

August 2013 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's August unemployment rate of **7.5%** is down from the July rate of **7.7%** reflecting a gain of 1,861 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 9,500 jobs.

	Aug-13	Jul-13	Aug-12	Change Aug 2012 Aug 2013	Percent Change	Change Jul 2013 Aug 2013	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	640,239	641,248	635,851	4,388	0.7%	-1,009	-0.2%
Employment	592,371	591,519	576,194	16,177	2.8%	852	0.1%
Unemployment	47,868	49,729	59,657	-11,789	-19.8%	-1,861	-3.7%
Unemployment Rate	7.5%	7.8%	9.4%				
Florida	7.1%	7.4%	9.0%				
National	7.3%	7.7%	8.2%				

Industry Title	Aug 2013	Jul 2013	Aug 2012	Change from			
				Jul 2013 to Aug 2013 Level	Percent	Aug 2012 to Aug 2013 Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	524,200	517,800	514,700	6,400	1.2%	9,500	1.9%
Total Private	460,800	459,300	452,000	1,500	0.3%	8,800	2.0%
Goods Producing	38,100	36,600	40,300	1,500	4.1%	-2,200	-5.5%
Construction	23,900	23,000	24,800	900	3.9%	-900	-3.6%
Specialty Trade Contractors	14,900	14,700	15,900	200	1.4%	-1,000	-6.3%
Manufacturing	14,000	13,400	15,300	600	4.5%	-1,300	-8.5%
Service Providing	486,100	481,200	474,400	4,900	1.0%	11,700	2.5%
Private Service Providing	422,700	422,700	411,700	0	0.0%	11,000	2.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	103,000	102,700	98,100	300	0.3%	4,900	5.0%
Wholesale Trade	21,200	21,100	21,000	100	0.5%	200	1.0%
Retail Trade	72,500	72,300	68,200	200	0.3%	4,300	6.3%
Food and Beverage Stores	15,900	15,800	14,800	100	0.6%	1,100	7.4%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,200	5,100	5,200	100	2.0%	0	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	13,900	14,100	13,600	-200	-1.4%	300	2.2%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	9,300	9,300	8,900	0	0.0%	400	4.5%
Information	9,000	9,000	9,200	0	0.0%	-200	-2.2%
Financial Activities	36,000	35,700	37,000	300	0.8%	-1,000	-2.7%
Finance and Insurance	22,300	22,200	22,900	100	0.5%	-600	-2.6%
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,700	6,700	6,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	92,700	93,500	89,300	-800	-0.9%	3,400	3.8%
Professional and Technical Services	39,500	39,300	38,400	200	0.5%	1,100	2.9%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	8,800	8,800	8,700	0	0.0%	100	1.2%
Administrative and Waste Services	44,400	45,400	42,200	-1,000	-2.2%	2,200	5.2%
Employment Services	9,600	9,900	9,700	-300	-3.0%	-100	-1.0%
Education and Health Services	84,500	84,100	82,600	400	0.5%	1,900	2.3%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	35,900	35,500	33,200	400	1.1%	2,700	8.1%
Hospitals	16,800	17,000	17,200	-200	-1.2%	-400	-2.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	70,800	71,000	69,400	-200	-0.3%	1,400	2.0%
Accommodation and Food Services	55,800	55,700	54,700	100	0.2%	1,100	2.0%
Accommodation	9,500	9,500	9,900	0	0.0%	-400	-4.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	46,300	46,200	44,800	100	0.2%	1,500	3.4%
Other Services	26,700	26,700	26,100	0	0.0%	600	2.3%
Total Government	63,400	58,500	62,700	4,900	8.4%	700	1.1%
Federal	6,400	6,400	6,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State	7,700	7,800	8,200	-100	-1.3%	-500	-6.1%
Local	49,300	44,300	48,100	5,000	11.3%	1,200	2.5%

* = 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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