

Bankruptcy Filings

Area	Business Filings			Nonbusiness Filings		
	2015	2016	% Chg.	2015	2016	% Chg.
Lee County	71	55	-22.5	1,364	1,071	-21.5
U.S.	24,735	24,114	-2.5	819,760	770,846	-6.0

Note: Business filings include Chapter 7, Chapter 11, Chapter 12, and Chapter 13; Nonbusiness filings include Chapter 7, Chapter 11, and Chapter 13

Source: Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, Business and Nonbusiness Bankruptcy, County Cases Commenced by Chapter of the Bankruptcy Code, During the 12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2015 and Business and Nonbusiness Bankruptcy, County Cases Commenced by Chapter of the Bankruptcy Code, During the 12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2016

Housing Vacancy Rates

Area	Gross Vacancy Rate ² (%)			Year-Round Vacancy Rate ³ (%)			Rental Vacancy Rate ⁴ (%)			Homeowner Vacancy Rate ⁵ (%)		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
MSA ¹	n/a	37.0	38.5	n/a	15.4	17.8	n/a	4.0	5.8	n/a	2.8	3.0
U.S.	13.4	12.9	12.8	10.4	10.0	9.9	7.6	7.1	6.9	1.9	1.8	1.7

Note: (1) Figures cover the Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL Metropolitan Statistical Area—see Appendix B for areas included; (2) The percentage of the total housing inventory that is vacant; (3) The percentage of the housing inventory (excluding seasonal units) that is year-round vacant; (4) The percentage of rental inventory that is vacant for rent; (5) The percentage of homeowner inventory that is vacant for sale

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Housing Vacancies and Homeownership Annual Statistics: 2014, 2015, 2016

INCOME**Income**

Area	Per Capita (\$)	Median Household (\$)	Average Household (\$)
City	24,056	50,536	62,661
MSA ¹	28,010	48,537	68,651
U.S.	28,930	53,889	75,558

Note: (1) Figures cover the Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL Metropolitan Statistical Area—see Appendix B for areas included

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Household Income Distribution

Area	Percent of Households Earning							
	Under \$15,000	\$15,000-\$24,999	\$25,000-\$34,999	\$35,000-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$74,999	\$75,000-\$99,000	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000 and up
City	10.6	10.7	11.4	16.6	22.4	12.7	10.1	5.6
MSA ¹	11.7	11.9	12.0	15.8	19.2	11.3	10.3	7.8
U.S.	12.5	10.6	10.1	13.4	17.8	12.1	13.1	10.4

Note: (1) Figures cover the Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL Metropolitan Statistical Area—see Appendix B for areas included

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Poverty Rate

Area	All Ages	Under 18 Years Old	18 to 64 Years Old	65 Years and Over
City	14.2	19.4	14.1	8.8
MSA ¹	16.1	26.9	16.5	7.3
U.S.	15.5	21.7	14.5	9.4

Note: Figures are percentage of people whose income during the past 12 months was below the poverty level; (1) Figures cover the Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL Metropolitan Statistical Area—see Appendix B for areas included

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

EMPLOYMENT

Labor Force and Employment

Area	Civilian Labor Force			Workers Employed		
	Dec. 2015	Dec. 2016	% Chg.	Dec. 2015	Dec. 2016	% Chg.
City	85,073	86,816	2.0	81,279	83,102	2.2
MSA ¹	323,995	331,286	2.3	309,927	316,877	2.2
U.S.	157,245,000	158,968,000	1.1	149,703,000	151,798,000	1.4

Note: Data is not seasonally adjusted and covers workers 16 years of age and older; (1) Figures cover the Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL Metropolitan Statistical Area—see Appendix B for areas included

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Unemployment Rate

Area	2016											
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
City	4.8	4.4	4.2	4.0	3.9	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.3
MSA ¹	4.7	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.6	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.3
U.S.	5.3	5.2	5.1	4.7	4.5	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.4	4.5

Note: Data is not seasonally adjusted and covers workers 16 years of age and older; (1) Figures cover the Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL Metropolitan Statistical Area—see Appendix B for areas included

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Average Wages

Occupation	\$/Hr.	Occupation	\$/Hr.
Accountants and Auditors	31.30	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	10.60
Automotive Mechanics	20.10	Maintenance and Repair Workers	17.10
Bookkeepers	17.50	Marketing Managers	46.60
Carpenters	19.10	Nuclear Medicine Technologists	30.90
Cashiers	10.00	Nurses, Licensed Practical	20.30
Clerks, General Office	14.40	Nurses, Registered	32.40
Clerks, Receptionists/Information	13.70	Nursing Assistants	13.10
Clerks, Shipping/Receiving	14.80	Packers and Packagers, Hand	9.70
Computer Programmers	34.80	Physical Therapists	47.40
Computer Systems Analysts	31.20	Postal Service Mail Carriers	24.20
Computer User Support Specialists	21.00	Real Estate Brokers	46.10
Cooks, Restaurant	13.10	Retail Salespersons	12.50
Dentists	65.30	Sales Reps., Exc. Tech./Scientific	30.80
Electrical Engineers	34.00	Sales Reps., Tech./Scientific	53.80
Electricians	22.60	Secretaries, Exc. Legal/Med./Exec.	15.90
Financial Managers	59.80	Security Guards	12.60
First-Line Supervisors/Managers, Sales	22.20	Surgeons	133.90
Food Preparation Workers	10.80	Teacher Assistants*	14.00
General and Operations Managers	58.50	Teachers, Elementary School*	23.40
Hairdressers/Cosmetologists	14.10	Teachers, Secondary School*	24.40
Internists, General	132.20	Telemarketers	12.80
Janitors and Cleaners	11.90	Truck Drivers, Heavy/Tractor-Trailer	20.20
Landscaping/Groundskeeping Workers	12.10	Truck Drivers, Light/Delivery Svcs.	15.60
Lawyers	52.90	Waiters and Waitresses	11.90

Note: Wage data covers the Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL Metropolitan Statistical Area—see Appendix B for areas included; (*) Hourly wages for elementary/secondary school teachers and teacher assistants were calculated by the editors from annual wage data based on a 40 hour work week; n/a not available.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Metro Area Occupational Employment & Wage Estimates, May 2016

Employment by Occupation

Occupation Classification	City (%)	MSA ¹ (%)	U.S. (%)
Management, Business, Science, and Arts	30.1	30.2	36.7
Natural Resources, Construction, and Maintenance	9.8	11.1	8.9
Production, Transportation, and Material Moving	8.3	8.1	12.2
Sales and Office	30.8	28.1	24.1
Service	21.0	22.6	18.1

Note: Figures cover employed civilians 16 years of age and older; (1) Figures cover the Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL Metropolitan Statistical Area—see Appendix B for areas included

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Employment by Industry

Sector	MSA ¹		U.S.
	Number of Employees	Percent of Total	Percent of Total
Construction, Mining, and Logging	26,300	9.9	5.1
Education and Health Services	29,600	11.2	15.8
Financial Activities	13,400	5.1	5.7
Government	42,700	16.1	15.5
Information	2,900	1.1	1.9
Leisure and Hospitality	40,400	15.3	10.5
Manufacturing	5,900	2.2	8.4
Other Services	11,800	4.5	3.9
Professional and Business Services	35,600	13.5	14.0
Retail Trade	43,100	16.3	11.2
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	5,200	2.0	4.0
Wholesale Trade	7,700	2.9	4.0

Note: Figures are non-farm employment as of December 2016. Figures are not seasonally adjusted and include workers 16 years of age and older; (1) Figures cover the Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL Metropolitan Statistical Area—see Appendix B for areas included

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics, Employment, Hours, and Earnings

Occupations with Greatest Projected Employment Growth: 2014 – 2024

Occupation ¹	2014 Employment	2024 Projected Employment	Numeric Employment Change	Percent Employment Change
Retail Salespersons	336,110	404,120	68,010	20.2
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	220,710	276,070	55,360	25.1
Customer Service Representatives	215,150	262,910	47,760	22.2
Registered Nurses	165,990	207,930	41,940	25.3
Waiters and Waitresses	202,360	234,590	32,230	15.9
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	181,160	208,820	27,660	15.3
Cooks, Restaurant	92,710	119,250	26,540	28.6
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	124,090	149,620	25,530	20.6
Cashiers	220,570	245,460	24,890	11.3
Office Clerks, General	154,930	178,620	23,690	15.3

Note: Projections cover Florida; (1) Sorted by numeric employment change

Source: www.projectionscentral.com, State Occupational Projections, 2014–2024 Long-Term Projections

Fastest Growing Occupations: 2014 – 2024

Occupation ¹	2014 Employment	2024 Projected Employment	Numeric Employment Change	Percent Employment Change
Statisticians	820	1,310	490	59.7
Cartographers and Photogrammetrists	540	830	290	55.9
Commercial Divers	350	530	180	53.0
Reinforcing Iron and Rebar Workers	790	1,210	420	51.9
Helpers—Brickmasons, Blockmasons, Stonemasons, and Tile and Marble Setters	990	1,480	490	50.1
Helpers—Painters, Paperhangers, Plasterers, and Stucco Masons	590	870	280	47.1
Nurse Practitioners	8,210	12,040	3,830	46.8
Rail Car Repairers	240	350	110	46.3
Brickmasons and Blockmasons	3,820	5,580	1,760	46.0
Insulation Workers, Mechanical	1,380	2,010	630	45.2

Note: Projections cover Florida; (1) Sorted by percent employment change and excludes occupations with numeric employment change less than 100

Source: www.projectionscentral.com, State Occupational Projections, 2014–2024 Long-Term Projections