

**Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region**  
**Not Seasonally Adjusted**  
**April 17, 2026**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 4.8 percent in February 2026. This rate was 1.4 percentage points greater than the region's year ago rate of 3.4 percent. The region's February 2026 unemployment rate was equal to the state rate of 4.8 percent. The labor force was 774,074, down 4,312 (-0.6 percent) over the year. There were 37,188 unemployed residents in the region.

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

- In February 2026, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was 702,800, a decrease of 10,500 jobs (-1.5 percent) over the year.
- The Government (+1.1 percent) industry grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD had the second highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Government (+700 jobs) 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 (+1.1 percent) industry.
- The industries gaining jobs over the year were Education and Health Services (+1,200 jobs) and Government (+700 jobs).
- The industries losing jobs over the year were Leisure and Hospitality (-4,400 jobs); Financial Activities (-1,500 jobs); Professional and Business Services (-1,500 jobs); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-1,400 jobs); Information (-1,200 jobs); Construction (-1,000 jobs); Other Services (-900 jobs); and Manufacturing (-500 jobs).

Note: All data are subject to revision.

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

<b>Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Feb-26</b>	<b>Jan-26</b>	<b>Feb-25</b>
CareerSource Palm Beach County	4.8%	4.9%	3.4%
Florida	4.8%	4.9%	3.5%
United States	4.7%	4.7%	4.5%

<b>Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division</b>				<b>Florida</b>			
	<b>Feb-26</b>	<b>Feb-25</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>	<b>Feb-26</b>	<b>Feb-25</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Total Employment	702,800	713,300	-10,500	-1.5	9,998,900	10,042,100	-43,200	-0.4
Mining and Logging	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	5,800	5,700	100	1.8
Construction	43,300	44,300	-1,000	-2.3	647,200	657,100	-9,900	-1.5
Manufacturing	21,800	22,300	-500	-2.2	428,300	429,000	-700	-0.2
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	126,800	128,200	-1,400	-1.1	1,984,400	1,991,200	-6,800	-0.3
Wholesale Trade	26,600	26,700	-100	-0.4	401,600	398,100	3,500	0.9
Retail Trade	80,000	81,500	-1,500	-1.8	1,143,000	1,153,100	-10,100	-0.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	20,200	20,000	200	1.0	439,800	440,000	-200	0.0
Information	11,600	12,800	-1,200	-9.4	150,500	155,700	-5,200	-3.3
Financial Activities	46,700	48,200	-1,500	-3.1	681,600	689,100	-7,500	-1.1
Professional and Business Services	135,000	136,500	-1,500	-1.1	1,603,200	1,619,700	-16,500	-1.0
Education and Health Services	123,700	122,500	1,200	1.0	1,621,300	1,589,800	31,500	2.0
Leisure and Hospitality	97,200	101,600	-4,400	-4.3	1,337,100	1,345,100	-8,000	-0.6
Other Services	30,000	30,900	-900	-2.9	377,400	386,300	-8,900	-2.3
Government	66,500	65,800	700	1.1	1,162,100	1,173,400	-11,300	-1.0

<b>Population</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
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

<b>Average Annual Wage</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
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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