

**Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region  
Not Seasonally Adjusted  
December 20, 2024**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 3.6 percent in November 2024. This rate was 0.5 percentage point greater than the region's year ago rate of 3.1 percent. The region's November 2024 unemployment rate was equal to the state rate of 3.6 percent. The labor force was 772,513, down 9,685 (-1.2 percent) over the year. There were 27,803 unemployed residents in the region.

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

- In November 2024, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was 710,900, an increase of 9,900 jobs (+1.4 percent) over the year.
- The Education and Health Services (+3.5 percent); Government (+3.2 percent); and Leisure and Hospitality (+2.9 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
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- The industries gaining jobs over the year were Education and Health Services (+4,100 jobs); Leisure and Hospitality (+2,700 jobs); Government (+2,100 jobs); Construction (+1,800 jobs); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+900 jobs); and Other Services (+500 jobs).
- The industries losing jobs over the year were Professional and Business Services (-900 jobs); Financial Activities (-800 jobs); Information (-300 jobs); and Manufacturing (-200 jobs).

Note: All data are subject to revision.

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

<b>Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Nov-24</b>	<b>Oct-24</b>	<b>Nov-23</b>
CareerSource Palm Beach County	3.6%	3.5%	3.1%
Florida	3.6%	3.5%	3.0%
United States	4.0%	3.9%	3.5%

<b>Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division</b>				<b>Florida</b>			
	<b>Nov-24</b>	<b>Nov-23</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>	<b>Nov-24</b>	<b>Nov-23</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Total Employment	710,900	701,000	9,900	1.4	10,108,000	9,944,800	163,200	1.6
Mining and Logging	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	6,000	5,900	100	1.7
Construction	47,000	45,200	1,800	4.0	675,600	645,000	30,600	4.7
Manufacturing	22,100	22,300	-200	-0.9	423,500	427,200	-3,700	-0.9
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	131,000	130,100	900	0.7	2,065,200	2,040,400	24,800	1.2
Wholesale Trade	27,700	26,600	1,100	4.1	409,400	395,300	14,100	3.6
Retail Trade	82,500	82,900	-400	-0.5	1,197,300	1,194,100	3,200	0.3
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	20,800	20,600	200	1.0	458,500	451,000	7,500	1.7
Information	11,300	11,600	-300	-2.6	159,000	158,100	900	0.6
Financial Activities	49,500	50,300	-800	-1.6	686,000	688,200	-2,200	-0.3
Professional and Business Services	134,800	135,700	-900	-0.7	1,641,500	1,633,500	8,000	0.5
Education and Health Services	121,600	117,500	4,100	3.5	1,551,800	1,517,000	34,800	2.3
Leisure and Hospitality	95,200	92,500	2,700	2.9	1,328,200	1,299,800	28,400	2.2
Other Services	30,400	29,900	500	1.7	387,500	371,400	16,100	4.3
Government	67,800	65,700	2,100	3.2	1,183,700	1,158,300	25,400	2.2

<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	\$71,297	\$3,512	4.9
Florida	\$66,446	\$63,781	\$2,664	4.2

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