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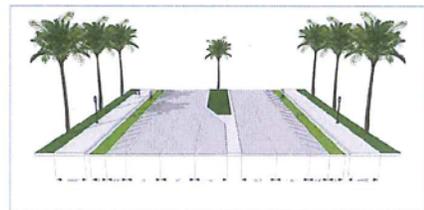
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U.S. 1 COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT - VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA, FL

Working collaboratively with the Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and affected local governments, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) developed the Tequesta/Jupiter U.S. 1 Corridor Plan in the winter of 2015. The plan details a

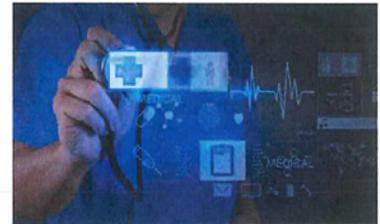


U.S. 1 after Four Lanes with Bike Lanes

transformation of the corridor from a six-lane highway devoid of bicycle facilities to a four-lane Complete Streets retrofit, utilizing FDOT's Lane Elimination Program. Amenities will include buffered bicycle lanes, pedestrian-scale lighting, landscaping, intersection improvements, and a multi-use path to connect the "village center" to the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area, which is a nationally recognized historic landmark. The U.S. 1 Corridor Plan also completes a large segment of the East Coast Greenway by filling a 1.3-mile gap in 26 miles of otherwise continuous bicycle facilities along U.S. 1 that connects central Martin County to northern Palm Beach County.

The TCRPC-led planning process enabled the Village of Tequesta to develop a Complete Streets plan, with the identification of a bicycle/pedestrian network throughout the community to better interconnect the Village, improve safety, and support Tequesta's continued redevelopment. The project enables the most efficient use of public dollars as the Complete Streets improvements will be constructed in conjunction with a pre-programmed resurfacing of the corridor, leveraging this investment with other FDOT, local, and private dollars. For example, TCRPC staff prepared the funding application for the Village to secure necessary local MPO dollars through FDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program. The plan was approved unanimously by the Village of Tequesta and Town of Jupiter, and construction is anticipated in 2017. For more information, please contact Kim DeLaney at kdelaney@tcrpc.org.

TBRPC LEADS THE WAY FOR MEDICAL TOURISM IN TAMPA BAY



The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) is stepping out front and taking ownership for creating a roadmap to make the Tampa Bay region a premier medical tourist destination. The TBRPC will be contracting with an international consultant to conduct a feasibility study to determine the viability and strengths of the region as a medical tourism destination as well as determine the components that best position the Tampa Bay region to compete both nationally and internationally within the industry. Medical Tourism is the term commonly used to describe people traveling outside their home country for medical treatment. Traditionally, international medical travel involved patients from less-developed countries traveling to a medical center in a developed country for treatment that was not available in their home country. As regions within the United States have developed specialties in medical procedures and wellness, medical tourism has become a domestic phenomenon as well. "*Medical tourism is a worldwide, multibillion-dollar phenomenon that is expected to grow substantially,*" stated Commissioner Victor Crist, Chair of the TBRPC. "*The time is now to aggressively address medical tourism on a regional scale. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council has the support of its member governments and is positioned to move forward on creating medical tourism as an economic engine for the entire Tampa Bay area.*" For more information on this initiative, please contact Avera Wynn at avera@tbrpc.org.

79TH ST CORRIDOR INITIATIVE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN



The South Florida Regional Planning Council staff was selected to assist the Neighborhood Housing Services of South Florida (NHSSF), the 79th Street Corridors Initiative, residents and their partners with the development of a Community Action Plan (CAP). The Action Plan builds upon the many assets which can be found in the community, including residents and leaders, businesses, housing, and transportation infrastructure. The CAP is being used to guide community enhancement and strategic investment opportunities to advance the economic, environmental and social well-being of the community.

This Community Action Plan provides an initial framework around six action items with steps, measures, and desired outcomes. The priority Action Areas are:

- Create a Range of Housing Options
- Improve the Appearance and Vitality of the Built Environment
- Foster Economic Development and Create Diverse Employment Opportunities
- Create an Environment that Supports Healthy Behaviors
- Create Ladders of Opportunity through Lifelong Learning
- Build and Maintain Community and Steering Committee Capacity and Engagement

The establishment of the 79th Street Corridor Steering Committee is an important difference between this and past efforts, in combination with ongoing engagement of residents and fostering community leadership. This committed, multi-disciplinary team of public, private, non-profit, and philanthropic organizations and champions, led by Neighborhood Housing Services of South Florida, has the power to act and speak with one voice, and use their talent, knowledge, and influence to support, attract, and direct needed investment to the community. Please visit <http://sfregionalcouncil.org/revitalizing-miamis-79th-street-corridor/> for more information.

ENERGY SUMMIT TAMPA BAY

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is hosting an Energy Summit May 28-29, 2015 at the Hilton Carillon Park in St. Petersburg. The Energy Summit will include stakeholders from the energy industry, elected officials and policy makers, business and economic development partners, citizen leaders, and students. It will focus on energy resilience and assurance, include an educational component focused on the alternative and renewable solutions/options that are currently available from our energy industry stakeholders, and provide for an opportunity to look into the future regarding energy resources. To register for the Energy Summit or for information on sponsorship opportunities, please visit <http://www.esummit-tb.org>.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Tours:

- TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse
- Mixed Use Development Transforms First Coast Retail

General Session: How to Prepare Florida for Tomorrow's Transformational Trends

Concurrent Sessions:

- Residential Trends Driving Profits
- Hospitality Evolution: New Brands and New Players
- Catalytic Communities
- The Case for Resiliency

Networking Reception

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

Breakfast: Real Estate Opportunities in Cuba, Fact or Fiction?

General Session: Vision, Insights & Perspectives with Peter Rummell & Sydney Kitson

Concurrent Sessions:

- Exploring New Financing Sources
- Automated Vehicles: The Future Is Here
- Healthy Placemaking Using Technology
- The Urbanization of Retail Development

General Session: The Young Guns of Real Estate Investment

Unemployment Summary - Treasure Coast Region April 17, 2015

Highlights

- **Unemployment falls to 5.2 in March, down from 6.6 in previous year.**
- **27,300 new nonagricultural jobs year over year from March 2014 to March 2015.**
- **Job gains primarily in education and health services; professional and business services; other services; and trade, transportation and utilities.**

- This unemployment summary is derived from statistical reports - *Overview of the CareerSource Research Coast Region* (Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties) and *Overview of CareerSource Palm Beach County Region* (Palm Beach County) prepared by the two workforce development boards in the Treasure Coast Region. Their respective reports follow this regional summary.
- The unemployment rate for the Treasure Coast Region was 5.2 percent in March 2015, down 1.4 percentage points from the March 2014 rate of 6.6 percent. The Region's unemployment rate was 0.3 percent lower than the state's unemployment rate of 5.5 percent and 0.4 percentage points lower than the national unemployment rate of 5.6 percent. Out of a labor force of 943,116, there were 49,264 unemployed residents in the Treasure Coast Region.
- The Treasure Coast Region contains three metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs), the Port St. Lucie MSA (Martin and St. Lucie counties), the Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA (Indian River County), and the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach MSA (Palm Beach County). In March 2015, nonagricultural employment in the combined metropolitan areas of the Region was 768,500, an increase of 27,300 jobs over the previous year.

| Unemployment Rates* | | | |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Geographic Area | March 2015 | February 2015 | March 2014 |
| Indian River | 6.3 | 6.5 | 8.0 |
| Martin | 5.3 | 5.5 | 6.3 |
| Palm Beach | 5.0 | 5.1 | 6.3 |
| St. Lucie | 6.1 | 6.5 | 8.4 |
| Treasure Coast Region | 5.2 | 5.3 | 6.6 |
| Florida | 5.5 | 5.6 | 6.6 |
| United States | 5.6 | 5.8 | 6.8 |
| Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Local Area Unemployment Statistics. * Not seasonally adjusted. | | | |

- In the combined metropolitan areas, job gains were primarily in the education and health services (+4,100); professional and business services (+9,600); other services (+3,300); and trade, transportation and utilities (+3,500). Other services includes, but is not limited to, businesses such as: automotive repair; personal household goods repair; dry cleaners; hair salons and barber shops; funeral homes; pet care services; and religious organizations.
- The industry that lost jobs over the year was wholesale trade (-100 jobs).
- **Port St. Lucie Metro Area:**
Annual employment growth in professional and business services (+11.2 percent); other services (+10.0 percent); information (+7.7 percent); education and health services (+6.2 percent); and financial activities (+3.9 percent) was faster in the metro area than statewide. The Port St. Lucie metro area had the highest annual growth rates in professional and business services (+11.2 percent), other services (+10.0 percent), and information (+7.7 percent) out of all metro areas in Florida.
- **Sebastian-Vero Beach Metro Area:**
No industries grew faster in the metro area than in the state.
- **West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division:**
Employment growth in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division was strongest in the other services industry, which increased 8.2 percent over the year.

**Overview of the CareerSource Research Coast Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
April 17, 2015**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Research Coast region (Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties) was 5.9 percent in March 2015. The March 2015 rate was 1.8 percentage points below the region's year ago rate of 7.7 percent, but 0.4 percentage point above the March 2015 state rate of 5.5 percent. Out of a labor force of 277,016, there were 16,470 unemployed residents in the region.
- Unemployment rates in the counties that make up the CareerSource Research Coast region were: 6.3 percent in Indian River County; 6.1 percent in St. Lucie County; 6.0 percent in Okeechobee County; and 5.3 percent in Martin County.
- The CareerSource Research Coast region contains two metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs); the Port St. Lucie MSA (Martin and St. Lucie counties) and the Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA (Indian River County). Okeechobee County is not included in an MSA. In March 2015, nonagricultural employment in the combined CareerSource Research Coast metro areas was 185,400, an increase of 6,700 jobs over the previous year.
- In the combined CareerSource Research Coast metro areas, all of the ten major industries gained jobs over the year. Professional and business services (+1,900 jobs) gained the most jobs, followed by education and health services (+1,600 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+1,200 jobs); other services (+800 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+400 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+300 jobs); financial activities (+200 jobs); and manufacturing; information; and government (+100 jobs each).

Port St. Lucie metro area

- The majority of the nonagricultural employment in the CareerSource Research Coast region was in the Port St. Lucie metro area. This metro area accounted for 136,800 jobs in March 2015, an increase of 5,900 jobs from March 2014 (+4.5 percent). Statewide employment increased by 3.8 percent over the year.
- All ten major industries gained jobs in the Port St. Lucie metro area over the year. Professional and business services (+1,700 jobs) gained the most jobs, followed by education and health services (+1,400 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+900 jobs); other services (+700 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+400 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+300 jobs); financial activities (+200 jobs); and manufacturing; information; and government (+100 jobs each).
- Annual employment growth in professional and business services (+11.2 percent); other services (+10.0 percent); information (+7.7 percent); education and health services (+6.2 percent); and financial activities (+3.9 percent) was faster in the metro area than statewide. The Port St. Lucie metro area had the highest annual growth rates in professional and business services (+11.2 percent), other services (+10.0 percent), and information (+7.7 percent) out of all metro areas in Florida.

Sebastian-Vero Beach metro area

- Nonagricultural employment was 48,600 in the Sebastian-Vero Beach metro area in March 2015, an increase of 800 jobs (+1.7 percent) from the previous year. The state had a 3.8 percent increase in the number of jobs over the same period.
- Four industries gained jobs over the year including trade, transportation, and utilities (+300 jobs); professional and business services and education and health services (+200 jobs each); and other services (+100 jobs). Mining, logging, and construction; manufacturing; information; financial activities; leisure and hospitality; and government were unchanged over the year.
- No industries grew faster in the metro area than in the state.

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics.

| Unemployment Rates (%) | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| (not seasonally adjusted) | Mar-15 | Feb-15 | Mar-14 |
| CareerSource Research Coast | 5.9 | 6.2 | 7.7 |
| Indian River County | 6.3 | 6.5 | 8.0 |
| Martin County | 5.3 | 5.5 | 6.3 |
| Okeechobee County | 6.0 | 6.3 | 7.2 |
| St. Lucie County | 6.1 | 6.5 | 8.4 |
| Florida | 5.5 | 5.6 | 6.6 |
| United States | 5.6 | 5.8 | 6.8 |

| Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted) | Port St. Lucie Metropolitan Statistical Area | | | | Sebastian-Vero Beach Metropolitan Statistical Area | | | |
|---|---|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| | Mar-15 | Mar-14 | change | percent change | Mar-15 | Mar-14 | change | percent change |
| | Total Employment | 136,800 | 130,900 | 5,900 | 4.5 | 48,600 | 47,800 | 800 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 8,300 | 7,900 | 400 | 5.1 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Manufacturing | 6,000 | 5,900 | 100 | 1.7 | 2,200 | 2,200 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 29,700 | 28,800 | 900 | 3.1 | 10,100 | 9,800 | 300 | 3.1 |
| Wholesale Trade | 4,900 | 5,000 | -100 | -2.0 | 800 | 800 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Retail Trade | 20,600 | 19,700 | 900 | 4.6 | 8,600 | 8,300 | 300 | 3.6 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities | 4,200 | 4,100 | 100 | 2.4 | 700 | 700 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Information | 1,400 | 1,300 | 100 | 7.7 | 600 | 600 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Financial Activities | 5,400 | 5,200 | 200 | 3.9 | 2,400 | 2,400 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Professional and Business Services | 16,900 | 15,200 | 1,700 | 11.2 | 5,100 | 4,900 | 200 | 4.1 |
| Education and Health Services | 24,000 | 22,600 | 1,400 | 6.2 | 9,600 | 9,400 | 200 | 2.1 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 18,100 | 17,800 | 300 | 1.7 | 7,500 | 7,500 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Other Services | 7,700 | 7,000 | 700 | 10.0 | 2,800 | 2,700 | 100 | 3.7 |
| Government | 19,300 | 19,200 | 100 | 0.5 | 5,300 | 5,300 | 0 | 0.0 |

| Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted) | CareerSource Research Coast Combined Metropolitan Statistical Areas | | | | Florida | | | |
|---|--|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| | Mar-15 | Mar-14 | change | percent change | Mar-15 | Mar-14 | change | percent change |
| | Total Employment | 185,400 | 178,700 | 6,700 | 3.7 | 8,084,100 | 7,791,400 | 292,700 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 11,300 | 10,900 | 400 | 3.7 | 421,600 | 388,800 | 32,800 | 8.4 |
| Manufacturing | 8,200 | 8,100 | 100 | 1.2 | 333,700 | 328,200 | 5,500 | 1.7 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 39,800 | 38,600 | 1,200 | 3.1 | 1,663,700 | 1,604,700 | 59,000 | 3.7 |
| Wholesale Trade | 5,700 | 5,800 | -100 | -1.7 | 335,500 | 324,800 | 10,700 | 3.3 |
| Retail Trade | 29,200 | 28,000 | 1,200 | 4.3 | 1,068,000 | 1,027,500 | 40,500 | 3.9 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities | 4,900 | 4,800 | 100 | 2.1 | 260,200 | 252,400 | 7,800 | 3.1 |
| Information | 2,000 | 1,900 | 100 | 5.3 | 134,800 | 136,000 | -1,200 | -0.9 |
| Financial Activities | 7,800 | 7,600 | 200 | 2.6 | 531,700 | 516,900 | 14,800 | 2.9 |
| Professional and Business Services | 22,000 | 20,100 | 1,900 | 9.5 | 1,197,300 | 1,146,500 | 50,800 | 4.4 |
| Education and Health Services | 33,600 | 32,000 | 1,600 | 5.0 | 1,201,200 | 1,148,800 | 52,400 | 4.6 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 25,600 | 25,300 | 300 | 1.2 | 1,155,500 | 1,100,000 | 55,500 | 5.1 |
| Other Services | 10,500 | 9,700 | 800 | 8.2 | 337,100 | 323,200 | 13,900 | 4.3 |
| Government | 24,600 | 24,500 | 100 | 0.4 | 1,107,500 | 1,098,300 | 9,200 | 0.8 |

| Population | 2014 | 2013 | change | percent change |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| CareerSource Research Coast | 611,649 | 608,576 | 3,073 | 0.5 |
| Indian River County | 140,955 | 139,586 | 1,369 | 1.0 |
| Martin County | 148,585 | 148,077 | 508 | 0.3 |
| Okeechobee County | 39,828 | 39,762 | 66 | 0.2 |
| St. Lucie County | 282,281 | 281,151 | 1,130 | 0.4 |
| Florida | 19,507,369 | 19,259,543 | 247,826 | 1.3 |

| Average Annual Wage | 2013 | 2012 | change | percent change |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| CareerSource Research Coast | \$36,858 | \$36,764 | \$94 | 0.3 |
| Indian River County | \$37,075 | \$37,174 | -\$99 | -0.3 |
| Martin County | \$38,149 | \$39,434 | -\$1,285 | -3.3 |
| Okeechobee County | \$33,332 | \$32,167 | \$1,165 | 3.6 |
| St. Lucie County | \$36,173 | \$34,908 | \$1,265 | 3.6 |
| Florida | \$43,651 | \$43,210 | \$441 | 1.0 |

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics.

**Overview of CareerSource Palm Beach County Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
April 17, 2015**

- The unemployment rate in Palm Beach County was 5.0 percent in March 2015, down 1.3 percentage points from the March 2014 rate of 6.3 percent. In March 2015, Palm Beach County's unemployment rate was 0.5 percentage point lower than the Florida statewide unemployment rate of 5.5 percent and 0.6 percentage point lower than the national unemployment rate of 5.6 percent. Out of a labor force of 683,855 in the county, there were 33,852 unemployed persons.
- In March 2015, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division was 583,100, up 3.7 percent over the year. Florida statewide employment increased 3.8 percent over the same time period.
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division gained 20,600 nonagricultural jobs over the year, with employment trending up in all ten major industry sectors. Job gains were primarily in professional and business services (+7,700 jobs); education and health services and other services (both +2,500 jobs); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+2,300 jobs). Job gains also occurred in construction (+1,700 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+1,500 jobs); government (+1,200 jobs); financial activities (+800 jobs); manufacturing (+300 jobs); and information (+100 jobs).
- Employment growth in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division was strongest in the other services industry, which increased 8.2 percent over the year.
- In March 2015, the West Palm Beach metro area was one of the top five metro areas in Florida for total nonagricultural job growth over the year (+20,600 jobs) and one of the top two metro areas in Florida for gains over the year in professional and business services (+7,700 jobs) and in other services (+2,500 jobs).

| Unemployment Rates (%) (not seasonally adjusted) | Mar-15 | Feb-15 | Mar-14 |
|---|--------|--------|--------|
| CareerSource Palm Beach County | 5.0 | 5.1 | 6.3 |
| Florida | 5.5 | 5.6 | 6.6 |
| United States | 5.6 | 5.8 | 6.8 |

| Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted) | West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division | | | | Florida | | | |
|---|--|---------|--------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-------------------|
| | Mar-15 | Mar-14 | change | percent change | Mar-15 | Mar-14 | change | percent change |
| Total Employment | 583,100 | 562,500 | 20,600 | 3.7 | 8,084,100 | 7,791,400 | 292,700 | 3.8 |
| Mining and Logging | NA | NA | NA | NA | 5,600 | 5,700 | -100 | -1.8 |
| Construction | 28,800 | 27,100 | 1,700 | 6.3 | 416,000 | 383,100 | 32,900 | 8.6 |
| Manufacturing | 16,500 | 16,200 | 300 | 1.9 | 333,700 | 328,200 | 5,500 | 1.7 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 109,600 | 107,300 | 2,300 | 2.1 | 1,663,700 | 1,604,700 | 59,000 | 3.7 |
| Wholesale Trade | 23,300 | 22,700 | 600 | 2.6 | 335,500 | 324,800 | 10,700 | 3.3 |
| Retail Trade | 75,500 | 74,400 | 1,100 | 1.5 | 1,068,000 | 1,027,500 | 40,500 | 3.9 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities | 10,800 | 10,200 | 600 | 5.9 | 260,200 | 252,400 | 7,800 | 3.1 |
| Information | 10,200 | 10,100 | 100 | 1.0 | 134,800 | 136,000 | -1,200 | -0.9 |
| Financial Activities | 39,000 | 38,200 | 800 | 2.1 | 531,700 | 516,900 | 14,800 | 2.9 |
| Professional and Business Services | 106,600 | 98,900 | 7,700 | 7.8 | 1,197,300 | 1,146,500 | 50,800 | 4.4 |
| Education and Health Services | 91,100 | 88,600 | 2,500 | 2.8 | 1,201,200 | 1,148,800 | 52,400 | 4.6 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 84,300 | 82,800 | 1,500 | 1.8 | 1,155,500 | 1,100,000 | 55,500 | 5.1 |
| Other Services | 33,100 | 30,600 | 2,500 | 8.2 | 337,100 | 323,200 | 13,900 | 4.3 |
| Government | 63,800 | 62,600 | 1,200 | 1.9 | 1,107,500 | 1,098,300 | 9,200 | 0.8 |

| Population | 2014 | 2013 | change | percent change |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|---------|-------------------|
| CareerSource Palm Beach County | 1,360,238 | 1,345,652 | 14,586 | 1.1 |
| Florida | 19,507,369 | 19,259,543 | 247,826 | 1.3 |

| Average Annual Wage | 2013 | 2012 | change | percent change |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|--------|-------------------|
| CareerSource Palm Beach County | \$48,218 | \$47,771 | \$447 | 0.9 |
| Florida | \$43,651 | \$43,210 | \$441 | 1.0 |

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics.