

**Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
January 22, 2021**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 5.5 percent in December 2020. This rate was 2.8 percentage point higher than the region's year ago rate of 2.7 percent. The region's December 2020 unemployment rate was 0.3 percentage point lower than the state rate of 5.8 percent. The labor force was 707,961, down 27,275 (-3.7) over the year. There were 38,662 unemployed residents in the region.
- In December 2020 nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Bch-Boca Raton-Delray Bch Metro Division was 610,100, a decrease of 38,900 jobs (-6.0 percent) over the year.
- The construction (+1.5 percent) industry grew faster in the metro area than the statewide over the year.
- The industry gaining in jobs over the year was construction (+600 jobs).
- The leisure and hospitality (-17,200 jobs); education and health services (-5,800 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (-4,300 jobs); professional and business services (-4,200 jobs); government (-3,600 jobs); other services (-2,200 jobs); information (-1,100 jobs); financial activities (-600 jobs); and manufacturing (-500 jobs) industries lost jobs over the year.

Note: All data are subject to revision.

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

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)	Dec-20	Nov-20	Dec-19
CareerSource Palm Beach County	5.5%	5.9%	2.7%
Florida	5.8%	6.2%	2.5%
United States	6.5%	6.4%	3.4%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	Dec-20	Dec-19	change	percent change	Dec-20	Dec-19	change	percent change
Total Employment	610,100	649,000	-38,900	-6.0	8,710,100	9,128,300	-418,200	-4.6
Mining and Logging	NA	NA	NA	NA	5,700	5,700	0	0.0
Construction	40,400	39,800	600	1.5	566,500	576,400	-9,900	-1.7
Manufacturing	20,100	20,600	-500	-2.4	385,000	389,400	-4,400	-1.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	113,500	117,800	-4,300	-3.7	1,832,200	1,876,000	-43,800	-2.3
Wholesale Trade	21,300	23,300	-2,000	-8.6	347,600	359,100	-11,500	-3.2
Retail Trade	78,300	80,700	-2,400	-3.0	1,122,800	1,147,300	-24,500	-2.1
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilitie	13,900	13,800	100	0.7	361,800	369,600	-7,800	-2.1
Information	9,100	10,200	-1,100	-10.8	126,700	139,000	-12,300	-8.8
Financial Activities	43,700	44,300	-600	-1.4	598,100	598,500	-400	-0.1
Professional and Business Services	111,100	115,300	-4,200	-3.6	1,365,900	1,417,200	-51,300	-3.6
Education and Health Services	100,300	106,100	-5,800	-5.5	1,335,900	1,364,900	-29,000	-2.1
Leisure and Hospitality	76,600	93,800	-17,200	-18.3	1,067,700	1,263,400	-195,700	-15.5
Other Services	31,200	33,400	-2,200	-6.6	329,000	352,500	-23,500	-6.7
Government	64,000	67,600	-3,600	-5.3	1,097,400	1,145,300	-47,900	-4.2

Population	2019	2018	change	percent change
CareerSource Palm Beach County	1,471,150	1,453,768	17,382	1.2
Florida	21,477,737	21,244,317	233,420	1.1

Average Annual Wage	2019	2018	change	percent change
CareerSource Palm Beach County	\$56,428	\$54,785	\$1,643	3.0
Florida	\$51,761	\$50,092	\$1,669	3.3

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