

**Overview of the CareerSource Polk Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
May 18, 2018**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Polk region (Polk County) was 3.7 percent in April 2018. This rate was 0.6 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 4.3 percent. The labor force was 297,852, up 5,173 (+1.8) over the year. There were 11,109 unemployed residents in the region.
- In April 2018 nonagricultural employment in the Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA was 225,900, an increase of 5,500 jobs (+2.5 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 trade, transportation, and utilities (+3.2 percent) in April 2018.
- The mining, logging, and construction (+6.9 percent); professional and business services (+3.7 percent); leisure and hospitality (+3.3 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+3.2 percent); other services (+1.7 percent); and government (+1.1 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 (+1,800 jobs); professional and business services (+1,100 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+900 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+800 jobs); manufacturing (+600 jobs); financial activities (+300 jobs); government (+300 jobs); and other services (+100 jobs).
- The education and health services (-300 jobs) and information (-100 jobs) industries lost jobs 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)	Apr-18	Mar-18	Apr-17
CareerSource Polk (Polk County)	3.7%	4.1%	4.3%
Florida	3.4%	3.8%	4.0%
United States	3.7%	4.1%	4.1%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Lakeland-Winter Haven Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Apr-18	Apr-17	change	percent change	Apr-18	Apr-17	change	percent change
Total Employment	225,900	220,400	5,500	2.5	8,776,800	8,598,700	178,100	2.1
Mining, Logging, and Construction	14,000	13,100	900	6.9	538,200	505,500	32,700	6.5
Manufacturing	17,600	17,000	600	3.5	375,500	362,500	13,000	3.6
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	58,000	56,200	1,800	3.2	1,748,100	1,735,700	12,400	0.7
Wholesale Trade	10,600	10,500	100	1.0	339,100	344,100	-5,000	-1.5
Retail Trade	31,400	30,200	1,200	4.0	1,113,800	1,107,000	6,800	0.6
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utiliti	16,000	15,500	500	3.2	295,200	284,600	10,600	3.7
Information	1,800	1,900	-100	-5.3	136,700	138,300	-1,600	-1.2
Financial Activities	12,400	12,100	300	2.5	573,100	557,800	15,300	2.7
Professional and Business Services	30,700	29,600	1,100	3.7	1,352,400	1,317,200	35,200	2.7
Education and Health Services	32,100	32,400	-300	-0.9	1,299,500	1,278,500	21,000	1.6
Leisure and Hospitality	24,900	24,100	800	3.3	1,263,700	1,226,600	37,100	3.0
Other Services	5,900	5,800	100	1.7	354,600	349,200	5,400	1.5
Government	28,500	28,200	300	1.1	1,135,000	1,127,400	7,600	0.7

Population	2017	2016	change	percent change
CareerSource Polk (Polk County)	666,149	649,425	16,724	2.6
Florida	20,984,400	20,656,589	327,811	1.6

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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