



WORKFORCE

A steady supply of workers is available in Marion County, Florida. The entire workforce, including adjoining counties, totals nearly 700,000. Employment levels in manufacturing are double the statewide average.

Marion County's unemployment rate rose to an average 7.7% during 2008 and averaged 12.75% through 2009. With a higher number of available workers, new employers' can find an eager pool of candidates. The Marion County Business Solutions Partnership, consisting of the EDC, Central Florida Community College and Workforce Connection – Citrus • Levy • Marion maintains a unique collaboration to meet employers' needs for workforce training and development. To learn more about this feature that sets our community apart, visit our Partners page.

One of the key elements in the Ocala/Marion County EDC's Strategic Plan is Workforce Initiatives. The EDC looks for creative ways to utilize business and community partners to ensure a skilled and reliable workforce is available for employers. One innovative project has been the Marion Technical Institute: Where Education Meets Experience.

- **December 2009 County Civilian Labor Workforce** **138,141**
- **December 2009 County Unemployment Rate** **14.0%**
- **December 2009 Florida Unemployment Rate** **11.8%**
- **December 2009 Labor Force of Adjoining Counties** **473,919**

Florida is a “Right To Work” state.

2009 Industrial Occupational Wage Information

Selected Occupational Title	Entry	Median	Experienced
Assemblers and Fabricators	\$9.20	\$11.36	\$13.34
Billing and Posting Clerks & Machine Operators	\$10.15	\$13.16	\$14.64
Computer Support Specialists	\$13.40	\$16.27	\$18.93
Cutting, Punching, & Press Machine Setters, Operators	\$10.82	\$11.90	\$13.70
Extruding & Drawing Machine Setters, Operators	\$10.43	\$12.46	\$14.85
File Clerks	\$9.43	\$12.61	\$13.45
First Line Supervisors/Managers of Production	\$14.07	\$21.69	\$28.06
Food Preparation Workers	\$7.47	\$8.44	\$9.68
Helpers – Production Workers	\$8.20	\$9.00	\$9.91
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$13.13	\$15.62	\$17.80
Industrial Production Managers	\$25.24	\$42.97	\$52.47
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers	\$ 8.61	\$11.02	\$12.59
Machinists	\$ 10.33	\$15.76	\$18.93
Office Clerks, General	\$8.05	\$11.08	\$13.02
Sales Managers	\$37.04	\$61.70	\$79.51

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

2009 Marion County Worker Classification – Ocala MSA

Employment Population by Class of Worker	
For-Profit Private Workers	92,268
Non-Profit Private Workers	7,184
Local Government Workers	9,759**
State Government Workers	2,500
Federal Government Workers	700
Self-employed Workers	10,162
Unpaid Family Workers	477

Employment Population by Occupation	
Management, Business and Financial Operations	12,994
Professional and Related Occupations	20,382
Service	22,074
Sales and Office	36,168
Farming, Fishery and Forestry	1,658
Construction, Extraction and Maintenance	15,242
Production, Transportation and Material Moving	18,430

Employment Population by Occupation Classification	
Blue Collar	33,672
White Collar	68,613
Service and Farm	24,663

Source: 2009 Claritas MarketPlace projections *Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation,

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2008 Marion County Average Earnings Per Worker by Industry

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	\$27,048
Construction	\$33,389
Education and Health Services	\$40,273
Finance and Insurance	\$46,789
Information	\$37,803
Leisure and Hospitality	\$15,187
Manufacturing	\$40,597
Mining	\$43,666
Professional and Business Services	\$32,188
Public Administration*	\$38,658
Retail Trade	\$23,831
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	\$28,164
Transportation and Warehousing	\$35,108
Utilities	\$58,017
Wholesale Trade	\$39,144
Other Services	\$23,690
Total Government	\$34,746
Federal Government	\$49,403
State Government	\$34,378
Local Government	\$35,851
County-wide Average All Industries	\$32,450

Source: Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor Market Statistics Center, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program*Includes Public Administration provided by Government

Unemployment Rate – Ocala MSA

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Jan.	5.8	5.0	4.4	4.0	4.6	6.4	5.8	5.1	4.3	3.3	4.1	6.0	11.6
Feb.	5.3	4.5	4.2	3.9	4.6	6.2	5.5	4.8	4.2	3.3	3.9	6.0	12.3
Mar.	5.3	4.4	3.8	3.8	4.5	5.9	5.3	4.9	3.9	3.2	3.8	6.2	12.2
Apr.	4.8	3.9	4.0	3.6	4.6	5.9	5.2	4.5	3.7	3.1	3.7	6.1	11.8
May	4.8	4.3	3.7	3.9	4.4	5.7	5.4	4.6	3.7	3.2	3.9	6.9	12.1
June	5.0	4.8	3.9	4.4	5.0	6.3	6.1	5.1	4.1	3.6	4.6	7.6	12.6
July	4.7	4.8	3.8	4.3	4.8	6.0	5.7	4.8	4.0	3.8	5.0	8.1	12.6
Aug.	4.5	4.4	3.7	4.4	5.0	6.1	5.6	4.7	3.8	3.7	5.0	8.7	13.0
Sept.	4.4	4.4	3.6	4.2	4.5	5.7	5.4	4.4	3.7	3.6	5.0	8.6	13.4
Oct.	4.0	4.2	3.5	4.0	5.8	5.4	4.9	4.2	3.4	3.3	4.9	8.8	13.4
Nov.	4.1	3.9	3.7	4.0	5.9	5.6	5.0	4.2	3.5	3.6	5.1	9.6	13.9
Dec.	4.0	3.5	3.4	3.8	5.8	5.4	4.6	4.0	3.0	3.5	5.5	10.1	14.0
Annual Average	4.7	4.3	3.8	4.0	5.0	5.9	5.4	4.6	3.8	3.4	4.5	7.7	12.75

Source: Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor Market Statistics Center, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program

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