

**Overview of the Polk Works Region
March 10, 2011**

- The unemployment rate in Polk County was 12.7 percent in January 2011. This was an increase of 0.2 percentage point from the rate the region posted in the same month last year. In January 2011, Polk County's unemployment rate was 0.9 percentage point higher than the state rate of 11.8 percent and 2.9 percentage points above the national rate of 9.8 percent. Out of a labor force of 275,748, there were 35,052 unemployed Polk county residents.
- In January 2011, total nonagricultural employment in the Lakeland-Winter Haven metro area was 193,700. Total nonagricultural employment increased by 0.4 percent over the year, matching the statewide increase.
- Six of the ten major industry groups gained employment over the year. They were education and health services (+800 jobs); professional and business services (+600 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+400 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+100 jobs); other services (+100 jobs); and government (+100 jobs).
- Over-the-year job gains in Polk County were partially offset by job losses in four major industry groups. The industries losing jobs were mining, logging, and construction (-600 jobs); manufacturing (-400 jobs); financial activities (-200 jobs); and information (-100 jobs).
- Generally, the industries that added jobs in the Lakeland-Winter Haven metro area also added jobs statewide; exceptions include other services and government, both of which posted small gains locally, but small declines statewide. All industries that lost jobs locally also lost jobs statewide.

Unemployment Rates (%) (not seasonally adjusted)	Jan-11	Dec-10	Jan-10
Polk Works Region (Polk County)	12.7	12.6	12.5
Florida	11.8	11.7	11.5
United States	9.8	9.1	10.6

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Lakeland-Winter Haven Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Jan-11	Jan-10	change	percent change	Jan-11	Jan-10	change	percent change
Total Employment	193,700	192,900	800	0.4	7,147,600	7,116,900	30,700	0.4
Mining, Logging, and Construction	10,200	10,800	-600	-5.6	331,400	348,500	-17,100	-4.9
Manufacturing	13,800	14,200	-400	-2.8	301,100	307,800	-6,700	-2.2
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	44,500	44,400	100	0.2	1,454,800	1,448,300	6,500	0.4
Wholesale Trade	8,700	8,900	-200	-2.2	306,500	307,300	-800	-0.3
Retail Trade	24,300	24,100	200	0.8	925,900	917,400	8,500	0.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	11,500	11,400	100	0.9	222,400	223,600	-1,200	-0.5
Information	1,700	1,800	-100	-5.6	131,700	136,300	-4,600	-3.4
Financial Activities	11,400	11,600	-200	-1.7	463,700	469,100	-5,400	-1.2
Professional and Business Services	28,500	27,900	600	2.2	1,026,200	1,016,500	9,700	1.0
Education and Health Services	29,000	28,200	800	2.8	1,088,800	1,068,200	20,600	1.9
Leisure and Hospitality	16,200	15,800	400	2.5	923,600	892,500	31,100	3.5
Other Services	8,200	8,100	100	1.2	306,400	307,800	-1,400	-0.5
Government	30,200	30,100	100	0.3	1,119,900	1,121,900	-2,000	-0.2

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

Average Annual Wage	2009	2008	change	percent change
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