

Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
May 01, 2026

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 4.4 percent in March 2026. This rate was 1.0 percentage points greater than the region's year ago rate of 3.4 percent. The region's March 2026 unemployment rate was equal to the state rate of 4.4 percent. The labor force was 773,122, down 7,283 (-0.9 percent) over the year. There were 34,093 unemployed residents in the region.

West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division

- In March 2026, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was 705,500, a decrease of 6,800 jobs (-1.0 percent) over the year.
- The Government (+1.8 percent) and Professional and Business Services (+0.8 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
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- The industries gaining jobs over the year were Education and Health Services (+1,500 jobs); Government (+1,200 jobs); and Professional and Business Services (+1,100 jobs).
- The industries losing jobs over the year were Leisure and Hospitality (-4,200 jobs); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-1,600 jobs); Construction (-1,100 jobs); Financial Activities (-1,100 jobs); Other Services (-1,100 jobs); Information (-800 jobs); and Manufacturing (-700 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)	Mar-26	Feb-26	Mar-25
CareerSource Palm Beach County	4.4%	4.8%	3.4%
Florida	4.4%	4.8%	3.5%
United States	4.3%	4.7%	4.2%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	Mar-26	Mar-25	change	percent change	Mar-26	Mar-25	change	percent change
Total Employment	705,500	712,300	-6,800	-1.0	10,016,900	10,054,800	-37,900	-0.4
Mining and Logging	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	5,700	5,700	0	0.0
Construction	43,200	44,300	-1,100	-2.5	647,900	659,400	-11,500	-1.7
Manufacturing	21,600	22,300	-700	-3.1	424,800	429,600	-4,800	-1.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	126,600	128,200	-1,600	-1.2	1,981,300	1,988,300	-7,000	-0.4
Wholesale Trade	26,700	26,600	100	0.4	402,100	397,700	4,400	1.1
Retail Trade	79,700	81,600	-1,900	-2.3	1,141,600	1,152,200	-10,600	-0.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	20,200	20,000	200	1.0	437,600	438,400	-800	-0.2
Information	11,500	12,300	-800	-6.5	148,800	154,200	-5,400	-3.5
Financial Activities	46,600	47,700	-1,100	-2.3	676,200	689,500	-13,300	-1.9
Professional and Business Services	137,100	136,000	1,100	0.8	1,618,600	1,614,900	3,700	0.2
Education and Health Services	124,000	122,500	1,500	1.2	1,619,800	1,589,300	30,500	1.9
Leisure and Hospitality	97,900	102,100	-4,200	-4.1	1,354,600	1,362,200	-7,600	-0.6
Other Services	29,800	30,900	-1,100	-3.6	376,300	386,900	-10,600	-2.7
Government	67,000	65,800	1,200	1.8	1,162,900	1,174,800	-11,900	-1.0

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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