

August 2015 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's August unemployment rate of **5.5%** is down from the July rate of 5.6% reflecting a net gain of 1,001 jobs.

Continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **2.5** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 14,200 jobs.

	Aug-15	Jul-15	Aug-14	Change Aug 2014 Aug 2015	Percent Change	Change July 2015 Aug 2015	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	682,005	681,439	687,051	-5,046	-0.7%	566	0.1%
Employment	644,635	643,068	642,590	2,045	0.3%	1,567	0.2%
Unemployment	37,370	38,371	44,461	-7,091	-15.9%	-1,001	-2.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.5%	5.6%	6.5%				
Florida	5.6%	5.7%	6.7%				
National	5.2%	5.6%	6.3%				

Industry Title	August 2015	July 2015	August 2014	Change from		Change from	
				July 2015 to Aug 2015	Aug 2014 to Aug 2015	Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	572,200	567,600	558,000	4,600	0.8%	14,200	2.5%
Total Private	511,200	511,100	496,600	100	0.0%	14,600	2.9%
Goods Producing	45,100	44,500	45,300	600	1.4%	-200	-0.4%
Construction	28,800	28,300	28,900	500	1.8%	-100	-0.4%
Specialty Trade Contractors	19,800	19,600	19,300	200	1.0%	500	2.6%
Manufacturing	16,200	16,100	16,300	100	0.6%	-100	-0.6%
Service Providing	527,100	523,100	512,700	4,000	0.8%	14,400	2.8%
Private Service Providing	466,100	466,600	451,300	-500	-0.1%	14,800	3.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	107,500	107,900	106,800	-400	-0.4%	700	0.7%
Wholesale Trade	22,900	22,700	22,400	200	0.9%	500	2.2%
Retail Trade	73,800	74,400	74,100	-600	-0.8%	-300	-0.4%
Food and Beverage Stores	16,700	16,800	16,700	-100	-0.6%	0	0.0%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,500	5,700	5,700	-200	-3.5%	-200	-3.5%
General Merchandise Stores	14,300	14,200	14,000	100	0.7%	300	2.1%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	10,800	10,800	10,300	0	0.0%	500	4.9%
Information	10,100	10,100	10,300	0	0.0%	-200	-1.9%
Financial Activities	38,600	39,200	38,500	-600	-1.5%	100	0.3%
Finance and Insurance	23,500	23,600	23,700	-100	-0.4%	-200	-0.8%
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,300	6,300	6,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	109,800	108,500	101,700	1,300	1.2%	8,100	8.0%
Professional and Technical Services	48,100	47,700	42,500	400	0.8%	5,600	13.2%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	10,200	10,200	9,800	0	0.0%	400	4.1%
Administrative and Waste Services	51,500	50,600	49,400	900	1.8%	2,100	4.3%
Employment Services	14,400	14,200	13,900	200	1.4%	500	3.6%
Education and Health Services	91,400	91,900	88,800	-500	-0.5%	2,600	2.9%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	38,200	38,700	37,300	-500	-1.3%	900	2.4%
Hospitals	18,000	17,800	17,800	200	1.1%	200	1.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	77,500	77,500	75,100	0	0.0%	2,400	3.2%
Accommodation and Food Services	61,200	61,200	59,300	0	0.0%	1,900	3.2%
Accommodation	10,300	10,300	10,100	0	0.0%	200	2.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	50,900	50,900	49,200	0	0.0%	1,700	3.5%
Other Services	31,200	31,500	30,100	-300	-1.0%	1,100	3.7%
Total Government	61,000	56,500	61,400	4,500	8.0%	-400	-0.7%
Federal	6,700	6,700	6,500	0	0.0%	200	3.1%
State	8,400	8,100	8,200	300	3.7%	200	2.4%
Local	45,900	41,700	46,700	4,200	10.1%	-800	-1.7%

* = less than 0.1 percent

Note: Employment estimates have been rounded to the nearest hundred. Sum of detail may not equal totals due to rounding or the exclusion of certain industries from publication. All data are subject to revision.

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