

September 2019 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's September unemployment rate of **3.2%** is down from the August rate of 3.7% reflecting a net gain of 3,984 jobs.

Continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **2.0** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 12,700 jobs.

	Sep-19	Aug-19	Sep-18	Change Sept 2018 Sept 2019	Percent Change	Change Aug 2019 Sept 2019	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	743,523	738,864	729,780	13,743	1.9%	4,659	0.6%
Employment	719,797	711,154	704,616	15,181	2.2%	8,643	1.2%
Unemployment	23,726	27,710	25,164	-1,438	-5.7%	-3,984	-14.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.8%	3.4%				
Florida	3.0%	3.5%	3.3%				
National	3.3%	3.8%	3.6%				

Industry Title	Change from							
	September 2019	August 2019	September 2018	Aug 2019 to Sep 2019		Sep 2018 to Sep 2019		
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent	
Total Nonagricultural Employment	637,600	638,200	624,900	-600	-0.1%	12,700	2.0%	
Total Private	571,100	571,500	559,600	-400	-0.1%	11,500	2.1%	
Goods Producing	60,700	61,200	58,600	-500	-0.8%	2,100	3.6%	
Construction	39,600	39,900	38,300	-300	-0.8%	1,300	3.4%	
Specialty Trade Contractors	26,500	26,400	25,300	100	0.4%	1,200	4.7%	
Manufacturing	21,000	21,200	20,200	-200	-0.9%	800	4.0%	
Service Providing	576,900	577,000	566,300	-100	0.0%	10,600	1.9%	
Private Service Providing	510,400	510,300	501,000	100	0.0%	9,400	1.9%	
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	116,000	115,700	115,700	300	0.3%	300	0.3%	
Wholesale Trade	25,200	25,200	24,200	0	0.0%	1,000	4.1%	
Retail Trade	77,300	77,000	78,500	300	0.4%	-1,200	-1.5%	
Food and Beverage Stores	19,600	19,500	19,000	100	0.5%	600	3.2%	
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,500	5,600	5,900	-100	-1.8%	-400	-6.8%	
General Merchandise Stores	14,000	13,900	14,200	100	0.7%	-200	-1.4%	
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	13,500	13,500	13,000	0	0.0%	500	3.8%	
Information	10,200	10,100	10,700	100	1.0%	-500	-4.7%	
Financial Activities	43,800	43,700	41,700	100	0.2%	2,100	5.0%	
Finance and Insurance	24,100	24,100	24,300	0	0.0%	-200	-0.8%	
Depository Credit Intermediation	5,600	5,700	5,800	-100	-1.8%	-200	-3.4%	
Professional and Business Services	119,800	118,000	114,100	1,800	1.5%	5,700	5.0%	
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Servi	53,100	52,000	48,900	1,100	2.1%	4,200	8.6%	
Management of Companies and Enterprises	11,100	11,100	10,700	0	0.0%	400	3.7%	
Administrative and Support and Waste Serv	55,600	54,900	54,500	700	1.3%	1,100	2.0%	
Employment Services	17,100	16,900	16,600	200	1.2%	500	3.0%	
Education and Health Services	103,800	104,900	101,500	-1,100	-1.0%	2,300	2.3%	
Ambulatory Health Care Services	43,300	43,500	42,400	-200	-0.5%	900	2.1%	
Hospitals	20,500	20,400	20,100	100	0.5%	400	2.0%	
Leisure and Hospitality	85,800	86,400	84,500	-600	-0.7%	1,300	1.5%	
Accommodation and Food Services	69,400	69,100	66,900	300	0.4%	2,500	3.7%	
Accommodation	11,200	11,300	10,700	-100	-0.9%	500	4.7%	
Food Services and Drinking Places	58,200	57,800	56,200	400	0.7%	2,000	3.6%	
Other Services	31,000	31,500	32,800	-500	-1.6%	-1,800	-5.5%	
Total Government	66,500	66,700	65,300	-200	-0.3%	1,200	1.8%	
Federal	7,000	7,000	6,800	0	0.0%	200	2.9%	
State	12,600	12,700	12,500	-100	-0.8%	100	0.8%	
Local	46,900	47,000	46,000	-100	-0.2%	900	2.0%	

* = 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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