

**Overview of the Polk Works Region
July 16, 2010**

- The unemployment rate in Polk County was 12.5 percent in June 2010. This was an increase of 1.2 percentage points from the region's year ago rate. In June 2010, Polk County's unemployment rate was 0.9 percentage point higher than the state rate of 11.6 percent. Out of a labor force of 275,392, there were 34,310 unemployed Polk county residents.
- In June 2010, total nonagricultural employment in the Lakeland-Winter Haven metro area was 192,300. Total nonagricultural employment declined by 1.5 percent over the year, compared to the state which declined 0.4 percent.
- Total nonagricultural employment lost 2,900 jobs over the year. The industries losing the most jobs were professional and business services (-1,300 jobs); trade, transportation and utilities (-1,200 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (-800 jobs); manufacturing (-700 jobs); financial activities (-600 jobs); leisure and hospitality (-300 jobs); and information (-100 jobs).
- The only industries to post job gains over the year were education and health services (+800 jobs), other services (+100 jobs) and government (+1700 jobs).
- There was a 4.4 percent over the year increase in government jobs in the Lakeland-Winter Haven metro area, compared to a statewide increase of 1.7 percent. Both of these over-the-year increases were mostly due to temporary workers hired for the decennial census.

Unemployment Rates (%) (not seasonally adjusted)	Jun-10	May-10	Jun-09
Polk Works Region (Polk County)	12.5	12.0	11.3
Florida	11.6	11.1	10.8
United States	9.6	9.3	9.7

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Lakeland-Winter Haven Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Jun-10	Jun-09	change	percent change	Jun-10	Jun-09	change	percent change
Total Employment	192,300	195,200	-2,900	-1.5	7,155,800	7,182,700	-26,900	-0.4
Mining, Logging, and Construction	11,000	11,800	-800	-6.8	371,600	403,000	-31,400	-7.8
Manufacturing	14,400	15,100	-700	-4.6	311,400	324,300	-12,900	-4.0
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	43,500	44,700	-1,200	-2.7	1,465,100	1,462,900	2,200	0.2
Wholesale Trade	8,800	9,100	-300	-3.3	313,800	318,000	-4,200	-1.3
Retail Trade	23,400	23,900	-500	-2.1	924,400	916,300	8,100	0.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	11,300	11,700	-400	-3.4	226,900	228,600	-1,700	-0.7
Information	1,800	1,900	-100	-5.3	133,100	144,200	-11,100	-7.7
Financial Activities	11,300	11,900	-600	-5.0	463,600	486,500	-22,900	-4.7
Professional and Business Services	27,600	28,900	-1,300	-4.5	1,056,800	1,042,600	14,200	1.4
Education and Health Services	29,300	28,500	800	2.8	1,076,100	1,051,000	25,100	2.4
Leisure and Hospitality	16,500	16,800	-300	-1.8	908,700	917,600	-8,900	-1.0
Other Services	8,400	8,300	100	1.2	316,500	315,100	1,400	0.4
Government	28,500	27,300	1,200	4.4	1,052,900	1,035,500	17,400	1.7

Population	2009	2008	change	percent change
Polk Works Region	584,343	585,733	-1,390	-0.2
Florida	18,750,483	18,807,219	-56,736	-0.3

Average Annual Wage	2009	2008	change	percent change
Polk Works Region	\$35,477	\$35,183	\$294	0.8
Florida	\$40,973	\$40,579	\$394	1.0

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor Market Statistics Center