

Indicator	August	July 2008 to August 2008		August 2007 to August 2008	
		Gross Δ	% Δ	Gross Δ	% Δ
AIRPORT ACTIVITY¹					
Passengers	448,667	-53,927	-10.7%	-39,872	-8.2%
Cargo	2,464,407	-107,050	-4.2%	-842,416	-25.5%
BUILDING PERMITS²					
	September	Aug 2008 to Sep 2008		Sep 2007 to Sep 2008	
		Gross Δ	% Δ	Sep '07 Total ⁸	Gross Δ % Δ
Total Valuation	\$66,047,876	-\$24,296,635	-26.89%	\$66,316,181	-\$268,305 -0.40%
Residential	\$29,680,766	-\$9,891,362	-25.00%	\$28,804,973	\$875,793 3.04%
Commercial	\$36,367,110	-\$14,405,273	-28.37%	\$37,511,208	-\$1,144,098 -3.05%
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX³					
	August	July 2008 to Aug 2008		Aug 2007 to Aug 2008	
		Gross Δ	% Δ	Gross Δ	% Δ
U.S. South Region, All Items	212.7	0.3	0.12%	11.0	5.4%
EXISTING HOME SALES⁴					
Single Family Sales	684	-84	-10.9%	164	31.5%
Median Sales Price	\$146,900	-8,000	-5.2%	-\$103,900	-41.4%
Condominium Sales	168	-6	-3.4%	72	75.0%
Median Sales Price	\$193,800	-16,600.0	-7.9%	-\$25,000	-11.4%
TOURISM⁵					
Visitors	342,933	-132,027	-27.8%	-69,089	-16.8%
Expenditures	\$179,934,230	-\$39,349,757	-17.9%	-70,246,131	-28.1%
WORKFORCE⁶					
	September	Aug 2008 to Sep 2008		Sep 2007 to Sep 2008	
		Gross Δ	% Δ	Gross Δ	% Δ
Civilian Labor Force	284,605	-301	-0.11%	735	0.259%
Employed	258,405	-683	-0.26%	-9,259	-3.46%
Unemployed	26,200	382	1.48%	9,994	61.67%
Unemployment Rate	9.20%		0.10%		3.50%
Initial Claims for Unemployment	3,984	186	4.90%	1,541	63.1%
Nonagricultural Employment	214,700	-500	-0.2%	-20,500	-8.7%
Goods Producing	31,200	-200	-0.6%	-12,700	-28.9%
Nat. Res. & Construction	25,400	-200	-0.8%	-11,000	-30.2%
Manufacturing	5,800	0	0.0%	-1,700	-22.7%
Service Providing	183,500	-300	-0.2%	-7,800	-4.1%
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	3,900	-100	-2.5%	-900	-18.8%
Information	3,500	0	0.0%	-300	-7.9%
Financial Activites	12,700	-300	-2.3%	-1,400	-9.9%
Professional & Business Sv.	27,400	400	1.5%	-1,900	-6.5%
Education & Health Services	21,800	200	0.9%	-100	-0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	27,500	-500	-1.8%	-1,100	-3.8%
Other Services	9,700	0	0.0%	100	1.0%
TAXABLE SALES (\$ Million)⁷					
	July	July 2008 to August 2008		Aug 2007 to Aug 2008	
		Gross Δ	% Δ	Gross Δ	% Δ
Index of Retail Activity	289.9	0.0	0.0%	-30	-9.3%
Taxable Sales, Total	\$716.6	-\$43.4	-5.7%	-\$116.8	-14.0%
Autos & Accessories	\$111.5	\$2.2	2.0%	-\$26.9	-19.4%
Building Investment	\$57.0	-\$1.9	-3.2%	-\$13.5	-19.1%
Business Investment	\$128.0	-\$11.0	-7.9%	-\$36.4	-22.1%
Consumer Durables	\$51.7	-\$1.3	-2.5%	-\$12.1	-19.0%
Consumer Non-Durables	\$228.4	-\$22.2	-8.9%	-\$13.2	-5.5%
Tourism & Recreation	\$140.1	-\$9.2	-6.2%	-\$14.5	-9.4%
<p>1. Lee County Port Authority; 2. All commercial and residential for Unincorporated Lee County, Estero, Lehigh Acres; Cape Coral (Certification of Completion and Occupancy), City of Fort Myers (Total Residential and Commerical). 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; 8. New Construction Only</p>					