

## August 2019 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's August unemployment rate of **3.7%** is up from the July rate of 3.6% reflecting a slight net loss of 979 jobs.

However continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **2.1** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 13,200 jobs.

	Aug-19	Jul-19	Aug-18	Change Aug 2018 Aug 2019	Percent Change	Change Jul 2019 Aug 2019	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	739,151	739,716	723,236	15,915	2.2%	-565	-0.1%
Employment	711,451	712,995	695,565	15,886	2.3%	-1,544	-0.2%
Unemployment	27,700	26,721	27,671	29	0.1%	979	3.7%
Unemployment Rate	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>				
Florida	3.5%	3.5%	3.7%				
National	3.8%	4.0%	3.9%				

Industry Title	August 2019	July 2019	August 2018	Change from		Change from	
				Jul 2019 to Aug 2019 Level	Percent	Aug 2018 to Aug 2019 Level	Percent
<b>Total Nonagricultural Employment</b>	638,000	631,700	624,800	6,300	1.0%	13,200	2.1%
<b>Total Private</b>	571,300	571,100	559,600	200	0.0%	11,700	2.1%
<b>Goods Producing</b>	61,200	60,700	58,300	500	0.8%	2,900	5.0%
<b>Construction</b>	39,900	39,700	38,100	200	0.5%	1,800	4.7%
Specialty Trade Contractors	26,400	26,300	25,000	100	0.4%	1,400	5.6%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	21,200	20,900	20,100	300	1.4%	1,100	5.5%
<b>Service Providing</b>	576,800	571,000	566,500	5,800	1.0%	10,300	1.8%
<b>Private Service Providing</b>	510,100	510,400	501,300	-300	-0.1%	8,800	1.8%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	115,600	115,700	115,700	-100	-0.1%	-100	-0.1%
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	25,200	25,100	24,200	100	0.4%	1,000	4.1%
<b>Retail Trade</b>	76,900	77,100	78,500	-200	-0.3%	-1,600	-2.0%
Food and Beverage Stores	19,500	19,600	18,800	-100	-0.5%	700	3.7%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,600	5,600	5,900	0	0.0%	-300	-5.1%
General Merchandise Stores	13,900	13,900	14,200	0	0.0%	-300	-2.1%
<b>Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities</b>	13,500	13,500	13,000	0	0.0%	500	3.8%
<b>Information</b>	10,100	10,300	11,100	-200	-1.9%	-1,000	-9.0%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	43,900	43,300	41,800	600	1.4%	2,100	5.0%
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>	24,500	24,100	24,400	400	1.7%	100	0.4%
Depository Credit Intermediation	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	0.0%	-100	-1.7%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	117,700	117,900	114,300	-200	-0.2%	3,400	3.0%
<b>Professional, Scientific, and Technical Servi</b>	51,900	52,600	49,100	-700	-1.3%	2,800	5.7%
<b>Management of Companies and Enterprises</b>	11,100	11,100	10,700	0	0.0%	400	3.7%
<b>Administrative and Support and Waste Serv</b>	54,700	54,200	54,500	500	0.9%	200	0.4%
Employment Services	16,700	16,800	16,500	-100	-0.6%	200	1.2%
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	104,900	104,200	101,100	700	0.7%	3,800	3.8%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	43,400	43,700	42,400	-300	-0.7%	1,000	2.4%
Hospitals	20,400	20,200	20,000	200	1.0%	400	2.0%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	86,400	87,500	84,500	-1,100	-1.3%	1,900	2.2%
<b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	69,300	70,100	66,700	-800	-1.1%	2,600	3.9%
Accommodation	11,300	11,200	10,800	100	0.9%	500	4.6%
Food Services and Drinking Places	58,000	58,900	55,900	-900	-1.5%	2,100	3.8%
<b>Other Services</b>	31,500	31,500	32,800	0	0.0%	-1,300	-4.0%
<b>Total Government</b>	66,700	60,600	65,200	6,100	10.1%	1,500	2.3%
Federal	7,000	6,900	6,800	100	1.4%	200	2.9%
State	12,700	11,400	12,200	1,300	11.4%	500	4.1%
Local	47,000	42,300	46,200	4,700	11.1%	800	1.7%

\* = 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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