Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
November 20, 2026

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 4.3 percent in October 2026.[1] The region's October 2026 unemployment rate was 0.2 percentage point above the state rate of 4.1 percent. The labor force was 775,651. There were 33,015 unemployed residents in the region.

West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division

- In October 2026, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was 708,900, an increase of 6,700 jobs (+1.0 percent) over the year.
- The Education and Health Services (+2.6 percent); Government (+1.8 percent); Leisure and Hospitality (+1.4 percent); and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+1.1 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- 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 Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+1,400 jobs) industry.
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was tied for the third highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Leisure and Hospitality (+1,300 jobs) industry.
- The industries gaining jobs over the year were Education and Health Services (+3,200 jobs); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+1,400 jobs); Leisure and Hospitality (+1,300 jobs); Government (+1,200 jobs); and Professional and Business Services (+600 jobs).
- The industries losing jobs over the year were Construction (-800 jobs); Manufacturing (-100 jobs); and Information (-100 jobs).
- The Financial Activities and Other Services industries were unchanged in jobs over the year.

[1] There are no household survey estimates for October 2025. Household survey data, which provide the primary inputs to the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program, were not collected for October 2025 due to the federal government shutdown and were not collected retroactively. Therefore, this release does not include the typical analysis for over-the-year unemployment rate changes from October 2025 to October 2026.
Note: All data are subject to revision.
Source: Florida Department of Commerce, Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research.

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)	Oct-26	Sep-26	Oct-25
CareerSource Palm Beach County	4.3%	4.4%	-
Florida	4.1%	4.2%	-
United States	3.9%	4.0%	-

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division Oct-26	Oct-25	change	percent change	Florida Oct-26	Oct-25	change	percent change
Total Employment	708,900	702,200	6,700	1.0	10,064,700	9,973,700	91,000	0.9
Mining and Logging	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	5,600	5,700	-100	-1.8
Construction	43,400	44,200	-800	-1.8	656,900	653,300	3,600	0.6
Manufacturing	21,700	21,800	-100	-0.5	424,800	424,600	200	0.0
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	127,300	125,900	1,400	1.1	1,992,500	1,980,700	11,800	0.6
Wholesale Trade	26,600	26,500	100	0.4	403,900	400,800	3,100	0.8
Retail Trade	80,200	79,600	600	0.8	1,149,700	1,140,300	9,400	0.8
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	20,500	19,800	700	3.5	438,900	439,600	-700	-0.2
Information	11,200	11,300	-100	-0.9	149,000	148,800	200	0.1
Financial Activities	47,400	47,400	0	0.0	676,700	689,300	-12,600	-1.8
Professional and Business Services	139,500	138,900	600	0.4	1,651,300	1,614,400	36,900	2.3
Education and Health Services	126,300	123,100	3,200	2.6	1,644,600	1,613,400	31,200	1.9
Leisure and Hospitality	93,800	92,500	1,300	1.4	1,322,300	1,305,700	16,600	1.3
Other Services	29,900	29,900	0	0.0	375,500	377,400	-1,900	-0.5
Government	68,200	67,000	1,200	1.8	1,165,500	1,160,400	5,100	0.4

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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