

December 2018 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's December unemployment rate of **3.3%** is up from the November rate of 3.0% reflecting a net loss of 1,703 jobs.

However continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **2.9** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 17,900 jobs.

	Dec-18	Nov-18	Dec-17	Change Dec 2017 Dec 2018	Percent Change	Change Nov 2018 Dec 2018	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	735,317	736,399	719,053	16,264	2.3%	-1,082	-0.1%
Employment	711,372	714,157	693,636	17,736	2.6%	-2,785	-0.4%
Unemployment	23,945	22,242	25,417	-1,472	-5.8%	1,703	7.7%
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.0%	3.5%				
Florida	3.3%	3.1%	3.7%				
National	3.7%	3.5%	3.9%				

Industry Title	December 2018	November 2018	December 2017	Change from		Change from	
				Nov 2018 to Dec 2018	Dec 2017 to Dec 2018	Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	645,500	643,200	627,600	2,300	0.4%	17,900	2.9%
Total Private	582,100	580,000	562,800	2,100	0.4%	19,300	3.4%
Goods Producing	62,600	62,500	58,000	100	0.2%	4,600	7.9%
Construction	40,700	40,700	37,800	0	0.0%	2,900	7.7%
Specialty Trade Contractors	24,900	24,900	24,800	0	0.0%	100	0.4%
Manufacturing	21,800	21,700	20,100	100	0.5%	1,700	8.5%
Service Providing	582,900	580,700	569,600	2,200	0.4%	13,300	2.3%
Private Service Providing	519,500	517,500	504,800	2,000	0.4%	14,700	2.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	121,200	119,400	118,800	1,800	1.5%	2,400	2.0%
Wholesale Trade	23,000	22,700	23,200	300	1.3%	-200	-0.9%
Retail Trade	83,900	83,000	82,500	900	1.1%	1,400	1.7%
Food and Beverage Stores	19,200	19,100	18,900	100	0.5%	300	1.6%
Health and Personal Care Stores	6,100	6,000	6,200	100	1.7%	-100	-1.6%
General Merchandise Stores	16,000	15,800	15,700	200	1.3%	300	1.9%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	14,300	13,700	13,100	600	4.4%	1,200	9.2%
Information	11,400	11,400	11,200	0	0.0%	200	1.8%
Financial Activities	43,500	44,200	40,800	-700	-1.6%	2,700	6.6%
Finance and Insurance	24,700	24,900	23,300	-200	-0.8%	1,400	6.0%
Depository Credit Intermediation	5,800	5,800	5,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	115,900	115,500	112,900	400	0.3%	3,000	2.7%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Servi	49,000	48,500	48,100	500	1.0%	900	1.9%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	11,900	11,700	11,100	200	1.7%	800	7.2%
Administrative and Support and Waste Serv	55,000	55,300	53,700	-300	-0.5%	1,300	2.4%
Employment Services	19,400	19,300	18,800	100	0.5%	600	3.2%
Education and Health Services	97,000	97,400	96,500	-400	-0.4%	500	0.5%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	40,800	40,600	39,700	200	0.5%	1,100	2.8%
Hospitals	20,200	20,100	19,700	100	0.5%	500	2.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	96,100	95,200	90,600	900	0.9%	5,500	6.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	73,300	72,600	70,600	700	1.0%	2,700	3.8%
Accommodation	11,400	11,300	11,100	100	0.9%	300	2.7%
Food Services and Drinking Places	61,900	61,300	59,500	600	1.0%	2,400	4.0%
Other Services	34,400	34,400	34,000	0	0.0%	400	1.2%
Total Government	63,400	63,200	64,800	200	0.3%	-1,400	-2.2%
Federal	7,100	7,000	6,800	100	1.4%	300	4.4%
State	10,100	10,100	11,500	0	0.0%	-1,400	-12.2%
Local	46,200	46,100	46,500	100	0.2%	-300	-0.6%

* = 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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