

January 2013 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's January unemployment rate of **8.0%** is level with the December rate of **8.0%** reflecting a slight net loss of 365 jobs.

However, continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **2.1** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 10,700 jobs.

	Jan-13	Dec-12	Jan-12	Change Jan 2012 Jan 2013	Percent Change	Change Dec 2012 Jan 2013	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	633,198	635,084	628,090	5,108	0.8%	-1,886	-0.3%
Employment	582,853	585,104	569,654	13,199	2.3%	-2,251	-0.4%
Unemployment	50,345	49,980	58,436	-8,091	-13.8%	365	0.7%
Unemployment Rate	8.0%	7.9%	9.3%				
Florida	8.0%	7.8%	9.3%				
National	8.5%	7.6%	8.8%				

Industry Title	Jan 2013	Dec 2012	Jan 2012	Change from			
				Dec 2012 to Jan 2013 Level	Jan 2012 Percent	Jan 2012 to Jan 2013 Level	Jan 2012 to Jan 2013 Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	527,700	530,200	517,000	-2,500	-0.5%	10,700	2.1%
Total Private	462,900	465,900	454,500	-3,000	-0.6%	8,400	1.9%
Goods Producing	39,300	40,400	38,600	-1,100	-2.7%	700	1.8%
Construction	24,000	24,900	23,200	-900	-3.6%	800	3.5%
Specialty Trade Contractors	15,100	15,700	14,800	-600	-3.8%	300	2.0%
Manufacturing	15,100	15,300	15,200	-200	-1.3%	-100	-0.7%
Service Providing	488,400	489,800	478,400	-1,400	-0.3%	10,000	2.1%
Private Service Providing	423,600	425,500	415,900	-1,900	-0.5%	7,700	1.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	101,900	103,900	100,200	-2,000	-1.9%	1,700	1.7%
Wholesale Trade	21,700	21,900	21,500	-200	-0.9%	200	0.9%
Retail Trade	70,900	72,400	69,700	-1,500	-2.1%	1,200	1.7%
Food and Beverage Stores	15,100	15,200	14,800	-100	-0.7%	300	2.0%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,200	5,300	5,300	-100	-1.9%	-100	-1.9%
General Merchandise Stores	14,400	15,400	14,200	-1,000	-6.5%	200	1.4%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	9,300	9,600	9,000	-300	-3.1%	300	3.3%
Information	9,000	9,100	9,200	-100	-1.1%	-200	-2.2%
Financial Activities	36,200	36,500	35,900	-300	-0.8%	300	0.8%
Finance and Insurance	22,400	22,600	22,300	-200	-0.9%	100	0.5%
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,600	6,700	6,700	-100	-1.5%	-100	-1.5%
Professional and Business Services	91,600	91,100	88,100	500	0.6%	3,500	4.0%
Professional and Technical Services	40,600	39,600	37,700	1,000	2.5%	2,900	7.7%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	8,800	8,800	8,700	0	0.0%	100	1.2%
Administrative and Waste Services	42,200	42,700	41,700	-500	-1.2%	500	1.2%
Employment Services	9,500	9,800	9,900	-300	-3.1%	-400	-4.0%
Education and Health Services	83,300	83,000	81,700	300	0.4%	1,600	2.0%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	33,900	33,400	32,400	500	1.5%	1,500	4.6%
Hospitals	16,900	17,200	17,100	-300	-1.7%	-200	-1.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	74,600	74,900	74,000	-300	-0.4%	600	0.8%
Accommodation and Food Services	57,600	57,900	57,400	-300	-0.5%	200	0.4%
Accommodation	9,900	10,000	10,200	-100	-1.0%	-300	-2.9%
Food Services and Drinking Places	47,700	47,900	47,200	-200	-0.4%	500	1.1%
Other Services	27,000	27,000	26,800	0	0.0%	200	0.8%
Total Government	64,800	64,300	62,500	500	0.8%	2,300	3.7%
Federal	6,400	6,500	6,300	-100	-1.5%	100	1.6%
State	8,700	9,000	8,900	-300	-3.3%	-200	-2.3%
Local	49,700	48,800	47,300	900	1.8%	2,400	5.1%

* = 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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