

**Overview of the CareerSource Southwest Florida Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
November 19, 2021**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Southwest Florida region (Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties) was 3.8 percent in October 2021. This rate was 0.9 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 4.7 percent. The region's October 2021 unemployment rate was 0.2 percentage point lower than the state rate of 4.0 percent. The labor force was 655,286, up 43,578 (+7.1 percent) over the year. There were 24,924 unemployed residents in the region.
- Collier County had the lowest unemployment rate (3.4 percent) in the CareerSource Southwest Florida region followed by Glades County (3.5 percent), Lee County (3.9 percent), Charlotte County (4.1 percent), and Hendry County (6.3 percent).
- The CareerSource Southwest Florida region contains three Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs): the Cape Coral-Ft. Myers MSA (Lee County); the Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island MSA (Collier County); and the Punta Gorda MSA (Charlotte County). Glades and Hendry counties are not included in an MSA.
- Nonagricultural employment for the combined CareerSource Southwest Florida metro areas was 488,200 jobs in October 2021, an increase of 21,800 jobs (+4.7 percent) from a year ago.
- The financial activities (+7.1 percent); manufacturing (+4.9 percent); education and health services (+4.8 percent); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+4.2 percent) industries had metro area growth rates as high or higher than statewide growth rates over the year.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were leisure and hospitality (+8,900 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+3,900 jobs); education and health services (+3,100 jobs); professional and business services (+2,000 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+1,700 jobs); financial activities (+1,700 jobs); other services (+700 jobs); and manufacturing (+600 jobs).
- The government (-800 jobs) industry lost jobs over the year.
- The information industry was unchanged over the year.

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Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research.

Cape Coral-Fort Myers Metro Area

- In October 2021 nonagricultural employment in the Cape Coral-Fort Myers MSA was 281,300, an increase of 11,100 jobs (+4.1 percent) over the year.
- The financial activities (+9.0 percent); education and health services (+5.4 percent); manufacturing (+4.6 percent); and mining, logging, and construction (+3.7 percent) industries had metro area growth rates higher than statewide growth rates over the year.
- The Cape Coral-Fort Myers MSA had the fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in financial activities (+9.0 percent) in October 2021.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were leisure and hospitality (+4,800 jobs); education and health services (+1,700 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+1,500 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+1,300 jobs); financial activities (+1,200 jobs); manufacturing (+300 jobs); and other services (+300 jobs).
- The information; professional and business services; and government industries were unchanged over the year.

Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island Metro Area

- In October 2021 nonagricultural employment in the Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island MSA was 156,500, an increase of 8,800 jobs (+6.0 percent) over the year.
- The professional and business services (+11.2 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+7.2 percent); and manufacturing (+6.1 percent) industries had metro area growth rates higher than statewide growth rates over the year.
- The Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island MSA had the fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in trade, transportation and utilities (+7.2 percent).
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were leisure and hospitality (+3,500 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+2,000 jobs); professional and business services (+2,000 jobs); education and health services (+900 jobs); financial activities (+400 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+300 jobs); manufacturing (+300 jobs); and other services (+300 jobs).
- The government (-900 jobs) industry lost jobs over the year.
- The information industry was unchanged over the year.

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Punta Gorda Metro Area

- In October 2021 nonagricultural employment in the Punta Gorda MSA was 50,400, an increase of 1,900 jobs (+3.9 percent) over the year.
- The education and health (+5.2 percent) and government (+1.6 percent) industries had metro area growth rates higher than the statewide growth rates over the year.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were leisure and hospitality (+600 jobs); education and health services (+500 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+400 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+100 jobs); financial activities (+100 jobs); other services (+100 jobs); and government (+100 jobs).
- The manufacturing; information; and professional and business services industries were unchanged over the year.

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Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)	Oct-21	Sep-21	Oct-20
CareerSource Southwest Florida	3.8%	4.0%	4.7%
Charlotte County	4.1%	4.3%	4.9%
Collier County	3.4%	3.6%	4.4%
Glades County	3.5%	3.7%	3.7%
Hendry County	6.3%	6.7%	5.7%
Lee County	3.9%	4.0%	4.8%
Florida	4.0%	4.3%	5.6%
United States	4.3%	4.6%	6.6%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Cape Coral-Ft. Myers Metropolitan Statistical Area				Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island Metropolitan Statistical Area			
	Oct-21	Oct-20	change	percent change	Oct-21	Oct-20	change	percent change
Total Employment	281,300	270,200	11,100	4.1	156,500	147,700	8,800	6.0
Mining, Logging, and Construction	36,000	34,700	1,300	3.7	18,100	17,800	300	1.7
Manufacturing	6,800	6,500	300	4.6	5,200	4,900	300	6.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	55,200	53,700	1,500	2.8	29,600	27,600	2,000	7.2
Wholesale Trade	8,000	7,800	200	2.6	4,900	4,800	100	2.1
Retail Trade	40,400	39,800	600	1.5	22,400	20,800	1,600	7.7
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	6,800	6,100	700	11.5	2,300	2,000	300	15.0
Information	2,700	2,700	0	0.0	1,300	1,300	0	0.0
Financial Activities	14,500	13,300	1,200	9.0	9,000	8,600	400	4.7
Professional and Business Services	37,500	37,500	0	0.0	19,800	17,800	2,000	11.2
Education and Health Services	33,300	31,600	1,700	5.4	24,400	23,500	900	3.8
Leisure and Hospitality	40,300	35,500	4,800	13.5	27,900	24,400	3,500	14.3
Other Services	11,000	10,700	300	2.8	8,600	8,300	300	3.6
Government	44,000	44,000	0	0.0	12,600	13,500	-900	-6.7

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Punta Gorda Metropolitan Statistical Area			
	Oct-21	Oct-20	change	percent change
Total Employment	50,400	48,500	1,900	3.9
Mining, Logging, and Construction	4,700	4,600	100	2.2
Manufacturing	800	800	0	0.0
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	11,900	11,500	400	3.5
Wholesale Trade	900	800	100	12.5
Retail Trade	9,500	9,500	0	0.0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	1,500	1,200	300	25.0
Information	300	300	0	0.0
Financial Activities	2,200	2,100	100	4.8
Professional and Business Services	4,500	4,500	0	0.0
Education and Health Services	10,100	9,600	500	5.2
Leisure and Hospitality	7,000	6,400	600	9.4
Other Services	2,500	2,400	100	4.2
Government	6,400	6,300	100	1.6

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Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	CareerSource Southwest Florida Combined Metropolitan Statistical Areas				Florida			
	Oct-21	Oct-20	change	percent change	Oct-21	Oct-20	change	percent change
	Total Employment	488,200	466,400	21,800	4.7	8,941,900	8,492,500	449,400
Mining, Logging, and Construction	58,800	57,100	1,700	3.0	585,900	567,900	18,000	3.2
Manufacturing	12,800	12,200	600	4.9	384,600	374,900	9,700	2.6
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	96,700	92,800	3,900	4.2	1,817,900	1,744,200	73,700	4.2
Wholesale Trade	13,800	13,400	400	3.0	355,100	341,300	13,800	4.0
Retail Trade	72,300	70,100	2,200	3.1	1,096,000	1,062,300	33,700	3.2
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	10,600	9,300	1,300	14.0	366,800	340,600	26,200	7.7
Information	4,300	4,300	0	0.0	137,700	129,900	7,800	6.0
Financial Activities	25,700	24,000	1,700	7.1	626,700	595,000	31,700	5.3
Professional and Business Services	61,800	59,800	2,000	3.3	1,440,700	1,363,200	77,500	5.7
Education and Health Services	67,800	64,700	3,100	4.8	1,363,000	1,311,800	51,200	3.9
Leisure and Hospitality	75,200	66,300	8,900	13.4	1,118,200	972,100	146,100	15.0
Other Services	22,100	21,400	700	3.3	349,400	319,600	29,800	9.3
Government	63,000	63,800	-800	-1.3	1,117,800	1,113,900	3,900	0.4

Population	2020	2019	change	percent change
CareerSource Southwest Florida	1,435,462	1,403,837	31,625	2.3
Charlotte County	194,711	189,669	5,042	2.7
Collier County	392,973	385,917	7,056	1.8
Glades County	14,198	13,914	284	2.0
Hendry County	42,813	42,069	744	1.8
Lee County	790,767	772,268	18,499	2.4
Florida	21,733,312	21,492,056	241,256	1.1

Average Annual Wage	2020	2019	change	percent change
CareerSource Southwest Florida	\$50,490	\$46,666	\$3,824	8.2
Charlotte County	\$43,331	\$40,348	\$2,983	7.4
Collier County	\$54,829	\$50,104	\$4,725	9.4
Glades County	\$46,290	\$43,901	\$2,389	5.4
Hendry County	\$42,941	\$39,935	\$3,006	7.5
Lee County	\$49,758	\$46,189	\$3,569	7.7
Florida	\$55,845	\$51,744	\$4,101	7.9

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