

**Overview of the CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion Region  
Not Seasonally Adjusted  
November 16, 2018**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion region (Citrus, Levy, and Marion counties) was 3.7 percent in October 2018. This rate was 0.9 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 4.6 percent. The labor force was 202,179, up 4,204 (+2.1) over the year. There were 7,568 unemployed residents in the region.
- Levy County had the lowest unemployment rate (3.3 percent) in the CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion region followed by Marion County (3.6 percent), and Citrus County (4.3 percent).
- In October 2018 nonagricultural employment in the Ocala MSA was 105,600, an increase of 4,000 jobs (+3.9 percent) over the year.
- The Ocala MSA had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in education and health services (+5.9 percent) in October 2018.
- The Ocala 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 Ocala MSA had the third fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in leisure and hospitality (+8.1 percent) in October 2018.
- The leisure and hospitality (+8.1 percent); manufacturing (+6.0 percent); education and health services (+5.9 percent); professional and business services (+4.4 percent); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+3.9 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: education and health services (+1,100 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+1,000 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+900 jobs); manufacturing (+500 jobs); professional and business services (+400 jobs); and mining, logging, and construction (+300 jobs).
- The financial activities (-100 jobs) and other services (-100 jobs) industries lost jobs over the year.
- The information and government industries were unchanged over the year.
- In October 2018 nonagricultural employment in the Homosassa Springs MSA was 34,000, an increase of 1,000 jobs (+3.0 percent) over the year.

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research.

- The Homosassa Springs MSA had the fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in government (+6.7 percent) in October 2018.

<b>Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Oct-18</b>	<b>Sep-18</b>	<b>Oct-17</b>
CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion	3.7%	3.7%	4.6%
Citrus County	4.3%	4.3%	5.2%
Levy County	3.3%	3.2%	3.9%
Marion County	3.6%	3.6%	4.5%
Florida	3.0%	3.1%	3.9%
United States	3.5%	3.6%	3.9%

<b>Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Ocala Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>				<b>Florida</b>			
	<b>Oct-18</b>	<b>Oct-17</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>	<b>Oct-18</b>	<b>Oct-17</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Total Employment	105,600	101,600	4,000	3.9	8,849,400	8,619,200	230,200	2.7
Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,300	7,000	300	4.3	561,600	519,300	42,300	8.1
Manufacturing	8,900	8,400	500	6.0	377,000	365,600	11,400	3.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	24,200	23,300	900	3.9	1,764,700	1,738,700	26,000	1.5
Wholesale Trade	3,100	3,400	-300	-8.8	341,900	343,800	-1,900	-0.6
Retail Trade	17,100	16,300	800	4.9	1,120,300	1,109,400	10,900	1.0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	4,000	3,600	400	11.1	302,500	285,500	17,000	6.0
Information	800	800	0	0.0	137,500	136,800	700	0.5
Financial Activities	3,800	3,900	-100	-2.6	583,900	567,100	16,800	3.0
Professional and Business Services	9,500	9,100	400	4.4	1,377,900	1,345,800	32,100	2.4
Education and Health Services	19,800	18,700	1,100	5.9	1,330,000	1,278,100	51,900	4.1
Leisure and Hospitality	13,300	12,300	1,000	8.1	1,241,600	1,192,700	48,900	4.1
Other Services	2,900	3,000	-100	-3.3	359,800	348,200	11,600	3.3
Government	15,100	15,100	0	0.0	1,115,400	1,126,900	-11,500	-1.0

<b>Population</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion	540,355	530,980	9,375	1.8
Citrus County	145,647	142,990	2,657	1.9
Levy County	40,355	39,851	504	1.3
Marion County	354,353	348,139	6,214	1.8
Florida	20,984,400	20,656,589	327,811	1.6

<b>Average Annual Wage</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion	\$36,711	\$36,346	\$365	1.0
Citrus County	\$36,520	\$35,485	\$1,035	2.9
Levy County	\$31,512	\$30,912	\$600	1.9
Marion County	\$37,233	\$37,097	\$136	0.4
Florida	\$48,460	\$47,055	\$1,405	3.0

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