

Northeast Florida EMPLOYMENT UPDATE



Northeast Florida Monthly Employment Report for July 2021

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) recently announced that the unemployment rate for the Jacksonville region fell from 5.1 percent in June 2021 to 4.6 percent in July 2021.

Of the 862,727 people counted as part of the area's workforce in July, there were 39,559 unemployed residents – down from just over 43,000 unemployed residents the previous month.

Northeast Florida July 2021 Unemployment Statistics by County

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (not seasonally adjusted)

	<u>May-20</u>	<u>July -20</u>	<u>June-21</u>	<u>July-21</u>
CareerSource Northeast Florida	11.0%	9.2%	5.1%	4.6%
Baker County	7.4%	7.1%	4.7%	4.4%
Clay County	9.4%	7.6%	4.6%	4.2%
Duval County	11.8%	10.1%	5.4%	4.9%
Nassau County	10.6%	7.8%	4.5%	4.0%
Putnam County	11.7%	11.7%	7.5%	6.8%
St. Johns County	10.0%	7.4%	4.0%	3.6%
Jacksonville MSA	11.0%	9.1%	5.0%	4.5%
Florida	14.3%	11.9%	5.7%	5.1%
United States	13.0%	10.5%	6.1%	5.7%

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"To have more people entering the workforce and also see a drop in unemployment the same month is very positive economic news for our region overall," said CareerSource Northeast Florida President Bruce Ferguson. "Among the industry sectors, our metro area also recorded the second highest annual job growth as compared to all other metro areas in the state in education and health services (up 5,900 jobs), financial activities (up 3,900 jobs) and in mining, logging and construction (up 3,600 jobs)."

According to DEO’s July report, St. Johns County continued to have the region’s lowest unemployment rate (3.6 percent) – followed by Nassau County (4.0 percent), Clay County (4.2 percent), Baker County (4.4 percent) Duval County (4.9 percent) and Putnam County (6.8 percent).

According to CareerSource Northeast Florida (CareerSource NEFL), the Jacksonville area and Northeast Florida continue to record the lowest unemployment rate compared to other metro areas in the state.

July 2021 Employment Statistics

(Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity)

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Jacksonville Metropolitan Statistical Area					Florida				
	Jan-20	July-20	July-21	Change from July-20 to July-21	Percent Change from July-20 to July-21	Jan-20	July-20	July-21	Change from July-20 to July-21	Percent Change from July-20 to July-21
Total Employment	728,900	691,700	727,000	35,300	5.1	9,045,900	8,252,100	8,654,600	402,500	4.9
Mining, Logging, and Construction	46,300	45,900	49,500	3,600	7.8	573,400	565,000	580,200	15,200	2.7
Manufacturing	33,100	32,400	32,700	300	0.9	387,700	372,300	382,500	10,200	2.7
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	159,500	151,800	158,300	6,500	4.3	1,827,900	1,709,700	1,775,100	65,400	3.8
Wholesale Trade	27,400	26,100	27,100	1,000	3.8	354,900	338,700	351,600	12,900	3.8
Retail Trade	80,900	77,800	80,000	2,200	2.8	1,107,800	1,038,500	1,069,700	31,200	3.0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	51,200	47,900	51,200	3,300	6.9	365,200	332,500	353,800	21,300	6.4
Information	9,200	8,800	9,000	200	2.3	138,200	126,100	132,900	6,800	5.4
Financial Activities	67,500	68,100	72,000	3,900	5.7	600,300	589,300	612,900	23,600	4.0
Professional and Business Services	110,100	107,700	112,000	4,300	4.0	1,397,400	1,335,400	1,393,800	58,400	4.4
Education and Health Services	112,900	108,000	113,900	5,900	5.5	1,361,200	1,272,800	1,325,500	52,700	4.1
Leisure and Hospitality	85,200	71,300	80,800	9,500	13.3	1,260,300	931,800	1,085,800	154,000	16.5
Other Services	26,900	24,500	26,100	1,600	6.5	353,500	312,500	345,300	32,800	10.5
Government	78,200	73,200	72,700	-500	-0.7	1,146,000	1,037,200	1,020,600	-16,600	-1.6

“With the exception of manufacturing, the Jacksonville metro area saw employment gains in all private sector industry categories from June to July,” Ferguson said. “Our metro area also recorded the third-fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in financial activities, up 5.7 percent in July, and it was good to see the continued rebound in our leisure and hospitality industry with a 9,500 gain in employment over the last twelve months.”

CareerSource NEFL received more than 3,500 open job positions from its partner-employers in July – the highest number of job orders recorded so far in 2021.

For those looking for a job, CareerSource NEFL can connect them with employers that are hiring now. For job seekers who want to make a transition to a new career, CareerSource NEFL offers assessments and training to help them gain the skills needed to put them on a new career track. To learn how CareerSource NEFL can help secure that next career, visit www.careersourcenefl.com or call 904-356-JOBS (5627).

Job seekers are encouraged to visit www.careersourcenefl.com, where they can schedule a virtual appointment – or schedule one at their nearest career center location. They can also schedule an appointment by phone at (904) 356-JOBS (5627).

CareerSource NEFL is hosting a major virtual job fair in September to connect all job seekers with open positions available at a variety of companies and is also hosting in-person recruitment events for individual companies at many of our career centers throughout the month. For more information, visit the events page at <https://careersourcenortheastflorida.com/events/>.

CareerSource NEFL is responsible for providing a trained workforce to businesses in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns counties. For more information, visit www.careersourcenefl.com.