

**Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
May 21, 2021**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 4.7 percent in April 2021. This rate was 10.0 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 14.7 percent. The region's April 2021 unemployment rate was 0.4 percentage point lower than the state rate of 5.1 percent. The labor force was 739,543, up 58,793 (+8.6) over the year. There were 34,806 unemployed residents in the region.
- In April 2021 nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division was 619,200, an increase of 74,400 jobs (+13.7 percent) over the year.
- The leisure and hospitality (+60.8 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+11.4 percent); education and health services (+11.4 percent); professional and business services (+11.3 percent); manufacturing (+7.5 percent); information (+6.7 percent); construction (+6.3 percent); and financial activities (+4.8 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 highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in information (+600 jobs).
- 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 professional and business services (+12,000 jobs); education and health services (+10,800 jobs); and financial activities (+2,000 jobs).
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division was tied for the third fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in education and health services (+11.4 percent) and information (+6.7 percent).
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were leisure and hospitality (+30,300 jobs); professional and business services (+12,000 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+11,500 jobs); education and health services (+10,800 jobs); other services (+5,200 jobs); construction (+2,200 jobs); financial activities (+2,000 jobs); manufacturing (+1,400 jobs); and information (+600 jobs).
- The government (-1,600 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.

Unemployment Rates			
(not seasonally adjusted)	Apr-21	Mar-21	Apr-20
CareerSource Palm Beach County	4.7%	4.7%	14.7%
Florida	5.1%	5.3%	13.9%
United States	5.7%	6.2%	14.4%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	Apr-21	Apr-20	change	percent change	Apr-21	Apr-20	change	percent change
Total Employment	619,200	544,800	74,400	13.7	8,609,500	7,854,000	755,500	9.6
Mining and Logging	NA	NA	NA	NA	5,300	5,400	-100	-1.9
Construction	37,400	35,200	2,200	6.3	565,200	537,200	28,000	5.2
Manufacturing	20,100	18,700	1,400	7.5	382,500	361,000	21,500	6.0
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	112,200	100,700	11,500	11.4	1,742,700	1,596,300	146,400	9.2
Wholesale Trade	23,700	22,300	1,400	6.3	344,500	334,200	10,300	3.1
Retail Trade	74,300	65,500	8,800	13.4	1,055,500	937,900	117,600	12.5
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilitie	14,200	12,900	1,300	10.1	342,700	324,200	18,500	5.7
Information	9,500	8,900	600	6.7	129,500	125,900	3,600	2.9
Financial Activities	44,000	42,000	2,000	4.8	600,800	577,400	23,400	4.1
Professional and Business Services	118,500	106,500	12,000	11.3	1,387,300	1,273,500	113,800	8.9
Education and Health Services	105,300	94,500	10,800	11.4	1,330,800	1,235,400	95,400	7.7
Leisure and Hospitality	80,100	49,800	30,300	60.8	1,034,200	735,700	298,500	40.6
Other Services	30,800	25,600	5,200	20.3	331,600	275,300	56,300	20.5
Government	61,100	62,700	-1,600	-2.6	1,099,600	1,130,900	-31,300	-2.8

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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