

**Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
April 16, 2021**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 4.7 percent in March 2021. This rate was 0.7 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 5.4 percent. The region's March 2021 unemployment rate was 0.6 percentage point lower than the state rate of 5.3 percent. The labor force was 734,544, down 24,943 (-3.3) over the year. There were 34,814 unemployed residents in the region.
- In March 2021 nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Bch-Boca Raton-Delray Bch Metro Division was 617,700, a decrease of 30,800 jobs (-4.7 percent) over the year.
- The West Palm Bch-Boca-Delray Bch Metro Division was tied for the third highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in manufacturing (+100 jobs).
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were professional and business services (+400 jobs) and manufacturing (+100 jobs).
- The leisure and hospitality (-12,600 jobs); government (-6,400 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (-4,400 jobs); education and health services (-3,900 jobs); other services (-2,100 jobs); information (-1,300 jobs); construction (-300 jobs); and financial activities (-300 jobs) industries 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.

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)	Mar-21	Feb-21	Mar-20
CareerSource Palm Beach County	4.7%	4.4%	5.4%
Florida	5.3%	5.1%	5.0%
United States	6.2%	6.6%	4.5%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	Mar-21	Mar-20	change	percent change	Mar-21	Mar-20	change	percent change
Total Employment	617,700	648,500	-30,800	-4.7	8,599,500	9,047,400	-447,900	-5.0
Mining and Logging	NA	NA	NA	NA	5,500	5,400	100	1.9
Construction	37,400	37,700	-300	-0.8	564,100	572,600	-8,500	-1.5
Manufacturing	20,100	20,000	100	0.5	381,400	387,800	-6,400	-1.7
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	112,500	116,900	-4,400	-3.8	1,760,600	1,806,200	-45,600	-2.5
Wholesale Trade	23,000	24,000	-1,000	-4.2	346,300	356,000	-9,700	-2.7
Retail Trade	75,200	79,000	-3,800	-4.8	1,062,900	1,096,700	-33,800	-3.1
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilitie	14,300	13,900	400	2.9	351,400	353,500	-2,100	-0.6
Information	9,500	10,800	-1,300	-12.0	130,200	137,800	-7,600	-5.5
Financial Activities	43,700	44,000	-300	-0.7	599,000	601,000	-2,000	-0.3
Professional and Business Services	116,800	116,400	400	0.3	1,380,200	1,394,500	-14,300	-1.0
Education and Health Services	104,200	108,100	-3,900	-3.6	1,322,700	1,366,900	-44,200	-3.2
Leisure and Hospitality	81,500	94,100	-12,600	-13.4	1,026,900	1,269,800	-242,900	-19.1
Other Services	30,700	32,800	-2,100	-6.4	327,500	352,400	-24,900	-7.1
Government	61,100	67,500	-6,400	-9.5	1,101,400	1,153,000	-51,600	-4.5

Population	2019	2018	change	percent change
CareerSource Palm Beach County	1,471,150	1,453,768	17,382	1.2
Florida	21,477,737	21,244,317	233,420	1.1

Average Annual Wage	2019	2018	change	percent change
CareerSource Palm Beach County	\$56,429	\$54,785	\$1,644	3.0
Florida	\$51,744	\$50,092	\$1,652	3.3

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