

## Northeast Florida Monthly Employment Report December 2021

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) announced that the unemployment rate for the Jacksonville region dropped to 3.2 percent in December from 3.4 percent in November 2021.

Of the 858,829 people counted as part of the area's workforce in November, there were 27,894 unemployed residents – down slightly from 29,003 unemployed residents the previous month.

### Northeast Florida December 2021 Unemployment Statistics by County

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

	<u>May-20</u>	<u>Dec-20</u>	<u>Nov-21</u>	<u>Dec-21</u>
CareerSource Northeast Florida	11.0%	3.2%	3.4%	<b>3.2%</b>
Baker County	7.4%	3.0%	3.2%	<b>3.1%</b>
Clay County	9.4%	2.7%	3.0%	<b>2.9%</b>
Duval County	11.8%	3.5%	3.6%	<b>3.5%</b>
Nassau County	10.6%	2.7%	2.9%	<b>2.8%</b>
Putnam County	11.7%	4.8%	5.4%	<b>5.2%</b>
St. Johns County	10.0%	2.4%	2.6%	<b>2.5%</b>
Jacksonville MSA	11.0%	3.1%	3.3%	<b>3.2%</b>
Florida	14.3%	4.2%	3.6%	<b>3.2%</b>
United States	13.0%	6.5%	3.9%	<b>3.7%</b>

### Regional Employment Update

*"In addition to seeing another slight drop in the region's unemployment, we've added a little over 52,000 to our labor force over calendar year 2021...a 6.4 percent increase in the number of people available to work in our Northeast Florida counties," said CareerSource Northeast Florida President Bruce Ferguson.*

According to DEO’s December report, St. Johns County continued to have the lowest unemployment rate in Northeast Florida (2.5 percent) – followed by Nassau County (2.8 percent), Clay County (2.9 percent), Baker County (3.1 percent), Duval County (3.5 percent) and Putnam County (5.2 percent).

## December 2021 Employment Statistics

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Jacksonville Metropolitan Statistical Area					Florida				
	Jan-20	Dec-20	Dec-21	Change from Dec-20 to Dec-21	Percent Change from Dec-20 to Dec-21	Jan-20	Dec-20	Dec-21	Change from Dec-20 to Dec-21	Percent Change from Dec-20 to Dec-21
<b>Total Employment</b>	<b>728,900</b>	<b>723,300</b>	<b>752,500</b>	<b>29,200</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>9,045,900</b>	<b>8,581,500</b>	<b>9,073,600</b>	<b>492,100</b>	<b>5.7</b>
Mining, Logging, and Construction	46,300	47,900	50,200	2,300	4.8	573,400	566,600	586,300	19,700	3.5
Manufacturing	33,100	32,400	32,700	300	0.9	387,700	380,800	388,000	7,200	1.9
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	159,500	160,400	169,100	8,700	5.4	1,827,900	1,796,800	1,892,200	95,400	5.3
Wholesale Trade	27,400	26,700	28,900	2,200	8.2	354,900	343,600	361,200	17,600	5.1
Retail Trade	80,900	81,800	85,000	3,200	3.9	1,107,800	1,093,600	1,134,200	40,600	3.7
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	51,200	51,900	55,200	3,300	6.4	365,200	359,600	396,800	37,200	10.3
Information	9,200	8,900	9,000	100	1.1	138,200	128,200	138,200	10,000	7.8
Financial Activities	67,500	69,500	72,600	3,100	4.5	600,300	601,400	634,700	33,300	5.5
Professional and Business Services	110,100	113,100	119,800	6,700	5.9	1,397,400	1,380,000	1,456,900	76,900	5.6
Education and Health Services	112,900	111,900	115,300	3,400	3.0	1,361,200	1,312,000	1,363,400	51,400	3.9
Leisure and Hospitality	85,200	75,400	78,300	2,900	3.8	1,260,300	996,600	1,142,600	146,000	14.6
Other Services	26,900	25,000	26,100	1,100	4.4	353,500	321,300	353,000	31,700	9.9
Government	78,200	78,800	79,400	600	0.8	1,146,000	1,097,800	1,118,300	20,500	1.9

“The Jacksonville metro area ended the year with the second-highest annual job growth compared to all metro areas in the state in financial activities, adding 3,100 jobs in December 2021,” Ferguson said. “Also, employment in our metro area in the professional services, transportation/utilities and mining/logging/construction sectors grew faster in our metro area compared to statewide figures last year.”

Ferguson added that within the top 10 in-demand jobs listed among employers for the last month, four occupations are part of CareerSource Northeast Florida’s targeted industries: IT (software developers/analysts), healthcare (nurses), manufacturing (maintenance and repair workers) and transportation (stockers and order fillers).

“Jobseekers who are interested in these types of careers may be eligible for stipends and other financial support to cover training costs through our Individual Training Accounts,” he said.

For more information about eligibility, job seekers should visit <https://careersourcenortheastflorida.com/training-for-job-seekers/> for more information about the program -- and check out the list of jobs available today that may be eligible for training dollars.

In December, CareerSource NEFL received more than 3,200 open job positions from its partner-employers.

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 has scheduled its next regional virtual job fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. February 16, 2022 – allowing job seekers to connect with multiple companies and organizations to find out more about their open positions. CareerSource NEFL will continue to host in-person recruitment events for individual companies at many of our career centers during the month.**

For more information about this and other job workshops and employer recruitment events that are taking place, 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).