

**Overview of the CareerSource Polk Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
September 15, 2017**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Polk region (Polk County) was 4.8 percent in August 2017. This rate was 1.3 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 6.1 percent. The labor force was 292,704, up 6,308 (+2.2) over the year. There were 14,190 unemployed residents in the region.
- In August 2017 nonagricultural employment in the Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA was 220,500, an increase of 5,700 jobs (+2.7 percent) over the year.
- The Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA was tied for the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in government (+2.8 percent) in August 2017.
- The professional and business services (+5.5 percent); leisure and hospitality (+3.5 percent); government (+2.8 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+2.5 percent); and financial activities (+1.6 percent) industries grew as fast or faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: professional and business services (+1,600 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+1,300 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+800 jobs); government (+800 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+500 jobs); manufacturing (+200 jobs); financial activities (+200 jobs); other services (+200 jobs); and education and health services (+100 jobs).
- 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)	Aug-17	Jul-17	Aug-16
CareerSource Polk (Polk County)	4.8%	5.0%	6.1%
Florida	4.2%	4.4%	5.2%
United States	4.5%	4.6%	5.0%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Lakeland-Winter Haven Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Aug-17	Aug-16	change	percent change	Aug-17	Aug-16	change	percent change
Total Employment	220,500	214,800	5,700	2.7	8,592,600	8,371,200	221,400	2.6
Mining, Logging, and Construction	13,200	12,700	500	3.9	525,500	485,900	39,600	8.1
Manufacturing	17,300	17,100	200	1.2	368,300	357,100	11,200	3.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	54,300	53,000	1,300	2.5	1,745,300	1,710,800	34,500	2.0
Wholesale Trade	10,400	10,200	200	2.0	351,400	339,100	12,300	3.6
Retail Trade	28,100	27,400	700	2.6	1,113,200	1,095,900	17,300	1.6
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utiliti	15,800	15,400	400	2.6	280,700	275,800	4,900	1.8
Information	1,700	1,700	0	0.0	137,400	137,300	100	0.1
Financial Activities	12,800	12,600	200	1.6	557,100	548,200	8,900	1.6
Professional and Business Services	30,500	28,900	1,600	5.5	1,331,000	1,289,700	41,300	3.2
Education and Health Services	31,400	31,300	100	0.3	1,263,900	1,237,200	26,700	2.2
Leisure and Hospitality	23,900	23,100	800	3.5	1,192,700	1,160,800	31,900	2.7
Other Services	6,100	5,900	200	3.4	367,000	347,900	19,100	5.5
Government	29,300	28,500	800	2.8	1,104,400	1,096,300	8,100	0.7

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	2016	2015	change	percent change
CareerSource Polk (Polk County)	\$40,250	\$39,362	\$888	2.3
Florida	\$47,060	\$46,236	\$824	1.8

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