

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

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Polk region (Polk County) was 3.4 percent in November 2018. This rate was 0.9 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 4.3 percent. The labor force was 302,279, up 7,482 (+2.5) over the year. There were 10,148 unemployed residents in the region.
- In November 2018 nonagricultural employment in the Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA was 232,400, an increase of 8,400 jobs (+3.8 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 (+12.3 percent) in November 2018.
- The professional and business services (+12.3 percent); manufacturing (+7.1 percent); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+2.4 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 (+3,700 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+1,400 jobs); manufacturing (+1,200 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+800 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+700 jobs); financial activities (+300 jobs); education and health services (+200 jobs); and other services (+100 jobs).
- The information and government industries were 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)	Nov-18	Oct-18	Nov-17
CareerSource Polk (Polk County)	3.4%	3.4%	4.3%
Florida	3.0%	3.0%	3.8%
United States	3.5%	3.5%	3.9%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Lakeland-Winter Haven Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Nov-18	Nov-17	change	percent change	Nov-18	Nov-17	change	percent change
Total Employment	232,400	224,000	8,400	3.8	8,954,000	8,711,500	242,500	2.8
Mining, Logging, and Construction	14,400	13,700	700	5.1	557,600	526,300	31,300	5.9
Manufacturing	18,200	17,000	1,200	7.1	377,900	366,600	11,300	3.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	59,600	58,200	1,400	2.4	1,814,300	1,786,600	27,700	1.6
Wholesale Trade	10,700	10,600	100	0.9	342,100	344,800	-2,700	-0.8
Retail Trade	32,000	31,700	300	0.9	1,157,600	1,147,500	10,100	0.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utiliti	16,900	15,900	1,000	6.3	314,600	294,300	20,300	6.9
Information	1,800	1,800	0	0.0	140,700	138,600	2,100	1.5
Financial Activities	12,600	12,300	300	2.4	591,000	571,900	19,100	3.3
Professional and Business Services	33,700	30,000	3,700	12.3	1,396,100	1,349,800	46,300	3.4
Education and Health Services	32,800	32,600	200	0.6	1,333,800	1,283,600	50,200	3.9
Leisure and Hospitality	24,600	23,800	800	3.4	1,260,300	1,207,100	53,200	4.4
Other Services	6,000	5,900	100	1.7	362,500	350,400	12,100	3.5
Government	28,700	28,700	0	0.0	1,119,800	1,130,600	-10,800	-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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