

Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
April 08, 2026

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 4.9 percent in January 2026. This rate was 1.3 percentage points greater than the region's year ago rate of 3.6 percent. The region's January 2026 unemployment rate was equal to the state rate of 4.9 percent. The labor force was 771,176, down 8,140 (-1.0 percent) over the year. There were 38,163 unemployed residents in the region.

West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division

- In January 2026, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was 703,000, a decrease of 5,300 jobs (-0.7 percent) over the year.
- The Government (+0.5 percent) and Professional and Business Services (+0.3 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 Professional and Business Services (+400 jobs) industry.
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was tied for the third highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Government (+300 jobs) industry.
- The industries gaining jobs over the year were Education and Health Services (+3,000 jobs); Professional and Business Services (+400 jobs); and Government (+300 jobs).
- The industries losing jobs over the year were Leisure and Hospitality (-3,500 jobs); Financial Activities (-1,800 jobs); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-1,200 jobs); Other Services (-800 jobs); Manufacturing (-600 jobs); Information (-600 jobs); and Construction (-500 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)	Jan-26	Dec-25	Jan-25
CareerSource Palm Beach County	4.9%	4.5%	3.6%
Florida	4.9%	4.4%	3.6%
United States	4.7%	4.1%	4.4%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	Jan-26	Jan-25	change	percent change	Jan-26	Jan-25	change	percent change
Total Employment	703,000	708,300	-5,300	-0.7	9,954,100	9,978,700	-24,600	-0.2
Mining and Logging	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	5,700	5,700	0	0.0
Construction	43,400	43,900	-500	-1.1	643,300	649,900	-6,600	-1.0
Manufacturing	21,700	22,300	-600	-2.7	425,500	427,600	-2,100	-0.5
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	127,200	128,400	-1,200	-0.9	1,993,300	1,997,500	-4,200	-0.2
Wholesale Trade	26,500	26,400	100	0.4	399,100	396,700	2,400	0.6
Retail Trade	80,000	81,800	-1,800	-2.2	1,142,700	1,155,600	-12,900	-1.1
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	20,700	20,200	500	2.5	451,500	445,200	6,300	1.4
Information	11,700	12,300	-600	-4.9	152,200	154,800	-2,600	-1.7
Financial Activities	46,500	48,300	-1,800	-3.7	677,200	687,200	-10,000	-1.5
Professional and Business Services	135,500	135,100	400	0.3	1,586,700	1,610,700	-24,000	-1.5
Education and Health Services	124,300	121,300	3,000	2.5	1,620,900	1,574,900	46,000	2.9
Leisure and Hospitality	96,200	99,700	-3,500	-3.5	1,322,100	1,323,800	-1,700	-0.1
Other Services	30,100	30,900	-800	-2.6	377,000	383,400	-6,400	-1.7
Government	66,200	65,900	300	0.5	1,150,200	1,163,200	-13,000	-1.1

Population	2024	2023	change	percent change
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

Average Annual Wage	2024	2023	change	percent change
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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