

**Overview of the CareerSource Suncoast Region  
Not Seasonally Adjusted  
September 16, 2022**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Suncoast region (Manatee and Sarasota counties) was 2.6 percent in August 2022. This rate was 1.4 percentage points lower than the region's year ago rate of 4.0 percent. The region's August 2022 unemployment rate was 0.2 percentage point lower than the state rate of 2.8 percent. The labor force was 393,905, up 17,909 (+4.8 percent) over the year. There were 10,400 unemployed residents in the region.
- Sarasota County had the lowest unemployment rate (2.6 percent) in the CareerSource Suncoast region followed by Manatee County (2.7 percent).

**North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton Metro Area**

- In August 2022, nonagricultural employment in the North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton MSA was 334,400, an increase of 16,600 jobs (+5.2 percent) over the year.
- The Leisure and Hospitality (+11.1 percent); Education and Health Services (+8.7 percent); Mining, Logging, and Construction (+5.5 percent); and Government (+4.6 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton MSA was tied for the fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Government (+4.6 percent) industry.
- The North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton MSA had the second highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Government (+1,300 jobs) industry.
- The North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton MSA had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Education and Health Services (+8.7 percent) industry.
- The industries gaining jobs over the year were Education and Health Services (+4,900 jobs); Leisure and Hospitality (+4,800 jobs); Mining, Logging, and Construction (+1,500 jobs); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+1,500 jobs); Government (+1,300 jobs); Professional and Business Services (+1,200 jobs); Other Services (+900 jobs); and Manufacturing (+500 jobs).
- No industries lost jobs over the year.
- The Financial Activities and Information industries were unchanged in jobs over the year.

Note: All data are subject to revision.

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

<b>Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Aug-22</b>	<b>Jul-22</b>	<b>Aug-21</b>
CareerSource Suncoast	2.6%	2.6%	4.0%
Manatee County	2.7%	2.7%	4.1%
Sarasota County	2.6%	2.6%	4.0%
Florida	2.8%	2.8%	4.6%
United States	3.8%	3.8%	5.3%

<b>Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>				<b>Florida</b>			
	<b>Aug-22</b>	<b>Aug-21</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>	<b>Aug-22</b>	<b>Aug-21</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Total Employment	334,400	317,800	16,600	5.2	9,408,900	8,948,400	460,500	5.1
Mining, Logging, and Construction	29,000	27,500	1,500	5.5	600,700	581,600	19,100	3.3
Manufacturing	18,600	18,100	500	2.8	417,000	389,200	27,800	7.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	62,300	60,800	1,500	2.5	1,931,400	1,831,000	100,400	5.5
Wholesale Trade	9,500	9,300	200	2.2	384,700	358,000	26,700	7.5
Retail Trade	45,000	43,900	1,100	2.5	1,135,700	1,088,400	47,300	4.3
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	7,800	7,600	200	2.6	411,000	384,600	26,400	6.9
Information	3,500	3,500	0	0.0	148,400	141,900	6,500	4.6
Financial Activities	16,700	16,700	0	0.0	660,500	629,200	31,300	5.0
Professional and Business Services	50,200	49,000	1,200	2.4	1,546,000	1,471,000	75,000	5.1
Education and Health Services	61,200	56,300	4,900	8.7	1,386,000	1,340,200	45,800	3.4
Leisure and Hospitality	48,000	43,200	4,800	11.1	1,259,700	1,145,400	114,300	10.0
Other Services	15,400	14,500	900	6.2	368,000	335,300	32,700	9.8
Government	29,500	28,200	1,300	4.6	1,091,200	1,083,600	7,600	0.7

<b>Population</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
CareerSource Suncoast	859,760	837,107	22,653	2.7
Manatee County	412,703	401,443	11,260	2.8
Sarasota County	447,057	435,664	11,393	2.6
Florida	21,781,128	21,569,932	211,196	1.0

<b>Average Annual Wage</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
CareerSource Suncoast	\$53,891	\$49,832	\$4,059	8.1
Manatee County	\$51,571	\$47,479	\$4,092	8.6
Sarasota County	\$55,603	\$51,627	\$3,976	7.7
Florida	\$60,299	\$55,840	\$4,459	8.0

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