



EMPLOYMENT REPORT

REPORT

MARCH 2025

COVERING MARTIN, ST. LUCIE & INDIAN RIVER COUNTIES

CAREERSOURCE RESEARCH COAST REGIONAL OVERVIEW

The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Research Coast region (Indian River, Martin, and St. Lucie counties) was 3.9 percent in March 2025. This rate was 0.4 percentage point greater than the region's year ago rate of 3.5 percent. The region's March 2025 unemployment rate was 0.4 percentage point above the state rate of 3.5 percent. The labor force was 309,396, up 1,266 (+0.4 percent) over the year. There were 12,127 unemployed residents in the region.

CAREERSOURCE RESEARCH COAST METRO AREA

In March 2025, nonagricultural employment across the CareerSource Research Coast metro areas reached 238,200, reflecting an annual increase of 2,500 jobs (+1.1%). Job gains were led by Education and Health Services (+1,800), Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+1,400), Government (+400), Mining, Logging, and Construction (+300), Other Services (+200), and Information (+100). Meanwhile, Leisure and Hospitality (-1,300), Financial Activities (-300), and Manufacturing (-100) experienced job losses, while employment in Professional and Business Services remained unchanged.

PORT ST. LUCIE METRO AREA

In March 2025, Port St. Lucie's nonagricultural employment rose to 178,300, up 2,900 jobs (+1.7%) over the year. The metro area outpaced the state in job growth for Information (+7.7%), Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+4.4%), Education and Health Services (+3.7%), and Construction (+2.7%). It led all Florida metros in Trade job growth and ranked third in Information. Job gains came from Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+1,600), Education and Health Services (+1,200), Construction (+400), Government (+300), Other Services (+200), and Information (+100). Leisure and Hospitality (-500), Financial Activities (-300), and Manufacturing (-100) lost jobs, while Professional and Business Services remained unchanged.

SEBASTIAN-VERO BEACH METRO AREA

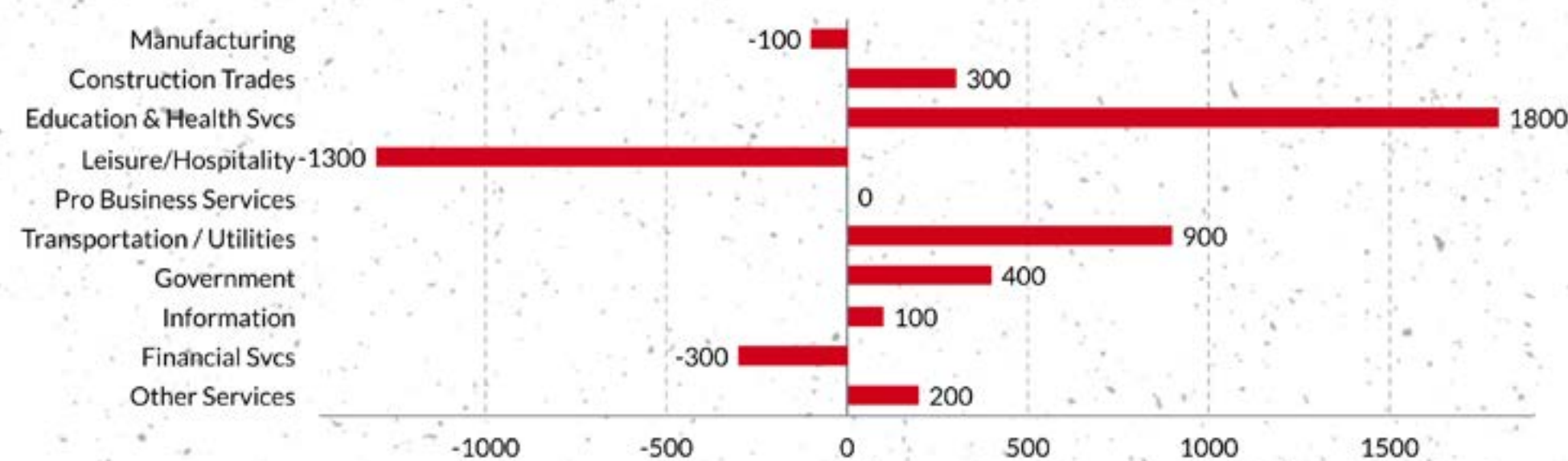
In March 2025, nonagricultural employment in the Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA was 59,900, down 400 jobs (-0.7%) from the previous year. Education and Health Services (+5.0%) and Government (+1.9%) grew at or above the statewide rate, with Education and Health Services leading all Florida metros in annual growth. Job gains included Education and Health Services (+600) and Government (+100), while losses occurred in Leisure and Hospitality (-800), Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-200), and Construction (-100). Employment in Financial Activities, Information, Manufacturing, Other Services, and Professional and Business Services remained unchanged.

Source: Florida Department of Commerce, Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research.



Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)	Mar-25	Feb-25	Mar-24
CareerSource Research Coast	3.9%	4.3%	3.5%
Indian River County	4.1%	4.5%	3.5%
Martin County	3.6%	4.0%	3.2%
St. Lucie County	4.0%	4.3%	3.6%
Florida	3.5%	3.7%	3.1%
United States	4.2%	4.5%	3.9%

Industry sectors with the most gains/losses over the year for the combined CareerSource Research Coast Metro Areas.



Population	2024	2023	change	percent change
CareerSource Research Coast	728,475	710,914	17,561	2.5
Indian River County	172,139	170,487	1,652	1.0
Martin County	165,666	164,241	1,425	0.9
St. Lucie County	390,670	376,186	14,484	3.9
Florida	23,372,215	22,904,868	467,347	2.0

Average Annual Wage	2023	2022	change	percent change
CareerSource Research Coast	\$54,289	\$52,738	\$1,551	2.9
Indian River County	\$55,936	\$54,317	\$1,619	3.0
Martin County	\$56,517	\$54,801	\$1,716	3.1
St. Lucie County	\$51,337	\$49,954	\$1,383	2.8
Florida	\$66,447	\$63,783	\$2,664	4.2

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Commerce, Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research.