

**Overview of the Florida Crown Workforce Region
January 21, 2011**

- The unemployment rate in the Florida Crown Workforce region (Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, and Union Counties) was 10.7 percent in December 2010. This was a decrease of 0.3 percentage points from the region's year ago rate. In December 2010, the region's unemployment rate was 0.9 percentage points below the state rate of 11.6 percent. Out of a labor force of 49,759 in the region, there were 5,329 unemployed.
- Employment by industry in the Florida Crown Workforce Development region totaled 30,315 in June 2010 (the latest available data). Industry employment declined by 2.7 percent over the year, compared to -0.6 percent for the state.
- The Florida Crown region lost 856 jobs in June 2010 over the year. Among industries, government added 220 jobs, natural resources and mining added 121 jobs, trade, transportation and utilities added 81 jobs, and other services added 14 jobs. The greatest job losses were posted by: professional and business services (-486 jobs); leisure and hospitality (-283 jobs); construction (-144 jobs); education and health services (-127 jobs); manufacturing (-66 jobs); information (-15 jobs); and financial activities (-8 jobs).
- Three of the region's industry sectors had positive job growth in the area but declined in the state: natural resources and mining (+21.6 percent); other services (+3.2 percent); and trade, transportation and utilities (+1.5 percent).

Unemployment Rates (%) (not seasonally adjusted)	Dec-10	Nov-10	Dec-09
Florida Crown Workforce Region	10.7	11.2	11.0
Columbia County	10.7	11.3	11.0
Dixie County	12.8	13.4	12.8
Gilchrist County	10.1	10.3	10.6
Union County	9.2	9.7	9.3
Florida	11.6	12.2	11.6
United States	9.1	9.3	9.7

Employment by Industry Covered by Unemployment Compensation (not seasonally adjusted)	Florida Crown Workforce Development Region				Florida			
	Jun-10	Jun-09	change	percent change	Jun-10	Jun-09	change	percent change
Total Employment	30,315	31,171	-856	-2.7	7,034,460	7,078,184	-43,724	-0.6
Natural Resources and Mining	680	559	121	21.6	81,570	87,108	-5,538	-6.4
Construction	1,203	1,347	-144	-10.7	352,168	397,363	-45,195	-11.4
Manufacturing	2,123	2,189	-66	-3.0	309,430	324,445	-15,015	-4.6
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	5,503	5,422	81	1.5	1,449,957	1,457,130	-7,173	-0.5
Wholesale Trade	953	728	225	30.9	308,809	318,003	-9,194	-2.9
Retail Trade	3,724	3,804	-80	-2.1	922,734	916,017	6,717	0.7
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	826	876	-50	-5.7	218,414	223,110	-4,696	-2.1
Information	221	236	-15	-6.4	135,690	144,078	-8,388	-5.8
Financial Activities	1,142	1,150	-8	-0.7	469,062	482,029	-12,967	-2.7
Professional and Business Services	1,888	2,374	-486	-20.5	1,043,775	1,039,675	4,100	0.4
Education and Health Services	4,058	4,185	-127	-3.0	1,045,023	1,021,915	23,108	2.3
Leisure and Hospitality	2,595	2,878	-283	-9.8	926,816	917,089	9,727	1.1
Other Services	458	444	14	3.2	231,980	233,979	-1,999	-0.9
Government	10,439	10,219	220	2.2	988,747	973,297	15,450	1.6

Population	2010	2009	change	percent change
Florida Crown Workforce Region	117,215	115,599	1,616	1.4
Columbia County	67,303	66,409	894	1.3
Dixie County	16,381	16,221	160	1.0
Gilchrist County	17,708	17,393	315	1.8
Union County	15,823	15,576	247	1.6
Florida	18,772,352	18,750,483	21,869	0.1

Average Annual Wage	2009	2008	change	percent change
Florida Crown Workforce Region	\$32,354	\$31,579	\$775	2.5
Columbia County	\$32,915	\$32,132	\$783	2.4
Dixie County	\$27,944	\$28,080	-\$136	-0.5
Gilchrist County	\$30,232	\$29,799	\$433	1.5
Union County	\$33,539	\$31,993	\$1,546	4.8
Florida	\$40,974	\$40,579	\$395	1.0

Note: All data are subject to revision.

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