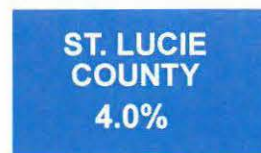


EMPLOYMENT REPORT

January 18, 2019

The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Research Coast region (Indian River, Martin, and St. Lucie counties) was 3.8 percent in December 2018. This rate was 0.5 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 4.3 percent. The labor force was 279,487, up 7,639 (+2.8) over the year. There were 10,568 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 152,800 jobs in December 2018, an increase of 5,600 jobs from December 2017 (+3.8 percent).

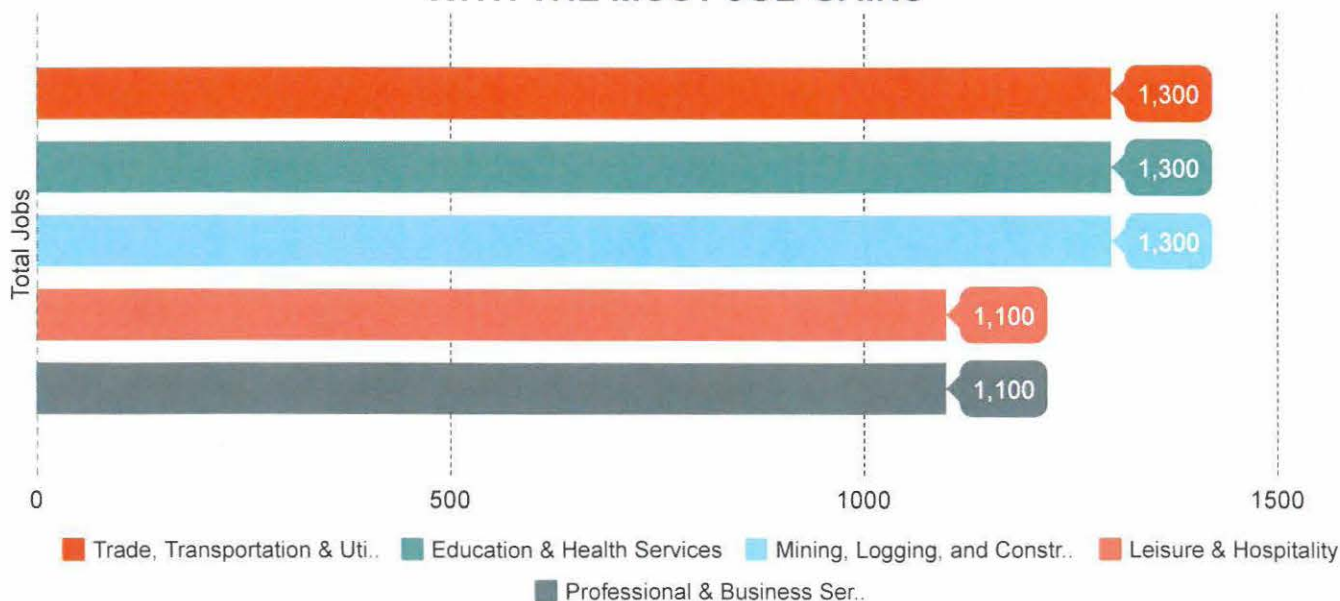
The Port St. Lucie MSA was tied for the third highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in government (+400 jobs) in December 2018.

The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: trade, transportation, and utilities (+1,300 jobs); education and health services (+1,100 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+900 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+800 jobs); professional and business services (+500 jobs); manufacturing (+300 jobs); government (+300 jobs); financial activities (+200 jobs); and other services (+200 jobs).

In December 2018 nonagricultural employment in the Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA was 53,800, an increase of 1,600 jobs (+3.1 percent) over the year.

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REGIONAL INDUSTRY SECTORS WITH THE MOST JOB GAINS



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