



Economic Snapshot

February 2008

Indicator	December 2007	Nov 2007 to Dec 2007		Dec 2006 to Dec 2007	
		Gross Δ	% Δ	Gross Δ	% Δ
AIRPORT ACTIVITY¹					
Passengers	688,914	37,419	5.7%	-36,995	-5.1%
Cargo	3,549,485	393,834	12.5%	-389,656	-9.9%
BUILDING PERMITS²					
Total Valuation	\$54,710,910.00	-\$11,605,271.00	-17.5%	-\$150,851,688	-73.4%
Single Family	\$23,546,477.00	-\$1,992,321.00	-7.8%	-\$80,223,682	-77.3%
Multi-Family	\$897,934.00	-\$2,368,241.00	-72.5%	-\$30,457,541	-97.1%
Commercial	\$30,266,499.00	-\$7,244,709.00	-19.3%	-\$40,170,465	-57.0%
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX³					
U.S. South Region, All Items	203.5	0.1	0.03%	8.7	4.4%
EXISTING HOME SALES⁴					
Single Family Sales	432	NOT AVAILABLE		-166	-27.8%
Median Sales Price	\$208,900			-\$53,600	-20.4%
Condominium Sales	145			-16	-9.9%
Median Sales Price	\$187,100			-\$69,200	-27.0%
TOURISM⁵					
Visitors	496,848	282,679	43.1%	N/A	N/A
Expenditures	\$277,539,156	\$194,007,923	-30.0%	N/A	N/A
WORKFORCE⁶					
Civilian Labor Force	299,177	2,537	0.9%	8,325	2.9%
Employed	282,251	1,490	0.5%	-757	-0.3%
Unemployed	16,926	1,047	6.6%	9,082	115.8%
Unemployment Rate	5.7%		0.3%		3.0%
Initial Claims for Unemployment	2,025	-323	-13.8%	929	84.8%
Nonagricultural Employment	242,300	3,300	0.9%	3,000	1.1%
Goods Producing	43,800	0	0.2%	-1,100	-2.0%
Nat. Res. & Construction	36,500	100	0.3%	-800	-2.2%
Manufacturing	7,300	-100	0.0%	-300	-1.3%
Service Providing	198,500	3,300	1.0%	4,100	1.8%
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	52,600	2,200	1.4%	1,300	0.8%
Information	3,700	100	2.7%	-300	-5.0%
Financial Activities	14,200	200	-2.1%	100	2.2%
Professional & Business Serv.	29,200	200	0.0%	-100	-1.0%
Education & Health Services	22,100	0	0.5%	600	3.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	31,500	900	4.1%	1,400	4.8%
Other Services	9,800	0	1.0%	200	2.1%
TAXABLE SALES (\$ Million)⁷					
	Nov 2007	Oct 2007 to Nov 2007		Nov 2006 to Nov 2007	
Index of Retail Activity	310.1	1.4	0.5%	-31.3	-9.2%
Taxable Sales, Total	\$932.7	\$108.5	13.2%	-\$165.7	-15.1%
Autos & Accessories	\$142.7	-\$2.8	-1.9%	-\$36.6	-20.4%
Building Investment	\$65.2	-\$0.3	-0.5%	-\$51.3	-44.0%
Business Investment	\$146.3	-\$5.5	-3.6%	-\$51.4	-26.0%
Consumer Durables	\$80.4	\$8.7	12.1%	-\$13.9	-14.7%
Consumer Non-Durables	\$309.3	\$65.7	27.0%	\$7.8	2.6%
Tourism & Recreation	\$188.8	\$42.6	29.1%	-\$20.2	-9.7%

1. Lee County Port Authority; 2. Lee County, Bonita Springs, Cape Coral, Fort Myers, and Fort Myers Beach new construction; 3. U.S. Department of Labor; 4. Florida Association of Realtors; 5. Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau; 6. Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation; 7. Florida Legislature, Office of Economic and Demographic Research

