

**Overview of the CareerSource Polk Region  
Not Seasonally Adjusted  
May 19, 2017**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Polk region (Polk County) was 4.4 percent in April 2017. This rate was 0.7 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 5.1 percent. Out of a labor force of 291,988 there were 12,910 unemployed residents in the region.
- In April 2017 nonagricultural employment in the Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA was 220,800, an increase of 6,500 jobs (+3.0 percent) over the year.
- The Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in information (+6.3 percent) and government (+3.6 percent) in April 2017.
- The Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA was tied for the highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in information (+100 jobs) in April 2017.
- The information (+6.3 percent); education and health services (+4.7 percent); leisure and hospitality (+4.7 percent); government (+3.6 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+3.3 percent); and professional and business services (+3.1 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 (+1,700 jobs); education and health services (+1,500 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+1,100 jobs); government (+1,000 jobs); professional and business services (+900 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+100 jobs); information (+100 jobs); financial activities (+100 jobs); and other services (+100 jobs).
- The manufacturing (-100 jobs) industry lost jobs over the year.

Note: All data are subject to revision.

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

<b>Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Apr-17</b>	<b>Mar-17</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>
CareerSource Polk (Polk County)	4.4%	4.8%	5.1%
Florida	4.0%	4.4%	4.6%
United States	4.1%	4.6%	4.7%

<b>Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Lakeland-Winter Haven Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>				<b>Florida</b>			
	<b>Apr-17</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>	<b>Apr-17</b>	<b>Apr-16</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Total Employment	220,800	214,300	6,500	3.0	8,609,800	8,396,200	213,600	2.5
Mining, Logging, and Construction	12,800	12,700	100	0.8	503,400	472,400	31,000	6.6
Manufacturing	17,000	17,100	-100	-0.6	363,900	353,200	10,700	3.0
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	54,000	52,300	1,700	3.3	1,747,400	1,706,800	40,600	2.4
Wholesale Trade	10,400	10,100	300	3.0	350,200	340,000	10,200	3.0
Retail Trade	28,000	27,400	600	2.2	1,117,800	1,090,700	27,100	2.5
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utiliti	15,600	14,800	800	5.4	279,400	276,100	3,300	1.2
Information	1,700	1,600	100	6.3	137,100	136,500	600	0.4
Financial Activities	12,800	12,700	100	0.8	556,200	544,400	11,800	2.2
Professional and Business Services	29,500	28,600	900	3.1	1,317,100	1,281,300	35,800	2.8
Education and Health Services	33,300	31,800	1,500	4.7	1,276,200	1,243,700	32,500	2.6
Leisure and Hospitality	24,600	23,500	1,100	4.7	1,224,400	1,195,300	29,100	2.4
Other Services	6,000	5,900	100	1.7	361,800	349,600	12,200	3.5
Government	29,100	28,100	1,000	3.6	1,122,300	1,113,000	9,300	0.8

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

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

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