

**Overview of the CareerSource Southwest Florida Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
November 19, 2021**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Southwest Florida region (Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties) was 3.8 percent in October 2021. This rate was 0.9 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 4.7 percent. The region's October 2021 unemployment rate was 0.2 percentage point lower than the state rate of 4.0 percent. The labor force was 655,286, up 43,578 (+7.1 percent) over the year. There were 24,924 unemployed residents in the region.
- Collier County had the lowest unemployment rate (3.4 percent) in the CareerSource Southwest Florida region followed by Glades County (3.5 percent), Lee County (3.9 percent), Charlotte County (4.1 percent), and Hendry County (6.3 percent).
- The CareerSource Southwest Florida region contains three Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs): the Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA (Lee County); the Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island MSA (Collier County); and the Punta Gorda MSA (Charlotte County). Glades and Hendry counties are not included in an MSA.
- Nonagricultural employment for the combined CareerSource Southwest Florida metro areas was 488,200 jobs in October 2021, an increase of 21,800 jobs (+4.7 percent) from a year ago.
- The financial activities (+7.1 percent); manufacturing (+4.9 percent); education and health services (+4.8 percent); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+4.2 percent) industries had metro area growth rates as high or higher than statewide growth rates over the year.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were leisure and hospitality (+8,900 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+3,900 jobs); education and health services (+3,100 jobs); professional and business services (+2,000 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+1,700 jobs); financial activities (+1,700 jobs); other services (+700 jobs); and manufacturing (+600 jobs).
- The government (-800 jobs) industry lost jobs over the year.
- The information industry was unchanged over the year.

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

Cape Coral-Fort Myers Metro Area

- In October 2021 nonagricultural employment in the Cape Coral-Fort Myers MSA was 281,300, an increase of 11,100 jobs (+4.1 percent) over the year.
- The financial activities (+9.0 percent); education and health services (+5.4 percent); manufacturing (+4.6 percent); and mining, logging, and construction (+3.7 percent) industries had metro area growth rates higher than statewide growth rates over the year.
- The Cape Coral-Fort Myers MSA had the fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in financial activities (+9.0 percent) in October 2021.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were leisure and hospitality (+4,800 jobs); education and health services (+1,700 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+1,500 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+1,300 jobs); financial activities (+1,200 jobs); manufacturing (+300 jobs); and other services (+300 jobs).
- The information; professional and business services; and government industries were unchanged over the year.

Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island Metro Area

- In October 2021 nonagricultural employment in the Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island MSA was 156,500, an increase of 8,800 jobs (+6.0 percent) over the year.
- The professional and business services (+11.2 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+7.2 percent); and manufacturing (+6.1 percent) industries had metro area growth rates higher than statewide growth rates over the year.
- The Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island MSA had the fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in trade, transportation and utilities (+7.2 percent).
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were leisure and hospitality (+3,500 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+2,000 jobs); professional and business services (+2,000 jobs); education and health services (+900 jobs); financial activities (+400 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+300 jobs); manufacturing (+300 jobs); and other services (+300 jobs).
- The government (-900 jobs) industry lost jobs over the year.
- The information industry was unchanged over the year.

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Punta Gorda Metro Area

- In October 2021 nonagricultural employment in the Punta Gorda MSA was 50,400, an increase of 1,900 jobs (+3.9 percent) over the year.
- The education and health (+5.2 percent) and government (+1.6 percent) industries had metro area growth rates higher than the statewide growth rates over the year.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were leisure and hospitality (+600 jobs); education and health services (+500 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+400 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+100 jobs); financial activities (+100 jobs); other services (+100 jobs); and government (+100 jobs).
- The manufacturing; information; and professional and business services industries were unchanged over the year.

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| Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted) | Oct-21 | Sep-21 | Oct-20 |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| CareerSource Southwest Florida | 3.8% | 4.0% | 4.7% |
| Charlotte County | 4.1% | 4.3% | 4.9% |
| Collier County | 3.4% | 3.6% | 4.4% |
| Glades County | 3.5% | 3.7% | 3.7% |
| Hendry County | 6.3% | 6.7% | 5.7% |
| Lee County | 3.9% | 4.0% | 4.8% |
| Florida | 4.0% | 4.3% | 5.6% |
| United States | 4.3% | 4.6% | 6.6% |

| Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted) | Cape Coral-Ft. Myers Metropolitan Statistical Area | | | | Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island Metropolitan Statistical Area | | | |
|---|---|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|--|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| | Oct-21 | Oct-20 | change | percent change | Oct-21 | Oct-20 | change | percent change |
| Total Employment | 281,300 | 270,200 | 11,100 | 4.1 | 156,500 | 147,700 | 8,800 | 6.0 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 36,000 | 34,700 | 1,300 | 3.7 | 18,100 | 17,800 | 300 | 1.7 |
| Manufacturing | 6,800 | 6,500 | 300 | 4.6 | 5,200 | 4,900 | 300 | 6.1 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 55,200 | 53,700 | 1,500 | 2.8 | 29,600 | 27,600 | 2,000 | 7.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 8,000 | 7,800 | 200 | 2.6 | 4,900 | 4,800 | 100 | 2.1 |
| Retail Trade | 40,400 | 39,800 | 600 | 1.5 | 22,400 | 20,800 | 1,600 | 7.7 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities | 6,800 | 6,100 | 700 | 11.5 | 2,300 | 2,000 | 300 | 15.0 |
| Information | 2,700 | 2,700 | 0 | 0.0 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Financial Activities | 14,500 | 13,300 | 1,200 | 9.0 | 9,000 | 8,600 | 400 | 4.7 |
| Professional and Business Services | 37,500 | 37,500 | 0 | 0.0 | 19,800 | 17,800 | 2,000 | 11.2 |
| Education and Health Services | 33,300 | 31,600 | 1,700 | 5.4 | 24,400 | 23,500 | 900 | 3.8 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 40,300 | 35,500 | 4,800 | 13.5 | 27,900 | 24,400 | 3,500 | 14.3 |
| Other Services | 11,000 | 10,700 | 300 | 2.8 | 8,600 | 8,300 | 300 | 3.6 |
| Government | 44,000 | 44,000 | 0 | 0.0 | 12,600 | 13,500 | -900 | -6.7 |

| Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted) | Punta Gorda Metropolitan Statistical Area | | | |
|---|--|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| | Oct-21 | Oct-20 | change | percent change |
| Total Employment | 50,400 | 48,500 | 1,900 | 3.9 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 4,700 | 4,600 | 100 | 2.2 |
| Manufacturing | 800 | 800 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 11,900 | 11,500 | 400 | 3.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 900 | 800 | 100 | 12.5 |
| Retail Trade | 9,500 | 9,500 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities | 1,500 | 1,200 | 300 | 25.0 |
| Information | 300 | 300 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Financial Activities | 2,200 | 2,100 | 100 | 4.8 |
| Professional and Business Services | 4,500 | 4,500 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Education and Health Services | 10,100 | 9,600 | 500 | 5.2 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 7,000 | 6,400 | 600 | 9.4 |
| Other Services | 2,500 | 2,400 | 100 | 4.2 |
| Government | 6,400 | 6,300 | 100 | 1.6 |

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| Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted) | CareerSource Southwest Florida Combined Metropolitan Statistical Areas | | | | Florida | | | |
|---|---|---------|---------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| | Oct-21 | Oct-20 | change | percent change | Oct-21 | Oct-20 | change | percent change |
| | Total Employment | 488,200 | 466,400 | 21,800 | 4.7 | 8,941,900 | 8,492,500 | 449,400 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 58,800 | 57,100 | 1,700 | 3.0 | 585,900 | 567,900 | 18,000 | 3.2 |
| Manufacturing | 12,800 | 12,200 | 600 | 4.9 | 384,600 | 374,900 | 9,700 | 2.6 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 96,700 | 92,800 | 3,900 | 4.2 | 1,817,900 | 1,744,200 | 73,700 | 4.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13,800 | 13,400 | 400 | 3.0 | 355,100 | 341,300 | 13,800 | 4.0 |
| Retail Trade | 72,300 | 70,100 | 2,200 | 3.1 | 1,096,000 | 1,062,300 | 33,700 | 3.2 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities | 10,600 | 9,300 | 1,300 | 14.0 | 366,800 | 340,600 | 26,200 | 7.7 |
| Information | 4,300 | 4,300 | 0 | 0.0 | 137,700 | 129,900 | 7,800 | 6.0 |
| Financial Activities | 25,700 | 24,000 | 1,700 | 7.1 | 626,700 | 595,000 | 31,700 | 5.3 |
| Professional and Business Services | 61,800 | 59,800 | 2,000 | 3.3 | 1,440,700 | 1,363,200 | 77,500 | 5.7 |
| Education and Health Services | 67,800 | 64,700 | 3,100 | 4.8 | 1,363,000 | 1,311,800 | 51,200 | 3.9 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 75,200 | 66,300 | 8,900 | 13.4 | 1,118,200 | 972,100 | 146,100 | 15.0 |
| Other Services | 22,100 | 21,400 | 700 | 3.3 | 349,400 | 319,600 | 29,800 | 9.3 |
| Government | 63,000 | 63,800 | -800 | -1.3 | 1,117,800 | 1,113,900 | 3,900 | 0.4 |

| Population | 2020 | 2019 | change | percent change |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|---------|-------------------|
| CareerSource Southwest Florida | 1,435,462 | 1,403,837 | 31,625 | 2.3 |
| Charlotte County | 194,711 | 189,669 | 5,042 | 2.7 |
| Collier County | 392,973 | 385,917 | 7,056 | 1.8 |
| Glades County | 14,198 | 13,914 | 284 | 2.0 |
| Hendry County | 42,813 | 42,069 | 744 | 1.8 |
| Lee County | 790,767 | 772,268 | 18,499 | 2.4 |
| Florida | 21,733,312 | 21,492,056 | 241,256 | 1.1 |

| Average Annual Wage | 2020 | 2019 | change | percent change |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|---------|-------------------|
| CareerSource Southwest Florida | \$50,490 | \$46,666 | \$3,824 | 8.2 |
| Charlotte County | \$43,331 | \$40,348 | \$2,983 | 7.4 |
| Collier County | \$54,829 | \$50,104 | \$4,725 | 9.4 |
| Glades County | \$46,290 | \$43,901 | \$2,389 | 5.4 |
| Hendry County | \$42,941 | \$39,935 | \$3,006 | 7.5 |
| Lee County | \$49,758 | \$46,189 | \$3,569 | 7.7 |
| Florida | \$55,845 | \$51,744 | \$4,101 | 7.9 |

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