

**Overview of the CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
January 19, 2018**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion region (Citrus, Levy, and Marion counties) was 4.5 percent in December 2017. This rate was 1.3 percentage points lower than the region's year ago rate of 5.8 percent. The labor force was 197,273, down -888 (-0.4) over the year. There were 8,885 unemployed residents in the region.
- Levy County had the lowest unemployment rate (3.9 percent) in the CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion region followed by Marion County (4.3 percent), and Citrus County (5.4 percent).
- In December 2017 nonagricultural employment in the Ocala MSA was 105,100, an increase of 900 jobs (+0.9 percent) over the year.
- The Ocala MSA had the third fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in other services (+6.5 percent) in December 2017.
- The other services (+6.5 percent); manufacturing (+5.1 percent); and education and health services (+1.6 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: manufacturing (+400 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+300 jobs); education and health services (+300 jobs); other services (+200 jobs); and leisure and hospitality (+100 jobs).
- The trade, transportation, and utilities (-100 jobs); information (-100 jobs); professional and business services (-100 jobs); and government (-100 jobs) industries lost jobs over the year.
- The financial activities industry was unchanged over the year.
- In December 2017 nonagricultural employment in the Homosassa Springs MSA was 33,400, a decrease of 100 jobs (-0.3 percent) 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 Citrus Levy Marion	4.5%	4.6%	5.8%
Citrus County	5.4%	5.3%	6.6%
Levy County	3.9%	4.0%	5.1%
Marion County	4.3%	4.5%	5.6%
Florida	3.7%	3.8%	4.7%
United States	3.9%	3.9%	4.5%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Ocala Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Dec-17	Dec-16	change	percent change	Dec-17	Dec-16	change	percent change
Total Employment	105,100	104,200	900	0.9	8,801,900	8,581,400	220,500	2.6
Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,600	7,300	300	4.1	537,400	492,900	44,500	9.0
Manufacturing	8,300	7,900	400	5.1	375,700	359,700	16,000	4.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	24,700	24,800	-100	-0.4	1,818,500	1,787,600	30,900	1.7
Wholesale Trade	3,500	3,400	100	2.9	355,600	341,800	13,800	4.0
Retail Trade	17,300	17,500	-200	-1.1	1,162,200	1,151,900	10,300	0.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	3,900	3,900	0	0.0	300,700	293,900	6,800	2.3
Information	700	800	-100	-12.5	140,900	138,200	2,700	2.0
Financial Activities	3,800	3,800	0	0.0	569,800	556,300	13,500	2.4
Professional and Business Services	10,000	10,100	-100	-1.0	1,368,300	1,311,600	56,700	4.3
Education and Health Services	19,200	18,900	300	1.6	1,293,300	1,273,800	19,500	1.5
Leisure and Hospitality	12,700	12,600	100	0.8	1,199,300	1,188,000	11,300	1.0
Other Services	3,300	3,100	200	6.5	372,800	358,200	14,600	4.1
Government	14,800	14,900	-100	-0.7	1,125,900	1,115,100	10,800	1.0

Population	2016	2015	change	percent change
CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion	532,602	524,176	8,426	1.6
Citrus County	143,621	140,974	2,647	1.9
Levy County	39,961	39,688	273	0.7
Marion County	349,020	343,514	5,506	1.6
Florida	20,612,439	20,244,914	367,525	1.8

Average Annual Wage	2016	2015	change	percent change
CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion	\$36,346	\$35,427	\$919	2.6
Citrus County	\$35,485	\$35,720	-\$235	-0.7
Levy County	\$30,912	\$30,116	\$796	2.6
Marion County	\$37,097	\$35,800	\$1,297	3.6
Florida	\$47,055	\$46,236	\$819	1.8

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Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics.