

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

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Palm Beach County region (Palm Beach County) was 4.7 percent in August 2021. This rate was 3.4 percentage points lower than the region's year ago rate of 8.1 percent. The region's August 2021 unemployment rate was 0.3 percentage point lower than the state rate of 5.0 percent. The labor force was 756,565, up 54,964 (+7.8 percent) over the year. There were 35,320 unemployed residents in the region.
- In August 2021 nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division was 623,900, an increase of 36,100 jobs (+6.1 percent) over the year.
- The leisure and hospitality (+21.3 percent); education and health services (+7.0 percent); government (+3.7 percent); manufacturing (+3.6 percent); construction (+3.2 percent); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+3.1 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than the statewide over the year.
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- 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 leisure and hospitality (+21.3 percent) and government (+3.7 percent).
- The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metro Division was tied for 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 (+14,200 jobs); education and health services (+7,000 jobs); professional and business services (+4,600 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+3,400 jobs); government (+2,100 jobs); other services (+1,800 jobs); construction (+1,200 jobs); manufacturing (+700 jobs); financial activities (+600 jobs); and information (+500 jobs).

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)	Aug-21	Jul-21	Aug-20
CareerSource Palm Beach County	4.7%	4.8%	8.1%
Florida	5.0%	5.1%	8.0%
United States	5.3%	5.7%	8.5%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	Aug-21	Aug-20	change	percent change	Aug-21	Aug-20	change	percent change
Total Employment	623,900	587,800	36,100	6.1	8,753,200	8,347,500	405,700	4.9
Mining and Logging	NA	NA	NA	NA	5,600	5,400	200	3.7
Construction	39,000	37,800	1,200	3.2	573,100	561,200	11,900	2.1
Manufacturing	19,900	19,200	700	3.6	381,500	372,500	9,000	2.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	112,800	109,400	3,400	3.1	1,775,000	1,723,800	51,200	3.0
Wholesale Trade	24,200	22,300	1,900	8.5	353,800	339,200	14,600	4.3
Retail Trade	73,900	73,500	400	0.5	1,061,400	1,048,300	13,100	1.2
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilitie	14,700	13,600	1,100	8.1	359,800	336,300	23,500	7.0
Information	9,800	9,300	500	5.4	136,100	127,000	9,100	7.2
Financial Activities	43,900	43,300	600	1.4	622,500	591,200	31,300	5.3
Professional and Business Services	120,600	116,000	4,600	4.0	1,408,500	1,352,400	56,100	4.1
Education and Health Services	107,200	100,200	7,000	7.0	1,336,000	1,285,200	50,800	4.0
Leisure and Hospitality	80,800	66,600	14,200	21.3	1,082,400	930,600	151,800	16.3
Other Services	30,700	28,900	1,800	6.2	345,000	311,800	33,200	10.6
Government	59,000	56,900	2,100	3.7	1,087,500	1,086,400	1,100	0.1

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	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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