

## August 2012 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's August unemployment rate of **9.6%** is down from the July rate of **9.8%** reflecting a net gain of 2,234 jobs.

However, a reduction in employment for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **-0.5** percentage decrease in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net loss of 2,600 jobs.

	Aug-12	Jul-12	Aug-11	Change Aug 2011 Aug 2012	Percent Change	Change Jul 2012 Aug 2012	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	617,012	622,636	624,860	-7,848	-1.3%	-5,624	-0.9%
Employment	557,996	561,386	554,218	3,778	0.7%	-3,390	-0.6%
Unemployment	59,016	61,250	70,642	-11,626	-16.5%	-2,234	-3.6%
Unemployment Rate	<b>9.6%</b>	<b>9.8%</b>	<b>11.3%</b>				
Florida	9.0%	9.4%	10.9%				
National	8.2%	8.6%	9.1%				

Industry Title	Aug 2012	Jul 2012	Aug 2011	Change from Jul 2012 to Aug 2012		Change from Aug 2011 to Aug 2012	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
<b>Total Nonagricultural Employment</b>	498,500	494,700	501,100	3,800	0.8%	-2,600	-0.5%
<b>Total Private</b>	434,800	436,700	438,200	-1,900	-0.4%	-3,400	-0.8%
<b>Goods Producing</b>	38,200	38,300	37,300	-100	-0.3%	900	2.4%
<b>Construction</b>	23,700	23,800	22,800	-100	-0.4%	900	4.0%
Specialty Trade Contractors	15,500	15,400	14,800	100	0.7%	700	4.7%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	14,300	14,300	14,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Service Providing</b>	460,300	456,400	463,800	3,900	0.9%	-3,500	-0.8%
<b>Private Service Providing</b>	396,600	398,400	400,900	-1,800	-0.5%	-4,300	-1.1%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	97,700	98,300	96,200	-600	-0.6%	1,500	1.6%
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	20,300	20,300	20,600	0	0.0%	-300	-1.5%
<b>Retail Trade</b>	68,700	69,200	66,900	-500	-0.7%	1,800	2.7%
Food and Beverage Stores	15,100	14,900	14,600	200	1.3%	500	3.4%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,400	5,300	5,300	100	1.9%	100	1.9%
General Merchandise Stores	13,300	13,400	13,500	-100	-0.8%	-200	-1.5%
<b>Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities</b>	8,700	8,800	8,700	-100	-1.1%	0	0.0%
<b>Information</b>	9,000	9,000	9,100	0	0.0%	-100	-1.1%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	35,200	34,800	35,800	400	1.2%	-600	-1.7%
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>	22,600	22,600	22,700	0	0.0%	-100	-0.4%
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,800	6,800	6,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	85,400	87,000	86,400	-1,600	-1.8%	-1,000	-1.2%
<b>Professional and Technical Services</b>	33,500	34,200	35,000	-700	-2.1%	-1,500	-4.3%
<b>Management of Companies and Enterprises</b>	8,200	8,300	8,400	-100	-1.2%	-200	-2.4%
<b>Administrative and Waste Services</b>	43,700	44,500	43,000	-800	-1.8%	700	1.6%
Employment Services	10,800	10,700	9,600	100	0.9%	1,200	12.5%
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	85,500	85,100	83,400	400	0.5%	2,100	2.5%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	33,700	33,600	33,000	100	0.3%	700	2.1%
Hospitals	17,200	17,100	16,800	100	0.6%	400	2.4%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	61,300	61,600	67,600	-300	-0.5%	-6,300	-9.3%
<b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	51,900	51,600	52,400	300	0.6%	-500	-1.0%
Accommodation	9,800	9,700	9,700	100	1.0%	100	1.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	42,100	41,900	42,700	200	0.5%	-600	-1.4%
<b>Other Services</b>	22,500	22,600	22,400	-100	-0.4%	100	0.5%
<b>Total Government</b>	63,700	58,000	62,900	5,700	9.8%	800	1.3%
Federal	6,200	6,200	6,300	0	0.0%	-100	-1.6%
State	8,300	8,000	8,600	300	3.8%	-300	-3.5%
Local	49,200	43,800	48,000	5,400	12.3%	1,200	2.5%

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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