

Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
May 22, 2026

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 4.5 percent in April 2026. This rate was 1.2 percentage points greater than the region's year ago rate of 3.3 percent. The region's April 2026 unemployment rate was 0.1 percentage point lower than the state rate of 4.6 percent. The labor force was 775,083, down 4,583 (-0.6 percent) over the year. There were 35,129 unemployed residents in the region.

West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division

- In April 2026, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was 710,000, a decrease of 3,800 jobs (-0.5 percent) over the year.
- The Education and Health Services (+2.3 percent) and Government (+1.4 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 (+2,800 jobs); Government (+900 jobs); and Professional and Business Services (+700 jobs).
- The industries losing jobs over the year were Leisure and Hospitality (-3,200 jobs); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-1,400 jobs); Financial Activities (-1,200 jobs); Other Services (-800 jobs); Information (-700 jobs); Construction (-600 jobs); and Manufacturing (-300 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)	Apr-26	Mar-26	Apr-25
CareerSource Palm Beach County	4.5%	4.4%	3.3%
Florida	4.6%	4.4%	3.4%
United States	4.0%	4.3%	3.9%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	Apr-26	Apr-25	change	percent change	Apr-26	Apr-25	change	percent change
Total Employment	710,000	713,800	-3,800	-0.5	10,070,300	10,074,300	-4,000	0.0
Mining and Logging	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	5,600	5,700	-100	-1.8
Construction	43,500	44,100	-600	-1.4	655,000	658,800	-3,800	-0.6
Manufacturing	21,800	22,100	-300	-1.4	427,100	429,100	-2,000	-0.5
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	126,600	128,000	-1,400	-1.1	1,982,200	1,986,700	-4,500	-0.2
Wholesale Trade	26,700	26,900	-200	-0.7	402,700	398,600	4,100	1.0
Retail Trade	79,700	81,100	-1,400	-1.7	1,143,300	1,150,200	-6,900	-0.6
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	20,200	20,000	200	1.0	436,200	437,900	-1,700	-0.4
Information	11,500	12,200	-700	-5.7	149,800	153,400	-3,600	-2.3
Financial Activities	46,600	47,800	-1,200	-2.5	678,900	691,000	-12,100	-1.8
Professional and Business Services	138,500	137,800	700	0.5	1,635,600	1,624,900	10,700	0.7
Education and Health Services	125,300	122,500	2,800	2.3	1,629,200	1,598,800	30,400	1.9
Leisure and Hospitality	98,700	101,900	-3,200	-3.1	1,362,700	1,366,100	-3,400	-0.2
Other Services	30,400	31,200	-800	-2.6	382,600	388,600	-6,000	-1.5
Government	66,900	66,000	900	1.4	1,161,600	1,171,200	-9,600	-0.8

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	\$77,249	\$74,809	\$2,440	3.3
Florida	\$69,505	\$66,446	\$3,059	4.6

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