

# Polk County Economy at a Glance

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The unemployment rate in Polk County has reached the upper limit of the normal range at 5.0%, slightly above the rate of 4.7% from July 2024. The labor market has settled a bit with employment levels remaining mostly unchanged first part of the year and unemployment rising slightly. In comparison with where we stood at this point in 2019 (pre-pandemic), our Labor Force grew by 19.4%, Employment grew by 18.3%, while Unemployment is up by 45.6%. Over the past 12 months, we saw job expansion in most industries, with the largest growth coming from Education and Health Services (+5.1%). While we did not see contraction in any industries, we did see zero growth in Information, and Financial Activities.

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

	July 2025	June 2025	May 2025	April 2025	March 2025
<b>Labor Force Data</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	362.1	359.3	359	359.5	359
Employment	343.9	341.6	343.5	344.4	343.8
Unemployment	18.2	17.8	15.5	15.1	15.3
Unemployment Rate	5.0	4.9	4.3	4.2	4.3
<b>Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment</b>					
Total Nonfarm	275.5	275.4	279.5	279	278.4
12-month % change	1.9	1.3	1.5	1	0.8
Mining, Logging, and Construction	16.8	16.7	16.9	16.6	16.7
12-month % change	1.8	1.2	2.4	1.2	0
Manufacturing	20.1	20.1	20.3	19.9	20
12-month % change	1.5	1.5	2.5	0.5	0.5
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	76.5	76.3	76.1	76.2	76.2
12-month % change	2.3	1.9	2	1.7	1.9
Information	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5
12-month % change	0.0	0	4.3	4.3	4.2
Financial Activities	15.8	15.7	15.7	15.7	15.7
12-month % change	0.0	0	-0.6	-1.3	-1.9
Professional and Business Services	39.0	38.9	39	39.2	38.7
12-month % change	0.5	-2.3	-2.5	-2.5	-1.5
Education and Health Services	43.1	42.9	43.4	43.1	42.8
12-month % change	5.1	5.4	5.3	4.6	4.1
Leisure and Hospitality	26.4	26.7	27	27	26.8
12-month % change	1.5	0.4	1.1	-0.7	-2.9
Other Services	8.0	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1
12-month % change	0.0	0	0	0	0
Government	27.4	27.6	30.6	30.8	30.9
12-month % change	0.7	1.1	0.7	2	2.3
Footnotes					
(p) Preliminary					

## 10 Year Employment Trends, by Industry



