

Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
September 18, 2026

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 4.6 percent in August 2026. This rate was 0.3 percentage point greater than the region's year ago rate of 4.3 percent. The region's August 2026 unemployment rate was equal to the state rate of 4.6 percent. The labor force was 773,792, up 566 (+0.1 percent) over the year. There were 35,862 unemployed residents in the region.

West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division

- In August 2026, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was 703,200, an increase of 4,800 jobs (+0.7 percent) over the year.
- The Government (+1.8 percent); Other Services (+0.7 percent); and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+0.5 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD had the highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+600 jobs) industry.
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was tied for the highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Other Services (+200 jobs) industry.
- 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 Government (+1,200 jobs) industry.
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was tied for the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Other Services (+0.7 percent) 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 Government (+1.8 percent) industry.
- The industries gaining jobs over the year were Education and Health Services (+2,200 jobs); Professional and Business Services (+1,800 jobs); Government (+1,200 jobs); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+600 jobs); Leisure and Hospitality (+600 jobs); and Other Services (+200 jobs).
- The industries losing jobs over the year were Financial Activities (-800 jobs); Construction (-700 jobs); Information (-200 jobs); and Manufacturing (-100 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)	Aug-26	Jul-26	Aug-25
CareerSource Palm Beach County	4.6%	4.7%	4.3%
Florida	4.6%	4.6%	4.3%
United States	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	Aug-26	Aug-25	change	percent change	Aug-26	Aug-25	change	percent change
Total Employment	703,200	698,400	4,800	0.7	9,994,700	9,933,300	61,400	0.6
Mining and Logging	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	5,700	5,600	100	1.8
Construction	43,500	44,200	-700	-1.6	657,500	655,700	1,800	0.3
Manufacturing	21,800	21,900	-100	-0.5	429,100	425,800	3,300	0.8
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	126,100	125,500	600	0.5	1,971,900	1,968,700	3,200	0.2
Wholesale Trade	26,400	26,700	-300	-1.1	398,900	396,500	2,400	0.6
Retail Trade	79,600	79,200	400	0.5	1,140,000	1,135,900	4,100	0.4
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	20,100	19,600	500	2.6	433,000	436,300	-3,300	-0.8
Information	11,200	11,400	-200	-1.8	147,900	153,000	-5,100	-3.3
Financial Activities	47,000	47,800	-800	-1.7	677,100	691,600	-14,500	-2.1
Professional and Business Services	139,700	137,900	1,800	1.3	1,642,800	1,612,200	30,600	1.9
Education and Health Services	123,000	120,800	2,200	1.8	1,621,900	1,586,900	35,000	2.2
Leisure and Hospitality	93,100	92,500	600	0.6	1,325,100	1,312,300	12,800	1.0
Other Services	30,300	30,100	200	0.7	383,500	383,800	-300	-0.1
Government	67,300	66,100	1,200	1.8	1,132,200	1,137,700	-5,500	-0.5

Population	2025	2024	change	percent change
CareerSource Palm Beach County	1,575,726	1,582,055	-6,329	-0.4
Florida	23,462,518	23,372,215	90,303	0.4

Average Annual Wage	2025	2024	change	percent change
CareerSource Palm Beach County	\$82,084	\$77,249	\$4,834	6.3
Florida	\$72,732	\$69,505	\$3,227	4.6

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