

**POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS  
CURRENT YEAR AND NINE YEARS AGO**

Employer	2008			1999		
	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment
Polk County School Board	14,000	1	5.13%	9,500	1	4.53%
Publix Super Markets	9,500	2	3.48%	7,500	2	3.57%
Walmart	5,100	3	1.87%	1,900	8	0.91%
Polk County Government	4,700	4	1.72%	3,500	4	1.67%
Lakeland Regional Medical Center	4,600	5	1.69%	3,200	5	1.52%
State of Florida	4,300	6	1.58%	4,500	3	2.14%
Mosaic	4,000	7	1.47%	-		-
Winter Haven Hospital	2,500	8	0.92%	2,500	7	1.19%
City of Lakeland	2,500	9	0.92%	-		-
GEICO Insurance	2,000	10	0.73%	1,800	9	0.86%
State Farm Insurance	-		-	1,800	10	0.86%
IMC Agrico	-		-	2,800	6	1.33%
	<u>53,200</u>		<u>19.50%</u>	<u>\$ 39,000</u>		<u>18.58%</u>
Average annual labor force :	<u>272,815</u>			<u>209,914</u>		

Source:  
Central Florida Development Council  
Florida Agency for Workforce