

**Overview of the CareerSource Polk Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
September 21, 2018**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Polk region (Polk County) was 4.3 percent in August 2018. This rate was 0.6 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 4.9 percent. The labor force was 298,313, up 4,413 (+1.5) over the year. There were 12,828 unemployed residents in the region.
- In August 2018 nonagricultural employment in the Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA was 225,700, an increase of 5,400 jobs (+2.5 percent) over the year.
- The mining, logging, and construction (+8.4 percent); professional and business services (+6.8 percent); government (+2.1 percent); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+1.9 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: professional and business services (+2,000 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+1,100 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+1,100 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+1,000 jobs); government (+600 jobs); manufacturing (+500 jobs); and financial activities (+200 jobs).
- The education and health services (-1,100 jobs) industry lost jobs over the year.
- The information and other services 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)	Aug-18	Jul-18	Aug-17
CareerSource Polk (Polk County)	4.3%	4.6%	4.9%
Florida	3.8%	4.0%	4.3%
United States	3.9%	4.1%	4.5%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Lakeland-Winter Haven Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Aug-18	Aug-17	change	percent change	Aug-18	Aug-17	change	percent change
Total Employment	225,700	220,300	5,400	2.5	8,769,400	8,547,100	222,300	2.6
Mining, Logging, and Construction	14,200	13,100	1,100	8.4	556,100	516,700	39,400	7.6
Manufacturing	17,700	17,200	500	2.9	378,200	365,300	12,900	3.5
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	57,800	56,700	1,100	1.9	1,757,200	1,733,300	23,900	1.4
Wholesale Trade	10,600	10,600	0	0.0	343,900	343,800	100	0.0
Retail Trade	30,900	30,500	400	1.3	1,115,200	1,104,700	10,500	1.0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utiliti	16,300	15,600	700	4.5	298,100	284,800	13,300	4.7
Information	1,800	1,800	0	0.0	137,100	137,800	-700	-0.5
Financial Activities	12,400	12,200	200	1.6	581,700	562,500	19,200	3.4
Professional and Business Services	31,500	29,500	2,000	6.8	1,354,400	1,322,200	32,200	2.4
Education and Health Services	31,200	32,300	-1,100	-3.4	1,299,800	1,271,100	28,700	2.3
Leisure and Hospitality	24,400	23,400	1,000	4.3	1,249,300	1,192,700	56,600	4.7
Other Services	5,900	5,900	0	0.0	356,100	346,700	9,400	2.7
Government	28,800	28,200	600	2.1	1,099,500	1,098,800	700	0.1

Population	2017	2016	change	percent change
CareerSource Polk (Polk County)	686,483	667,018	19,465	2.9
Florida	20,984,400	20,656,589	327,811	1.6

Average Annual Wage	2017	2016	change	percent change
CareerSource Polk (Polk County)	\$41,386	\$40,247	\$1,139	2.8
Florida	\$48,460	\$47,055	\$1,405	3.0

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