

**Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
November 15, 2024**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 3.5 percent in October 2024. This rate was 0.2 percentage point greater than the region's year ago rate of 3.3 percent. The region's October 2024 unemployment rate was equal to the state rate of 3.5 percent. The labor force was 779,772, down 6,709 (-0.9 percent) over the year. There were 27,449 unemployed residents in the region.

West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division

- In October 2024, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was 703,700, an increase of 8,300 jobs (+1.2 percent) over the year.
- The Construction (+4.3 percent); Government (+4.0 percent); Education and Health Services (+2.8 percent); and Leisure and Hospitality (+0.3 percent) industries grew as fast or 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 (+3,300 jobs); Government (+2,600 jobs); Construction (+1,900 jobs); Other Services (+800 jobs); Leisure and Hospitality (+300 jobs); and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+100 jobs).
- The industries losing jobs over the year were Professional and Business Services (-300 jobs); Information (-200 jobs); Manufacturing (-100 jobs); and Financial Activities (-100 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)	Oct-24	Sep-24	Oct-23
CareerSource Palm Beach County	3.5%	3.6%	3.3%
Florida	3.5%	3.4%	3.1%
United States	3.9%	3.9%	3.6%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	Oct-24	Oct-23	change	percent change	Oct-24	Oct-23	change	percent change
Total Employment	703,700	695,400	8,300	1.2	9,971,800	9,847,200	124,600	1.3
Mining and Logging	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	6,000	5,900	100	1.7
Construction	46,600	44,700	1,900	4.3	665,700	638,100	27,600	4.3
Manufacturing	22,000	22,100	-100	-0.5	421,300	425,100	-3,800	-0.9
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	127,200	127,100	100	0.1	2,011,500	1,990,400	21,100	1.1
Wholesale Trade	27,400	26,600	800	3.0	408,100	396,800	11,300	2.8
Retail Trade	79,600	80,900	-1,300	-1.6	1,159,800	1,161,900	-2,100	-0.2
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	20,200	19,600	600	3.1	443,600	431,700	11,900	2.8
Information	11,300	11,500	-200	-1.7	157,400	156,300	1,100	0.7
Financial Activities	50,200	50,300	-100	-0.2	681,200	686,800	-5,600	-0.8
Professional and Business Services	135,200	135,500	-300	-0.2	1,632,800	1,628,500	4,300	0.3
Education and Health Services	120,000	116,700	3,300	2.8	1,546,600	1,504,200	42,400	2.8
Leisure and Hospitality	92,300	92,000	300	0.3	1,286,000	1,287,800	-1,800	-0.1
Other Services	30,700	29,900	800	2.7	383,800	370,000	13,800	3.7
Government	68,000	65,400	2,600	4.0	1,179,500	1,154,100	25,400	2.2

Population	2023	2022	change	percent change
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

Average Annual Wage	2023	2022	change	percent change
CareerSource Palm Beach County	\$74,802	\$71,297	\$3,506	4.9
Florida	\$66,444	\$63,781	\$2,663	4.2

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