

COVERING BAKER, CLAY, DUVAL, NASSAU, PUTNAM & ST. JOHNS COUNTIES

CAREERSOURCE NORTHEAST FLORIDA

Regional overview

The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Northeast Florida region (Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam, and St. Johns counties) was 5.0 percent in July 2026. This rate was 0.6 percentage point greater than the region's year ago rate of 4.4 percent. The region's July 2026 unemployment rate was 0.4 percentage point above the state rate of 4.6 percent. The labor force was 877,260, down 4,775 (-0.5 percent) over the year. There were 43,654 unemployed residents in the region.

Metro area

In July 2026, nonagricultural employment in the Jacksonville MSA was 800,200, an increase of 2,900 jobs (+0.4 percent) over the year. The Education and Health Services (+4.3 percent); Manufacturing (+2.2 percent); Professional and Business Services (+1.3 percent); and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+0.4 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.

The Jacksonville MSA had the second highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in the Manufacturing (+800 jobs) industry. The industries gaining jobs over the year were Education and Health Services (+5,700 jobs); Professional and Business Services (+1,500 jobs); Manufacturing (+800 jobs); Leisure and Hospitality (+700 jobs); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+600 jobs); and Mining, Logging, and Construction (+200 jobs). The industries losing jobs over the year were Financial Activities (-3,900 jobs); Government (-2,000 jobs); Information (-500 jobs); and Other Services (-200 jobs).

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4.6%



5.0%

Unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted

Baker County	5.2%
Clay County	4.9%
Duval County	5.0%
Nassau County	4.6%
Putnam County	5.8%
St. Johns County	4.8%

Unemployment rates *(not seasonally adjusted)*

Area	Jul-26	Jun-26	Jul-25
CareerSource Northeast Florida	5.0%	4.9%	4.4%
Baker County	5.2%	4.9%	4.4%
Clay County	4.9%	4.8%	4.3%
Duval County	5.0%	4.9%	4.4%
Nassau County	4.6%	4.5%	4.0%
Putnam County	5.8%	5.7%	5.2%
St. Johns County	4.8%	4.7%	4.1%
Florida	4.6%	4.6%	4.1%
Jacksonville MSA	4.9%	4.8%	4.3%
United States	4.4%	4.4%	4.6%

Most In-Demand Jobs

Retail salespersons (1,358), fast food and counter workers (1,041), first-line supervisors of food preparation and serving workers (896), first-line supervisors of retail sales workers (894), and registered nurses (819).

The numbers above represent the current job openings available throughout the CareerSource NEFL region.

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Note: All data are subject to revision. Source: Florida Department of Commerce (FloridaCommerce), Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research.

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