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## South Florida's Unemployment Unchanged

**(MIAMI, November 19, 2010)** – The South Florida (Miami-Dade and Monroe counties) unemployment rate (not-seasonally adjusted) for October 2010 is 13.1 percent, unchanged from September 2010. This represents 173,100 unemployed residents out of labor force of 1,341,672.

South Florida's total nonagricultural employment in October 2010 is 980,500 representing an increase of 3,100 jobs (0.3 percent) over the month. South Florida's annual job growth rate is up 0.2 percent, representing an increase of 1,900 jobs from October 2009.

The October 2010 unemployment rates were 13.1 percent in Miami-Dade County and 8.0 percent in Monroe County, the two counties that comprise the South Florida Workforce Region. Monroe County's unemployment rate was 0.3 percentage points higher than the year ago rate of 7.7 percent. Miami-Dade County's unemployment rate was 1.3 percentage points higher than the year ago rate of 11.8 percent.

"We are optimistic by the signs of growth and stabilization in our region's economy. Thus, we remain committed to delivering a first-rate employment and training services to our region's citizens," said Rick Beasley, executive director for South Florida Workforce Investment Board.

The Education and health services industry (+4,300 jobs) gained the most jobs, followed by trade, transportation and utilities (+2,800 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+2,700 jobs); and professional and business services (+2,000 jobs).

Industries losing jobs over the year included financial activities (-2,300 jobs); mining, logging and construction (-2,200 jobs); manufacturing and government (both -2,100 jobs); and information and other services (both -1,200 jobs).

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