

August 2018 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's August unemployment rate of **3.9%** is down from the July rate of 4.0% reflecting a net gain of 1,178 jobs.

Continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **1.0** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 6,100 jobs.

	Aug-18	Jul-18	Aug-17	Change Aug 2017 Aug 2018	Percent Change	Change July 2018 Aug 2018	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	721,916	730,873	722,695	-779	-0.1%	-8,957	-1.2%
Employment	693,531	701,310	690,771	2,760	0.4%	-7,779	-1.1%
Unemployment	28,385	29,563	31,924	-3,539	-11.1%	-1,178	-4.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.0%	4.4%				
Florida	3.8%	4.0%	4.3%				
National	3.9%	4.1%	4.5%				

Industry Title	August 2018	July 2018	August 2017	Change from		Change from	
				Jul 2018 to Aug 2018 Level	Percent	Aug 2017 to Aug 2018 Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	621,300	617,100	615,200	4,200	0.7%	6,100	1.0%
Total Private	558,600	559,000	552,800	-400	-0.1%	5,800	1.0%
Goods Producing	61,300	60,400	56,500	900	1.5%	4,800	8.5%
Construction	40,300	39,700	36,500	600	1.5%	3,800	10.4%
Specialty Trade Contractors	24,900	24,800	24,100	100	0.4%	800	3.3%
Manufacturing	20,900	20,600	19,900	300	1.5%	1,000	5.0%
Service Providing	560,000	556,700	558,700	3,300	0.6%	1,300	0.2%
Private Service Providing	497,300	498,600	496,300	-1,300	-0.3%	1,000	0.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	114,900	114,600	115,300	300	0.3%	-400	-0.3%
Wholesale Trade	22,500	22,100	23,400	400	1.8%	-900	-3.8%
Retail Trade	79,300	79,400	79,200	-100	-0.1%	100	0.1%
Food and Beverage Stores	18,600	18,600	18,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,800	5,900	6,200	-100	-1.7%	-400	-6.5%
General Merchandise Stores	14,400	14,200	14,400	200	1.4%	0	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	13,100	13,100	12,700	0	0.0%	400	3.1%
Information	11,200	11,200	11,700	0	0.0%	-500	-4.3%
Financial Activities	42,900	42,200	40,600	700	1.7%	2,300	5.7%
Finance and Insurance	24,700	24,500	23,900	200	0.8%	800	3.3%
Depository Credit Intermediation	5,700	5,800	5,800	-100	-1.7%	-100	-1.7%
Professional and Business Services	114,000	114,200	113,800	-200	-0.2%	200	0.2%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Servi	48,000	49,100	47,800	-1,100	-2.2%	200	0.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	11,300	11,200	11,100	100	0.9%	200	1.8%
Administrative and Support and Waste Serv	54,700	53,900	54,900	800	1.5%	-200	-0.4%
Employment Services	18,400	18,000	18,300	400	2.2%	100	0.5%
Education and Health Services	93,000	94,900	98,800	-1,900	-2.0%	-5,800	-5.9%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	38,900	38,700	41,500	200	0.5%	-2,600	-6.3%
Hospitals	20,000	20,000	19,700	0	0.0%	300	1.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	87,200	88,000	83,500	-800	-0.9%	3,700	4.4%
Accommodation and Food Services	69,800	69,200	65,900	600	0.9%	3,900	5.9%
Accommodation	10,800	10,800	10,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	59,000	58,400	55,100	600	1.0%	3,900	7.1%
Other Services	34,100	33,500	32,600	600	1.8%	1,500	4.6%
Total Government	62,700	58,100	62,400	4,600	7.9%	300	0.5%
Federal	6,800	6,800	6,700	0	0.0%	100	1.5%
State	10,000	10,000	10,700	0	0.0%	-700	-6.5%
Local	45,900	41,300	45,000	4,600	11.1%	900	2.0%

* = 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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