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Graduate Retention

Recent TSC & Lively Graduates Employed in Leon County by the next Fall

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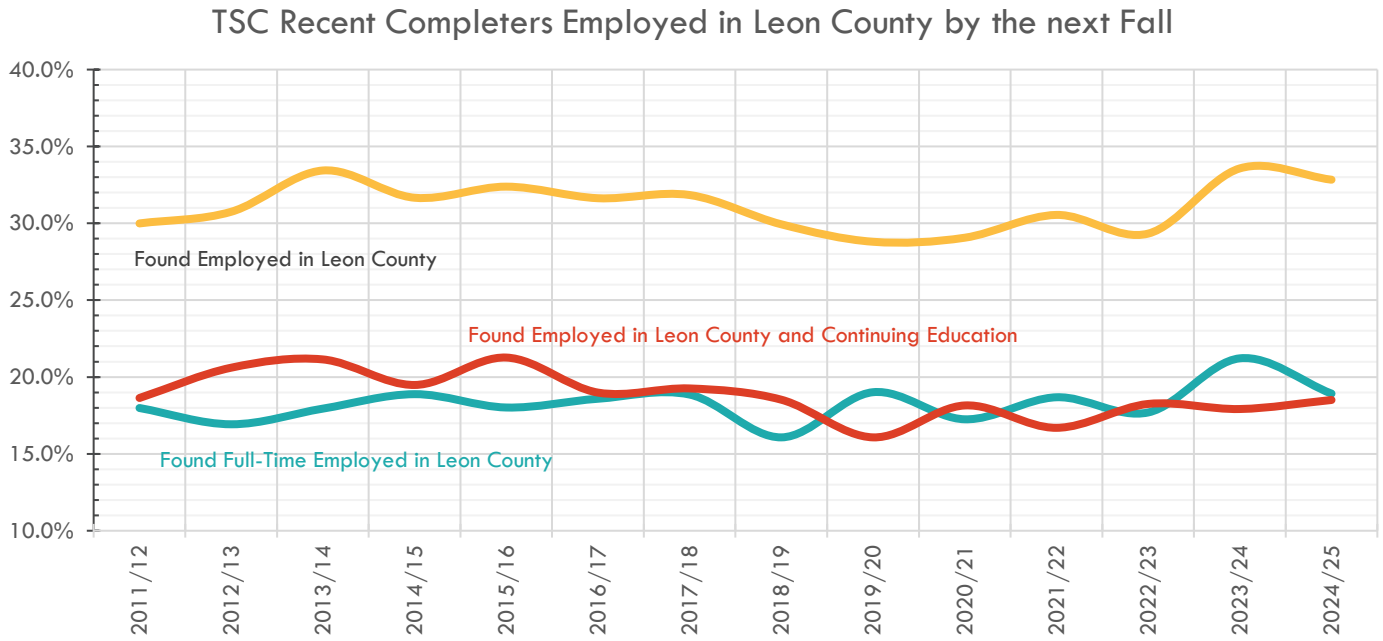
Tallahassee State College

Academic Year	TSC Total Completers	Found Employed in Leon County		Found Full-Time Employed in Leon County		Found Employed in Leon County and Continuing Education		Found Employed in Leon County, Not Continuing Education	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
2011/12	3,681	1,104	30.0%	662	18.0%	686	18.6%	418	11.4%
2012/13	3,096	952	30.7%	524	16.9%	638	20.6%	314	10.1%
2013/14	2,937	982	33.4%	527	17.9%	621	21.1%	361	12.3%
2014/15	3,013	954	31.7%	569	18.9%	587	19.5%	367	12.2%
2015/16	2,986	967	32.4%	538	18.0%	635	21.3%	332	11.1%
2016/17	2,997	948	31.6%	557	18.6%	569	19.0%	379	12.6%
2017/18	3,012	959	31.8%	568	18.9%	580	19.3%	379	12.6%
2018/19	2,980	892	29.9%	479	16.1%	552	18.5%	340	11.4%
2019/20	3,403	980	28.8%	647	19.0%	547	16.1%	433	12.7%
2020/21	2,887	839	29.1%	498	17.2%	524	18.2%	315	10.9%
2021/22	2,917	891	30.5%	545	18.7%	487	16.7%	404	13.8%
2022/23	2,888	847	29.3%	511	17.7%	527	18.2%	320	11.1%
2023/24	3,092	1,038	33.6%	656	21.2%	554	17.9%	484	15.7%
2024/25	3,615	1,187	32.8%	684	18.9%	669	18.5%	518	14.3%

Note: Cohort tracking limited to graduates employed within Florida; does not include self-employed, very small employers, or federal employees.

Source: Florida Dept. of Education, Florida Education Training and Placement Information Program (FETPIP)



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Lively Technical College

Academic Year	Lively Total Completers	Found Employed in Leon County		Found Full-Time Employed in Leon County		Found Employed in Leon County and Continuing Education		Found Employed in Leon County, Not Continuing Education	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
2011/12	871	271	31.1%	116	13.3%	88	10.1%	183	21.0%
2012/13	787	224	28.5%	104	13.2%	67	8.5%	157	19.9%
2013/14	610	154	25.2%	68	11.1%	61	10.0%	93	15.2%
2014/15	563	154	27.4%	89	15.8%	60	10.7%	94	16.7%
2015/16	407	131	32.2%	72	17.7%	54	13.3%	77	18.9%
2016/17	392	128	32.7%	76	19.4%	56	14.3%	72	18.4%
2017/18	258	88	34.1%	55	21.3%	29	11.2%	59	22.9%
2018/19	197	41	20.8%	16	8.1%	24	12.2%	17	8.6%
2019/20	194	43	22.2%	24	12.4%	19	9.8%	24	12.4%
2020/21	732	235	32.1%	153	20.9%	123	16.8%	112	15.3%
2021/22	916	282	30.8%	177	19.3%	122	13.3%	160	17.5%
2022/23	964	282	29.3%	159	16.5%	128	13.3%	154	16.0%
2023/24	1,137	288	25.3%	148	13.0%	146	12.8%	142	12.5%
2024/25	1,180	351	29.7%	182	15.4%	173	14.7%	178	15.1%

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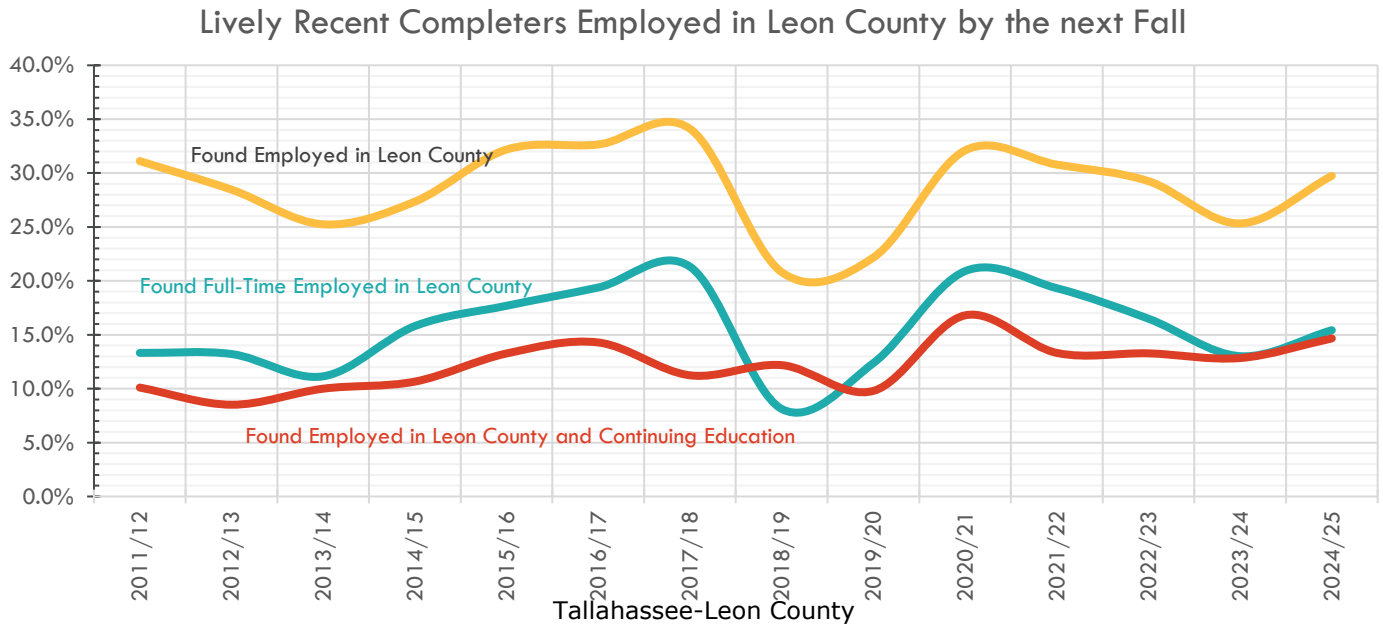
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