

# Northeast Florida EMPLOYMENT UPDATE



## Northeast Florida Monthly Employment Report for August 2021

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) recently announced that the unemployment rate for the Jacksonville region fell from 4.6 percent in July 2021 to 4.4 percent in August 2021.

Of the 857,069 people counted as part of the area's workforce in August, there were 37,295 unemployed residents – down from 39,559 unemployed residents the previous month.

### Northeast Florida August 2021 Unemployment Statistics by County

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

	<u>May-20</u>	<u>Aug -20</u>	<u>July-21</u>	<u>Aug-21</u>
CareerSource Northeast Florida	11.0%	6.3%	4.6%	<b>4.4%</b>
Baker County	7.4%	4.9%	4.4%	<b>4.1%</b>
Clay County	9.4%	5.1%	4.1%	<b>3.9%</b>
Duval County	11.8%	7.0%	4.9%	<b>4.7%</b>
Nassau County	10.6%	5.2%	4.0%	<b>3.8%</b>
Putnam County	11.7%	8.2%	6.8%	<b>6.5%</b>
St. Johns County	10.0%	4.8%	3.6%	<b>3.4%</b>
Jacksonville MSA	11.0%	6.3%	4.5%	<b>4.3%</b>
Florida	14.3%	8.0%	5.1%	<b>5.0%</b>

### Regional Employment Update

*"These August numbers represent a milestone in respect to the number of people in the regional labor force – the first time total employment has risen higher than the number we recorded in January 2020 prior to the pandemic," said CareerSource Northeast Florida President Bruce Ferguson. "Also, the unemployment rate fell in August within each of our area counties."*

According to DEO’s August report, St. Johns County continued to have the region’s lowest unemployment rate (3.4 percent) – followed by Clay County (3.9), Nassau County (3.8 percent), Baker County (4.1 percent) Duval County (4.7 percent) and Putnam County (6.5 percent).

According to CareerSource Northeast Florida (CareerSource NEFL), the Jacksonville area was joined by the Tampa area in August as the two metro areas with the lowest unemployment rates compared to other metro areas in the state.

## August 2021 Employment Statistics

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

### Jacksonville Metropolitan Statistical Area

### Florida

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Jacksonville Metropolitan Statistical Area					Florida				
	Jan-20	Aug-20	Aug-21	Change from Aug-20 to Aug-21	Percent Change from Aug-20 to Aug-21	Jan-20	Aug-20	Aug-21	Change from Aug-20 to Aug-21	Percent Change from Aug-20 to Aug-21
<b>Total Employment</b>	<b>728,900</b>	<b>699,900</b>	<b>729,200</b>	<b>29,300</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>9,045,900</b>	<b>8,347,500</b>	<b>8,753,200</b>	<b>405,700</b>	<b>4.9</b>
Mining, Logging, and Construction	46,300	46,200	49,800	3,600	7.8	573,400	566,600	578,700	12,100	2.1
Manufacturing	33,100	32,300	32,600	300	0.9	387,700	372,500	381,500	9,000	2.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	159,500	153,800	159,200	5,400	3.5	1,827,900	1,723,800	1,775,000	51,200	3.0
Wholesale Trade	27,400	26,100	27,100	1,000	3.8	354,900	339,200	353,800	14,600	4.3
Retail Trade	80,900	78,500	79,700	1,200	1.5	1,107,800	1,048,300	1,061,400	13,100	1.2
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	51,200	49,200	52,400	3,200	6.5	365,200	336,300	359,800	23,500	7.0
Information	9,200	8,800	9,000	200	2.3	138,200	127,000	136,100	9,100	7.2
Financial Activities	67,500	68,600	72,200	3,600	5.2	600,300	591,200	622,500	31,300	5.3
Professional and Business Services	110,100	109,300	111,100	1,800	1.6	1,397,400	1,352,400	1,408,500	56,100	4.1
Education and Health Services	112,900	109,000	113,800	4,800	4.4	1,361,200	1,285,200	1,336,000	50,800	4.0
Leisure and Hospitality	85,200	71,700	79,000	7,300	10.2	1,260,300	930,600	1,082,400	151,800	16.3
Other Services	26,900	24,600	25,900	1,300	5.3	353,500	311,800	345,000	33,200	10.6
Government	78,200	75,600	76,600	1,000	1.3	1,146,000	1,086,400	1,087,500	1,100	0.1

*“As our regional labor force has continued to grow, our state’s labor force has grown by 373,000 over the last five months as well, which shows the success of the state’s ‘Return to Work’ initiative as more Floridians are finding employment,” Ferguson said.*

In August, CareerSource NEFL also received more than 3,900 open job positions from its partner-employers – the highest monthly number its seen in recent years.

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](http://www.careersourcenefl.com) or call 904-356-JOBS (5627).

Job seekers are encouraged to visit [www.careersourcenefl.com](http://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 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28 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](http://www.careersourcenefl.com).