






South Florida Reports Highest Statewide Annual Job Growth in the Professional and Business Services Industry



HIGHLIGHTS

-  **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE** **2.8%**
-  **JOB GROWTH** A decrease of **1,200** jobs
-  **THE NO. OF UNEMPLOYED** **40,100**
-  **LARGEST GAIN:** Education and Health Services **4,800** jobs
-  **2nd LARGEST GAIN:** Professional & Business Services **3,500** jobs

According to the Florida Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics, the unemployment rate in the CareerSource South Florida region (Miami-Dade County) was 2.8 percent in February 2026. This rate was 0.3 percentage point greater than the region's year ago rate of 2.5 percent. The region's February 2026 unemployment rate was 2.0 percentage points lower than the state rate of 4.8 percent. The labor force was 1,445,297, up 10,098 (+0.7 percent) over the year. There were 40,100 unemployed residents in the region.

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)			
	Feb-26	Jan-26	Feb-25
Miami-Dade County / CSSF	2.8%	2.6%	2.5%
Florida	4.8%	4.9%	3.5%
United States	4.7%	4.7%	4.5%



Labor Market Analysis

In **February 2026**, nonagricultural employment in the Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD was **1,359,600**, a decrease of **1,200 jobs** (-0.1 percent) over the year.

Industries in the metro area experienced faster job growth than the state average include:

- **Education and Health Services** (+2.1%)
- **Professional and Business Services** (+1.6%)
- **Trade, Transportation, & Utilities** (+0.2%)

Industries that added jobs over the year include:

- **Education and Health Services** (+4,800 jobs)
- **Professional and Business Services** (+3,500 jobs)
- **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (+600 jobs)



Among all metro areas in Florida, the **Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall area** recorded the **highest annual job growth** in:

- **Professional and Business Services** (+3,500 jobs)

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Miami / Miami Beach / Kendall Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	Feb-26	Feb-25	change	percent change	Feb-26	Feb-25	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,359,600	1,360,800	-1,200	-0.1	9,998,900	10,042,100	-43,200	-0.4
Mining, Logging, and Construction	60,800	61,800	-1,000	-1.6	653,000	662,800	-9,800	-1.5
Manufacturing	46,900	48,000	-1,100	-2.3	428,300	429,000	-700	-0.2
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	329,700	329,100	600	0.2	1,984,400	1,991,200	-6,800	-0.3
Wholesale Trade	84,300	82,600	1,700	2.1	401,600	398,100	3,500	0.9
Retail Trade	143,700	146,100	-2,400	-1.6	1,143,000	1,153,100	-10,100	-0.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	101,700	100,400	1,300	1.3	439,800	440,000	-200	0.0
Information	21,900	22,500	-600	-2.7	150,500	155,700	-5,200	-3.3
Financial Activities	98,400	100,200	-1,800	-1.8	681,600	689,100	-7,500	-1.1
Professional and Business Services	221,500	218,000	3,500	1.6	1,603,200	1,619,700	-16,500	-1.0
Education and Health Services	233,200	228,400	4,800	2.1	1,621,300	1,589,800	31,500	2.0
Leisure and Hospitality	153,600	156,800	-3,200	-2.0	1,337,100	1,345,100	-8,000	-0.6
Other Services	48,900	49,900	-1,000	-2.0	377,400	386,300	-8,900	-2.3
Government	144,700	146,100	-1,400	-1.0	1,162,100	1,173,400	-11,300	-1.0

Population	2024	2023	change	percent change
Miami-Dade County / CSSF	2,838,461	2,774,250	64,211	2.3
Florida	23,372,215	22,904,868	467,347	2.0

Average Annual Wage	2024	2023	change	percent change
Miami-Dade County / CSSF	\$77,581	\$74,194	\$3,388	4.6
Florida	\$69,505	\$66,446	\$3,059	4.6

