

**Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
October 18, 2024**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 3.6 percent in September 2024. This rate was 0.3 percentage point greater than the region's year ago rate of 3.3 percent. The region's September 2024 unemployment rate was 0.2 percentage point above the state rate of 3.4 percent. The labor force was 782,410, down 1,662 (-0.2 percent) over the year. There were 28,090 unemployed residents in the region.

West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division

- In September 2024, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was 700,200, an increase of 13,700 jobs (+2.0 percent) over the year.
- The Construction (+6.6 percent); Government (+4.0 percent); Education and Health Services (+3.5 percent); Leisure and Hospitality (+2.9 percent); and Manufacturing (+0.5 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was tied for the second highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Manufacturing (+100 jobs) 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 Leisure and Hospitality (+2,600 jobs) industry.
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD had the third fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Construction (+6.6 percent) industry.
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was tied for the third fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Manufacturing (+0.5 percent) industry.
- The industries gaining jobs over the year were Education and Health Services (+4,000 jobs); Construction (+2,900 jobs); Leisure and Hospitality (+2,600 jobs); Government (+2,600 jobs); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+1,700 jobs); and Manufacturing (+100 jobs).
- The industries losing jobs over the year were Information (-100 jobs) and Financial Activities (-100 jobs).
- The Other Services and Professional and Business Services industries were unchanged in jobs over the year.

Note: All data are subject to revision.

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

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)	Sep-24	Aug-24	Sep-23
CareerSource Palm Beach County	3.6%	3.8%	3.3%
Florida	3.4%	3.7%	3.1%
United States	3.9%	4.4%	3.6%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	Sep-24	Sep-23	change	percent change	Sep-24	Sep-23	change	percent change
Total Employment	700,200	686,500	13,700	2.0	9,953,700	9,745,700	208,000	2.1
Mining and Logging	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	6,000	5,800	200	3.4
Construction	47,100	44,200	2,900	6.6	669,600	632,900	36,700	5.8
Manufacturing	22,100	22,000	100	0.5	420,700	422,800	-2,100	-0.5
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	126,800	125,100	1,700	1.4	1,997,000	1,956,800	40,200	2.1
Wholesale Trade	27,400	26,300	1,100	4.2	405,000	392,200	12,800	3.3
Retail Trade	79,500	79,500	0	0.0	1,153,800	1,138,800	15,000	1.3
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	19,900	19,300	600	3.1	438,200	425,800	12,400	2.9
Information	11,300	11,400	-100	-0.9	158,100	157,000	1,100	0.7
Financial Activities	50,000	50,100	-100	-0.2	683,400	683,100	300	0.0
Professional and Business Services	135,300	135,300	0	0.0	1,630,300	1,616,900	13,400	0.8
Education and Health Services	118,400	114,400	4,000	3.5	1,529,100	1,484,400	44,700	3.0
Leisure and Hospitality	91,500	88,900	2,600	2.9	1,302,900	1,275,500	27,400	2.1
Other Services	29,800	29,800	0	0.0	381,500	365,700	15,800	4.3
Government	67,700	65,100	2,600	4.0	1,175,100	1,144,800	30,300	2.6

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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