

**Overview of the CareerSource Polk Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
November 16, 2018**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Polk region (Polk County) was 3.4 percent in October 2018. This rate was 0.9 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 4.3 percent. The labor force was 302,828, up 9,049 (+3.1) over the year. There were 10,284 unemployed residents in the region.
- In October 2018 nonagricultural employment in the Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA was 230,300, an increase of 9,800 jobs (+4.4 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 professional and business services (+10.4 percent) in October 2018.
- The Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in government (+2.5 percent) in October 2018.
- The Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA had the second fastest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in professional and business services (+3,100 jobs) in October 2018.
- 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 trade, transportation, and utilities (+3.9 percent) in October 2018.
- The Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA was tied for the second fastest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in government (+700 jobs) in October 2018.
- The professional and business services (+10.4 percent); manufacturing (+6.5 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+3.9 percent); and government (+2.5 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 (+3,100 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+2,200 jobs); manufacturing (+1,100 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+1,000 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+700 jobs); government (+700 jobs); education and health services (+600 jobs); financial activities (+300 jobs); and other 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 Workforce Statistics and Economic Research.

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)	Oct-18	Sep-18	Oct-17
CareerSource Polk (Polk County)	3.4%	3.5%	4.3%
Florida	3.0%	3.1%	3.9%
United States	3.5%	3.6%	3.9%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Lakeland-Winter Haven Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Oct-18	Oct-17	change	percent change	Oct-18	Oct-17	change	percent change
Total Employment	230,300	220,500	9,800	4.4	8,849,400	8,619,200	230,200	2.7
Mining, Logging, and Construction	14,400	13,400	1,000	7.5	561,600	519,300	42,300	8.1
Manufacturing	18,000	16,900	1,100	6.5	377,000	365,600	11,400	3.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	58,600	56,400	2,200	3.9	1,764,700	1,738,700	26,000	1.5
Wholesale Trade	10,600	10,600	0	0.0	341,900	343,800	-1,900	-0.6
Retail Trade	31,500	30,200	1,300	4.3	1,120,300	1,109,400	10,900	1.0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utiliti	16,500	15,600	900	5.8	302,500	285,500	17,000	6.0
Information	1,800	1,800	0	0.0	137,500	136,800	700	0.5
Financial Activities	12,500	12,200	300	2.5	583,900	567,100	16,800	3.0
Professional and Business Services	33,000	29,900	3,100	10.4	1,377,900	1,345,800	32,100	2.4
Education and Health Services	33,000	32,400	600	1.9	1,330,000	1,278,100	51,900	4.1
Leisure and Hospitality	24,200	23,500	700	3.0	1,241,600	1,192,700	48,900	4.1
Other Services	6,000	5,900	100	1.7	359,800	348,200	11,600	3.3
Government	28,800	28,100	700	2.5	1,115,400	1,126,900	-11,500	-1.0

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)	\$41,376	\$40,247	\$1,129	2.8
Florida	\$48,460	\$47,055	\$1,405	3.0

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