

Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
September 19, 2025

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 4.4 percent in August 2025. This rate was 0.6 percentage point greater than the region's year ago rate of 3.8 percent. The region's August 2025 unemployment rate was equal to the state rate of 4.4 percent. The labor force was 782,056, up 465 (+0.1 percent) over the year. There were 34,785 unemployed residents in the region.

West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division

- In August 2025, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was 702,700, an increase of 4,900 jobs (+0.7 percent) over the year.
- The Education and Health Services (+2.4 percent); Government (+2.0 percent); Manufacturing (+0.9 percent); Leisure and Hospitality (+0.8 percent); and Construction (+0.7 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The industries gaining jobs over the year were Education and Health Services (+2,900 jobs); Government (+1,300 jobs); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+900 jobs); Leisure and Hospitality (+700 jobs); Other Services (+500 jobs); Construction (+300 jobs); and Manufacturing (+200 jobs).
- The Professional and Business Services (-1,900 jobs) industry lost jobs over the year.
- The Financial Activities and Information industries were unchanged in jobs over the year.

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Commerce, Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research.

Unemployment Rates			
(not seasonally adjusted)	Aug-25	Jul-25	Aug-24
CareerSource Palm Beach County	4.4%	4.1%	3.8%
Florida	4.4%	4.1%	3.8%
United States	4.5%	4.6%	4.4%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	Aug-25	Aug-24	change	percent change	Aug-25	Aug-24	change	percent change
Total Employment	702,700	697,800	4,900	0.7	9,994,800	9,898,500	96,300	1.0
Mining and Logging	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	5,600	5,700	-100	-1.8
Construction	45,200	44,900	300	0.7	659,400	656,500	2,900	0.4
Manufacturing	22,700	22,500	200	0.9	431,600	428,800	2,800	0.7
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	127,100	126,200	900	0.7	1,993,600	1,973,100	20,500	1.0
Wholesale Trade	26,700	26,600	100	0.4	397,900	395,800	2,100	0.5
Retail Trade	80,600	80,200	400	0.5	1,156,400	1,147,300	9,100	0.8
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	19,800	19,400	400	2.1	439,300	430,000	9,300	2.2
Information	11,500	11,500	0	0.0	159,300	157,300	2,000	1.3
Financial Activities	50,400	50,400	0	0.0	694,100	690,000	4,100	0.6
Professional and Business Services	134,200	136,100	-1,900	-1.4	1,626,800	1,624,300	2,500	0.2
Education and Health Services	121,500	118,600	2,900	2.4	1,566,700	1,533,000	33,700	2.2
Leisure and Hospitality	91,700	91,000	700	0.8	1,308,000	1,301,200	6,800	0.5
Other Services	31,300	30,800	500	1.6	385,300	377,600	7,700	2.0
Government	66,900	65,600	1,300	2.0	1,164,400	1,151,000	13,400	1.2

Population	2024	2023	change	percent change
CareerSource Palm Beach County	1,582,055	1,557,481	24,574	1.6
Florida	23,372,215	22,904,868	467,347	2.0

Average Annual Wage	2024	2023	change	percent change
CareerSource Palm Beach County	\$77,247	\$74,810	\$2,437	3.3
Florida	\$69,492	\$66,447	\$3,045	4.6

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