

Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
October 16, 2026

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 4.4 percent in September 2026. This rate was 0.1 percentage point greater than the region's year ago rate of 4.3 percent. The region's September 2026 unemployment rate was 0.2 percentage point above the state rate of 4.2 percent. The labor force was 775,577, down 909 (-0.1 percent) over the year. There were 33,753 unemployed residents in the region.

West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division

- In September 2026, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach MD was 702,700, an increase of 5,300 jobs (+0.8 percent) over the year.
- The Education and Health Services (+3.3 percent); Government (+1.8 percent); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+0.6 percent); Manufacturing (+0.5 percent); and Other Services (+0.3 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 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 fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Other Services (+0.3 percent) industry.
- 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 had the third fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Government (+1.8 percent) industry.
- The industries gaining jobs over the year were Education and Health Services (+4,000 jobs); Government (+1,200 jobs); Leisure and Hospitality (+800 jobs); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+700 jobs); Manufacturing (+100 jobs); and Other Services (+100 jobs).
- The industries losing jobs over the year were Construction (-900 jobs); Financial Activities (-400 jobs); and Information (-300 jobs).
- The Professional and Business Services industry was unchanged in jobs over the year.

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Commerce, Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research.

Unemployment Rates			
(not seasonally adjusted)	Sep-26	Aug-26	Sep-25
CareerSource Palm Beach County	4.4%	4.6%	4.3%
Florida	4.2%	4.6%	4.2%
United States	4.0%	4.3%	4.3%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	Sep-26	Sep-25	change	percent change	Sep-26	Sep-25	change	percent change
Total Employment	702,700	697,400	5,300	0.8	9,997,700	9,926,000	71,700	0.7
Mining and Logging	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	5,600	5,600	0	0.0
Construction	43,400	44,300	-900	-2.0	657,000	653,000	4,000	0.6
Manufacturing	21,900	21,800	100	0.5	427,100	424,800	2,300	0.5
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	125,900	125,200	700	0.6	1,972,200	1,963,800	8,400	0.4
Wholesale Trade	26,700	26,400	300	1.1	403,000	395,000	8,000	2.0
Retail Trade	79,100	79,200	-100	-0.1	1,135,600	1,133,600	2,000	0.2
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	20,100	19,600	500	2.6	433,600	435,200	-1,600	-0.4
Information	11,100	11,400	-300	-2.6	147,400	150,200	-2,800	-1.9
Financial Activities	47,000	47,400	-400	-0.8	674,800	689,500	-14,700	-2.1
Professional and Business Services	137,700	137,700	0	0.0	1,628,300	1,603,100	25,200	1.6
Education and Health Services	125,500	121,500	4,000	3.3	1,635,800	1,593,000	42,800	2.7
Leisure and Hospitality	92,100	91,300	800	0.9	1,314,100	1,298,600	15,500	1.2
Other Services	30,100	30,000	100	0.3	380,100	382,500	-2,400	-0.6
Government	67,800	66,600	1,200	1.8	1,155,300	1,161,900	-6,600	-0.6

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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