

**Overview of the Polk Works Region
January 21, 2011**

- The unemployment rate in Polk County was 12.5 percent in December 2010. This was a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the region's year-ago rate. In December 2010, Polk County's unemployment rate was 0.9 percentage point higher than the state rate of 11.6 percent and 3.4 percentage points above the national rate of 9.1 percent. Out of a labor force of 274,482, there were 34,253 unemployed Polk county residents.
- In December 2010, total nonagricultural employment in the Lakeland-Winter Haven metro area was 195,600. Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 0.4 percent over the year, compared to a statewide increase of 0.6 percent.
- Five of the ten major industry groups lost employment over the year. The industries losing jobs were mining, logging, and construction (-800 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (-600 jobs); manufacturing (-300 jobs); financial activities (-100 jobs); and professional and business services (-100 jobs).
- Over-the-year job losses in Polk County were partially offset by job gains in three industries: education and health services (+700 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+300 jobs); and other services (+200 jobs).
- The industries that added jobs in the Lakeland-Winter Haven metro area also added jobs statewide; and all industries that lost jobs locally also lost jobs statewide, except trade, transportation, and utilities which gained 9,400 jobs statewide.

Unemployment Rates (%) (not seasonally adjusted)	Dec-10	Nov-10	Dec-09
Polk Works Region (Polk County)	12.5	13.3	12.7
Florida	11.6	12.2	11.6
United States	9.1	9.3	9.7

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Lakeland-Winter Haven Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Dec-10	Dec-09	change	percent change	Dec-10	Dec-09	change	percent change
Total Employment	195,600	196,300	-700	-0.4	7,281,000	7,237,300	43,700	0.6
Mining, Logging, and Construction	10,200	11,000	-800	-7.3	348,100	368,000	-19,900	-5.4
Manufacturing	13,900	14,200	-300	-2.1	302,700	307,600	-4,900	-1.6
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	44,100	44,700	-600	-1.3	1,494,800	1,485,400	9,400	0.6
Wholesale Trade	8,600	8,900	-300	-3.4	316,800	313,600	3,200	1.0
Retail Trade	23,900	24,200	-300	-1.2	946,200	940,100	6,100	0.6
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	11,600	11,600	0	0.0	231,800	231,700	100	0.0
Information	1,800	1,800	0	0.0	132,000	137,300	-5,300	-3.9
Financial Activities	11,300	11,400	-100	-0.9	464,500	472,300	-7,800	-1.7
Professional and Business Services	28,100	28,200	-100	-0.4	1,052,500	1,054,500	-2,000	-0.2
Education and Health Services	30,200	29,500	700	2.4	1,113,500	1,078,500	35,000	3.2
Leisure and Hospitality	16,600	16,300	300	1.8	926,400	892,900	33,500	3.8
Other Services	8,500	8,300	200	2.4	320,100	310,600	9,500	3.1
Government	30,900	30,900	0	0.0	1,126,400	1,130,200	-3,800	-0.3

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