

**Overview of the CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
May 18, 2018**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion region (Citrus, Levy, and Marion counties) was 4.2 percent in April 2018. This rate was 0.6 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 4.8 percent. The labor force was 200,287, up 894 (+0.4) over the year. There were 8,335 unemployed residents in the region.
- Levy County had the lowest unemployment rate (3.5 percent) in the CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion region followed by Marion County (4.1 percent), and Citrus County (4.7 percent).
- In April 2018 nonagricultural employment in the Ocala MSA was 104,300, an increase of 1,800 jobs (+1.8 percent) over the year.
- The Ocala MSA had the fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in education and health services (+7.1 percent) in April 2018.
- The Ocala MSA had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in manufacturing (+8.9 percent) in April 2018.
- The manufacturing (+8.9 percent); education and health services (+7.1 percent); and government (+1.3 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 (+1,300 jobs); manufacturing (+700 jobs); government (+200 jobs); professional and business services (+100 jobs); and leisure and hospitality (+100 jobs).
- The trade, transportation, and utilities (-300 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (-100 jobs); financial activities (-100 jobs); other services (-100 jobs) industries lost jobs over the year.
- The information industry was unchanged over the year.
- In April 2018 nonagricultural employment in the Homosassa Springs MSA was 33,700, equal to April 2017 employment.
- The Homosassa Springs MSA had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in government (+2.2 percent) in April 2018.

Note: All data are subject to revision.

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

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)	Apr-18	Mar-18	Apr-17
CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion	4.2%	4.6%	4.8%
Citrus County	4.7%	5.2%	5.4%
Levy County	3.5%	3.9%	4.1%
Marion County	4.1%	4.5%	4.7%
Florida	3.4%	3.8%	4.0%
United States	3.7%	4.1%	4.1%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Ocala Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Apr-18	Apr-17	change	percent change	Apr-18	Apr-17	change	percent change
Total Employment	104,300	102,500	1,800	1.8	8,776,800	8,598,700	178,100	2.1
Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,200	7,300	-100	-1.4	538,200	505,500	32,700	6.5
Manufacturing	8,600	7,900	700	8.9	375,500	362,500	13,000	3.6
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	23,500	23,800	-300	-1.3	1,748,100	1,735,700	12,400	0.7
Wholesale Trade	3,200	3,600	-400	-11.1	339,100	344,100	-5,000	-1.5
Retail Trade	16,600	16,500	100	0.6	1,113,800	1,107,000	6,800	0.6
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	3,700	3,700	0	0.0	295,200	284,600	10,600	3.7
Information	800	800	0	0.0	136,700	138,300	-1,600	-1.2
Financial Activities	3,800	3,900	-100	-2.6	573,100	557,800	15,300	2.7
Professional and Business Services	9,200	9,100	100	1.1	1,352,400	1,317,200	35,200	2.7
Education and Health Services	19,700	18,400	1,300	7.1	1,299,500	1,278,500	21,000	1.6
Leisure and Hospitality	13,400	13,300	100	0.8	1,263,700	1,226,600	37,100	3.0
Other Services	3,000	3,100	-100	-3.2	354,600	349,200	5,400	1.5
Government	15,100	14,900	200	1.3	1,135,000	1,127,400	7,600	0.7

Population	2017	2016	change	percent change
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

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

Note: All data are subject to revision.

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