

MCORE Regional Economic and Data

	Suncoast Connector	Northern Turnpike Connector	Southwest-Central Florida Connector	Florida
Census Data				
Total Population	278,237	641,618	2,097,870	20,278,447
Persons under 18 years	47,820	102,422	407,049	4,111,582
Percent of people under 18	17.2%	16.0%	19.4%	20.3%
Between 18 and 65	151,940	320,060	1,144,528	12,239,976
Percent of people between 18 and 65	54.6%	49.9%	54.6%	60.4%
Persons 65 years and over	78,477	219,136	546,293	3,926,889
Percent of people 65 years and over	28.2%	34.2%	26.0%	19.4%
Percent in Poverty	19.3%	16.4%	15.8%	15.5%
Percent of People With Less Than 9th Grade	4.3%	3.3%	6.4%	5.1%
Percent of People With No Diploma	11.1%	9.0%	8.1%	7.3%
Percent of People with a High School Diploma or Equivalent	38.9%	36.0%	32.4%	29.0%
Percent of People with Some College, but No Degree	21.6%	22.1%	20.2%	20.4%
Percent of People with an Associate's Degree	8.8%	8.6%	8.3%	9.8%
Percent of People with a Bachelor's Degree	9.7%	13.4%	15.4%	18.2%
Percent of People with a Professional Degree	5.5%	7.6%	9.1%	10.3%

Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey.

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Labor Force and Unemployment Data				
Total Labor Force	101,879	209,206	969,768	10,235,000
Total Employed	97,321	199,911	933,123	9,870,000
Total Unemployed	4,558	9,295	36,645	365,000
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.4%	3.8%	3.6%
Source: Department of Economic Opportunity, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.				
Employer Data				
Total Firms	14,382	19,602	114,936	465,330

Average Annual Wage	\$41,149	\$40,633	\$50,763	\$50,090
Source: Department of Economic Opportunity, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.				

Top 5 Industry Sectors by Average 2018 Monthly Employment	
Suncoast Connector	
Total, All Industries	283,066
Health Care and Social Assistance	39,048
Accommodation and Food Services	26,316
Educational Services	24,172
Public Administration	18,114
Construction	17,952
Northern Turnpike Connector	
Total, All Industries	372,456
Health Care and Social Assistance	55,061
Accommodation and Food Services	35,860
Educational Services	30,820
Construction	24,891
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	22,142
Southwest-Central Florida Connector	
Total, All Industries	2,027,531
Health Care and Social Assistance	286,531
Accommodation and Food Services	221,534
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	151,100
Construction	144,301
Educational Services	138,301
Florida	
Total, All Industries	8,700,271
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,211,612
Accommodation and Food Services	1,001,978
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	687,648
Educational Services	607,290

Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	573,448
Source: QCEW 2018 Annual Employment	

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Employment Projections from 2018 to 2026 across All Industries*				
Level Growth in Projected Employment	20,090	15,433	89,442	959,223
Percent Growth in Projected Employment between 2018 and 2026	8.6%	9.6%	10.5%	10.1%
Source: Department of Economic Opportunity, Employment Projections.				
*Employment projections are done at the Workforce Region Level.				
The M-Core regions are defined as follows for the purposes of projections and include counties outside of the specified m-core region:				
Suncoast Connector: WFR 6, 7, 10; Northern Turnpike Connector: WFR 10; Southwest- Central Florida Connector: WFR 17, 19, 24.				