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Unemployment up across South Florida

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Florida is slowly adding jobs, but the unemployment rate tends to rise as discouraged job hunters re-enter the market when they see more jobs available.

Job creation will likely remain slow, said University of Central Florida economist Sean Snaith, and the unemployment rate will remain high ``for an extended period."

``Florida's economy has moved out of recession, but the recovery will continue to be sluggish due to the combined ballast of the housing and labor markets," Snaith said via a release.

The state added 300 jobs in November. Since November 2009, the state has had an increase of 36,200 jobs. It is the fifth annual increase in jobs since Florida started losing jobs in July 2007, the agency said.

``The November unemployment rate reflects the challenges our state is facing as we slowly emerge from the national recession," said Cynthia Lorenzo, director of Florida's Agency for Workforce Innovation.

Lorenzo also said that as soon as the president signs the legislation extending federally funded unemployment benefits for another 13 months, the agency would begin processing payments. The House passed the tax-cut, unemployment benefit compromise Thursday night, following the Senate's approval.

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