

**Overview of the CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
August 17, 2018**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion region (Citrus, Levy, and Marion counties) was 4.9 percent in July 2018. This rate was 0.4 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 5.3 percent. The labor force was 201,458, up 2,473 (+1.2) over the year. There were 9,926 unemployed residents in the region.
- Levy County had the lowest unemployment rate (4.3 percent) in the CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion region followed by Marion County (4.7 percent), and Citrus County (5.7 percent).
- In July 2018 nonagricultural employment in the Ocala MSA was 103,900, an increase of 2,800 jobs (+2.8 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 July 2018.
- The Ocala MSA had the third fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in manufacturing (+7.2 percent) in July 2018.
- The manufacturing (+7.2 percent); education and health services (+7.1 percent); professional and business services (+2.2 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+1.7 percent); and government (+0.7 percent) industries grew as fast or 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 (+600 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+500 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+400 jobs); professional and business services (+200 jobs); and government (+100 jobs).
- The mining, logging, and construction (-200 jobs) and other services (-100 jobs) industries lost jobs over the year.
- The information and financial activities industries were unchanged over the year.
- In July 2018 nonagricultural employment in the Homosassa Springs MSA was 32,400, an increase of 200 jobs (+0.6 percent) over the year.
- The Homosassa Springs MSA had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in government (+3.1 percent) in July 2018.

Note: All data are subject to revision.

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

Unemployment Rates			
(not seasonally adjusted)	Jul-18	Jun-18	Jul-17
CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion	4.9%	4.9%	5.3%
Citrus County	5.7%	5.6%	6.1%
Levy County	4.3%	4.2%	4.6%
Marion County	4.7%	4.7%	5.1%
Florida	4.0%	3.9%	4.4%
United States	4.1%	4.2%	4.6%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Ocala Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Jul-18	Jul-17	change	percent change	Jul-18	Jul-17	change	percent change
Total Employment	103,900	101,100	2,800	2.8	8,679,600	8,455,900	223,700	2.6
Mining, Logging, and Construction	7,200	7,400	-200	-2.7	553,700	513,400	40,300	7.8
Manufacturing	8,900	8,300	600	7.2	377,900	364,700	13,200	3.6
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	23,900	23,500	400	1.7	1,753,100	1,728,600	24,500	1.4
Wholesale Trade	3,100	3,500	-400	-11.4	342,800	343,800	-1,000	-0.3
Retail Trade	16,900	16,400	500	3.0	1,112,800	1,100,900	11,900	1.1
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	3,900	3,600	300	8.3	297,500	283,900	13,600	4.8
Information	800	800	0	0.0	135,500	137,600	-2,100	-1.5
Financial Activities	3,800	3,800	0	0.0	579,900	562,400	17,500	3.1
Professional and Business Services	9,200	9,000	200	2.2	1,348,700	1,319,900	28,800	2.2
Education and Health Services	19,700	18,400	1,300	7.1	1,293,400	1,256,800	36,600	2.9
Leisure and Hospitality	13,400	12,900	500	3.9	1,254,800	1,196,600	58,200	4.9
Other Services	3,000	3,100	-100	-3.2	357,100	347,300	9,800	2.8
Government	14,000	13,900	100	0.7	1,025,500	1,028,600	-3,100	-0.3

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	2017	2016	change	percent change
CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion	\$36,710	\$36,346	\$364	1.0
Citrus County	\$36,520	\$35,485	\$1,035	2.9
Levy County	\$31,512	\$30,912	\$600	1.9
Marion County	\$37,232	\$37,097	\$135	0.4
Florida	\$48,460	\$47,055	\$1,405	3.0

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