

Overview of the CareerSource South Florida Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
October 16, 2026

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource South Florida region (Miami-Dade County) was 1.9 percent in September 2026. This rate was 1.0 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 2.9 percent. The region's September 2026 unemployment rate was 2.3 percentage points lower than the state rate of 4.2 percent. The labor force was 1,452,691, up 38,230 (+2.7 percent) over the year. There were 27,597 unemployed residents in the region.

Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall Metro Division

- In September 2026, nonagricultural employment in the Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD was 1,347,800, an increase of 7,400 jobs (+0.6 percent) over the year.
- The Professional and Business Services (+2.6 percent) and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+0.7 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD had the highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+2,400 jobs) industry.
- The Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD had the second highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Professional and Business Services (+5,500 jobs) industry.
- The industries gaining jobs over the year were Professional and Business Services (+5,500 jobs); Education and Health Services (+4,800 jobs); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+2,400 jobs); Leisure and Hospitality (+1,100 jobs); and Manufacturing (+100 jobs).
- The industries losing jobs over the year were Financial Activities (-4,400 jobs); Government (-1,500 jobs); and Mining, Logging, and Construction (-600 jobs).
- The Information and Other Services industries were 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 South Florida (Miami-Dade County)	1.9%	2.7%	2.9%
Florida	4.2%	4.6%	4.2%
United States	4.0%	4.3%	4.3%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	Sep-26	Sep-25	change	percent change	Sep-26	Sep-25	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,347,800	1,340,400	7,400	0.6	9,997,700	9,926,000	71,700	0.7
Mining, Logging, and Construction	61,300	61,900	-600	-1.0	662,600	658,600	4,000	0.6
Manufacturing	46,800	46,700	100	0.2	427,100	424,800	2,300	0.5
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	325,900	323,500	2,400	0.7	1,972,200	1,963,800	8,400	0.4
Wholesale Trade	83,400	81,200	2,200	2.7	403,000	395,000	8,000	2.0
Retail Trade	143,200	143,500	-300	-0.2	1,135,600	1,133,600	2,000	0.2
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	99,300	98,800	500	0.5	433,600	435,200	-1,600	-0.4
Information	21,600	21,600	0	0.0	147,400	150,200	-2,800	-1.9
Financial Activities	96,800	101,200	-4,400	-4.3	674,800	689,500	-14,700	-2.1
Professional and Business Services	220,800	215,300	5,500	2.6	1,628,300	1,603,100	25,200	1.6
Education and Health Services	231,300	226,500	4,800	2.1	1,635,800	1,593,000	42,800	2.7
Leisure and Hospitality	151,600	150,500	1,100	0.7	1,314,100	1,298,600	15,500	1.2
Other Services	49,300	49,300	0	0.0	380,100	382,500	-2,400	-0.6
Government	142,400	143,900	-1,500	-1.0	1,155,300	1,161,900	-6,600	-0.6

Population	2025	2024	change	percent change
CareerSource South Florida (Miami-Dade County)	2,802,029	2,838,461	-36,432	-1.3
Florida	23,462,518	23,372,215	90,303	0.4

Average Annual Wage	2025	2024	change	percent change
CareerSource South Florida (Miami-Dade County)	\$81,811	\$77,581	\$4,230	5.5
Florida	\$72,732	\$69,505	\$3,227	4.6

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