

Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
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- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 5.0 percent in November 2025. This rate was 1.5 percentage points greater than the region's year ago rate of 3.5 percent. The region's November 2025 unemployment rate was 0.1 percentage point above the state rate of 4.9 percent. The labor force was 784,137, up 10,896 (+1.4 percent) over the year. There were 38,994 unemployed residents in the region.

West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division

- In November 2025, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was 717,600, an increase of 9,600 jobs (+1.4 percent) over the year.
- The Education and Health Services (+6.6 percent); Information (+3.5 percent); Government (+2.3 percent); Other Services (+1.3 percent); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+0.5 percent); Financial Activities (+0.4 percent); and Leisure and Hospitality (+0.1 percent) industries grew as fast or 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 (+1,500 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 Education and Health Services (+6.6 percent) industry.
- 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 Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+700 jobs) 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 Information (+3.5 percent) and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+0.5 percent) industries.
- The industries gaining jobs over the year were Education and Health Services (+8,100 jobs); Government (+1,500 jobs); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+700 jobs); Information (+400 jobs); Other Services (+400 jobs); Financial Activities (+200 jobs); and Leisure and Hospitality (+100 jobs).
- The industries losing jobs over the year were Professional and Business Services (-1,200 jobs); Construction (-400 jobs); and Manufacturing (-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)	Nov-25	Oct-25	Nov-24
CareerSource Palm Beach County	5.0%	-	3.5%
Florida	4.9%	-	3.5%
United States	4.3%	-	4.0%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach				Florida			
	Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	Nov-25	Nov-24	change	percent change	Nov-25	Nov-24	change	percent change
Total Employment	717,600	708,000	9,600	1.4	10,134,300	10,069,700	64,600	0.6
Mining and Logging	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	5,600	5,600	0	0.0
Construction	44,500	44,900	-400	-0.9	651,800	658,300	-6,500	-1.0
Manufacturing	22,700	22,900	-200	-0.9	428,400	430,600	-2,200	-0.5
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	131,200	130,500	700	0.5	2,055,700	2,045,200	10,500	0.5
Wholesale Trade	26,800	26,800	0	0.0	405,800	400,400	5,400	1.3
Retail Trade	83,600	83,000	600	0.7	1,186,100	1,186,600	-500	0.0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	20,800	20,700	100	0.5	463,800	458,200	5,600	1.2
Information	11,700	11,300	400	3.5	160,700	155,800	4,900	3.1
Financial Activities	50,000	49,800	200	0.4	691,300	690,000	1,300	0.2
Professional and Business Services	133,600	134,800	-1,200	-0.9	1,627,600	1,628,900	-1,300	-0.1
Education and Health Services	130,400	122,300	8,100	6.6	1,621,400	1,569,000	52,400	3.3
Leisure and Hospitality	94,400	94,300	100	0.1	1,317,400	1,316,000	1,400	0.1
Other Services	31,200	30,800	400	1.3	381,800	383,000	-1,200	-0.3
Government	67,700	66,200	1,500	2.3	1,192,600	1,187,300	5,300	0.4

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	\$77,247	\$74,809	\$2,438	3.3
Florida	\$69,492	\$66,446	\$3,047	4.6

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