

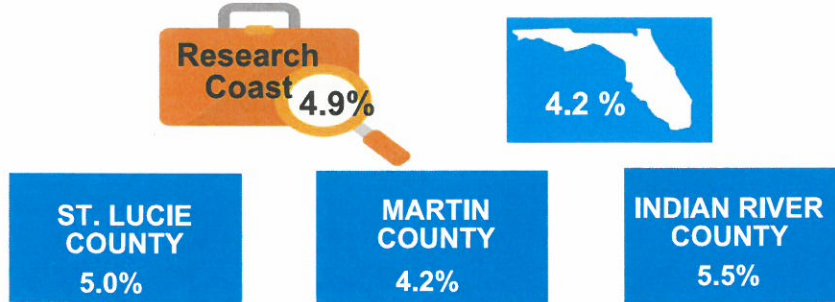


# EMPLOYMENT REPORT

September 15, 2017

The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Research Coast region (Indian River, Martin, and St. Lucie counties) was 4.9 % in August 2017. This rate was 1.2 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 6.1%. The labor force was 273,499, up 6,055 over the year. There were 13,439 unemployed residents in the region.

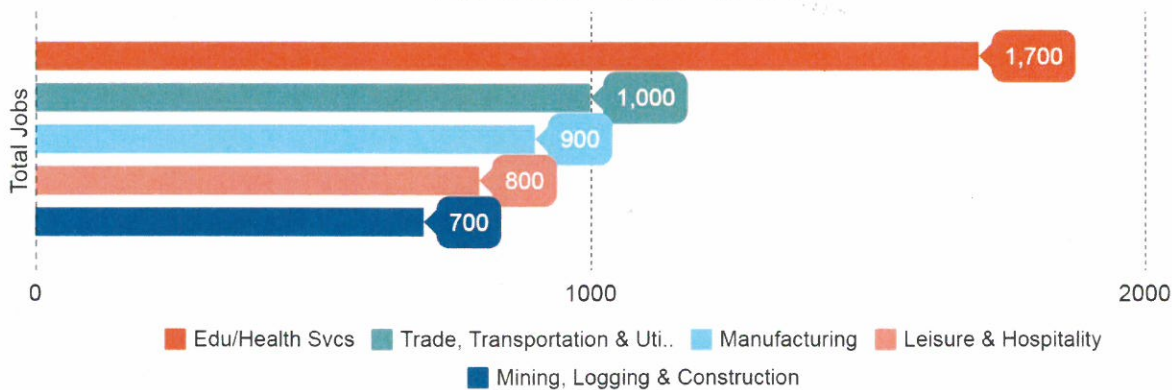
## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



The majority of the nonagricultural employment in the CareerSource Research Coast region was in the Port St. Lucie metro area. This metro area accounted for 145,600 jobs in August 2017, an increase of 3,800 jobs from August 2016 2.7%. The Port St. Lucie MSA had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in manufacturing at 15.9%, with 1000 jobs in August 2017.

In August 2017 nonagricultural employment in the Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA was 51,300, an increase of 1,600 jobs 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 education and health services at 6.3% in August 2017.

## INDUSTRY SECTORS WITH THE LARGEST JOB GAINS AUGUST JOB GAINS



## HURRICANE IRMA RELIEF

Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program: [www.floridadisasterloan.org](http://www.floridadisasterloan.org)

For more information contact the Florida Small Business Development Center Network at 850-898-3489 or email [Disaster@FloridaSBDC.org](mailto:Disaster@FloridaSBDC.org)

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Program to provide assistance to businesses and residents whose employment or self-employment was lost or interrupted as a result of Hurricane Irma. To file for DUA or for more information go to [www.FloridaJobs.org](http://www.FloridaJobs.org) or call 1-800-385-3920.

The Florida Virtual Business Emergency Operations Center business damage assessment survey: <http://flvbeoc.org/index.php> Click on Hurricane Irma.

Residents who sustained losses from the storm can apply for assistance by registering online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) If you do not have access to the internet, you may register by calling 1-800-621-3362 (FEMA) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY)

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