

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

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 4.6 percent in June 2026. This rate was 0.7 percentage point greater than the region's year ago rate of 3.9 percent. The region's June 2026 unemployment rate was equal to the state rate of 4.6 percent. The labor force was 776,104, down 407 (-0.1 percent) over the year. There were 35,593 unemployed residents in the region.

West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division

- In June 2026, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was 701,200, an increase of 1,500 jobs (+0.2 percent) over the year.
- The Government (+1.9 percent); Professional and Business Services (+1.5 percent); Manufacturing (+0.5 percent); and Other 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 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 highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Other Services (+100 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 (+1.9 percent) industry.
- The industries gaining jobs over the year were Education and Health Services (+2,500 jobs); Professional and Business Services (+2,000 jobs); Government (+1,200 jobs); Manufacturing (+100 jobs); and Other Services (+100 jobs).
- The industries losing jobs over the year were Financial Activities (-1,300 jobs); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-1,100 jobs); Construction (-900 jobs); Leisure and Hospitality (-700 jobs); and Information (-400 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)	Jun-26	May-26	Jun-25
CareerSource Palm Beach County	4.6%	4.4%	3.9%
Florida	4.6%	4.4%	3.9%
United States	4.4%	4.1%	4.4%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	Jun-26	Jun-25	change	percent change	Jun-26	Jun-25	change	percent change
Total Employment	701,200	699,700	1,500	0.2	9,943,800	9,902,600	41,200	0.4
Mining and Logging	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	5,700	5,600	100	1.8
Construction	43,500	44,400	-900	-2.0	657,100	659,200	-2,100	-0.3
Manufacturing	21,900	21,800	100	0.5	430,000	428,500	1,500	0.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	126,000	127,100	-1,100	-0.9	1,976,800	1,974,000	2,800	0.1
Wholesale Trade	26,500	27,100	-600	-2.2	402,600	396,800	5,800	1.5
Retail Trade	79,200	80,200	-1,000	-1.2	1,137,300	1,140,700	-3,400	-0.3
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	20,300	19,800	500	2.5	436,900	436,500	400	0.1
Information	11,400	11,800	-400	-3.4	149,400	153,200	-3,800	-2.5
Financial Activities	46,600	47,900	-1,300	-2.7	674,900	691,000	-16,100	-2.3
Professional and Business Services	139,900	137,900	2,000	1.5	1,635,200	1,613,700	21,500	1.3
Education and Health Services	123,200	120,700	2,500	2.1	1,613,000	1,573,100	39,900	2.5
Leisure and Hospitality	94,900	95,600	-700	-0.7	1,342,700	1,335,300	7,400	0.6
Other Services	30,700	30,600	100	0.3	385,600	386,800	-1,200	-0.3
Government	62,900	61,700	1,200	1.9	1,073,400	1,082,200	-8,800	-0.8

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	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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