

January 2015 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's January unemployment rate of **5.2%** is up from the December rate of **4.8%** reflecting a net loss of 3,164 jobs.

However, continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **3.3** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 18,200 jobs.

	Jan-15	Dec-14	Jan-14	Change Jan 2014 Jan 2015	Percent Change	Change Dec 2014 Jan 2015	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	692,880	691,115	684,861	8,019	1.2%	1,765	0.3%
Employment	656,965	658,364	641,270	15,695	2.4%	-1,399	-0.2%
Unemployment	35,915	32,751	43,591	-7,676	-17.6%	3,164	9.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	4.7%	6.4%				
Florida	5.8%	5.4%	6.6%				
National	6.1%	5.4%	7.0%				

Industry Title	January 2015	December 2014	January 2014	Change from			
				Dec 2014 to Jan 2015 Level	Jan 2015 Percent	Jan 2014 to Jan 2015 Level	Jan 2015 Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	571,400	578,500	553,200	-7,100	-1.2%	18,200	3.3%
Total Private	509,700	516,400	490,900	-6,700	-1.3%	18,800	3.8%
Goods Producing	44,900	46,200	42,800	-1,300	-2.8%	2,100	4.9%
Construction	28,400	29,200	26,600	-800	-2.7%	1,800	6.8%
Specialty Trade Contractors	18,900	19,500	17,400	-600	-3.1%	1,500	8.6%
Manufacturing	16,400	16,900	16,100	-500	-3.0%	300	1.9%
Service Providing	526,500	532,300	510,400	-5,800	-1.1%	16,100	3.2%
Private Service Providing	464,800	470,200	448,100	-5,400	-1.2%	16,700	3.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	109,800	111,400	106,000	-1,600	-1.4%	3,800	3.6%
Wholesale Trade	23,100	23,300	22,600	-200	-0.9%	500	2.2%
Retail Trade	76,000	77,300	73,500	-1,300	-1.7%	2,500	3.4%
Food and Beverage Stores	16,900	16,800	16,600	100	0.6%	300	1.8%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,700	5,800	5,600	-100	-1.7%	100	1.8%
General Merchandise Stores	14,800	15,900	14,000	-1,100	-6.9%	800	5.7%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	10,700	10,800	9,900	-100	-0.9%	800	8.1%
Information	10,100	10,200	10,500	-100	-1.0%	-400	-3.8%
Financial Activities	39,400	39,700	38,000	-300	-0.8%	1,400	3.7%
Finance and Insurance	23,700	23,900	23,300	-200	-0.8%	400	1.7%
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,400	6,400	6,500	0	0.0%	-100	-1.5%
Professional and Business Services	102,800	104,700	97,000	-1,900	-1.8%	5,800	6.0%
Professional and Technical Services	44,700	44,100	41,400	600	1.4%	3,300	8.0%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	10,100	10,000	9,600	100	1.0%	500	5.2%
Administrative and Waste Services	48,000	50,600	46,000	-2,600	-5.1%	2,000	4.4%
Employment Services	13,900	14,500	11,500	-600	-4.1%	2,400	20.9%
Education and Health Services	89,400	91,300	87,100	-1,900	-2.1%	2,300	2.6%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	36,900	38,200	36,200	-1,300	-3.4%	700	1.9%
Hospitals	17,800	17,900	17,700	-100	-0.6%	100	0.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	81,200	81,200	79,500	0	0.0%	1,700	2.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	63,100	63,000	61,400	100	0.2%	1,700	2.8%
Accommodation	10,500	10,500	10,600	0	0.0%	-100	-0.9%
Food Services and Drinking Places	52,600	52,500	50,800	100	0.2%	1,800	3.5%
Other Services	32,100	31,700	30,000	400	1.3%	2,100	7.0%
Total Government	61,700	62,100	62,300	-400	-0.6%	-600	-1.0%
Federal	6,600	6,700	6,500	-100	-1.5%	100	1.5%
State	8,900	9,200	8,600	-300	-3.3%	300	3.5%
Local	46,200	46,200	47,200	0	0.0%	-1,000	-2.1%

* = 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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