

**Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region  
Not Seasonally Adjusted  
January 24, 2025**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 3.0 percent in December 2024. This rate was equal to the region's year ago rate of 3.0 percent. The region's December 2024 unemployment rate was 0.1 percentage point lower than the state rate of 3.1 percent. The labor force was 773,826, down 6,494 (-0.8 percent) over the year. There were 23,281 unemployed residents in the region.

**West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division**

- In December 2024, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was 712,300, an increase of 9,100 jobs (+1.3 percent) over the year.
- The Leisure and Hospitality (+4.6 percent); Government (+3.0 percent); and Education and Health Services (+2.4 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD had the fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Leisure and Hospitality (+4.6 percent) industry.
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD had the second highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Leisure and Hospitality (+4,300 jobs) industry.
- The industries gaining jobs over the year were Leisure and Hospitality (+4,300 jobs); Education and Health Services (+2,800 jobs); Government (+2,000 jobs); Construction (+1,900 jobs); Other Services (+500 jobs); and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+100 jobs).
- The industries losing jobs over the year were Professional and Business Services (-1,700 jobs); Financial Activities (-600 jobs); and Manufacturing (-200 jobs).
- The Information industry was 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.

<b>Unemployment Rates</b>			
<b>(not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Dec-24</b>	<b>Nov-24</b>	<b>Dec-23</b>
CareerSource Palm Beach County	3.0%	3.6%	3.0%
Florida	3.1%	3.6%	2.9%
United States	3.8%	4.0%	3.5%

<b>Nonagricultural Employment by Industry</b> <b>(not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach</b> <b>Metropolitan Division</b>				<b>Florida</b>			
	<b>Dec-24</b>	<b>Dec-23</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>	<b>Dec-24</b>	<b>Dec-23</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Total Employment	712,300	703,200	9,100	1.3	10,119,600	9,970,500	149,100	1.5
Mining and Logging	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	5,900	6,000	-100	-1.7
Construction	46,900	45,000	1,900	4.2	676,300	645,100	31,200	4.8
Manufacturing	22,100	22,300	-200	-0.9	424,200	430,400	-6,200	-1.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	131,600	131,500	100	0.1	2,081,900	2,059,900	22,000	1.1
Wholesale Trade	27,800	26,900	900	3.3	411,800	403,100	8,700	2.2
Retail Trade	82,900	83,500	-600	-0.7	1,202,700	1,199,600	3,100	0.3
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	20,900	21,100	-200	-0.9	467,400	457,200	10,200	2.2
Information	11,600	11,600	0	0.0	162,200	159,200	3,000	1.9
Financial Activities	49,900	50,500	-600	-1.2	685,300	690,100	-4,800	-0.7
Professional and Business Services	134,200	135,900	-1,700	-1.3	1,637,300	1,635,700	1,600	0.1
Education and Health Services	120,300	117,500	2,800	2.4	1,540,600	1,508,900	31,700	2.1
Leisure and Hospitality	97,200	92,900	4,300	4.6	1,335,600	1,307,100	28,500	2.2
Other Services	30,400	29,900	500	1.7	392,300	373,800	18,500	4.9
Government	67,900	65,900	2,000	3.0	1,178,000	1,154,300	23,700	2.1

<b>Population</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
CareerSource Palm Beach County	1,533,801	1,519,867	13,934	0.9
Florida	22,610,726	22,245,521	365,205	1.6

<b>Average Annual Wage</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
CareerSource Palm Beach County	\$74,809	\$71,295	\$3,514	4.9
Florida	\$66,446	\$63,783	\$2,663	4.2

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