

**Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
March 28, 2025**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 3.7 percent in February 2025. This rate was 0.6 percentage point greater than the region's year ago rate of 3.1 percent. The region's February 2025 unemployment rate was equal to the state rate of 3.7 percent. The labor force was 776,284, down 2,366 (-0.3 percent) over the year. There were 28,660 unemployed residents in the region.

West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division

- In February 2025, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was 706,000, with no change over the year.
- The Education and Health Services (+4.3 percent); Government (+2.5 percent); and Manufacturing (+1.3 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Education and Health Services (+4.3 percent) industry.
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD had the third highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Education and Health Services (+5,100 jobs) industry.
- The industries gaining jobs over the year were Education and Health Services (+5,100 jobs); Government (+1,600 jobs); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+600 jobs); Construction (+500 jobs); Manufacturing (+300 jobs); and Financial Activities (+200 jobs).
- The industries losing jobs over the year were Professional and Business Services (-3,800 jobs); Leisure and Hospitality (-3,200 jobs); Information (-800 jobs); and Other Services (-600 jobs).

Note: All data are subject to revision.

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

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)	Feb-25	Jan-25	Feb-24
CareerSource Palm Beach County	3.7%	3.7%	3.1%
Florida	3.7%	3.7%	3.1%
United States	4.5%	4.4%	4.2%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	Feb-25	Feb-24	change	percent change	Feb-25	Feb-24	change	percent change
Total Employment	706,000	706,100	-100	0.0	10,054,200	9,923,300	130,900	1.3
Mining and Logging	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	5,600	5,700	-100	-1.8
Construction	44,700	44,200	500	1.1	658,200	641,800	16,400	2.6
Manufacturing	23,000	22,700	300	1.3	431,400	427,200	4,200	1.0
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	128,000	127,400	600	0.5	2,012,500	1,985,400	27,100	1.4
Wholesale Trade	26,600	26,300	300	1.1	402,200	395,800	6,400	1.6
Retail Trade	81,100	81,300	-200	-0.2	1,164,700	1,155,400	9,300	0.8
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	20,300	19,800	500	2.5	445,600	434,200	11,400	2.6
Information	11,700	12,500	-800	-6.4	160,500	158,800	1,700	1.1
Financial Activities	50,000	49,800	200	0.4	689,200	682,800	6,400	0.9
Professional and Business Services	131,300	135,100	-3,800	-2.8	1,614,400	1,615,400	-1,000	-0.1
Education and Health Services	122,900	117,800	5,100	4.3	1,567,000	1,526,200	40,800	2.7
Leisure and Hospitality	96,600	99,800	-3,200	-3.2	1,338,700	1,334,900	3,800	0.3
Other Services	31,100	31,700	-600	-1.9	386,900	377,500	9,400	2.5
Government	66,500	64,900	1,600	2.5	1,189,800	1,167,600	22,200	1.9

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	2023	2022	change	percent change
CareerSource Palm Beach County	\$74,810	\$71,295	\$3,515	4.9
Florida	\$66,447	\$63,783	\$2,664	4.2

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