

Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
June 20, 2025

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 3.4 percent in May 2025. This rate was 0.3 percentage point greater than the region's year ago rate of 3.1 percent. The region's May 2025 unemployment rate was 0.1 percentage point lower than the state rate of 3.5 percent. The labor force was 780,445, up 3,954 (+0.5 percent) over the year. There were 26,860 unemployed residents in the region.

West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division

- In May 2025, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was 712,100, an increase of 9,400 jobs (+1.3 percent) over the year.
- The Education and Health Services (+5.4 percent); Government (+2.3 percent); Manufacturing (+2.2 percent); and Financial Activities (+0.4 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD had the second highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Education and Health Services (+6,300 jobs) and Professional and Business Services (+1,400 jobs) industries.
- 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 (+5.4 percent) industry.
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was tied for the third highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Government (+1,500 jobs) industry.
- The industries gaining jobs over the year were Education and Health Services (+6,300 jobs); Government (+1,500 jobs); Professional and Business Services (+1,400 jobs); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+700 jobs); Manufacturing (+500 jobs); Financial Activities (+200 jobs); and Construction (+100 jobs).
- The industries losing jobs over the year were Leisure and Hospitality (-800 jobs); Other Services (-300 jobs); and Information (-200 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)	May-25	Apr-25	May-24
CareerSource Palm Beach County	3.4%	3.4%	3.1%
Florida	3.5%	3.5%	3.1%
United States	4.0%	3.9%	3.7%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	May-25	May-24	change	percent change	May-25	May-24	change	percent change
Total Employment	712,100	702,700	9,400	1.3	10,088,400	9,948,100	140,300	1.4
Mining and Logging	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	5,700	5,700	0	0.0
Construction	44,300	44,200	100	0.2	655,500	650,200	5,300	0.8
Manufacturing	23,000	22,500	500	2.2	434,400	428,800	5,600	1.3
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	127,600	126,900	700	0.6	2,007,900	1,978,400	29,500	1.5
Wholesale Trade	26,700	26,500	200	0.8	403,700	396,800	6,900	1.7
Retail Trade	80,900	80,800	100	0.1	1,164,200	1,151,600	12,600	1.1
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	20,000	19,600	400	2.0	440,000	430,000	10,000	2.3
Information	11,500	11,700	-200	-1.7	158,000	155,900	2,100	1.3
Financial Activities	50,200	50,000	200	0.4	688,300	686,300	2,000	0.3
Professional and Business Services	134,900	133,500	1,400	1.0	1,641,400	1,622,800	18,600	1.1
Education and Health Services	124,000	117,700	6,300	5.4	1,571,500	1,529,600	41,900	2.7
Leisure and Hospitality	97,400	98,200	-800	-0.8	1,359,200	1,346,500	12,700	0.9
Other Services	31,200	31,500	-300	-1.0	389,200	381,200	8,000	2.1
Government	67,800	66,300	1,500	2.3	1,177,300	1,162,700	14,600	1.3

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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