

**Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region  
Not Seasonally Adjusted  
May 20, 2022**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 2.3 percent in April 2022. This rate was 2.2 percentage points lower than the region's year ago rate of 4.5 percent. The region's April 2022 unemployment rate was 0.1 percentage points below the state rate of 2.4 percent. The labor force was 754,909, up 29,027 (+4.0 percent) over the year. There were 17,262 unemployed residents in the region.
- In April 2022 nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division was 662,800, an increase of 33,800 jobs (+5.4 percent) over the year.
- The leisure and hospitality (+14.9 percent); information (+8.4 percent); other services (+7.4 percent); financial activities (+6.5 percent); education and health services (+2.5 percent); and government (+1.3 percent) industries grew as fast or faster in the metro area than the statewide over the year.
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division had the third fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in leisure and hospitality (+14.9 percent).
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division was tied for the third fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in other services (+7.4 percent).
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were leisure and hospitality (+12,000 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+7,100 jobs); professional and business services (+3,500 jobs); financial activities (+2,900 jobs); education and health services (+2,600 jobs); other services (+2,300 jobs); construction (+900 jobs); manufacturing (+900 jobs); information (+800 jobs); and government (+800 jobs).
- No 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.

| <b>Unemployment Rates</b>        |               |               |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>(not seasonally adjusted)</b> | <b>Apr-22</b> | <b>Mar-22</b> | <b>Apr-21</b> |
| CareerSource Palm Beach County   | 2.3%          | 2.6%          | 4.5%          |
| Florida                          | 2.4%          | 2.7%          | 4.9%          |
| United States                    | 3.3%          | 3.8%          | 5.7%          |

| <b>Nonagricultural Employment by Industry</b><br><b>(not seasonally adjusted)</b> | <b>West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach<br/>Metropolitan Division</b> |               |               |                           | <b>Florida</b> |               |               |                           |
|---|--|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|
|   | <b>Apr-22</b>  | <b>Apr-21</b> | <b>change</b> | <b>percent<br/>change</b> | <b>Apr-22</b>  | <b>Apr-21</b> | <b>change</b> | <b>percent<br/>change</b> |
| Total Employment  | 662,800  | 629,000       | 33,800        | 5.4                       | 9,334,300      | 8,815,400     | 518,900       | 5.9                       |
| Mining and Logging  | NA   | NA            | NA            | NA                        | 5,200          | 5,400         | -200          | -3.7                      |
| Construction  | 39,400   | 38,500        | 900           | 2.3                       | 592,100        | 575,100       | 17,000        | 3.0                       |
| Manufacturing   | 21,400   | 20,500        | 900           | 4.4                       | 408,500        | 384,400       | 24,100        | 6.3                       |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities  | 122,300  | 115,200       | 7,100         | 6.2                       | 1,918,600      | 1,798,700     | 119,900       | 6.7                       |
| Wholesale Trade   | 24,400   | 23,200        | 1,200         | 5.2                       | 377,500        | 352,900       | 24,600        | 7.0                       |
| Retail Trade  | 79,900   | 75,500        | 4,400         | 5.8                       | 1,134,000      | 1,073,400     | 60,600        | 5.6                       |
| Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilitie   | 18,000   | 16,500        | 1,500         | 9.1                       | 407,100        | 372,400       | 34,700        | 9.3                       |
| Information   | 10,300   | 9,500         | 800           | 8.4                       | 144,500        | 134,700       | 9,800         | 7.3                       |
| Financial Activities  | 47,800   | 44,900        | 2,900         | 6.5                       | 652,100        | 614,000       | 38,100        | 6.2                       |
| Professional and Business Services  | 126,000  | 122,500       | 3,500         | 2.9                       | 1,535,700      | 1,432,100     | 103,600       | 7.2                       |
| Education and Health Services   | 106,100  | 103,500       | 2,600         | 2.5                       | 1,364,300      | 1,341,200     | 23,100        | 1.7                       |
| Leisure and Hospitality   | 92,600   | 80,600        | 12,000        | 14.9                      | 1,245,400      | 1,089,100     | 156,300       | 14.4                      |
| Other Services  | 33,300   | 31,000        | 2,300         | 7.4                       | 353,400        | 331,000       | 22,400        | 6.8                       |
| Government  | 63,400   | 62,600        | 800           | 1.3                       | 1,114,500      | 1,109,700     | 4,800         | 0.4                       |

| <b>Population</b>              | <b>2021</b> | <b>2020</b> | <b>change</b> | <b>percent<br/>change</b> |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| CareerSource Palm Beach County | 1,507,600   | 1,497,800   | 9,800         | 0.7                       |
| Florida                        | 21,781,128  | 21,569,932  | 211,196       | 1.0                       |

| <b>Average Annual Wage</b>     | <b>2020</b> | <b>2019</b> | <b>change</b> | <b>percent<br/>change</b> |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| CareerSource Palm Beach County | \$61,850    | \$56,429    | \$5,421       | 9.6                       |
| Florida                        | \$55,845    | \$51,744    | \$4,101       | 7.9                       |

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