

## December 2012 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's December unemployment rate of **8.0%** is down from the November rate of **8.3%** reflecting a net gain of 2,231 jobs.

Employment for Palm Beach County dipped slightly as indicated by the **<0.1** percentage decrease in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net loss of 200 jobs.

	Dec-12	Nov-12	Dec-11	Change Dec 2011 Dec 2012	Percent Change	Change Nov 2012 Dec 2012	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	617,298	620,083	623,878	-6,580	-1.1%	-2,785	-0.4%
Employment	567,697	568,251	562,707	4,990	0.9%	-554	-0.1%
Unemployment	49,601	51,832	61,171	-11,570	-18.9%	-2,231	-4.3%
Unemployment Rate	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>9.8%</b>				
Florida	7.9%	8.0%	9.7%				
National	7.6%	7.4%	8.3%				

Industry Title	Nov 2012	Oct 2012	Nov 2011	Change from		Change from	
				Oct 2012 to Nov 2012 Level	Percent	Nov 2011 to Nov 2012 Level	Percent
<b>Total Nonagricultural Employment</b>	513,200	512,700	513,400	500	0.1%	-200	*
<b>Total Private</b>	448,200	447,300	450,100	900	0.2%	-1,900	-0.4%
<b>Goods Producing</b>	37,800	37,500	39,100	300	0.8%	-1,300	-3.3%
<b>Construction</b>	23,400	23,200	23,800	200	0.9%	-400	-1.7%
Specialty Trade Contractors	15,200	15,100	15,300	100	0.7%	-100	-0.7%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	14,300	14,100	15,100	200	1.4%	-800	-5.3%
<b>Service Providing</b>	475,400	475,200	474,300	200	0.0%	1,100	0.2%
<b>Private Service Providing</b>	410,400	409,800	411,000	600	0.2%	-600	-0.2%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	102,700	101,900	101,900	800	0.8%	800	0.8%
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	20,800	20,700	21,300	100	0.5%	-500	-2.4%
<b>Retail Trade</b>	72,600	72,000	71,600	600	0.8%	1,000	1.4%
Food and Beverage Stores	15,700	15,600	14,900	100	0.6%	800	5.4%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,500	5,400	5,400	100	1.9%	100	1.9%
General Merchandise Stores	14,900	14,300	14,800	600	4.2%	100	0.7%
<b>Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities</b>	9,300	9,200	9,000	100	1.1%	300	3.3%
<b>Information</b>	8,800	8,900	9,200	-100	-1.1%	-400	-4.4%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	35,400	35,300	36,400	100	0.3%	-1,000	-2.8%
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>	22,300	22,400	22,800	-100	-0.5%	-500	-2.2%
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,800	6,800	6,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	87,100	88,000	88,900	-900	-1.0%	-1,800	-2.0%
<b>Professional and Technical Services</b>	34,700	35,300	35,600	-600	-1.7%	-900	-2.5%
<b>Management of Companies and Enterprises</b>	8,300	8,400	8,400	-100	-1.2%	-100	-1.2%
<b>Administrative and Waste Services</b>	44,100	44,300	44,900	-200	-0.5%	-800	-1.8%
Employment Services	11,100	11,100	10,200	0	0.0%	900	8.8%
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	85,800	86,100	86,100	-300	-0.4%	-300	-0.4%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	34,300	34,100	33,500	200	0.6%	800	2.4%
Hospitals	17,300	17,200	17,100	100	0.6%	200	1.2%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	67,700	66,700	65,400	1,000	1.5%	2,300	3.5%
<b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	54,200	53,300	53,100	900	1.7%	1,100	2.1%
Accommodation	10,000	9,800	10,000	200	2.0%	0	0.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	44,200	43,500	43,100	700	1.6%	1,100	2.6%
<b>Other Services</b>	22,900	22,900	23,100	0	0.0%	-200	-0.9%
<b>Total Government</b>	65,000	65,400	63,300	-400	-0.6%	1,700	2.7%
Federal	6,300	6,300	6,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State	9,200	9,200	9,500	0	0.0%	-300	-3.2%
Local	49,500	49,900	47,500	-400	-0.8%	2,000	4.2%

\* = 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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