



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 8, 2026

Palm Beach County Shows Strength in Key Growth Sectors, Outpacing State in Professional Services and Government Job Gains

Education and Health Services leads with 3,000 new jobs; CareerSource Palm Beach County connects residents to opportunities

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. Palm Beach County's labor market is showing strength in several key industries, according to data released April 8, 2026 by the Florida Department of Commerce. With a January 2026 unemployment rate of 4.9 percent matching Florida's statewide rate, a labor force of 771,176, and an average annual wage of \$77,249 well above the state average of \$69,505, the county remains a competitive regional economy. Education and Health Services led growth with 3,000 new jobs, Professional and Business Services added 400 jobs, ranking the county third in Florida for that sector, and Government gained 300 jobs, also tied for third statewide.

For Palm Beach County residents, these numbers tell an important story. With more people actively looking for work and competition for jobs increasing, the market requires job seekers to be better prepared than ever. The good news is that industries like healthcare, education, and professional services are actively hiring, and wages in the county remain well above the state average, meaning the opportunities are there for those who can access them.

CareerSource Palm Beach County: Here to Help

CareerSource Palm Beach County is committed to helping residents take advantage of opportunities in Palm Beach County's growing sectors. Whether you are entering the workforce, seeking a new role, or looking to advance your career, CareerSource Palm Beach County offers free job placement, career coaching, and employer connections. Four upcoming events are open to the public and available for registration at careersourcepbc.com:

Multi-Industry Collegewide Career Fair – April 14, 2026 - Connect with 30+ employers at Palm Beach State College, 15845 Southern Blvd, Loxahatchee, FL 33470, from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

Multi-Industry Career Fair – April 29, 2026 - CareerSource Palm Beach County, 3400 Belvedere Rd., West Palm Beach, 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Meet hiring employers including AWP Safety, Randstad, and PGA National Resort.

Skilled Trades Career Fair – April 30, 2026 - 12150 Forest Hill Blvd, Wellington, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, with a panel discussion at 10:00 AM. Featuring apprenticeship opportunities in partnership with the Village of Wellington.

Regionalization Job Fair – May 13, 2026 - 2400 SE Salerno Rd., Stuart, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Connect with 30-35 employers across Palm Beach, Indian River, Martin, and St. Lucie counties. Early entry at 10:30 AM for veterans and pre-registrants.

For dates, times, and registration, visit www.careersourcepbc.com. All services are free to job seekers.

About CareerSource Palm Beach County

CareerSource Palm Beach County is the local workforce development board serving Palm Beach County, providing free career counseling, job placement, skills training, and employer services. Learn more at www.careersourcepbc.com.

Media Contact:

Morgan Biggs

Mbiggs@careersourcepbc.com

www.careersourcepbc.com

Note: All data are subject to revision. Source: Florida Department of Commerce, Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research.

###

3400 Belvedere Road,
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

See what's happening on our social sites

