CareerSource SOUTH FLORIDA

LABOR MARKET REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2026 OVERVIEW



South Florida Reports Record-Low Unemployment and Expanding Workforce

HIGHLIGHTS

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
1.9%

NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED
27,597

JOB GROWTH
An increase of
7,400 JOBS

LARGEST GAIN
Professional & Business Services
5,500 JOBS

2nd LARGEST GAIN
Education and Health Services
4,800 JOBS

As reported by the Florida Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics, the unemployment rate in the CareerSource South Florida region (Miami-Dade County) was 1.9 percent in September 2026. This rate was 1.0 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 2.9 percent. The region's September 2026 unemployment rate was 2.3 percentage points lower than the state rate of 4.2 percent. The labor force was 1,452,691, up 38,230 (+2.7 percent) over the year. There were 27,597 unemployed residents in the region.

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)

	Sept-26	Aug-26	Sept-25
Miami-Dade County / CSSF	1.9%	2.7%	2.9%
Florida	4.2%	4.6%	4.2%
United States	4.0%	4.3%	4.3%



Labor Market Analysis

In **September 2026,** nonagricultural employment in the Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall MD was **1,347,800**, an increase of **7,400 jobs** (+0.6 percent) over the year.

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

- **Professional and Business Services** (+2.6%)
- **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (+0.7%)

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

- **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (+2,400 jobs)

Industries that added jobs over the year include:

- **Professional and Business Services** (+5,500 jobs)
- **Education and Health Services** (+4,800 jobs)
- **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (+2,400 jobs)
- **Leisure and Hospitality** (+1,100 jobs)
- **Manufacturing** (+100 jobs)



Miami / Miami Beach / Kendall Metropolitan Division					Florida			
Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Sept-26	Sept-25	change	percent change	Sept-26	Sept-25	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,347,800	1,340,400	7,400	0.6	9,997,700	9,926,000	71,700	0.7
Mining, Logging, and Construction	61,300	61,900	-600	-1.0	662,600	658,600	4,000	0.6
Manufacturing	46,800	46,700	100	0.2	427,100	424,800	2,300	0.5
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	325,900	323,500	2,400	0.7	1,972,200	1,963,800	8,400	0.4
Wholesale Trade	83,400	81,200	2,200	2.7	403,000	395,000	8,000	2.0
Retail Trade	143,200	143,500	-300	-0.2	1,135,600	1,133,600	2,000	0.2
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	99,300	98,800	500	0.5	433,600	435,200	-1,600	-0.4
Information	21,600	21,600	0	0.0	147,400	150,200	-2,800	-1.9
Financial Activities	96,800	101,200	-4,400	-4.3	674,800	689,500	-14,700	-2.1
Professional and Business Services	220,800	215,300	5,500	2.6	1,628,300	1,603,100	25,200	1.6
Education and Health Services	231,300	226,500	4,800	2.1	1,635,800	1,593,000	42,800	2.7
Leisure and Hospitality	151,600	150,500	1,100	0.7	1,314,100	1,298,600	15,500	1.2
Other Services	49,300	49,300	0	0.0	380,100	382,500	-2,400	-0.6
Government	142,400	143,900	-1,500	-1.0	1,155,300	1,161,900	-6,600	-0.6

Population	2025	2024	change	percent change
Miami-Dade County / CSSF	2,802,029	2,838,461	-36,432	-1.3
Florida	23,462,518	23,372,215	90,303	0.4

Average Annual Wage	2025	2024	change	percent change
Miami-Dade County / CSSF	$81,811	$77,581	$4,230	5.5
Florida	$72,732	$69,505	$3,227	4.6

