

**Overview of the CareerSource Polk Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
January 20, 2017**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Polk region (Polk County) was 5.4 percent in December 2016. This rate was equal to the region's year ago rate of 5.4 percent. Out of a labor force of 285,275 there were 15,409 unemployed residents in the region.
- In December 2016 nonagricultural employment in the Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA was 217,400, an increase of 3,400 jobs (+1.6 percent) over the year.
- The Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA was tied with the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in professional and business services (+5.7 percent) in December 2016.
- The professional and business services (+5.7 percent) and trade, transportation, and utilities (+3.5 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: trade, transportation, and utilities (+1,900 jobs); professional and business services (+1,700 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+600 jobs); education and health services (+500 jobs); financial activities (+200 jobs); manufacturing (+100 jobs); and other services (+100 jobs).
- The government (-1,100 jobs) and mining, logging, and construction (-600 jobs) industries lost jobs over the year.
- The information industry was unchanged over the year.

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics.

Unemployment Rates			
(not seasonally adjusted)	Dec-16	Nov-16	Dec-15
CareerSource Polk (Polk County)	5.4%	5.7%	5.4%
Florida	4.7%	4.9%	4.8%
United States	4.5%	4.4%	4.8%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Lakeland-Winter Haven Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Dec-16	Dec-15	change	percent change	Dec-16	Dec-15	change	percent change
Total Employment	217,400	214,000	3,400	1.6	8,553,700	8,302,100	251,600	3.0
Mining, Logging, and Construction	12,200	12,800	-600	-4.7	472,600	449,200	23,400	5.2
Manufacturing	16,900	16,800	100	0.6	359,900	350,300	9,600	2.7
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	55,500	53,600	1,900	3.5	1,779,800	1,743,300	36,500	2.1
Wholesale Trade	10,500	10,300	200	1.9	344,800	338,800	6,000	1.8
Retail Trade	29,300	28,000	1,300	4.6	1,148,000	1,124,200	23,800	2.1
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utiliti	15,700	15,300	400	2.6	287,000	280,300	6,700	2.4
Information	1,600	1,600	0	0.0	134,800	135,200	-400	-0.3
Financial Activities	12,700	12,500	200	1.6	563,600	543,000	20,600	3.8
Professional and Business Services	31,400	29,700	1,700	5.7	1,307,400	1,266,800	40,600	3.2
Education and Health Services	30,800	30,300	500	1.7	1,278,300	1,228,400	49,900	4.1
Leisure and Hospitality	23,300	22,700	600	2.6	1,196,300	1,145,700	50,600	4.4
Other Services	5,900	5,800	100	1.7	344,300	335,900	8,400	2.5
Government	27,100	28,200	-1,100	-3.9	1,116,700	1,104,300	12,400	1.1

Population	2015	2014	change	percent change
CareerSource Polk (Polk County)	633,052	623,174	9,878	1.6
Florida	19,815,183	19,507,369	307,814	1.6

Average Annual Wage	2015	2014	change	percent change
CareerSource Polk (Polk County)	\$39,362	\$38,512	\$850	2.2
Florida	\$46,236	\$44,810	\$1,426	3.2

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