

## Polk County Economy at a Glance

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Employment conditions in Polk County continue to improve with the Unemployment Rate at 3.5% and employment up or even in each of the industry sectors year-over-year as of September.

The largest gains continue to come from Mining, Logging and Construction, with Professional and Business Services also contributing meaningful job gains. Lagging behind in growth is Information, which continues to be a small and stagnant part of the county's industrial mix.

### Polk County Employment (Employment in Thousands, Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	May 2018	June 2018	July 2018	Aug 2018	Sept 2018
<b>Labor Force Data</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	300	299.7	300	298.1	300.9
Employment	288.9	286.5	286.3	285.3	290.5
Unemployment	11.1	13.2	13.7	12.8	10.4
Unemployment Rate	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.3	3.5
<b>Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment</b>					
Total Nonfarm	226.3	223.5	222.1	225.8	226.9
12-month % change	2.6	2.4	2.7	2.5	4.5
Mining, Logging, and Construction	14	14.2	14.1	14.2	14.3
12-month % change	6.9	8.4	9.3	8.4	10.9
Manufacturing	17.6	17.7	17.7	17.7	18.1
12-month % change	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	8.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	58	58.4	57.9	57.9	57.9
12-month % change	3	3.9	2.3	2.1	3.6
Information	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
12-month % change	0	5.9	0	0	0
Financial Activities	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4
12-month % change	2.5	2.5	2.5	1.6	1.6
Professional and Business Services	30.8	31.2	31.1	31.5	31.7
12-month % change	4.4	5.1	6.1	6.8	9.3
Education and Health Services	32.3	31.2	31.1	31.2	32.1
12-month % change	0.3	-4	-2.5	-3.4	0
Leisure and Hospitality	24.9	24.8	24.5	24.4	24.2
12-month % change	2	1.6	4.3	4.3	7.1
Other Services	5.9	6	5.9	5.9	5.9
12-month % change	1.7	3.4	1.7	0	1.7
Government	28.6	25.8	25.6	28.8	28.5
12-month % change	1.1	1.2	1.6	2.1	1.4
Footnotes					
(P) Preliminary; (R) Revised					

## 10 Year Employment Trends, by Industry



