

## January 2018 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's January unemployment rate of **3.9%** is up from the December rate of 3.6% reflecting a net loss of 3,332 jobs.

However continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **1.3** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 8,000 jobs.

	Jan-18	Dec-17	Jan-17	Change Jan 2017 Jan 2018	Percent Change	Change Dec 2017 Jan 2018	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	729,741	721,792	719,674	10,067	1.4%	7,949	1.1%
Employment	700,991	696,374	685,990	15,001	2.2%	4,617	0.7%
Unemployment	28,750	25,418	33,684	-4,934	-14.6%	3,332	13.1%
Unemployment Rate	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>				
Florida	4.1%	3.7%	4.8%				
National	4.5%	3.9%	5.1%				

Industry Title	January 2018	December 2017	January 2017	Change from Dec 2017 to Jan 2018		Change from Jan 2017 to Jan 2018	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
<b>Total Nonagricultural Employment</b>	626,400	627,600	618,400	-1,200	-0.2%	8,000	1.3%
<b>Total Private</b>	560,900	562,800	554,600	-1,900	-0.3%	6,300	1.1%
<b>Goods Producing</b>	57,000	58,000	54,700	-1,000	-1.7%	2,300	4.2%
<b>Construction</b>	36,900	37,800	34,900	-900	-2.4%	2,000	5.7%
Specialty Trade Contractors	24,200	24,800	23,300	-600	-2.4%	900	3.9%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	20,000	20,100	19,700	-100	-0.5%	300	1.5%
<b>Service Providing</b>	569,400	569,600	563,700	-200	0.0%	5,700	1.0%
<b>Private Service Providing</b>	503,900	504,800	499,900	-900	-0.2%	4,000	0.8%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	116,900	118,800	117,400	-1,900	-1.6%	-500	-0.4%
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	23,500	23,200	23,700	300	1.3%	-200	-0.8%
<b>Retail Trade</b>	80,700	82,500	81,000	-1,800	-2.2%	-300	-0.4%
Food and Beverage Stores	18,500	18,900	19,200	-400	-2.1%	-700	-3.6%
Health and Personal Care Stores	6,400	6,200	6,400	200	3.2%	0	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	14,700	15,700	15,200	-1,000	-6.4%	-500	-3.3%
<b>Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities</b>	12,700	13,100	12,700	-400	-3.1%	0	0.0%
<b>Information</b>	11,100	11,200	11,300	-100	-0.9%	-200	-1.8%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	40,600	40,800	40,000	-200	-0.5%	600	1.5%
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>	23,300	23,300	23,600	0	0.0%	-300	-1.3%
Depository Credit Intermediation	5,800	5,800	5,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	110,800	112,900	111,100	-2,100	-1.9%	-300	-0.3%
<b>Professional and Technical Services</b>	47,100	48,100	47,000	-1,000	-2.1%	100	0.2%
<b>Management of Companies and Enterprises</b>	11,000	11,100	11,100	-100	-0.9%	-100	-0.9%
<b>Administrative and Waste Services</b>	52,700	53,700	53,000	-1,000	-1.9%	-300	-0.6%
Employment Services	18,600	18,800	18,200	-200	-1.1%	400	2.2%
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	97,000	96,500	97,700	500	0.5%	-700	-0.7%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	39,800	39,700	40,800	100	0.3%	-1,000	-2.5%
Hospitals	19,600	19,700	19,700	-100	-0.5%	-100	-0.5%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	94,200	90,600	89,400	3,600	4.0%	4,800	5.4%
<b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	71,700	70,600	69,900	1,100	1.6%	1,800	2.6%
Accommodation	11,000	11,100	11,600	-100	-0.9%	-600	-5.2%
Food Services and Drinking Places	60,700	59,500	58,300	1,200	2.0%	2,400	4.1%
<b>Other Services</b>	33,300	34,000	33,000	-700	-2.1%	300	0.9%
<b>Total Government</b>	65,500	64,800	63,800	700	1.1%	1,700	2.7%
Federal	6,700	6,800	6,800	-100	-1.5%	-100	-1.5%
State	11,500	11,500	11,900	0	0.0%	-400	-3.4%
Local	47,300	46,500	45,100	800	1.7%	2,200	4.9%

\* = 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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