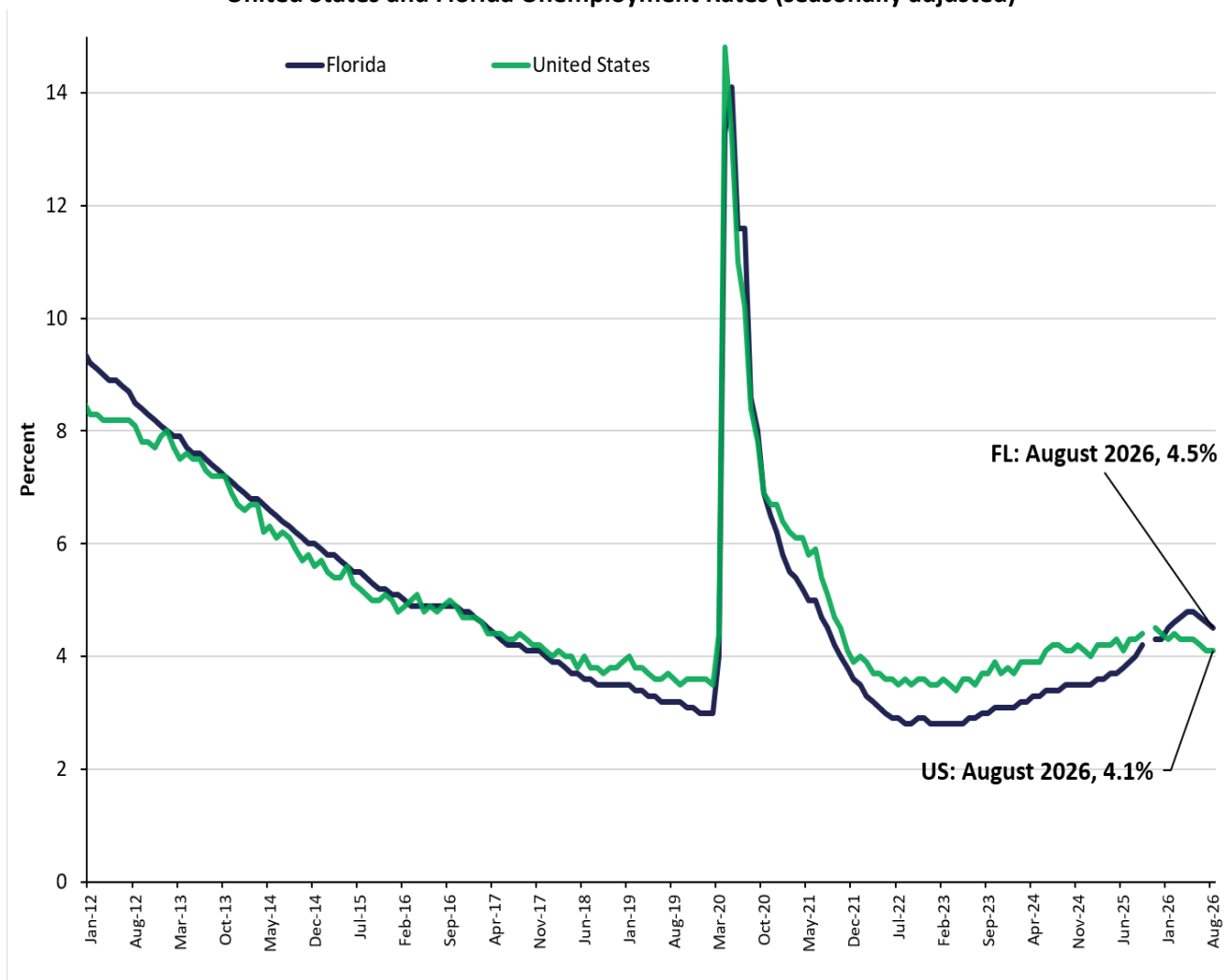
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Florida's August Figures Released

Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.5 percent in August 2026, down 0.1 percentage point from 4.6 percent in July 2026, and up 0.5 percentage point from a year ago. There were 502,000 jobless Floridians out of a labor force of 11,115,000. The U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.1 percent in August.

Florida's seasonally adjusted total nonagricultural employment was 10,051,600 in August 2026, an increase of 21,800 jobs (+0.2 percent) over the month. The state gained 59,000 jobs over the year, an increase of 0.6 percent. Nationally, the number of jobs rose 0.4 percent over the year.

United States and Florida Unemployment Rates (seasonally adjusted)



Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program, in cooperation with the Florida Department of Commerce, Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research.

Florida's Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted)

- Six of ten major industries experienced positive over-the-year job growth in August.
- The industries gaining jobs over the year were education and health services (+39,600 jobs, +2.5 percent), professional and business services (+25,200 jobs, +1.6 percent), leisure and hospitality (+11,600 jobs, +0.9 percent), manufacturing (+2,300 jobs, +0.5 percent), construction (+2,100 jobs, +0.3 percent), and trade, transportation, and utilities (+1,800 jobs, +0.1 percent).
- The industries losing jobs over the year included financial activities (-14,300 jobs, -2.1 percent); total government (-4,900 jobs, -0.4 percent); information (-3,900 jobs, -2.6 percent); and other services (-900 jobs, -0.2 percent).

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

- In August 2026, Miami-Dade County had the state's lowest unemployment rate (2.7 percent), followed by Monroe County (3.3 percent), and Wakulla County (4.1 percent).
- Taylor County had the highest unemployment rate (8.2 percent) in Florida in August 2026, followed by Sumter County (7.9 percent), and Highlands County (6.8 percent).

Area Nonagricultural Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

- In August 2026, 20 of all 25 metro areas in Florida had over-the-year job gains. The areas with the largest gains were the Tampa MD (+12,500 jobs, +1.2 percent), followed by the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA (+11,900 jobs, +0.8 percent), the Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD (+6,200 jobs, +0.5 percent), and the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD (+4,800 jobs, +0.7 percent).
- Four metro areas in Florida lost jobs over the year in August 2026. The areas with the largest losses were the Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Sunrise MD (-600 jobs, -0.1 percent) and the Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA (-500 jobs, -0.2 percent).
- The Punta Gorda MSA was unchanged in jobs over the year in August 2026.

The unemployment and job growth rates are estimates, which are primarily based on surveys created and mandated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with the Florida Department of Commerce.

The unemployment rate is derived from Florida household surveys conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau under contract with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The job growth rate is derived from Florida employer surveys conducted by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Both estimates are revised on a monthly basis. In addition, these estimates are benchmarked (revised) annually based on actual counts from Florida's Reemployment Assistance tax records and other data.

Procedures mandated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics may result in more variable month-to-month changes. For further information, go to: <https://www.bls.gov/sae/>

The mission of the Florida Department of Commerce is to promote economic prosperity for all Floridians and businesses through successful workforce, community, and economic development strategies. Please visit www.floridajobs.org for more information.

Labor market data for September 2026 will be released on October 16, 2026, at 10:00 A.M.

LABOR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION
RELEASE DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Current Month August 2026	Month Ago July 2026	Year Ago August 2025	Over-the-Month		Over-the-Year	
				Change		Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
STATE OF FLORIDA							
Civilian Noninstitutional							
Population 16+	19,370,000	19,357,000	19,252,000	13,000	0.1	118,000	0.6
Civilian Labor Force	11,115,000	11,121,000	11,081,000	-6,000	-0.1	34,000	0.3
Employment	10,613,000	10,606,000	10,637,000	7,000	0.1	-24,000	-0.2
Unemployment	502,000	514,000	444,000	-12,000	-2.3	58,000	13.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.6	4.0	-0.1	--	0.5	--

UNITED STATES

Civilian Noninstitutional							
Population 16+	275,415,000	275,282,000	274,001,000	133,000	*	1,414,000	0.5
Civilian Labor Force	169,777,000	169,094,000	170,750,000	683,000	0.4	-973,000	-0.6
Employment	162,746,000	162,177,000	163,370,000	569,000	0.4	-624,000	-0.4
Unemployment	7,031,000	6,916,000	7,380,000	115,000	1.7	-349,000	-4.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	4.1	4.3	0.0	--	-0.2	--

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Current Month August 2026	Month Ago July 2026	Year Ago August 2025	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
STATE OF FLORIDA							
Civilian Noninstitutional							
Population 16+	19,370,000	19,357,000	19,252,000	13,000	0.1	118,000	0.6
Civilian Labor Force	11,137,000	11,083,000	11,097,000	54,000	0.5	40,000	0.4
Employment	10,630,000	10,568,000	10,622,000	62,000	0.6	8,000	0.1
Unemployment	507,000	515,000	476,000	-8,000	-1.6	31,000	6.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.6	4.3	0.0	--	0.3	--

UNITED STATES

Civilian Noninstitutional							
Population 16+	275,415,000	275,282,000	274,001,000	133,000	*	1,414,000	0.5
Civilian Labor Force	170,048,000	170,235,000	171,035,000	-187,000	-0.1	-987,000	-0.6
Employment	162,667,000	162,800,000	163,288,000	-133,000	-0.1	-621,000	-0.4
Unemployment	7,381,000	7,435,000	7,747,000	-54,000	-0.7	-366,000	-4.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.4	4.5	-0.1	--	-0.2	--

* = less than 0.1 percent

Note: All estimates except unemployment rates are rounded to the nearest thousand. Items may not add to totals or compute to displayed percentages due to rounding. All data are subject to revision.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program, in cooperation with the Florida Department of Commerce, Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research.

Nonagricultural Employment in Florida Seasonally Adjusted

	August ^p 2026	July ^r 2026	August 2025	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	10,051,600	10,029,800	9,992,600	21,800	0.2%	59,000	0.6%
Total Private	8,907,700	8,891,100	8,843,800	16,600	0.2%	63,900	0.7%
Goods Producing	1,091,600	1,092,500	1,086,800	-900	-0.1%	4,800	0.4%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	662,500	662,500	660,000	0	0.0%	2,500	0.4%
Construction	656,700	656,800	654,600	-100	*	2,100	0.3%
Manufacturing	429,100	430,000	426,800	-900	-0.2%	2,300	0.5%
Durable Goods	301,600	301,000	294,100	600	0.2%	7,500	2.6%
Nondurable Goods	127,500	129,000	132,700	-1,500	-1.2%	-5,200	-3.9%
Service Producing	8,960,000	8,937,300	8,905,800	22,700	0.3%	54,200	0.6%
Private Service Providing	7,816,100	7,798,600	7,757,000	17,500	0.2%	59,100	0.8%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,989,600	1,990,300	1,987,800	-700	*	1,800	0.1%
Wholesale Trade	399,600	399,900	397,000	-300	-0.1%	2,600	0.7%
Retail Trade	1,151,700	1,150,400	1,147,600	1,300	0.1%	4,100	0.4%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	438,300	440,000	443,200	-1,700	-0.4%	-4,900	-1.1%
Information	148,300	149,300	152,200	-1,000	-0.7%	-3,900	-2.6%
Financial Activities	676,000	676,400	690,300	-400	-0.1%	-14,300	-2.1%
Finance and Insurance	456,000	456,200	468,200	-200	*	-12,200	-2.6%
Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing	220,000	220,200	222,100	-200	-0.1%	-2,100	-0.9%
Professional and Business Services	1,639,500	1,627,900	1,614,300	11,600	0.7%	25,200	1.6%
Professional and Technical Services	786,100	783,300	761,700	2,800	0.4%	24,400	3.2%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	136,300	135,900	138,700	400	0.3%	-2,400	-1.7%
Administrative and Waste Services	717,100	708,700	713,900	8,400	1.2%	3,200	0.4%
Education and Health Services	1,635,900	1,625,500	1,596,300	10,400	0.6%	39,600	2.5%
Educational Services	218,100	221,000	219,800	-2,900	-1.3%	-1,700	-0.8%
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,417,800	1,404,500	1,376,500	13,300	0.9%	41,300	3.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	1,341,700	1,345,600	1,330,100	-3,900	-0.3%	11,600	0.9%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	292,200	285,100	277,700	7,100	2.5%	14,500	5.2%
Accommodation and Food Services	1,049,500	1,060,500	1,052,400	-11,000	-1.0%	-2,900	-0.3%
Other Services	385,100	383,600	386,000	1,500	0.4%	-900	-0.2%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics Program.
Prepared by: Florida Department of Commerce, Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research.

Nonagricultural Employment in Florida Seasonally Adjusted

	August ^p 2026	July ^r 2026	August 2025	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Total Government	1,143,900	1,138,700	1,148,800	5,200	0.5%	-4,900	-0.4%
Federal Government	152,000	151,700	159,200	300	0.2%	-7,200	-4.5%
State Government	254,400	254,000	256,400	400	0.2%	-2,000	-0.8%
Local Government	737,500	733,000	733,200	4,500	0.6%	4,300	0.6%

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p = preliminary, r = revised

* - less than 0.1 percent

Note: Sum of detail may not equal totals due to rounding or the exclusion of certain industries from publication. All data are subject to revision.

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Series	Industry Title	Change from					
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0 Total Nonfarm		9,994,700	9,917,500	9,933,300	77,200 0.8%	61,400 0.6%	
5000000 Total Private		8,862,500	8,853,100	8,795,600	9,400 0.1%	66,900 0.8%	
6000000 Goods Producing		1,092,300	1,097,200	1,087,100	-4,900 -0.4%	5,200 0.5%	
7000000 Service-Providing		8,902,400	8,820,300	8,846,200	82,100 0.9%	56,200 0.6%	
8000000 Private Service Providing		7,770,200	7,755,900	7,708,500	14,300 0.2%	61,700 0.8%	
10000000 Mining and Logging		5,700	5,700	5,600	0 0.0%	100 1.8%	
10212000 Mining (except Oil and Gas)		3,300	3,300	3,400	0 0.0%	-100 -2.9%	
15000000 Mining, Logging and Construction		663,200	665,700	661,300	-2,500 -0.4%	1,900 0.3%	
20000000 Construction		657,500	660,000	655,700	-2,500 -0.4%	1,800 0.3%	
20236000 Construction of Buildings		136,300	138,000	135,100	-1,700 -1.2%	1,200 0.9%	
20237000 Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction		90,200	91,900	85,900	-1,700 -1.8%	4,300 5.0%	
20238000 Specialty Trade Contractors		431,000	430,100	434,700	900 0.2%	-3,700 -0.9%	
20238200 Building Equipment Contractors		199,800	200,600	196,200	-800 -0.4%	3,600 1.8%	
30000000 Manufacturing		429,100	431,500	425,800	-2,400 -0.6%	3,300 0.8%	
31000000 Durable Goods		302,300	302,300	293,900	0 0.0%	8,400 2.9%	
31332000 Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing		46,900	46,900	45,800	0 0.0%	1,100 2.4%	
31334000 Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing		49,000	48,900	46,500	100 0.2%	2,500 5.4%	
31334200 Communications Equipment Manufacturing		5,600	5,600	5,300	0 0.0%	300 5.7%	
31336000 Transportation Equipment Manufacturing		60,400	60,200	58,000	200 0.3%	2,400 4.1%	
31336400 Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing		37,600	37,500	35,600	100 0.3%	2,000 5.6%	
31339000 Miscellaneous Manufacturing		38,100	38,100	37,400	0 0.0%	700 1.9%	
32000000 Non-Durable Goods		126,800	129,200	131,900	-2,400 -1.9%	-5,100 -3.9%	
32311000 Food Manufacturing		37,400	37,800	38,800	-400 -1.1%	-1,400 -3.6%	
32312000 Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing		13,200	13,300	13,700	-100 -0.8%	-500 -3.6%	
32322000 Paper Manufacturing		7,100	7,200	7,500	-100 -1.4%	-400 -5.3%	
32323000 Printing and Related Support Activities		14,600	14,700	15,000	-100 -0.7%	-400 -2.7%	
32325000 Chemical Manufacturing		28,000	28,500	29,400	-500 -1.8%	-1,400 -4.8%	
40000000 Trade, Transportation, and Utilities		1,971,900	1,975,700	1,968,700	-3,800 -0.2%	3,200 0.2%	
41000000 Wholesale Trade		398,900	399,500	396,500	-600 -0.2%	2,400 0.6%	
41423000 Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods		213,200	214,300	217,500	-1,100 -0.5%	-4,300 -2.0%	
41423400 Professional and Commercial Equipment and Supplies Merchant Wholesalers		57,900	58,300	58,500	-400 -0.7%	-600 -1.0%	
41423600 Household Appliances and Electrical and Electronic Goods Merchant Wholesalers		24,200	24,200	24,600	0 0.0%	-400 -1.6%	
41423800 Machinery, Equipment, and Supplies Merchant Wholesalers		41,000	40,800	40,000	200 0.5%	1,000 2.5%	
41424000 Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods		161,700	161,300	155,000	400 0.2%	6,700 4.3%	
41424400 Grocery and Related Product Merchant Wholesalers		65,400	65,100	63,800	300 0.5%	1,600 2.5%	
41425000 Wholesale Trade Agents and Brokers		24,000	23,900	24,000	100 0.4%	0 0.0%	
42000000 Retail Trade		1,140,000	1,141,100	1,135,900	-1,100 -0.1%	4,100 0.4%	
42441000 Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers		163,400	163,900	162,400	-500 -0.3%	1,000 0.6%	
42441100 Automobile Dealers		104,200	104,400	103,400	-200 -0.2%	800 0.8%	

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					Percent	Percent		
42444000	Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers	95,100	95,600	96,100	-500	-0.5%	-1,000	-1.0%
42445000	Food and Beverage Retailers	273,500	274,800	268,000	-1,300	-0.5%	5,500	2.1%
42449000	Furniture, Home Furnishings, Electronics, and Appliance Retailers	60,300	60,100	61,100	200	0.3%	-800	-1.3%
42449100	Furniture and Home Furnishings Retailers	31,300	31,000	31,900	300	1.0%	-600	-1.9%
42449200	Electronics and Appliance Retailers	29,000	29,100	29,200	-100	-0.3%	-200	-0.7%
42455000	General Merchandise Retailers	223,600	220,900	219,600	2,700	1.2%	4,000	1.8%
42455100	Department Stores	61,400	60,000	60,400	1,400	2.3%	1,000	1.7%
42455200	Warehouse Clubs, Supercenters, and Other General Merchandise Retailers	162,200	160,900	159,200	1,300	0.8%	3,000	1.9%
42456000	Health and Personal Care Retailers	83,500	84,900	86,600	-1,400	-1.6%	-3,100	-3.6%
42457000	Gasoline Stations and Fuel Dealers	49,000	49,000	49,200	0	0.0%	-200	-0.4%
42458000	Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jewelry Retailers	97,100	96,800	96,400	300	0.3%	700	0.7%
42459000	Sporting Goods, Hobby, Musical Instrument, Book, and Miscellaneous Retailers	94,500	95,100	96,500	-600	-0.6%	-2,000	-2.1%
43000000	Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	433,000	435,100	436,300	-2,100	-0.5%	-3,300	-0.8%
43220000	Utilities	27,200	27,400	26,800	-200	-0.7%	400	1.5%
43400089	Transportation and Warehousing	405,800	407,700	409,500	-1,900	-0.5%	-3,700	-0.9%
43481000	Air Transportation	52,700	52,900	57,300	-200	-0.4%	-4,600	-8.0%
43483000	Water Transportation	20,800	20,900	20,600	-100	-0.5%	200	1.0%
43484000	Truck Transportation	64,600	65,100	65,300	-500	-0.8%	-700	-1.1%
43488000	Support Activities for Transportation	75,000	73,500	74,600	1,500	2.0%	400	0.5%
43492000	Couriers and Messengers	59,900	60,600	61,600	-700	-1.2%	-1,700	-2.8%
43493000	Warehousing and Storage	105,000	105,800	102,800	-800	-0.8%	2,200	2.1%
50000000	Information	147,900	149,000	153,000	-1,100	-0.7%	-5,100	-3.3%
50513000	Publishing Industries	40,200	40,600	42,800	-400	-1.0%	-2,600	-6.1%
50516000	Broadcasting and Content Providers	15,700	15,800	15,900	-100	-0.6%	-200	-1.3%
50517000	Telecommunications	43,200	43,600	44,900	-400	-0.9%	-1,700	-3.8%
50517111	Wired Telecommunications Carriers	32,000	32,500	33,900	-500	-1.5%	-1,900	-5.6%
50518000	Computing Infrastructure Providers, Data Processing, Web Hosting, and Related	28,000	28,200	28,400	-200	-0.7%	-400	-1.4%
55000000	Financial Activities	677,100	677,000	691,600	100	*	-14,500	-2.1%
55520000	Finance and Insurance	457,000	455,800	469,100	1,200	0.3%	-12,100	-2.6%
55522000	Credit Intermediation and Related Activities including Monetary Authorities - Cent	179,300	179,000	179,700	300	0.2%	-400	-0.2%
55522100	Depository Credit Intermediation including Monetary Authorities - Central Bank	124,600	124,600	123,500	0	0.0%	1,100	0.9%
55524000	Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	207,700	207,700	220,500	0	0.0%	-12,800	-5.8%
55524100	Insurance Carriers	97,000	97,300	99,200	-300	-0.3%	-2,200	-2.2%
55524200	Agencies, Brokerages, and Other Insurance Related Activities	110,700	110,400	121,300	300	0.3%	-10,600	-8.7%
55530000	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	220,100	221,200	222,500	-1,100	-0.5%	-2,400	-1.1%
55531000	Real Estate	168,600	169,400	171,300	-800	-0.5%	-2,700	-1.6%
60000000	Professional and Business Services	1,642,800	1,629,700	1,612,200	13,100	0.8%	30,600	1.9%
60540000	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	787,400	785,600	760,600	1,800	0.2%	26,800	3.5%
60541100	Legal Services	116,300	116,400	113,500	-100	-0.1%	2,800	2.5%

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60541200	Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, and Payroll Services	89,300	89,200	85,200	100 0.1%	4,100 4.8%	
60541300	Architectural, Engineering, and Related Services	116,200	115,000	114,000	1,200 1.0%	2,200 1.9%	
60541500	Computer Systems Design and Related Services	147,300	147,600	138,600	-300 -0.2%	8,700 6.3%	
60541600	Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services	166,200	166,900	166,600	-700 -0.4%	-400 -0.2%	
60550000	Management of Companies and Enterprises	136,400	136,600	138,200	-200 -0.1%	-1,800 -1.3%	
60560000	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	719,000	707,500	713,400	11,500 1.6%	5,600 0.8%	
60561000	Administrative and Support Services	685,100	673,500	679,900	11,600 1.7%	5,200 0.8%	
60561300	Employment Services	216,600	201,600	211,100	15,000 7.4%	5,500 2.6%	
60561400	Business Support Services	70,900	70,800	67,700	100 0.1%	3,200 4.7%	
60561500	Travel Arrangement and Reservation Services	28,100	28,100	27,500	0 0.0%	600 2.2%	
60561600	Investigation and Security Services	78,300	78,300	80,200	0 0.0%	-1,900 -2.4%	
60561700	Services to Buildings and Dwellings	206,800	208,700	206,500	-1,900 -0.9%	300 0.1%	
60562000	Waste Management and Remediation Services	33,900	34,000	33,500	-100 -0.3%	400 1.2%	
65000000	Private Education and Health Services	1,621,900	1,602,900	1,586,900	19,000 1.2%	35,000 2.2%	
65610000	Private Educational Services	208,300	201,500	213,900	6,800 3.4%	-5,600 -2.6%	
65611100	Private Elementary and Secondary Schools	83,800	74,700	86,100	9,100 12.2%	-2,300 -2.7%	
65611300	Private Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools	64,800	64,600	65,100	200 0.3%	-300 -0.5%	
65620000	Health Care and Social Assistance	1,413,600	1,401,400	1,373,000	12,200 0.9%	40,600 3.0%	
65621000	Ambulatory Health Care Services	641,200	631,800	624,200	9,400 1.5%	17,000 2.7%	
65621100	Offices of Physicians	268,500	267,200	260,700	1,300 0.5%	7,800 3.0%	
65621600	Home Health Care Services	94,800	92,200	91,300	2,600 2.8%	3,500 3.8%	
65622000	Hospitals	406,600	404,100	390,000	2,500 0.6%	16,600 4.3%	
65623000	Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	202,800	204,100	200,700	-1,300 -0.6%	2,100 1.0%	
65623100	Nursing Care Facilities (Skilled Nursing Facilities)	94,200	94,800	94,100	-600 -0.6%	100 0.1%	
65623300	Continuing Care Retirement Communities and Assisted Living Facilities for the Elderly	73,700	74,200	72,500	-500 -0.7%	1,200 1.7%	
65624000	Social Assistance	163,000	161,400	158,100	1,600 1.0%	4,900 3.1%	
70000000	Leisure and Hospitality	1,325,100	1,338,700	1,312,300	-13,600 -1.0%	12,800 1.0%	
70710000	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	284,900	280,500	271,500	4,400 1.6%	13,400 4.9%	
70713000	Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries	224,200	220,600	216,300	3,600 1.6%	7,900 3.7%	
70713100	Amusement Parks and Arcades	95,100	93,900	92,400	1,200 1.3%	2,700 2.9%	
70720000	Accommodation and Food Services	1,040,200	1,058,200	1,040,800	-18,000 -1.7%	-600 -0.1%	
70721000	Accommodation	190,200	194,300	195,000	-4,100 -2.1%	-4,800 -2.5%	
70722000	Food Services and Drinking Places	850,000	863,900	845,800	-13,900 -1.6%	4,200 0.5%	
80000000	Other Services	383,500	382,900	383,800	600 0.2%	-300 -0.1%	
80811000	Repair and Maintenance	95,900	93,700	97,300	2,200 2.3%	-1,400 -1.4%	
80811100	Automotive Repair and Maintenance	60,900	59,800	63,900	1,100 1.8%	-3,000 -4.7%	
80812000	Personal and Laundry Services	108,900	108,300	112,000	600 0.6%	-3,100 -2.8%	
80813000	Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations	178,700	180,900	174,500	-2,200 -1.2%	4,200 2.4%	
90000000	Government	1,132,200	1,064,400	1,137,700	67,800 6.4%	-5,500 -0.5%	

**NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT IN FLORIDA
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Series	Industry Title	August 2026	July 2026	August 2025	Change from			
					Jul 2026 to Aug 2026 Level	Aug 2025 to Aug 2026 Level	Percent	Percent
90910000	Federal Government	151,400	151,200	158,700	200	-7,300	0.1%	-4.6%
90920000	State Government	243,300	241,000	245,700	2,300	-2,400	1.0%	-1.0%
90921611	State Government Educational Services	132,700	130,400	134,200	2,300	-1,500	1.8%	-1.1%
90922000	State Government Excluding Education	110,600	110,600	111,500	0	-900	0.0%	-0.8%
90930000	Local Government	737500	672200	733300	65300	4200	9.7%	0.6%
90931611	Local Government Educational Services	330600	265600	334700	65000	-4100	24.5%	-1.2%
90932000	Local Government excluding Educational Services	406900	406600	398600	300	8300	0.1%	2.1%

STATE OF FLORIDA
LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS BY COUNTY
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

COUNTY	AUGUST 2026				JULY 2026				AUGUST 2025			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
Alachua County	139,681	132,074	7,607	5.4%	140,103	132,142	7,961	5.7%	139,227	132,271	6,956	5.0%
Baker County	12,140	11,538	602	5.0%	12,151	11,525	626	5.2%	12,148	11,589	559	4.6%
Bay County	95,375	91,158	4,217	4.4%	94,724	90,411	4,313	4.6%	94,454	90,508	3,946	4.2%
Bradford County	10,537	9,957	580	5.5%	10,470	9,866	604	5.8%	10,457	9,948	509	4.9%
Brevard County	305,636	290,881	14,755	4.8%	304,321	289,350	14,971	4.9%	305,266	291,497	13,769	4.5%
Broward County	1,071,312	1,023,926	47,386	4.4%	1,065,953	1,016,830	49,123	4.6%	1,075,505	1,031,998	43,507	4.0%
Calhoun County	5,078	4,820	258	5.1%	4,854	4,593	261	5.4%	5,071	4,830	241	4.8%
Charlotte County	77,706	73,125	4,581	5.9%	76,985	72,492	4,493	5.8%	77,806	73,610	4,196	5.4%
Citrus County	54,520	50,856	3,664	6.7%	53,454	49,805	3,649	6.8%	54,914	51,505	3,409	6.2%
Clay County	113,056	107,687	5,369	4.7%	113,071	107,557	5,514	4.9%	113,397	108,335	5,062	4.5%
Collier County	182,606	173,460	9,146	5.0%	181,410	172,285	9,125	5.0%	181,465	172,949	8,516	4.7%
Columbia County	27,721	26,191	1,530	5.5%	26,759	25,185	1,574	5.9%	27,699	26,326	1,373	5.0%
DeSoto County	12,246	11,514	732	6.0%	11,959	11,230	729	6.1%	12,327	11,663	664	5.4%
Dixie County	5,945	5,588	357	6.0%	5,865	5,493	372	6.3%	5,895	5,573	322	5.5%
Duval County	518,469	493,297	25,172	4.9%	518,611	492,514	26,097	5.0%	520,039	496,715	23,324	4.5%
Escambia County	149,306	141,778	7,528	5.0%	149,605	141,922	7,683	5.1%	149,960	143,172	6,788	4.5%
Flagler County	56,551	53,435	3,116	5.5%	56,365	53,231	3,134	5.6%	56,331	53,416	2,915	5.2%
Franklin County	4,600	4,371	229	5.0%	4,383	4,151	232	5.3%	4,520	4,299	221	4.9%
Gadsden County	17,093	16,107	986	5.8%	17,056	16,060	996	5.8%	17,019	16,121	898	5.3%
Gilchrist County	8,013	7,613	400	5.0%	8,064	7,645	419	5.2%	8,007	7,635	372	4.6%
Glades County	4,599	4,334	265	5.8%	4,474	4,204	270	6.0%	4,610	4,367	243	5.3%
Gulf County	6,476	6,191	285	4.4%	6,473	6,174	299	4.6%	6,452	6,170	282	4.4%
Hamilton County	4,131	3,864	267	6.5%	4,070	3,796	274	6.7%	4,115	3,866	249	6.1%
Hardee County	10,376	9,803	573	5.5%	10,013	9,411	602	6.0%	10,290	9,744	546	5.3%
Hendry County	22,577	21,299	1,278	5.7%	22,165	20,830	1,335	6.0%	22,453	21,267	1,186	5.3%
Hernando County	91,390	86,423	4,967	5.4%	90,481	85,437	5,044	5.6%	90,619	86,088	4,531	5.0%
Highlands County	36,318	33,840	2,478	6.8%	36,221	33,747	2,474	6.8%	36,302	34,032	2,270	6.3%
Hillsborough County	813,601	775,819	37,782	4.6%	805,891	767,470	38,421	4.8%	807,692	773,058	34,634	4.3%
Holmes County	7,867	7,487	380	4.8%	7,799	7,411	388	5.0%	7,874	7,524	350	4.4%
Indian River County	67,290	63,536	3,754	5.6%	67,083	63,301	3,782	5.6%	67,435	63,863	3,572	5.3%
Jackson County	17,386	16,481	905	5.2%	17,071	16,137	934	5.5%	17,408	16,553	855	4.9%
Jefferson County	7,062	6,750	312	4.4%	7,046	6,721	325	4.6%	7,007	6,725	282	4.0%
Lafayette County	2,539	2,384	155	6.1%	2,471	2,313	158	6.4%	2,587	2,441	146	5.6%
Lake County	198,233	188,443	9,790	4.9%	197,901	187,947	9,954	5.0%	197,317	188,405	8,912	4.5%
Lee County	371,492	352,280	19,212	5.2%	372,602	353,142	19,460	5.2%	371,374	353,796	17,578	4.7%
Leon County	164,251	156,121	8,130	4.9%	163,929	155,464	8,465	5.2%	162,575	155,196	7,379	4.5%
Levy County	18,784	17,766	1,018	5.4%	18,808	17,758	1,050	5.6%	18,768	17,814	954	5.1%
Liberty County	2,561	2,431	130	5.1%	2,424	2,284	140	5.8%	2,532	2,407	125	4.9%
Madison County	6,940	6,576	364	5.2%	6,847	6,473	374	5.5%	6,956	6,597	359	5.2%

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COUNTY	AUGUST 2026				JULY 2026				AUGUST 2025			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE
Manatee County	202,370	192,517	9,853	4.9%	202,328	192,280	10,048	5.0%	201,355	192,239	9,116	4.5%
Marion County	162,595	153,303	9,292	5.7%	161,917	152,547	9,370	5.8%	162,109	153,475	8,634	5.3%
Martin County	70,768	67,313	3,455	4.9%	70,499	66,984	3,515	5.0%	70,830	67,604	3,226	4.6%
Miami-Dade County	1,446,920	1,408,294	38,626	2.7%	1,431,802	1,396,193	35,609	2.5%	1,424,522	1,381,340	43,182	3.0%
Monroe County	48,925	47,330	1,595	3.3%	48,728	47,146	1,582	3.2%	49,144	47,659	1,485	3.0%
Nassau County	47,009	44,861	2,148	4.6%	46,988	44,813	2,175	4.6%	47,133	45,145	1,988	4.2%
Okaloosa County	101,762	97,323	4,439	4.4%	101,801	97,221	4,580	4.5%	102,070	97,960	4,110	4.0%
Okeechobee County	16,484	15,617	867	5.3%	16,059	15,170	889	5.5%	16,373	15,563	810	4.9%
Orange County	822,275	785,358	36,917	4.5%	821,019	783,153	37,866	4.6%	819,287	785,433	33,854	4.1%
Osceola County	240,855	229,335	11,520	4.8%	240,539	228,688	11,851	4.9%	239,813	229,371	10,442	4.4%
Palm Beach County	773,792	737,930	35,862	4.6%	768,773	732,258	36,515	4.7%	773,226	739,731	33,495	4.3%
Pasco County	302,625	287,461	15,164	5.0%	299,519	284,029	15,490	5.2%	300,432	286,594	13,838	4.6%
Pinellas County	493,907	472,617	21,290	4.3%	492,469	471,032	21,437	4.4%	494,411	474,877	19,534	4.0%
Polk County	364,197	343,756	20,441	5.6%	362,522	341,413	21,109	5.8%	361,457	342,338	19,119	5.3%
Putnam County	29,865	28,198	1,667	5.6%	29,488	27,783	1,705	5.8%	29,414	27,873	1,541	5.2%
Santa Rosa County	91,775	87,379	4,396	4.8%	92,073	87,488	4,585	5.0%	92,289	88,278	4,011	4.3%
Sarasota County	201,259	191,134	10,125	5.0%	201,207	190,995	10,212	5.1%	200,331	191,022	9,309	4.6%
Seminole County	270,787	259,231	11,556	4.3%	270,397	258,604	11,793	4.4%	269,950	259,196	10,754	4.0%
St. Johns County	157,452	150,068	7,384	4.7%	157,153	149,644	7,509	4.8%	158,147	151,325	6,822	4.3%
St. Lucie County	170,878	161,795	9,083	5.3%	170,161	160,914	9,247	5.4%	170,965	162,419	8,546	5.0%
Sumter County	35,343	32,557	2,786	7.9%	35,000	32,243	2,757	7.9%	35,193	32,680	2,513	7.1%
Suwannee County	17,215	16,256	959	5.6%	16,792	15,829	963	5.7%	17,149	16,246	903	5.3%
Taylor County	5,467	5,018	449	8.2%	5,388	4,933	455	8.4%	5,546	5,125	421	7.6%
Union County	4,119	3,854	265	6.4%	4,013	3,739	274	6.8%	4,127	3,891	236	5.7%
Volusia County	267,024	253,064	13,960	5.2%	266,441	252,214	14,227	5.3%	265,910	252,957	12,953	4.9%
Wakulla County	17,910	17,171	739	4.1%	17,781	17,028	753	4.2%	17,814	17,150	664	3.7%
Walton County	42,757	40,935	1,822	4.3%	42,676	40,828	1,848	4.3%	42,854	41,156	1,698	4.0%
Washington County	9,588	9,071	517	5.4%	9,546	9,011	535	5.6%	9,488	8,989	499	5.3%
Florida (Not Seasonally Adjusted)	11,137,000	10,630,000	507,000	4.6%	11,083,000	10,568,000	515,000	4.6%	11,097,000	10,622,000	476,000	4.3%
Florida (Seasonally Adjusted)	11,115,000	10,613,000	502,000	4.5%	11,121,000	10,606,000	514,000	4.6%	11,081,000	10,637,000	444,000	4.0%
United States (Not Seasonally Adjusted)	170,048,000	162,667,000	7,381,000	4.3%	170,235,000	162,800,000	7,435,000	4.4%	171,035,000	163,288,000	7,747,000	4.5%
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)	169,777,000	162,746,000	7,031,000	4.1%	169,094,000	162,177,000	6,916,000	4.1%	170,750,000	163,370,000	7,380,000	4.3%

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STATE OF FLORIDA
LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS BY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA) AND METROPOLITAN DIVISION (MD)
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

MSA/MD	AUGUST 2026				JULY 2026				AUGUST 2025			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	RATE
Cape Coral-Fort Myers MSA	371,492	352,280	19,212	5.2%	372,602	353,142	19,460	5.2%	371,374	353,796	17,578	4.7%
Crestview-Fort Walton Beach-Destin MSA	144,519	138,258	6,261	4.3%	144,477	138,049	6,428	4.4%	144,924	139,116	5,808	4.0%
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	323,575	306,499	17,076	5.3%	322,806	305,445	17,361	5.4%	322,241	306,373	15,868	4.9%
Gainesville MSA	166,478	157,453	9,025	5.4%	166,975	157,545	9,430	5.6%	166,002	157,720	8,282	5.0%
Homosassa Springs MSA	54,520	50,856	3,664	6.7%	53,454	49,805	3,649	6.8%	54,914	51,505	3,409	6.2%
Jacksonville MSA	848,126	807,451	40,675	4.8%	847,974	806,053	41,921	4.9%	850,864	813,109	37,755	4.4%
Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA	364,197	343,756	20,441	5.6%	362,522	341,413	21,109	5.8%	361,457	342,338	19,119	5.3%
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach MSA	3,292,024	3,170,150	121,874	3.7%	3,266,528	3,145,281	121,247	3.7%	3,273,253	3,153,069	120,184	3.7%
Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Sunrise Division	1,071,312	1,023,926	47,386	4.4%	1,065,953	1,016,830	49,123	4.6%	1,075,505	1,031,998	43,507	4.0%
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	1,446,920	1,408,294	38,626	2.7%	1,431,802	1,396,193	35,609	2.5%	1,424,522	1,381,340	43,182	3.0%
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD	773,792	737,930	35,862	4.6%	768,773	732,258	36,515	4.7%	773,226	739,731	33,495	4.3%
Naples-Marco Island MSA	182,606	173,460	9,146	5.0%	181,410	172,285	9,125	5.0%	181,465	172,949	8,516	4.7%
North Port-Bradenton-Sarasota MSA	403,629	383,651	19,978	4.9%	403,535	383,275	20,260	5.0%	401,686	383,261	18,425	4.6%
Ocala MSA	162,595	153,303	9,292	5.7%	161,917	152,547	9,370	5.8%	162,109	153,475	8,634	5.3%
Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA	1,532,150	1,462,367	69,783	4.6%	1,529,856	1,458,392	71,464	4.7%	1,526,367	1,462,405	63,962	4.2%
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	305,636	290,881	14,755	4.8%	304,321	289,350	14,971	4.9%	305,266	291,497	13,769	4.5%
Panama City-Panama City Beach MSA	104,963	100,229	4,734	4.5%	104,270	99,422	4,848	4.6%	103,942	99,497	4,445	4.3%
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	241,081	229,157	11,924	4.9%	241,678	229,410	12,268	5.1%	242,249	231,450	10,799	4.5%
Port St. Lucie MSA	241,646	229,108	12,538	5.2%	240,660	227,898	12,762	5.3%	241,795	230,023	11,772	4.9%
Punta Gorda MSA	77,706	73,125	4,581	5.9%	76,985	72,492	4,493	5.8%	77,806	73,610	4,196	5.4%
Sebastian-Vero Beach-West Vero Corridor MSA	67,290	63,536	3,754	5.6%	67,083	63,301	3,782	5.6%	67,435	63,863	3,572	5.3%
Sebring MSA	36,318	33,840	2,478	6.8%	36,221	33,747	2,474	6.8%	36,302	34,032	2,270	6.3%
Tallahassee MSA	206,316	196,149	10,167	4.9%	205,812	195,273	10,539	5.1%	204,415	195,192	9,223	4.5%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA	1,701,523	1,622,320	79,203	4.7%	1,688,360	1,607,968	80,392	4.8%	1,693,154	1,620,617	72,537	4.3%
St. Petersburg-Clearwater-Largo MD	493,907	472,617	21,290	4.3%	492,469	471,032	21,437	4.4%	494,411	474,877	19,534	4.0%
Tampa MD	1,207,616	1,149,703	57,913	4.8%	1,195,891	1,136,936	58,955	4.9%	1,198,743	1,145,740	53,003	4.4%
Wildwood-The Villages MSA	35,343	32,557	2,786	7.9%	35,000	32,243	2,757	7.9%	35,193	32,680	2,513	7.1%
Florida (Not Seasonally Adjusted)	11,137,000	10,630,000	507,000	4.6%	11,083,000	10,568,000	515,000	4.6%	11,097,000	10,622,000	476,000	4.3%
Florida (Seasonally Adjusted)	11,115,000	10,613,000	502,000	4.5%	11,121,000	10,606,000	514,000	4.6%	11,081,000	10,637,000	444,000	4.0%
United States (Not Seasonally Adjusted)	170,048,000	162,667,000	7,381,000	4.3%	170,235,000	162,800,000	7,435,000	4.4%	171,035,000	163,288,000	7,747,000	4.5%
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)	169,777,000	162,746,000	7,031,000	4.1%	169,094,000	162,177,000	6,916,000	4.1%	170,750,000	163,370,000	7,380,000	4.3%

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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTIES RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)
AUGUST 2026 (PRELIMINARY)

1	Taylor County	8.2%
2	Sumter County	7.9%
3	Highlands County	6.8%
4	Citrus County	6.7%
5	Hamilton County	6.5%
6	Union County	6.4%
7	Lafayette County	6.1%
8	DeSoto County	6.0%
8	Dixie County	6.0%
10	Charlotte County	5.9%
11	Gadsden County	5.8%
11	Glades County	5.8%
13	Hendry County	5.7%
13	Marion County	5.7%
15	Indian River County	5.6%
15	Polk County	5.6%
15	Putnam County	5.6%
15	Suwannee County	5.6%
19	Bradford County	5.5%
19	Columbia County	5.5%
19	Flagler County	5.5%
19	Hardee County	5.5%
23	Alachua County	5.4%
23	Hernando County	5.4%
23	Levy County	5.4%
23	Washington County	5.4%
27	Okeechobee County	5.3%
27	St. Lucie County	5.3%
29	Jackson County	5.2%
29	Lee County	5.2%
29	Madison County	5.2%
29	Volusia County	5.2%
33	Calhoun County	5.1%
33	Liberty County	5.1%
35	Baker County	5.0%
35	Collier County	5.0%
35	Escambia County	5.0%
35	Franklin County	5.0%
35	Gilchrist County	5.0%
35	Pasco County	5.0%

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTIES RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)
AUGUST 2026 (PRELIMINARY)

35	Sarasota County	5.0%
42	Duval County	4.9%
42	Lake County	4.9%
42	Leon County	4.9%
42	Manatee County	4.9%
42	Martin County	4.9%
47	Brevard County	4.8%
47	Holmes County	4.8%
47	Osceola County	4.8%
47	Santa Rosa County	4.8%
51	Clay County	4.7%
51	St. Johns County	4.7%
53	Hillsborough County	4.6%
53	Nassau County	4.6%
53	Palm Beach County	4.6%
	Florida	4.6%
56	Orange County	4.5%
57	Bay County	4.4%
57	Broward County	4.4%
57	Gulf County	4.4%
57	Jefferson County	4.4%
57	Okaloosa County	4.4%
62	Pinellas County	4.3%
62	Seminole County	4.3%
62	Walton County	4.3%
	United States	4.3%
65	Wakulla County	4.1%
66	Monroe County	3.3%
67	Miami-Dade County	2.7%

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STATE OF FLORIDA
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS (MSAs) AND METROPOLITAN DIVISIONS (MDs)
RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)
AUGUST 2026 (PRELIMINARY)

1	Wildwood-The Villages MSA	7.9%
2	Sebring MSA	6.8%
3	Homosassa Springs MSA	6.7%
4	Punta Gorda MSA	5.9%
5	Ocala MSA	5.7%
6	Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA	5.6%
6	Sebastian-Vero Beach-West Vero Corridor MSA	5.6%
8	Gainesville MSA	5.4%
9	Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	5.3%
10	Cape Coral-Fort Myers MSA	5.2%
10	Port St. Lucie MSA	5.2%
12	Naples-Marco Island MSA	5.0%
13	North Port-Bradenton-Sarasota MSA	4.9%
13	Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	4.9%
13	Tallahassee MSA	4.9%
16	Jacksonville MSA	4.8%
16	Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	4.8%
16	Tampa MD	4.8%
19	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA	4.6%
19	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD	4.6%
	Florida	4.6%
21	Panama City-Panama City Beach MSA	4.5%
22	Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Sunrise MD	4.4%
23	Crestview-Fort Walton Beach-Destin MSA	4.3%
23	St. Petersburg-Clearwater-Largo MD	4.3%
	United States	4.3%
25	Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	2.7%

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
FLORIDA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Area	August 2026	July 2026	August 2025	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Statewide	9,994,700	9,917,500	9,933,300	77,200	0.8%	61,400	0.6%
Cape Coral-Fort Myers MSA	311,300	311,700	309,800	-400	-0.1%	1,500	0.5%
Crestview-Fort Walton Beach-Destin MSA	133,700	133,500	133,200	200	0.1%	500	0.4%
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	230,600	229,800	228,600	800	0.3%	2,000	0.9%
Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Sunrise MD	914,500	906,700	915,100	7,800	0.9%	-600	-0.1%
Gainesville MSA	162,600	162,400	161,700	200	0.1%	900	0.6%
Homosassa Springs MSA	36,700	35,900	36,900	800	2.2%	-200	-0.5%
Jacksonville MSA	803,800	800,300	803,300	3,500	0.4%	500	0.1%
Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA	283,400	280,400	279,800	3,000	1.1%	3,600	1.3%
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach MSA	2,967,100	2,944,900	2,956,700	22,200	0.8%	10,400	0.4%
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	1,349,400	1,341,100	1,343,200	8,300	0.6%	6,200	0.5%
Naples-Marco Island MSA	174,500	173,400	172,100	1,100	0.6%	2,400	1.4%
North Port-Bradenton-Sarasota MSA	357,800	357,200	354,100	600	0.2%	3,700	1.0%
Ocala MSA	126,700	125,300	125,200	1,400	1.1%	1,500	1.2%
Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA	1,508,300	1,500,800	1,496,400	7,500	0.5%	11,900	0.8%
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	259,700	257,900	258,400	1,800	0.7%	1,300	0.5%
Panama City-Panama City Beach MSA	95,200	94,300	93,500	900	1.0%	1,700	1.8%
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	203,300	203,100	203,800	200	0.1%	-500	-0.2%
Port St. Lucie MSA	177,800	176,900	176,900	900	0.5%	900	0.5%
Punta Gorda MSA	58,900	58,600	58,900	300	0.5%	0	0.0%
St. Petersburg-Clearwater-Largo MD	480,000	478,000	478,300	2,000	0.4%	1,700	0.4%
Sebastian-Vero Beach-West Vero Corridor MSA	58,900	58,800	59,000	100	0.2%	-100	-0.2%
Sebring MSA	28,200	28,100	28,000	100	0.4%	200	0.7%
Tallahassee MSA	200,500	199,000	198,000	1,500	0.8%	2,500	1.3%
Tampa MD	1,079,600	1,064,300	1,067,100	15,300	1.4%	12,500	1.2%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA	1,559,600	1,542,300	1,545,400	17,300	1.1%	14,200	0.9%
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD	703,200	697,100	698,400	6,100	0.9%	4,800	0.7%
Wildwood-The Villages MSA	43,200	42,700	42,900	500	1.2%	300	0.7%

Note: Employment estimates have been rounded to the nearest hundred. Sum of detail may not equal totals due to rounding or the exclusion of certain industries from publication. All data are subject to revision. September 18, 2026.

Total Nonagricultural Employment
Florida and Selected Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) and Metropolitan Divisions (MDs)

Seasonally Adjusted

Area	August ^p 2026	July ^r 2026	August 2025	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Florida	10,051,600	10,029,800	9,992,600	21,800	0.2%	59,000	0.6%
Cape Coral-Fort Myers MSA	314,000	316,300	314,800	-2,300	-0.7%	-800	-0.3%
Crestview-Fort Walton Beach-Destin MSA	132,900	132,700	131,300	200	0.2%	1,600	1.2%
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach MSA	231,100	231,400	229,200	-300	-0.1%	1,900	0.8%
Gainesville MSA	167,100	166,900	165,900	200	0.1%	1,200	0.7%
Homosassa Springs MSA	36,700	36,700	36,900	0	0.0%	-200	-0.5%
Jacksonville MSA	806,600	805,600	803,300	1,000	0.1%	3,300	0.4%
Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA	284,500	284,300	281,200	200	0.1%	3,300	1.2%
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach MSA	2,982,800	2,979,200	2,976,500	3,600	0.1%	6,300	0.2%
Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Sunrise MD	919,200	917,000	921,200	2,200	0.2%	-2,000	-0.2%
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD	1,354,500	1,355,300	1,350,300	-800	-0.1%	4,200	0.3%
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD	708,700	703,900	705,600	4,800	0.7%	3,100	0.4%
Naples-Marco Island MSA	176,900	176,700	177,100	200	0.1%	-200	-0.1%
North Port-Bradenton-Sarasota MSA	360,800	359,900	357,400	900	0.3%	3,400	1.0%
Ocala MSA	127,400	126,500	126,000	900	0.7%	1,400	1.1%
Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA	1,513,500	1,513,000	1,499,900	500	*	13,600	0.9%
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA	260,600	260,400	259,700	200	0.1%	900	0.3%
Panama City-Panama City Beach MSA	95,000	94,500	92,800	500	0.5%	2,200	2.4%
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent MSA	203,100	204,100	203,200	-1,000	-0.5%	-100	*
Port St. Lucie MSA	178,800	178,800	178,600	0	0.0%	200	0.1%
Punta Gorda MSA	59,400	59,600	59,700	-200	-0.3%	-300	-0.5%
Sebastian-Vero Beach-West Vero Corridor MSA	59,300	59,400	59,900	-100	-0.2%	-600	-1.0%
Sebring MSA	28,400	28,500	28,300	-100	-0.4%	100	0.4%
Tallahassee MSA	203,300	203,000	202,200	300	0.1%	1,100	0.5%
Tampa - St. Petersburg - Clearwater MSA	1,565,000	1,557,200	1,548,900	7,800	0.5%	16,100	1.0%
St. Petersburg-Clearwater-Largo MD	484,000	482,200	479,600	1,800	0.4%	4,400	0.9%
Tampa MD	1,083,100	1,074,100	1,069,100	9,000	0.8%	14,000	1.3%
Wildwood-The Villages MSA	43,300	43,400	43,100	-100	-0.2%	200	0.5%

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p = preliminary, r = revised

* - less than 0.1 percent