

**Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region
Not Seasonally Adjusted
December 17, 2021**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 3.5 percent in November 2021. This rate was 0.9 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 4.4 percent. The region's November 2021 unemployment rate was 0.1 percentage point below the state rate of 3.6 percent. The labor force was 756,082, up 48,868 (+6.9 percent) over the year. There were 26,537 unemployed residents in the region.
- In November 2021 nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division was 641,900, an increase of 31,000 jobs (+5.1 percent) over the year.
- The education and health services (+6.6 percent); construction (+5.3 percent); and manufacturing (+5.1 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 manufacturing (+1,000 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 education and health services (+6,700 jobs).
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division had the third fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in information (+6.4 percent).
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were leisure and hospitality (+10,600 jobs); education and health services (+6,700 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+4,300 jobs); professional and business services (+3,900 jobs); construction (+2,000 jobs); financial activities (+1,900 jobs); other services (+1,500 jobs); manufacturing (+1,000 jobs); and information (+600 jobs).
- The government (-1,500 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)	Nov-21	Oct-21	Nov-20
CareerSource Palm Beach County	3.5%	4.0%	4.4%
Florida	3.6%	4.0%	5.0%
United States	3.9%	4.3%	6.4%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	Nov-21	Nov-20	change	percent change	Nov-21	Nov-20	change	percent change
Total Employment	641,900	610,900	31,000	5.1	9,058,100	8,550,300	507,800	5.9
Mining and Logging	NA	NA	NA	NA	5,600	5,400	200	3.7
Construction	39,900	37,900	2,000	5.3	585,800	558,000	27,800	5.0
Manufacturing	20,500	19,500	1,000	5.1	388,700	378,400	10,300	2.7
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	118,500	114,200	4,300	3.8	1,867,800	1,777,600	90,200	5.1
Wholesale Trade	24,400	22,700	1,700	7.5	361,300	343,600	17,700	5.2
Retail Trade	78,800	77,400	1,400	1.8	1,123,700	1,080,300	43,400	4.0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilitie	15,300	14,100	1,200	8.5	382,800	353,700	29,100	8.2
Information	10,000	9,400	600	6.4	139,500	128,400	11,100	8.6
Financial Activities	45,500	43,600	1,900	4.4	629,700	597,200	32,500	5.4
Professional and Business Services	121,400	117,500	3,900	3.3	1,458,700	1,366,400	92,300	6.8
Education and Health Services	107,600	100,900	6,700	6.6	1,369,500	1,316,100	53,400	4.1
Leisure and Hospitality	87,100	76,500	10,600	13.9	1,136,500	993,600	142,900	14.4
Other Services	31,400	29,900	1,500	5.0	349,000	321,900	27,100	8.4
Government	59,800	61,300	-1,500	-2.4	1,127,300	1,107,300	20,000	1.8

Population	2020	2019	change	percent change
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

Average Annual Wage	2020	2019	change	percent change
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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