

November 2018 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's November unemployment rate of **3.0%** is down from the October rate of 3.1% reflecting a slight net gain of 197 jobs.

Continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **3.2** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 19,700 jobs.

	Nov-18	Oct-18	Nov-17	Change Nov 2017 Nov 2018	Percent Change	Change Oct 2018 Nov 2018	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	737,346	733,415	722,811	14,535	2.0%	3,931	0.5%
Employment	715,121	710,993	695,466	19,655	2.8%	4,128	0.6%
Unemployment	22,225	22,422	27,345	-5,120	-18.7%	-197	-0.9%
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	3.1%	3.8%				
Florida	3.0%	3.0%	3.8%				
National	3.5%	3.5%	3.9%				

Industry Title	November 2018	October 2018	November 2017	Change from		Change from	
				Oct 2018 to Nov 2018 Level	Percent	Nov 2017 to Nov 2018 Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	644,400	632,500	624,700	11,900	1.9%	19,700	3.2%
Total Private	581,700	570,100	559,100	11,600	2.0%	22,600	4.0%
Goods Producing	62,500	62,100	57,800	400	0.6%	4,700	8.1%
Construction	40,700	40,700	37,700	0	0.0%	3,000	8.0%
Specialty Trade Contractors	24,900	25,000	24,800	-100	-0.4%	100	0.4%
Manufacturing	21,700	21,300	20,000	400	1.9%	1,700	8.5%
Service Providing	581,900	570,400	566,900	11,500	2.0%	15,000	2.6%
Private Service Providing	519,200	508,000	501,300	11,200	2.2%	17,900	3.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	119,300	115,900	118,500	3,400	2.9%	800	0.7%
Wholesale Trade	22,700	22,900	23,500	-200	-0.9%	-800	-3.4%
Retail Trade	82,900	79,700	82,200	3,200	4.0%	700	0.9%
Food and Beverage Stores	19,100	18,900	18,900	200	1.1%	200	1.1%
Health and Personal Care Stores	6,000	5,800	6,200	200	3.4%	-200	-3.2%
General Merchandise Stores	15,800	14,600	15,700	1,200	8.2%	100	0.6%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	13,700	13,300	12,800	400	3.0%	900	7.0%
Information	11,500	11,300	11,200	200	1.8%	300	2.7%
Financial Activities	44,400	44,000	40,000	400	0.9%	4,400	11.0%
Finance and Insurance	24,600	24,700	23,100	-100	-0.4%	1,500	6.5%
Depository Credit Intermediation	5,800	5,700	5,800	100	1.8%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	116,400	116,500	112,400	-100	-0.1%	4,000	3.6%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Servi	49,100	49,100	48,100	0	0.0%	1,000	2.1%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	11,600	11,500	11,100	100	0.9%	500	4.5%
Administrative and Support and Waste Serv	55,700	55,900	53,200	-200	-0.4%	2,500	4.7%
Employment Services	19,300	19,700	18,900	-400	-2.0%	400	2.1%
Education and Health Services	97,300	96,700	96,400	600	0.6%	900	0.9%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	40,600	39,900	39,300	700	1.8%	1,300	3.3%
Hospitals	20,200	20,100	19,600	100	0.5%	600	3.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	95,900	90,300	88,900	5,600	6.2%	7,000	7.9%
Accommodation and Food Services	73,000	71,500	70,100	1,500	2.1%	2,900	4.1%
Accommodation	11,300	11,100	10,900	200	1.8%	400	3.7%
Food Services and Drinking Places	61,700	60,400	59,200	1,300	2.2%	2,500	4.2%
Other Services	34,400	33,300	33,900	1,100	3.3%	500	1.5%
Total Government	62,700	62,400	65,600	300	0.5%	-2,900	-4.4%
Federal	7,000	6,800	6,700	200	2.9%	300	4.5%
State	10,100	10,100	12,900	0	0.0%	-2,800	-21.7%
Local	45,600	45,500	46,000	100	0.2%	-400	-0.9%

* = 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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