

**Overview of the CareerSource Polk Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
April 21, 2017**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Polk region (Polk County) was 4.8 percent in March 2017. This rate was 0.6 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 5.4 percent. Out of a labor force of 294,825 there were 14,064 unemployed residents in the region.
- In March 2017 nonagricultural employment in the Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA was 222,700, an increase of 9,200 jobs (+4.3 percent) over the year.
- The Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA had the fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in government (+8.6 percent) in March 2017.
- The Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in trade, transportation, and utilities (+4.8 percent) in March 2017.
- The Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA had the second highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in government (+2,400 jobs) in March 2017.
- The government (+8.6 percent); education and health services (+5.7 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+4.8 percent); and leisure and hospitality (+3.8 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 (+2,500 jobs); government (+2,400 jobs); education and health services (+1,800 jobs); professional and business services (+900 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+900 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+400 jobs); financial activities (+200 jobs); and other services (+100 jobs).
- The manufacturing and information industries were 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)	Mar-17	Feb-17	Mar-16
CareerSource Polk (Polk County)	4.8%	5.4%	5.4%
Florida	4.3%	4.7%	4.8%
United States	4.6%	4.9%	5.1%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Lakeland-Winter Haven Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Mar-17	Mar-16	change	percent change	Mar-17	Mar-16	change	percent change
Total Employment	222,700	213,500	9,200	4.3	8,608,900	8,357,400	251,500	3.0
Mining, Logging, and Construction	13,000	12,600	400	3.2	499,000	466,400	32,600	7.0
Manufacturing	17,100	17,100	0	0.0	365,500	352,400	13,100	3.7
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	54,600	52,100	2,500	4.8	1,747,600	1,703,100	44,500	2.6
Wholesale Trade	10,400	10,100	300	3.0	348,700	338,700	10,000	3.0
Retail Trade	28,600	27,200	1,400	5.1	1,119,700	1,088,700	31,000	2.8
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utiliti	15,600	14,800	800	5.4	279,200	275,700	3,500	1.3
Information	1,700	1,700	0	0.0	136,300	136,700	-400	-0.3
Financial Activities	12,800	12,600	200	1.6	555,200	541,600	13,600	2.5
Professional and Business Services	29,400	28,500	900	3.2	1,313,500	1,270,500	43,000	3.4
Education and Health Services	33,500	31,700	1,800	5.7	1,280,300	1,232,300	48,000	3.9
Leisure and Hospitality	24,400	23,500	900	3.8	1,224,300	1,194,600	29,700	2.5
Other Services	6,000	5,900	100	1.7	361,100	348,300	12,800	3.7
Government	30,200	27,800	2,400	8.6	1,126,100	1,111,500	14,600	1.3

Population	2016	2015	change	percent change
CareerSource Polk (Polk County)	666,149	649,425	16,724	2.6
Florida	20,612,439	20,244,914	367,525	1.8

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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