

JACKSONVILLE FL TO LOSE 22,300 JOBS

Jacksonville, Florida's job market will get slammed this year, with an estimated 22,300 jobs expected to be lost by Q4 2009. Jacksonville's unemployment rate is expected to reach 8.3%, a 1.6 point increase from the 6.7% unemployment rate in Q4 2008. The prospects for other areas of the state are even worse, with the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach area predicted to lose 84,800 jobs, Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, 42,900, and Orlando, 27,700.

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