

**Overview of the CareerSource Polk Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
September 18, 2020**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Polk region (Polk County) was 9.3 percent in August 2020. This rate was 5.3 percentage point higher than the region's year ago rate of 4.0 percent. The labor force was 310,651, up 2,650 (+0.9) over the year. There were 28,989 unemployed residents in the region.
- In August 2020 nonagricultural employment in the Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA was 227,200, a decrease of 8,200 jobs (-3.5 percent) over the year.
- The mining, logging, and construction (+6.9 percent) and government (+1.4 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA was tied for the second highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in mining, logging, and construction (+1,000 jobs).
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: mining, logging, and construction (+1,000 jobs) and government (+400 jobs).
- The leisure and hospitality (-4,200); education and health services (-2,200 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (-1,800 jobs); other services (-700 jobs); manufacturing (-400 jobs); and information (-300 jobs) industries lost jobs over the year.
- The financial activities and professional and business services 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)	Aug-20	Jul-20	Aug-19
CareerSource Polk (Polk County)	9.3%	13.2%	4.0%
Florida	7.7%	11.6%	3.3%
United States	8.5%	10.5%	3.8%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Lakeland-Winter Haven Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Aug-20	Aug-19	change	percent change	Aug-20	Aug-19	change	percent change
Total Employment	227,200	235,400	-8,200	-3.5	8,479,800	8,937,000	-457,200	-5.1
Mining, Logging, and Construction	15,500	14,500	1,000	6.9	571,800	574,800	-3,000	-0.5
Manufacturing	17,600	18,000	-400	-2.2	373,600	385,100	-11,500	-3.0
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	58,600	60,400	-1,800	-3.0	1,743,600	1,789,700	-46,100	-2.6
Wholesale Trade	10,400	11,300	-900	-8.0	340,700	353,300	-12,600	-3.6
Retail Trade	28,500	28,700	-200	-0.7	1,067,400	1,097,600	-30,200	-2.8
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utiliti	19,700	20,400	-700	-3.4	335,500	338,800	-3,300	-1.0
Information	1,700	2,000	-300	-15.0	125,000	138,400	-13,400	-9.7
Financial Activities	13,400	13,400	0	0.0	585,100	594,200	-9,100	-1.5
Professional and Business Services	32,200	32,200	0	0.0	1,325,000	1,399,400	-74,400	-5.3
Education and Health Services	32,300	34,500	-2,200	-6.4	1,315,800	1,337,700	-21,900	-1.6
Leisure and Hospitality	20,200	24,400	-4,200	-17.2	999,300	1,246,200	-246,900	-19.8
Other Services	5,900	6,600	-700	-10.6	320,700	352,000	-31,300	-8.9
Government	29,800	29,400	400	1.4	1,119,900	1,119,500	400	0.0

Population	2019	2018	change	percent change
CareerSource Polk (Polk County)	686,483	667,018	19,465	2.9
Florida	21,477,737	21,244,317	233,420	1.1

Average Annual Wage	2019	2018	change	percent change
CareerSource Polk (Polk County)	\$43,821	\$42,574	\$1,247	2.9
Florida	\$51,761	\$50,092	\$1,669	3.3

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