

**Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region**  
**Not Seasonally Adjusted**  
**April 18, 2025**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 3.4 percent in March 2025. This rate was 0.4 percentage point greater than the region's year ago rate of 3.0 percent. The region's March 2025 unemployment rate was 0.1 percentage point lower than the state rate of 3.5 percent. The labor force was 778,376, down 2,564 (-0.3 percent) over the year. There were 26,680 unemployed residents in the region.

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

- In March 2025, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was 707,600, an increase of 1,900 jobs (+0.3 percent) over the year.
- The Education and Health Services (+4.7 percent) and Government (+2.8 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 (+5,500 jobs); Government (+1,800 jobs); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+600 jobs); Construction (+400 jobs); Manufacturing (+200 jobs); and Financial Activities (+100 jobs).
- The industries losing jobs over the year were Leisure and Hospitality (-3,000 jobs); Professional and Business Services (-2,400 jobs); Information (-800 jobs); and Other Services (-500 jobs).

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>Mar-25</b>	<b>Feb-25</b>	<b>Mar-24</b>
CareerSource Palm Beach County	3.4%	3.7%	3.0%
Florida	3.5%	3.7%	3.1%
United States	4.2%	4.5%	3.9%

<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>Mar-25</b>	<b>Mar-24</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>	<b>Mar-25</b>	<b>Mar-24</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Total Employment	707,600	705,700	1,900	0.3	10,079,700	9,947,100	132,600	1.3
Mining and Logging	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	5,700	5,700	0	0.0
Construction	44,500	44,100	400	0.9	653,400	645,200	8,200	1.3
Manufacturing	23,000	22,800	200	0.9	434,400	428,700	5,700	1.3
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	128,100	127,500	600	0.5	2,010,800	1,981,500	29,300	1.5
Wholesale Trade	27,000	26,400	600	2.3	404,800	395,900	8,900	2.2
Retail Trade	81,100	81,400	-300	-0.4	1,165,400	1,153,700	11,700	1.0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	20,000	19,700	300	1.5	440,600	431,900	8,700	2.0
Information	11,600	12,400	-800	-6.5	160,000	159,200	800	0.5
Financial Activities	49,800	49,700	100	0.2	688,900	684,400	4,500	0.7
Professional and Business Services	131,200	133,600	-2,400	-1.8	1,618,500	1,612,700	5,800	0.4
Education and Health Services	123,400	117,900	5,500	4.7	1,572,600	1,526,500	46,100	3.0
Leisure and Hospitality	97,700	100,700	-3,000	-3.0	1,353,900	1,354,100	-200	0.0
Other Services	31,200	31,700	-500	-1.6	389,100	379,200	9,900	2.6
Government	66,900	65,100	1,800	2.8	1,192,400	1,169,900	22,500	1.9

<b>Population</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
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

<b>Average Annual Wage</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
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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