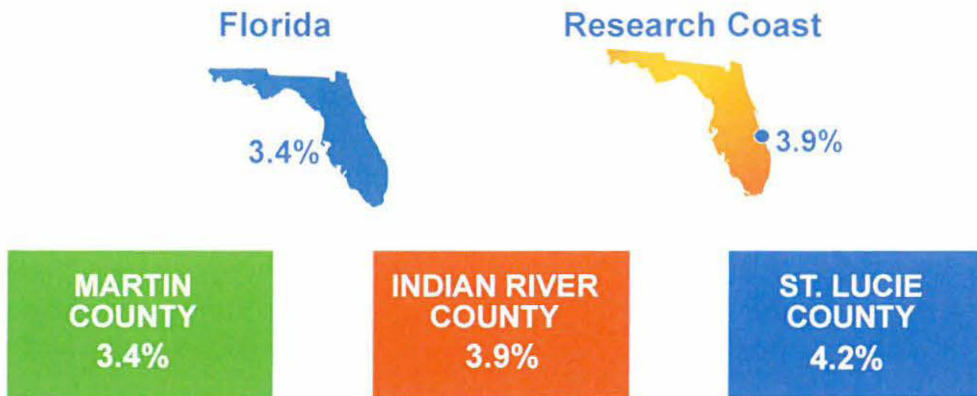


EMPLOYMENT REPORT

March 22, 2019

The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Research Coast region (Indian River, Martin, and St. Lucie counties) was 3.9% in February 2019. This rate was 0.5 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 4.4%. The labor force was 285,813, up 5,259 over the year. There were 11,256 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 155,100 jobs in February 2019, an increase of 4,400 jobs from February 2018.

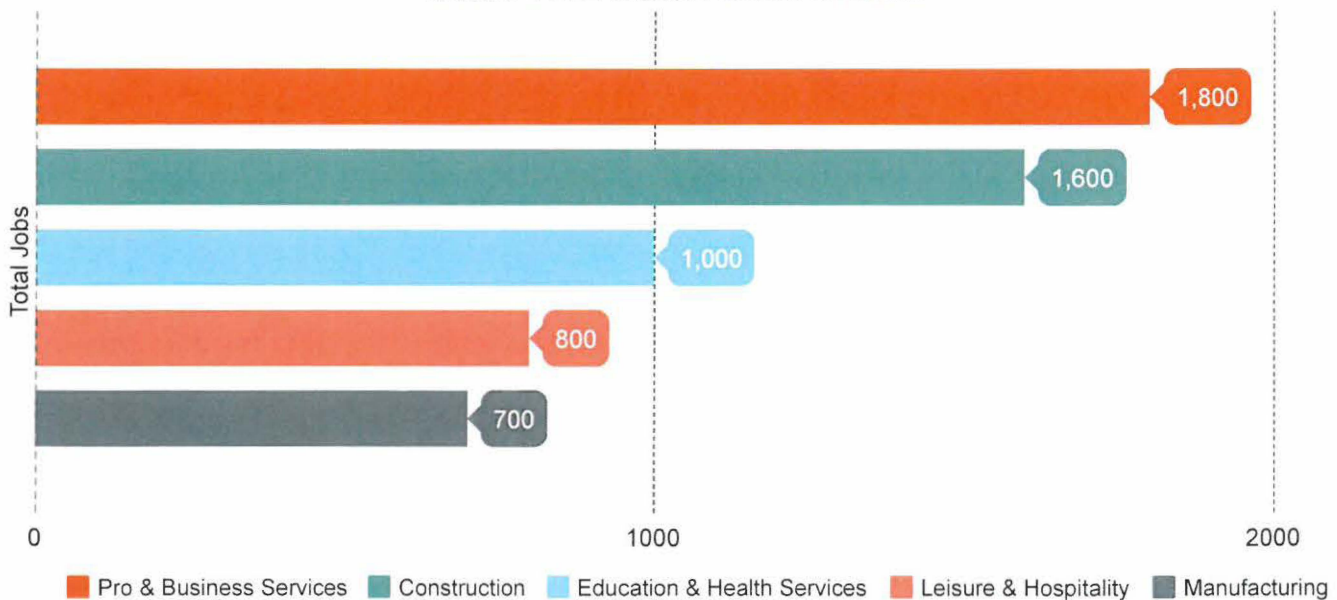
The Port St. Lucie MSA had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in mining, logging, and construction (+12.8 percent) in February 2019.

The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: mining, logging, and construction (+1,400 jobs); professional and business services (+1,300 jobs); education and health services (+700 jobs); manufacturing (+500 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+400 jobs); financial activities (+200 jobs); other services (+100 jobs); and government (+100 jobs).

In February 2019 nonagricultural employment in the Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA was 55,200, an increase of 1,600 jobs (+3.0 percent) over the year.

The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: professional and business services (+500 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+400 jobs); education and health services (+300 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+200 jobs); manufacturing (+200 jobs); and government (+100 jobs).

REGIONAL INDUSTRY SECTORS WITH THE MOST JOB GAINS



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