

**Overview of the CareerSource Palm Beach County Region  
Not Seasonally Adjusted  
October 22, 2021**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 4.1 percent in September 2021. This rate was 2.5 percentage points lower than the region's year ago rate of 6.1 percent. The region's September 2021 unemployment rate was 0.2 percentage point below the state rate of 4.3 percent. The labor force was 751,806, up 43,294 (+6.1 percent) over the year. There were 31,018 unemployed residents in the region.
- In September 2021 nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division was 622,000, an increase of 26,500 jobs (+4.5 percent) over the year.
- The leisure and hospitality (+17.9 percent); construction (+6.1 percent); education and health services (+4.0 percent); and manufacturing (+3.6 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than the statewide over the year.
- 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 information (+5.4 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 (+12,200 jobs); professional and business services (+4,800 jobs); education and health services (+4,000 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+3,200 jobs); construction (+2,300 jobs); other services (+1,500 jobs); manufacturing (+700 jobs); financial activities (+500 jobs); and information (+500 jobs).
- The government (-3,200 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>Sep-21</b>	<b>Aug-21</b>	<b>Sep-20</b>
CareerSource Palm Beach County	4.1%	4.7%	6.6%
Florida	4.3%	4.9%	7.3%
United States	4.6%	5.3%	7.7%

<b>Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division</b>				<b>Florida</b>			
	<b>Sep-21</b>	<b>Sep-20</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>	<b>Sep-21</b>	<b>Sep-20</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Total Employment	622,000	595,500	26,500	4.5	8,836,200	8,399,700	436,500	5.2
Mining and Logging	NA	NA	NA	NA	5,600	5,400	200	3.7
Construction	39,900	37,600	2,300	6.1	578,000	558,600	19,400	3.5
Manufacturing	19,900	19,200	700	3.6	383,500	372,700	10,800	2.9
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	113,100	109,900	3,200	2.9	1,789,200	1,729,200	60,000	3.5
Wholesale Trade	24,000	22,400	1,600	7.1	356,600	338,300	18,300	5.4
Retail Trade	74,500	73,900	600	0.8	1,072,100	1,051,700	20,400	1.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilitie	14,600	13,600	1,000	7.4	360,500	339,200	21,300	6.3
Information	9,800	9,300	500	5.4	135,600	128,200	7,400	5.8
Financial Activities	43,800	43,300	500	1.2	621,100	590,700	30,400	5.1
Professional and Business Services	120,300	115,500	4,800	4.2	1,424,400	1,346,700	77,700	5.8
Education and Health Services	105,100	101,100	4,000	4.0	1,348,100	1,296,900	51,200	3.9
Leisure and Hospitality	80,400	68,200	12,200	17.9	1,092,200	941,200	151,000	16.0
Other Services	30,700	29,200	1,500	5.1	342,800	314,200	28,600	9.1
Government	58,800	62,000	-3,200	-5.2	1,115,700	1,115,900	-200	0.0

<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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