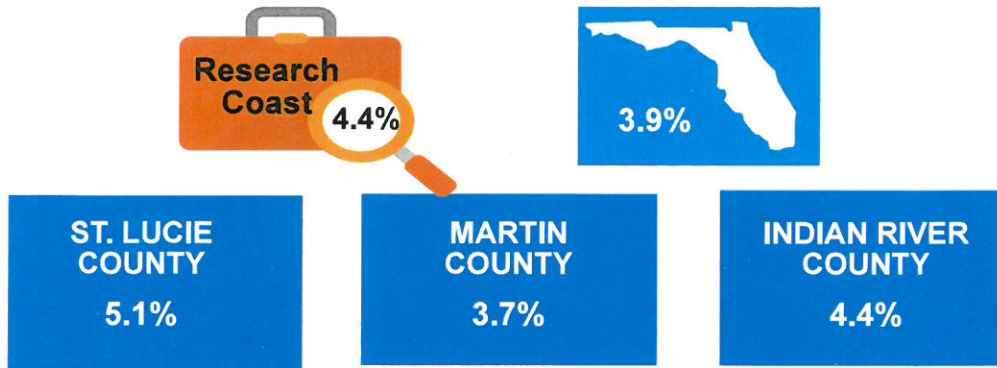


# EMPLOYMENT REPORT

March 23, 2018

The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Research Coast area (Indian River, Martin, and St. Lucie counties) was 4.4 percent in February 2018. This rate was 0.7 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 5.1 percent. The labor force was 276,840, up 4,366 (+1.6) over the year. There were 12,079 unemployed residents in the region.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

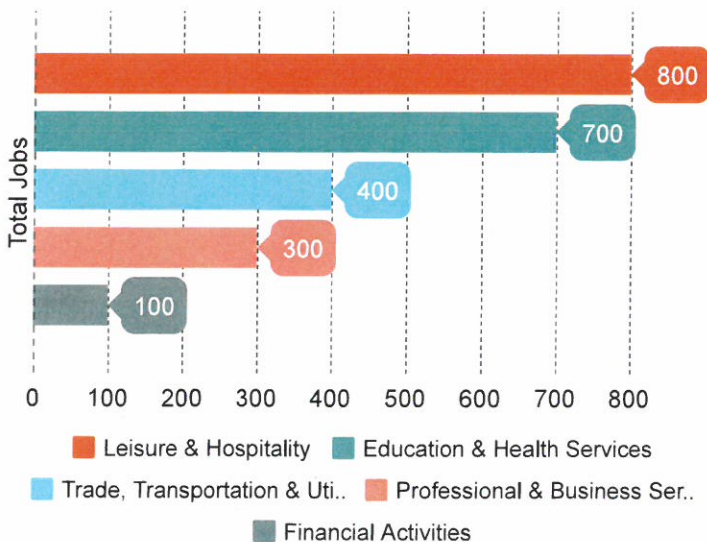


The majority of the nonagricultural employment in the CareerSource Research Coast area was in the Port St. Lucie metro area. This metro area accounted for 147,200 jobs in February 2018, an increase of 1,800 jobs from February 2017 (+1.2 percent). • The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: education and health services (+800 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+400 jobs); professional and business services (+300 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+300 jobs); and government (+100 jobs). • The mining, logging, and construction; manufacturing; financial activities; and other services industries were unchanged over the year.

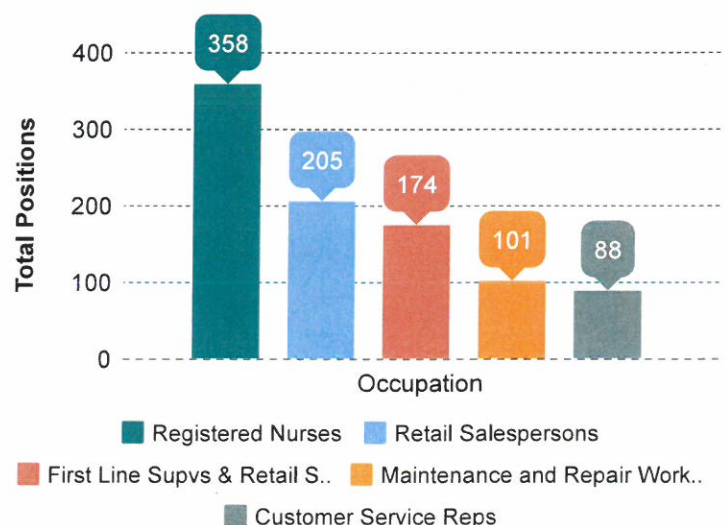
The Sebastian-Vero Beach Metro Area February 2018 nonagricultural employment in the Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA was 52,400, an increase of 400 jobs (+0.8 percent) over the year. The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: leisure and hospitality (+500 jobs); financial activities (+100 jobs); and other services (+100 jobs). The mining, logging, and construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation, and utilities; information; and government industries were unchanged over the year. The Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA had the fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in other services (+3.7 percent) in February 2018.

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