

**Overview of the CareerSource Polk Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
January 19, 2018**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Polk region (Polk County) was 4.1 percent in December 2017. This rate was 1.3 percentage points lower than the region's year ago rate of 5.4 percent. The labor force was 292,941, up 5,098 (+1.8) over the year. There were 11,930 unemployed residents in the region.
- In December 2017 nonagricultural employment in the Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA was 227,300, an increase of 6,400 jobs (+2.9 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 (+6.6 percent) in December 2017.
- The government (+6.6 percent); professional and business services (+4.9 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+2.4 percent); and leisure and hospitality (+1.3 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: government (+1,900 jobs); professional and business services (+1,500 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+1,300 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+800 jobs); manufacturing (+300 jobs); financial activities (+300 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+300 jobs); and other services (+100 jobs).
- The education and health services (-100 jobs) industry 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-17	Nov-17	Dec-16
CareerSource Polk (Polk County)	4.1%	4.3%	5.4%
Florida	3.7%	3.8%	4.7%
United States	3.9%	3.9%	4.5%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Lakeland-Winter Haven Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Dec-17	Dec-16	change	percent change	Dec-17	Dec-16	change	percent change
Total Employment	227,300	220,900	6,400	2.9	8,801,900	8,581,400	220,500	2.6
Mining, Logging, and Construction	13,700	12,900	800	6.2	537,400	492,900	44,500	9.0
Manufacturing	17,400	17,100	300	1.8	375,700	359,700	16,000	4.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	56,000	54,700	1,300	2.4	1,818,500	1,787,600	30,900	1.7
Wholesale Trade	10,500	10,300	200	1.9	355,600	341,800	13,800	4.0
Retail Trade	29,100	28,500	600	2.1	1,162,200	1,151,900	10,300	0.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utiliti	16,400	15,900	500	3.1	300,700	293,900	6,800	2.3
Information	1,700	1,700	0	0.0	140,900	138,200	2,700	2.0
Financial Activities	13,100	12,800	300	2.3	569,800	556,300	13,500	2.4
Professional and Business Services	31,900	30,400	1,500	4.9	1,368,300	1,311,600	56,700	4.3
Education and Health Services	32,800	32,900	-100	-0.3	1,293,300	1,273,800	19,500	1.5
Leisure and Hospitality	23,900	23,600	300	1.3	1,199,300	1,188,000	11,300	1.0
Other Services	6,100	6,000	100	1.7	372,800	358,200	14,600	4.1
Government	30,700	28,800	1,900	6.6	1,125,900	1,115,100	10,800	1.0

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)	\$40,247	\$39,362	\$885	2.2
Florida	\$47,055	\$46,236	\$819	1.8

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