

**Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region  
Not Seasonally Adjusted  
January 21, 2022**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 3.3 percent in December 2021. This rate was 0.2 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 3.5 percent. The region's December 2021 unemployment rate was 0.1 percentage point above the state rate of 3.2 percent. The labor force was 760,237, up 49,612 (+7.0 percent) over the year. There were 25,223 unemployed residents in the region.
- In December 2021 nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division was 647,000, an increase of 28,400 jobs (+4.6 percent) over the year.
- The construction (+5.8 percent); education and health services (+5.0 percent); and manufacturing (+3.5 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than the statewide over the year.
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in information (+5.3 percent).
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division had the third highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in information (+500 jobs).
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were leisure and hospitality (+9,800 jobs); education and health services (+5,100 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+4,900 jobs); professional and business services (+4,000 jobs); construction (+2,200 jobs); other services (+1,600 jobs); financial activities (+1,300 jobs); manufacturing (+700 jobs); and information (+500 jobs).
- The government (-1,700 jobs) industry lost jobs over the year.

Note: All data are subject to revision.

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

<b>Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Dec-21</b>	<b>Nov-21</b>	<b>Dec-20</b>
CareerSource Palm Beach County	3.3%	3.5%	3.5%
Florida	3.2%	3.6%	4.2%
United States	3.7%	3.9%	6.5%

<b>Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division</b>				<b>Florida</b>			
	<b>Dec-21</b>	<b>Dec-20</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>	<b>Dec-21</b>	<b>Dec-20</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Total Employment	647,000	618,600	28,400	4.6	9,073,600	8,581,500	492,100	5.7
Mining and Logging	NA	NA	NA	NA	5,600	5,500	100	1.8
Construction	40,100	37,900	2,200	5.8	580,700	561,100	19,600	3.5
Manufacturing	20,500	19,800	700	3.5	388,000	380,800	7,200	1.9
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	120,300	115,400	4,900	4.2	1,892,200	1,796,800	95,400	5.3
Wholesale Trade	24,700	22,800	1,900	8.3	361,200	343,600	17,600	5.1
Retail Trade	79,800	78,100	1,700	2.2	1,134,200	1,093,600	40,600	3.7
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilitie	15,800	14,500	1,300	9.0	396,800	359,600	37,200	10.3
Information	10,000	9,500	500	5.3	138,200	128,200	10,000	7.8
Financial Activities	45,700	44,400	1,300	2.9	634,700	601,400	33,300	5.5
Professional and Business Services	122,300	118,300	4,000	3.4	1,456,900	1,380,000	76,900	5.6
Education and Health Services	106,900	101,800	5,100	5.0	1,363,400	1,312,000	51,400	3.9
Leisure and Hospitality	89,400	79,600	9,800	12.3	1,142,600	996,600	146,000	14.6
Other Services	31,700	30,100	1,600	5.3	353,000	321,300	31,700	9.9
Government	59,900	61,600	-1,700	-2.8	1,118,300	1,097,800	20,500	1.9

<b>Population</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
CareerSource Palm Beach County	1,507,600	1,497,800	9,800	0.7
Florida	21,733,312	21,492,056	241,256	1.1

<b>Average Annual Wage</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
CareerSource Palm Beach County	\$61,850	\$56,429	\$5,421	9.6
Florida	\$55,845	\$51,744	\$4,101	7.9

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