



Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall Area is #1 in Employment Growth Among the Nation's Metropolitan Divisions in March 2025

Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall Leads 37 Metropolitan Divisions in Job Growth and Has the Lowest Unemployment Rate

The Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall metropolitan division posted the fastest nonfarm employment growth in March 2025 among the nation's 37 metropolitan divisions, which are divisions in the nation's 13 largest metropolitan areas, according to recently released Bureau of Labor Statistics data. Total nonfarm employment (not seasonally adjusted) rose 1.6 percent compared to one year ago. Nationally, non-farm employment (not seasonally adjusted) rose 1.2%.

The Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall metropolitan division also had the lowest unemployment rate among the nation's metropolitan divisions, at 2.8%. Nationally, the unemployment rate in March 2025 was 4.2%.

The Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall metropolitan division is one of three metropolitan divisions of the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach Metropolitan Area: Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, Fort-Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Sunrise, and West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach.

In the Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Sunrise metropolitan division, non-farm employment rose 0.9% in March 2025 from one year ago (lower than nationally). The unemployment rate was 3.3% (lower than nationally).

In the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach metropolitan division, non-farm employment rose 0.3% (lower than nationally). The unemployment rate was 3.4% (lower than nationally).

Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach Has Lowest Unemployment Rate Among 13 Largest Metro Areas

Among the nation's largest 13 metropolitan areas that contain the 37 metropolitan divisions, the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach Metropolitan Area had the lowest unemployment rate of 3.1% in March 2025.

Among the 13 largest metropolitan areas, the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach Metropolitan Area also had the second fastest nonfarm employment growth of 1.1%, second to the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington employment growth of 1.3%.

Among all 387 metropolitan areas, the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach Metropolitan Area ranks third in the nation in terms of new employment created in March 2025 compared to one year, with 31,500 new nonfarm employment. The largest employment creation was in New York-Newark-Jersey City (+94,200) and in the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington metropolitan area (+56,100).

The Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach Metropolitan Area is the largest employment generator in the state of Florida (+31,500, +1.1% y/y), outpacing employment creation in the metropolitan areas of Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford (+30,100, +2.0% y/y), Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater (+15,700, +1.0% y/y), and Jacksonville (+10,500, +1.3%).

Potential Impact of Tariffs on Miami Metro Area Employment

The recently implemented tariffs under the Trump Administration could impact employment creation particularly in trade and transportation. As of March 2025, the largest employment creation in the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach Metro Area was trade, transportation, and utilities (+13,500). A cutback in employment in this industry could impact on the demand for housing, particularly rental housing. Workers in the trade, transportation, and utilities sector have an average wage of about \$65,000 and are more likely to rent than to own, according to MIAMI Realtors analysis.

Nonfarm Employment in the U.S. Metropolitan Areas in March 2025

		Unemployment Rate	Y/Y Percent Change	Y/Y Change, thous.	Employment (NSA), thous.
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach	Florida	3.1%	1.1%	31.5	2,995
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater	Florida	3.5%	1.0%	15.7	1,565
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria	District of Columbia	3.5%	0.8%	26.2	3,381
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell	Georgia	3.6%	0.6%	19.0	3,111
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	Texas	3.8%	1.3%	56.1	4,280
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington	Pennsylvania	4.1%	0.8%	24.8	3,116
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont	California	4.1%	-0.8%	-20.5	2,417
New York-Newark-Jersey City	New York	4.4%	1.0%	94.2	9,961
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue	Washington	4.4%	0.8%	17.5	2,143
Boston-Cambridge-Newton	Massachusetts	4.5%	-0.3%	-7.7	2,731
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim	California	5.1%	-0.3%	-16.3	6,259
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin	Illinois	5.3%	0.3%	16.2	4,682
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn	Michigan	5.3%	0.4%	7.9	2,039

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics



Nonfarm Employment Among the U.S. Metropolitan Area Divisions in March 2025

		Unemployment Rate	Y/Y Percent Change	Y/Y Change, thous.	Employment (NSA), thous.
Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall	Florida	2.8%	1.6%	21	1,354
Frederick-Gaithersburg-Bethesda	District of Columbia	3.0%	-0.9%	-6	604
Arlington-Alexandria-Reston	District of Columbia	3.2%	1.5%	24	1,625
Montgomery County-Bucks County-Chester County	Pennsylvania	3.2%	0.7%	8	1,131
Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Sunrise	Florida	3.3%	0.9%	8	933
Marietta	Georgia	3.3%	1.0%	6	580
St. Petersburg-Clearwater-Largo	Florida	3.3%	0.2%	1	491
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach	Florida	3.4%	0.3%	2	708
Nassau County-Suffolk County	New York	3.5%	1.0%	14	1,356
Rockingham County-Strafford County	Massachusetts	3.5%	0.8%	2	206
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell	Georgia	3.6%	0.5%	14	2,530
Tampa	Florida	3.6%	1.4%	15	1,073
Fort Worth-Arlington-Grapevine	Texas	3.7%	1.4%	16	1,203
San Francisco-San Mateo-Redwood City	California	3.7%	-1.0%	-11	1,135
Anaheim-Santa Ana-Irvine	California	3.8%	0.0%	-1	1,683
Dallas-Plano-Irving	Texas	3.8%	1.3%	40	3,077
San Rafael	California	3.8%	-0.1%	0	111
Wilmington	Pennsylvania	4.1%	-0.5%	-2	377
Seattle-Bellevue-Kent	Washington	4.2%	1.0%	15	1,496
Oakland-Fremont-Berkeley	California	4.3%	-0.8%	-9	1,171
Elgin	Illinois	4.4%	1.3%	4	294
Everett	Washington	4.4%	-0.3%	-1	303
New York-Jersey City-White Plains	New York	4.4%	1.2%	78	6,393
Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	4.4%	1.4%	14	1,025
Cambridge-Newton-Framingham	Massachusetts	4.5%	-0.3%	-4	1,261
Washington	District of Columbia	4.5%	0.7%	8	1,151
Boston	Massachusetts	4.6%	-0.5%	-6	1,265
Lake County	Illinois	4.6%	0.6%	2	339
Warren-Troy-Farmington Hills	Michigan	4.6%	0.5%	6	1,267
Lake County-Porter County-Jasper County	Illinois	4.7%	0.2%	1	283
Lakewood-New Brunswick	New York	4.8%	0.2%	2	1,166
Tacoma-Lakewood	Washington	4.8%	0.9%	3	344
Camden	Pennsylvania	4.9%	0.9%	5	583
Newark	New York	5.1%	0.1%	1	1,046
Chicago-Naperville-Schaumburg	Illinois	5.5%	0.3%	10	3,766
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale	California	5.6%	-0.3%	-16	4,576
Detroit-Dearborn-Livonia	Michigan	6.5%	0.2%	2	773

