

**Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region**  
**Not Seasonally Adjusted**  
**September 15, 2023**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 3.3 percent in August 2023. This rate was 0.2 percentage point greater than the region's year ago rate of 3.1 percent. The region's August 2023 unemployment rate was 0.2 percentage point above the state rate of 3.1 percent. The labor force was 785,807, up 19,423 (+2.5 percent) over the year. There were 26,317 unemployed residents in the region.

**West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division**

- In August 2023, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was 675,100, an increase of 7,100 jobs (+1.1 percent) over the year.
- The Leisure and Hospitality (+4.4 percent) and Government (+3.5 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- 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 (+3,800 jobs); and Government (+2,200 jobs) industries.
- The industries gaining jobs over the year were Leisure and Hospitality (+3,800 jobs); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+3,200 jobs); Education and Health Services (+2,600 jobs); Government (+2,200 jobs); Manufacturing (+400 jobs); and Financial Activities (+200 jobs).
- The industries losing jobs over the year were Professional and Business Services (-3,300 jobs); Construction (-700 jobs); Other Services (-700 jobs); and Information (-600 jobs).

Note: All data are subject to revision.

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

<b>Unemployment Rates</b>			
<b>(not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Aug-23</b>	<b>Jul-23</b>	<b>Aug-22</b>
CareerSource Palm Beach County	3.3%	3.3%	3.1%
Florida	3.1%	3.1%	3.0%
United States	3.9%	3.8%	3.8%

<b>Nonagricultural Employment by Industry</b> <b>(not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach</b> <b>Metropolitan Division</b>				<b>Florida</b>			
	<b>Aug-23</b>	<b>Aug-22</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>	<b>Aug-23</b>	<b>Aug-22</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Total Employment	675,100	668,000	7,100	1.1	9,733,400	9,443,900	289,500	3.1
Mining and Logging	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	5,800	5,700	100	1.8
Construction	41,100	41,800	-700	-1.7	610,100	605,900	4,200	0.7
Manufacturing	21,400	21,000	400	1.9	425,400	412,300	13,100	3.2
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	125,000	121,800	3,200	2.6	1,981,300	1,918,400	62,900	3.3
Wholesale Trade	24,500	24,700	-200	-0.8	397,500	379,500	18,000	4.7
Retail Trade	81,500	79,000	2,500	3.2	1,146,600	1,121,000	25,600	2.3
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	19,000	18,100	900	5.0	437,200	417,900	19,300	4.6
Information	11,000	11,600	-600	-5.2	157,800	158,100	-300	-0.2
Financial Activities	49,600	49,400	200	0.4	684,900	670,400	14,500	2.2
Professional and Business Services	131,800	135,100	-3,300	-2.4	1,627,600	1,601,100	26,500	1.7
Education and Health Services	109,700	107,100	2,600	2.4	1,482,400	1,395,000	87,400	6.3
Leisure and Hospitality	90,300	86,500	3,800	4.4	1,295,300	1,248,000	47,300	3.8
Other Services	29,700	30,400	-700	-2.3	353,000	344,200	8,800	2.6
Government	65,300	63,100	2,200	3.5	1,109,800	1,084,800	25,000	2.3

<b>Population</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
CareerSource Palm Beach County	1,518,477	1,503,223	15,254	1.0
Florida	22,244,823	21,828,069	416,754	1.9

<b>Average Annual Wage</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
CareerSource Palm Beach County	\$71,850	\$68,339	\$3,510	5.1
Florida	\$63,811	\$60,299	\$3,512	5.8

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