

**Overview of the Polk Works Region  
April 15, 2011**

- The unemployment rate in Polk County was 11.3 percent in March 2011. This was a decrease of 0.8 percentage point from the rate the region posted in the same month last year. In March 2011, Polk County's unemployment rate was 0.7 percentage point higher than the state rate of 10.6 percent and 2.1 percentage points above the national rate of 9.2 percent. Out of a labor force of 274,653, there were 31,037 unemployed Polk county residents.
- In March 2011, total nonagricultural employment in the Lakeland-Winter Haven metro area was 195,600. Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 0.2 percent over the year, compared to a statewide increase of 0.6 percent.
- Four of the ten major industry groups gained employment over the year. They were education and health services (+400 jobs); professional and business services (+400 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+100 jobs); and other services (+100 jobs).
- Over-the-year job gains in the Lakeland-Winter Haven metro area were more than offset by job losses in four major industry groups. The industries losing jobs were mining, logging, and construction (-700 jobs); manufacturing (-400 jobs); financial activities (-200 jobs); and information (-100 jobs).
- Industries that added jobs in the Lakeland-Winter Haven metro area also added jobs statewide; likewise, industries that lost jobs locally also lost jobs statewide. Leisure and hospitality, and government showed no change in Lakeland-Winter Haven compared to March 2010. Both of these industries posted gains statewide.

<b>Unemployment Rates (%) (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Mar-11</b>	<b>Feb-11</b>	<b>Mar-10</b>
Polk Works Region (Polk County)	11.3	11.8	12.1
Florida	10.6	11.0	11.3
United States	9.2	9.5	10.2

<b>Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Lakeland-Winter Haven Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>				<b>Florida</b>			
	<b>Mar-11</b>	<b>Mar-10</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>	<b>Mar-11</b>	<b>Mar-10</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Total Employment	195,600	196,000	-400	-0.2	7,258,800	7,214,500	44,300	0.6
Mining, Logging, and Construction	10,100	10,800	-700	-6.5	332,200	352,400	-20,200	-5.7
Manufacturing	13,900	14,300	-400	-2.8	306,800	307,800	-1,000	-0.3
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	44,600	44,500	100	0.2	1,459,100	1,451,500	7,600	0.5
Wholesale Trade	8,700	8,800	-100	-1.1	306,000	308,900	-2,900	-0.9
Retail Trade	24,300	24,200	100	0.4	925,600	917,500	8,100	0.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	11,600	11,500	100	0.9	227,500	225,100	2,400	1.1
Information	1,700	1,800	-100	-5.6	132,500	136,800	-4,300	-3.1
Financial Activities	11,500	11,700	-200	-1.7	468,000	472,000	-4,000	-0.8
Professional and Business Services	28,900	28,500	400	1.4	1,044,700	1,036,600	8,100	0.8
Education and Health Services	29,400	29,000	400	1.4	1,105,700	1,080,400	25,300	2.3
Leisure and Hospitality	16,900	16,900	0	0.0	967,500	937,000	30,500	3.3
Other Services	8,300	8,200	100	1.2	312,700	311,600	1,100	0.4
Government	30,300	30,300	0	0.0	1,129,600	1,128,400	1,200	0.1

<b>Population</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Polk Works Region	584,329	584,343	-14	0.0
Florida	18,772,352	18,750,483	21,869	0.1

<b>Average Annual Wage</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Polk Works Region	\$35,476	\$35,183	\$293	0.8
Florida	\$40,974	\$40,579	\$395	1.0

Note: All data are subject to revision.

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