

October 2019 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's October unemployment rate of **3.0%** is down from the September rate of 3.2% reflecting a net gain of 1,260 jobs.

Continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **1.9** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 12,100 jobs.

	Oct-19	Sep-19	Oct-18	Change Oct 2018 Oct 2019	Percent Change	Change Sept 2019 Oct 2019	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	745,652	745,298	734,960	10,692	1.5%	354	0.0%
Employment	723,165	721,551	710,300	12,865	1.8%	1,614	0.2%
Unemployment	22,487	23,747	24,660	-2,173	-8.8%	-1,260	-5.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	3.2%	3.4%				
Florida	2.9%	3.0%	3.3%				
National	3.3%	3.3%	3.5%				

Industry Title	Change from						
	October 2019	September 2019	October 2018	Sep 2019 to Oct 2019		Oct 2018 to Oct 2019	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	646,100	639,300	634,000	6,800	1.1%	12,100	1.9%
Total Private	577,600	571,000	568,700	6,600	1.2%	8,900	1.6%
Goods Producing	61,500	60,500	59,500	1,000	1.7%	2,000	3.4%
Construction	40,400	39,600	38,700	800	2.0%	1,700	4.4%
Specialty Trade Contractors	26,800	26,500	25,500	300	1.1%	1,300	5.1%
Manufacturing	21,000	20,800	20,700	200	1.0%	300	1.4%
Service Providing	584,600	578,800	574,500	5,800	1.0%	10,100	1.8%
Private Service Providing	516,100	510,500	509,200	5,600	1.1%	6,900	1.4%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	117,600	116,100	116,900	1,500	1.3%	700	0.6%
Wholesale Trade	25,400	25,200	24,600	200	0.8%	800	3.3%
Retail Trade	78,500	77,400	79,100	1,100	1.4%	-600	-0.8%
Food and Beverage Stores	19,900	19,800	19,300	100	0.5%	600	3.1%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,600	5,500	5,900	100	1.8%	-300	-5.1%
General Merchandise Stores	14,200	14,000	14,300	200	1.4%	-100	-0.7%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	13,700	13,500	13,200	200	1.5%	500	3.8%
Information	10,200	10,100	10,800	100	1.0%	-600	-5.6%
Financial Activities	44,500	43,900	42,800	600	1.4%	1,700	4.0%
Finance and Insurance	24,200	24,200	24,700	0	0.0%	-500	-2.0%
Depository Credit Intermediation	5,600	5,700	5,800	-100	-1.8%	-200	-3.4%
Professional and Business Services	118,800	119,800	116,400	-1,000	-0.8%	2,400	2.1%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Servi	53,600	53,000	50,200	600	1.1%	3,400	6.8%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	11,000	11,100	10,900	-100	-0.9%	100	0.9%
Administrative and Support and Waste Serv	54,200	55,700	55,300	-1,500	-2.7%	-1,100	-2.0%
Employment Services	16,700	17,100	17,200	-400	-2.3%	-500	-2.9%
Education and Health Services	104,700	103,800	102,700	900	0.9%	2,000	1.9%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	44,200	43,300	42,500	900	2.1%	1,700	4.0%
Hospitals	20,500	20,500	20,100	0	0.0%	400	2.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	89,100	86,000	87,600	3,100	3.6%	1,500	1.7%
Accommodation and Food Services	70,200	69,400	67,100	800	1.2%	3,100	4.6%
Accommodation	11,300	11,200	10,900	100	0.9%	400	3.7%
Food Services and Drinking Places	58,900	58,200	56,200	700	1.2%	2,700	4.8%
Other Services	31,200	30,800	32,000	400	1.3%	-800	-2.5%
Total Government	68,500	68,300	65,300	200	0.3%	3,200	4.9%
Federal	7,000	7,000	6,800	0	0.0%	200	2.9%
State	14,600	14,400	12,600	200	1.4%	2,000	15.9%
Local	46,900	46,900	45,900	0	0.0%	1,000	2.2%

* = 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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