

Labor Market Update – June 2010



- The unemployment rate in the **WORKFORCE plus** region (Gadsden, Leon, and Wakulla counties) was 8.4 percent in June 2010. This was 0.7 percentage points higher than the region's year-ago rate of 7.7 percent but 3.2 percentage points lower than the state rate of 11.6 percent. Out of a labor force of 187,403, there were 15,819 unemployed residents in the region.
- Gadsden County's unemployment rate (10.3 percent) was the highest of the counties that comprise the **WORKFORCE plus** region. The unemployment rate for the other counties was 8.2 percent in both.
- Nonagricultural employment in the Tallahassee metro area (Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, and Wakulla counties) was 168,800 in June 2010. Total nonagricultural employment increased by 0.4 percent over the year. Statewide, employment declined by 0.4 percent over the same time period.
- Total nonagricultural employment increased by 700 jobs over the year in the metro area. Mining, logging, and construction (-600 jobs) lost the most jobs, followed by information (-300 jobs); professional and business services (-200 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (-100 jobs); and financial activities (-100 jobs).
- These losses were offset by gains in education and health services (+800 jobs); government (+800 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+300 jobs); and other services (+100 jobs).
- For the month of June, the Tallahassee metro area had the third lowest unemployment rate in the state (8.5 percent). Only the Gainesville (second lowest at 8.4 percent) and the Crestview-Ft Walton Beach-Destin (lowest at 7.6 percent) metro areas had lower unemployment rates in June.

| Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted) | Tallahassee Metropolitan Statistical Area | | | | Florida | | | |
|--|---|-----------|--------|----------------|-----------|-----------|---------|----------------|
| | June 2010 | June 2009 | Change | Percent Change | June 2010 | June 2009 | Change | Percent Change |
| Total Employment | 168,800 | 168,100 | 700 | 0.4 | 7,155,800 | 7,182,700 | -26,900 | -0.4 |
| Natural Resources, Mining & Construction | 6,800 | 7,400 | -600 | -8.1 | 371,600 | 403,000 | -31,400 | -7.8 |
| Manufacturing | 3,800 | 3,800 | 0 | 0.0 | 311,400 | 324,300 | -12,900 | -4.0 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 22,300 | 22,400 | -100 | -0.4 | 1,465,100 | 1,462,900 | 2,200 | 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3,200 | 3,400 | -200 | -5.9 | 313,800 | 318,000 | -4,200 | -1.3 |
| Retail Trade | 17,300 | 17,200 | 100 | 0.6 | 924,400 | 916,300 | 8,100 | 0.9 |
| Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities | 3,100 | 3,400 | -300 | -8.8 | 133,100 | 144,200 | -11,100 | -0.7 |
| Information | 3,100 | 3,400 | -300 | -8.8 | 133,100 | 144,200 | -11,100 | -7.7 |
| Financial Activities | 7,300 | 7,400 | -100 | -1.4 | 463,600 | 486,500 | -22,900 | -4.7 |
| Professional & Business Services | 18,400 | 18,600 | -100 | -1.1 | 1,056,800 | 1,042,600 | 14,200 | 1.4 |
| Education & Health Services | 20,100 | 19,300 | 800 | 4.1 | 1,076,100 | 1,051,000 | 25,100 | 2.4 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 16,200 | 15,900 | 300 | 1.7 | 908,700 | 917,600 | -8,900 | -1.0 |
| Other Services | 10,200 | 10,100 | 100 | 1.0 | 316,500 | 315,100 | 1,400 | 0.4 |
| Government | 60,600 | 59,800 | 800 | 1.3 | 1,052,900 | 1,035,500 | 17,400 | 1.7 |

Population

| | 2009 | 2008 | Change | Percent Change |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|---------|----------------|
| Gadsden County | 50,046 | 50,611 | -565 | -1.1 |
| Leon County | 274,803 | 274,892 | -89 | 0.0 |
| Wakulla County | 31,791 | 30,717 | 1,074 | 3.5 |
| WORKFORCE plus | 356,640 | 356,220 | 420 | 0.1 |
| Florida | 18,750,483 | 18,807,219 | -56,736 | -0.3 |

Unemployment Rates (%)

| | June 2010 | May 2010 | June 2009 |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| WORKFORCE plus | 8.4 | 7.9 | 7.7 |
| Gadsden County | 10.3 | 10.2 | 10.4 |
| Leon County | 8.2 | 7.5 | 7.4 |
| Wakulla County | 8.2 | 8.0 | 7.2 |
| Florida | 11.6 | 11.1 | 10.8 |
| United States | 9.6 | 9.3 | 9.7 |

Average Annual Wage

| | 2009 | 2008 | Change | Percent Change |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|----------------|
| Gadsden County | \$ 31,230 | \$ 30,679 | \$551 | 1.8 |
| Leon County | \$ 39,127 | \$ 38,520 | \$607 | 1.6 |
| Wakulla County | \$ 32,344 | \$ 31,908 | \$436 | 1.4 |
| WORKFORCE plus | \$ 38,209 | \$37,591 | \$618 | 1.6 |
| Florida | \$ 40,973 | \$40,579 | \$394 | 1.0 |

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor Market Statistics Center