

Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
August 21, 2026

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 4.8 percent in July 2026. This rate was 0.7 percentage point greater than the region's year ago rate of 4.1 percent. The region's July 2026 unemployment rate was 0.2 percentage point above the state rate of 4.6 percent. The labor force was 768,882, down 4,133 (-0.5 percent) over the year. There were 36,530 unemployed residents in the region.

West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division

- In July 2026, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was 697,300, an increase of 3,700 jobs (+0.5 percent) over the year.
- The Manufacturing (+1.9 percent); Government (+1.6 percent); and Other Services (+0.7 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 Other Services (+200 jobs) industry.
- 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 (+1,000 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 Government (+1.6 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 Other Services (+0.7 percent) industry.
- The industries gaining jobs over the year were Education and Health Services (+2,700 jobs); Government (+1,000 jobs); Professional and Business Services (+600 jobs); Manufacturing (+400 jobs); Other Services (+200 jobs); and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+100 jobs).
- The industries losing jobs over the year were Financial Activities (-900 jobs); Information (-200 jobs); Construction (-100 jobs); and Leisure and Hospitality (-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)	Jul-26	Jun-26	Jul-25
CareerSource Palm Beach County	4.8%	4.6%	4.1%
Florida	4.6%	4.6%	4.1%
United States	4.4%	4.4%	4.6%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	Jul-26	Jul-25	change	percent change	Jul-26	Jul-25	change	percent change
Total Employment	697,300	693,600	3,700	0.5	9,923,300	9,856,600	66,700	0.7
Mining and Logging	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	5,700	5,600	100	1.8
Construction	43,900	44,000	-100	-0.2	661,500	655,800	5,700	0.9
Manufacturing	22,000	21,600	400	1.9	431,700	426,300	5,400	1.3
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	126,000	125,900	100	0.1	1,977,100	1,971,500	5,600	0.3
Wholesale Trade	26,400	26,700	-300	-1.1	398,900	396,300	2,600	0.7
Retail Trade	79,400	79,500	-100	-0.1	1,142,000	1,137,800	4,200	0.4
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	20,200	19,700	500	2.5	436,200	437,400	-1,200	-0.3
Information	11,400	11,600	-200	-1.7	149,100	152,800	-3,700	-2.4
Financial Activities	47,000	47,900	-900	-1.9	677,400	692,200	-14,800	-2.1
Professional and Business Services	138,300	137,700	600	0.4	1,632,300	1,612,800	19,500	1.2
Education and Health Services	122,400	119,700	2,700	2.3	1,605,700	1,566,000	39,700	2.5
Leisure and Hospitality	93,000	93,100	-100	-0.1	1,335,500	1,316,200	19,300	1.5
Other Services	30,400	30,200	200	0.7	382,900	385,100	-2,200	-0.6
Government	62,700	61,700	1,000	1.6	1,064,400	1,072,300	-7,900	-0.7

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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