

October 2013 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's October unemployment rate of **6.7%** is down from the September rate of **7.1%** reflecting a gain of 3,325 jobs.

Continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **2.4** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 12,600 jobs.

	Oct-13	Sep-13	Oct-12	Change Oct 2012 Oct 2013	Percent Change	Change Sept 2013 Oct 2013	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	633,294	640,219	636,429	-3,135	-0.5%	-6,925	-1.1%
Employment	590,855	594,455	583,193	7,662	1.3%	-3,600	-0.6%
Unemployment	42,439	45,764	53,236	-10,797	-20.3%	-3,325	-7.3%
Unemployment Rate	6.7%	7.1%	8.4%				
Florida	6.6%	6.9%	8.1%				
National	7.0%	7.0%	7.5%				

Industry Title	Oct 2013	Sept 2013	Oct 2012	Change from			
				Sept 2013 to Oct 2013		Oct 2012 to Oct 2013	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	531,700	527,000	519,100	4,700	0.9%	12,600	2.4%
Total Private	466,200	462,200	454,700	4,000	0.9%	11,500	2.5%
Goods Producing	38,100	37,700	39,900	400	1.1%	-1,800	-4.5%
Construction	24,000	23,600	24,600	400	1.7%	-600	-2.4%
Specialty Trade Contractors	15,300	14,900	15,600	400	2.7%	-300	-1.9%
Manufacturing	13,900	13,900	15,100	0	0.0%	-1,200	-8.0%
Service Providing	493,600	489,300	479,200	4,300	0.9%	14,400	3.0%
Private Service Providing	428,100	424,500	414,800	3,600	0.9%	13,300	3.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	104,900	104,100	99,800	800	0.8%	5,100	5.1%
Wholesale Trade	21,300	21,300	21,400	0	0.0%	-100	-0.5%
Retail Trade	74,200	73,500	69,400	700	1.0%	4,800	6.9%
Food and Beverage Stores	16,300	16,100	15,000	200	1.2%	1,300	8.7%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,300	5,300	5,400	0	0.0%	-100	-1.9%
General Merchandise Stores	14,200	13,900	13,700	300	2.2%	500	3.7%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	9,400	9,300	9,000	100	1.1%	400	4.4%
Information	9,000	9,000	9,100	0	0.0%	-100	-1.1%
Financial Activities	36,300	36,300	36,500	0	0.0%	-200	-0.6%
Finance and Insurance	22,400	22,300	22,700	100	0.5%	-300	-1.3%
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,700	6,700	6,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	93,500	92,400	89,400	1,100	1.2%	4,100	4.6%
Professional and Technical Services	41,000	40,100	38,800	900	2.2%	2,200	5.7%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	8,800	8,800	8,700	0	0.0%	100	1.2%
Administrative and Waste Services	43,700	43,500	41,900	200	0.5%	1,800	4.3%
Employment Services	9,800	9,600	9,600	200	2.1%	200	2.1%
Education and Health Services	85,100	85,200	83,000	-100	-0.1%	2,100	2.5%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	35,400	35,900	33,000	-500	-1.4%	2,400	7.3%
Hospitals	17,000	17,000	17,300	0	0.0%	-300	-1.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	72,300	70,700	70,500	1,600	2.3%	1,800	2.6%
Accommodation and Food Services	56,400	55,800	55,300	600	1.1%	1,100	2.0%
Accommodation	9,600	9,400	9,800	200	2.1%	-200	-2.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	46,800	46,400	45,500	400	0.9%	1,300	2.9%
Other Services	27,000	26,800	26,500	200	0.8%	500	1.9%
Total Government	65,500	64,800	64,400	700	1.1%	1,100	1.7%
Federal	6,400	6,400	6,500	0	0.0%	-100	-1.5%
State	8,900	8,800	9,000	100	1.1%	-100	-1.1%
Local	50,200	49,600	48,900	600	1.2%	1,300	2.7%

* = 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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