

Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
January 20, 2023

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 2.2 percent in December 2022. This rate was 0.5 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 2.7 percent. The region's December 2022 unemployment rate was equal to the state rate of 2.2 percent. The labor force was 768,265, up 19,388 (+2.6 percent) over the year. There were 16,661 unemployed residents in the region.

West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division

- In December 2022, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was 683,800, an increase of 21,700 jobs (+3.3 percent) over the year.
- The Leisure and Hospitality (+10.3 percent) and Government (+2.2 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- 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 Information (+200 jobs) industry.
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Information (+1.9 percent) industry.
- The industries gaining jobs over the year were Leisure and Hospitality (+9,200 jobs); Education and Health Services (+5,000 jobs); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+3,000 jobs); Other Services (+2,600 jobs); Government (+1,400 jobs); Manufacturing (+1,200 jobs); Construction (+300 jobs); Financial Activities (+300 jobs); and Information (+200 jobs).
- The Professional and Business Services (-1,500 jobs) industry 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-22	Nov-22	Dec-21
CareerSource Palm Beach County	2.2%	2.6%	2.7%
Florida	2.2%	3.5%	2.9%
United States	3.3%	4.4%	3.7%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	Dec-22	Dec-21	change	percent change	Dec-22	Dec-21	change	percent change
Total Employment	683,800	662,100	21,700	3.3	9,669,100	9,233,700	435,400	4.7
Mining and Logging	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	5,400	5,200	200	3.8
Construction	39,800	39,500	300	0.8	606,300	580,700	25,600	4.4
Manufacturing	22,100	20,900	1,200	5.7	423,500	396,800	26,700	6.7
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	127,600	124,600	3,000	2.4	2,020,000	1,942,100	77,900	4.0
Wholesale Trade	23,500	24,200	-700	-2.9	389,800	364,200	25,600	7.0
Retail Trade	84,500	81,500	3,000	3.7	1,185,100	1,151,800	33,300	2.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	19,600	18,900	700	3.7	445,100	426,100	19,000	4.5
Information	10,700	10,500	200	1.9	152,300	144,100	8,200	5.7
Financial Activities	47,800	47,500	300	0.6	668,300	642,100	26,200	4.1
Professional and Business Services	126,200	127,700	-1,500	-1.2	1,558,500	1,509,500	49,000	3.2
Education and Health Services	111,000	106,000	5,000	4.7	1,445,200	1,359,300	85,900	6.3
Leisure and Hospitality	98,700	89,500	9,200	10.3	1,289,500	1,199,400	90,100	7.5
Other Services	34,400	31,800	2,600	8.2	373,900	344,000	29,900	8.7
Government	65,300	63,900	1,400	2.2	1,126,200	1,110,500	15,700	1.4

Population	2021	2020	change	percent change
CareerSource Palm Beach County	1,497,987	1,492,466	5,521	0.4
Florida	21,781,128	21,569,932	211,196	1.0

Average Annual Wage	2021	2020	change	percent change
CareerSource Palm Beach County	\$68,339	\$61,830	\$6,510	10.5
Florida	\$60,299	\$55,840	\$4,459	8.0

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