

Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
June 19, 2026

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 4.4 percent in May 2026. This rate was 0.9 percentage point greater than the region's year ago rate of 3.5 percent. The region's May 2026 unemployment rate was equal to the state rate of 4.4 percent. The labor force was 774,583, down 3,930 (-0.5 percent) over the year. There were 34,403 unemployed residents in the region.

West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division

- In May 2026, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was 708,700, a decrease of 3,500 jobs (-0.5 percent) over the year.
- The Education and Health Services (+2.0 percent) and Government (+1.8 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 (+2,500 jobs) and Government (+1,200 jobs).
- The industries losing jobs over the year were Leisure and Hospitality (-2,300 jobs); Financial Activities (-1,300 jobs); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-1,100 jobs); Construction (-1,000 jobs); Information (-800 jobs); Other Services (-300 jobs); Manufacturing (-200 jobs); and Professional and Business Services (-200 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)	May-26	Apr-26	May-25
CareerSource Palm Beach County	4.4%	4.5%	3.5%
Florida	4.4%	4.6%	3.5%
United States	4.1%	4.0%	4.0%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	May-26	May-25	change	percent change	May-26	May-25	change	percent change
Total Employment	708,700	712,200	-3,500	-0.5	10,038,400	10,042,200	-3,800	0.0
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	655,600	660,100	-4,500	-0.7
Manufacturing	21,800	22,000	-200	-0.9	427,800	428,200	-400	-0.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	126,200	127,300	-1,100	-0.9	1,972,200	1,982,100	-9,900	-0.5
Wholesale Trade	26,600	26,900	-300	-1.1	402,100	398,700	3,400	0.9
Retail Trade	79,500	80,500	-1,000	-1.2	1,139,500	1,146,000	-6,500	-0.6
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	20,100	19,900	200	1.0	430,600	437,400	-6,800	-1.6
Information	11,300	12,100	-800	-6.6	147,800	152,500	-4,700	-3.1
Financial Activities	46,600	47,900	-1,300	-2.7	672,200	691,000	-18,800	-2.7
Professional and Business Services	138,100	138,300	-200	-0.1	1,643,200	1,619,500	23,700	1.5
Education and Health Services	124,500	122,000	2,500	2.0	1,619,400	1,595,600	23,800	1.5
Leisure and Hospitality	97,900	100,200	-2,300	-2.3	1,362,100	1,357,200	4,900	0.4
Other Services	30,600	30,900	-300	-1.0	383,000	388,400	-5,400	-1.4
Government	68,200	67,000	1,200	1.8	1,149,300	1,161,900	-12,600	-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	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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