

POLK COUNTY'S EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES SECTOR GREW FASTER THAN STATEWIDE OVER THE YEAR



HIGHLIGHTS

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (POLK COUNTY)

5%

JOB GROWTH

An increase of
2,899 jobs

of UNEMPLOYED

18,239

TOP TWO INDUSTRIES WITH LARGEST GAIN

Education and Health
Services +2,100 jobs

Trade, Transportation,
and Utilities +1,700
jobs



According to the Florida Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics:

The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Polk region was 5% in July 2025. This rate was 0.2% point greater than the region's year ago rate of 4.8%.



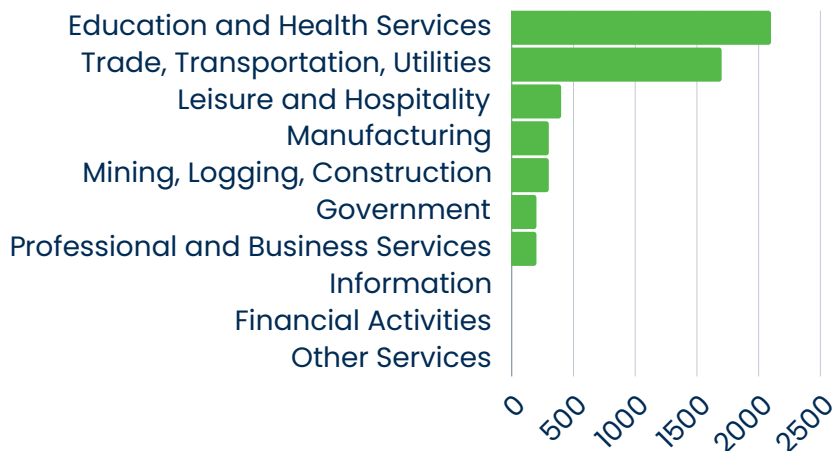
The region's July 2025 unemployment rate was 0.9% points above the state rate of 4.1%. The labor force was 362,120, up 2,899 (+0.8%) over the year. There were 18,239 unemployed residents in the Polk County region.

LABOR MARKET ANALYSIS

In July 2025, nonagricultural employment in the Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA was 275,500, an increase of 5,200 jobs (+1.9%) over the year.

The Education and Health Services industry led job growth in the region, adding 2,100 jobs over the year. With a 5.1% increase, outpacing statewide growth, this sector continues to be a key economic driver, reflecting the area's expanding healthcare facilities and ongoing demand for educational services.

INDUSTRIES WITH JOB GROWTH/LOSS Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA



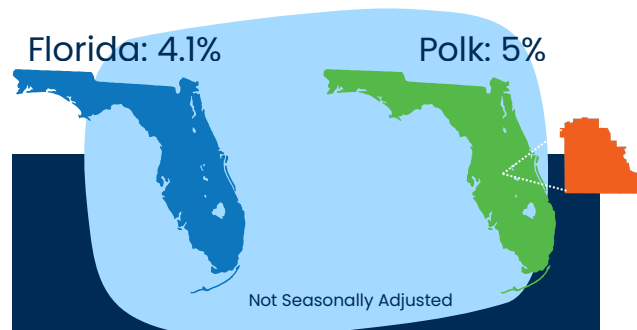
Check back each month for the latest labor market updates and industry highlights for Polk County.

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (not seasonally adjusted)

	Jul 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2024
Polk County	5.0%	3.8%	4.8%
Florida	4.1%	3.1%	3.8%
United States	4.6%	3.8%	4.5%

AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE

	2024	2023	Change (%)
Polk County	\$55,695	\$53,342	+4.4%
Florida	\$69,492	\$66,447	+4.6%

POPULATION

	2024	2023	Change (%)
Polk County	852,878	824,172	+3.5%
Florida	23,372,215	22,904,868	+2.0%

