

August 2014 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's August unemployment rate of **6.6%** is steady with the July rate of **6.6%** reflecting a slight net loss of 183 jobs.

Continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **2.7** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 14,600 jobs.

	Aug-14	Jul-14	Aug-13	Change Aug 2013 Aug 2014	Percent Change	Change Jul 2014 Aug 2014	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	667,204	668,962	652,297	14,907	2.3%	-1,758	-0.3%
Employment	623,035	624,610	601,593	21,442	3.6%	-1,575	-0.3%
Unemployment	44,169	44,352	50,704	-6,535	-12.9%	-183	-0.4%
Unemployment Rate	6.6%	6.6%	7.8%				
Florida	6.7%	6.6%	7.4%				
National	6.3%	6.5%	7.3%				

Industry Title	August 2014	July 2014	August 2013	Change from		August 2013 to Aug 2014 Level	August 2013 to Aug 2014 Percent
				Jul 2014 to Aug 2014 Level	Percent		
Total Nonagricultural Employment	550,300	546,700	535,700	3,600	0.7%	14,600	2.7%
Total Private	488,000	489,500	474,500	-1,500	-0.3%	13,500	2.9%
Goods Producing	44,800	44,600	42,800	200	0.5%	2,000	4.7%
Construction	29,400	29,600	27,300	-200	-0.7%	2,100	7.7%
Specialty Trade Contractors	19,800	19,700	17,600	100	0.5%	2,200	12.5%
Manufacturing	15,300	14,900	15,400	400	2.7%	-100	-0.7%
Service Providing	505,500	502,100	492,900	3,400	0.7%	12,600	2.6%
Private Service Providing	443,200	444,900	431,700	-1,700	-0.4%	11,500	2.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	103,100	103,200	101,500	-100	-0.1%	1,600	1.6%
Wholesale Trade	22,000	21,900	21,500	100	0.5%	500	2.3%
Retail Trade	71,400	71,500	70,600	-100	-0.1%	800	1.1%
Food and Beverage Stores	16,800	16,800	16,100	0	0.0%	700	4.4%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,700	5,700	5,600	0	0.0%	100	1.8%
General Merchandise Stores	13,500	13,600	13,400	-100	-0.7%	100	0.8%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	9,700	9,800	9,400	-100	-1.0%	300	3.2%
Information	9,600	9,600	9,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	38,200	37,900	38,000	300	0.8%	200	0.5%
Finance and Insurance	23,500	23,400	23,400	100	0.4%	100	0.4%
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,600	6,500	6,700	100	1.5%	-100	-1.5%
Professional and Business Services	100,000	101,400	97,300	-1,400	-1.4%	2,700	2.8%
Professional and Technical Services	42,400	44,100	41,300	-1,700	-3.9%	1,100	2.7%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	9,300	9,300	9,400	0	0.0%	-100	-1.1%
Administrative and Waste Services	48,300	48,000	46,600	300	0.6%	1,700	3.7%
Employment Services	13,200	12,800	12,000	400	3.1%	1,200	10.0%
Education and Health Services	89,400	89,200	85,400	200	0.2%	4,000	4.7%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	38,000	37,900	35,500	100	0.3%	2,500	7.0%
Hospitals	18,200	18,100	18,000	100	0.6%	200	1.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	74,200	75,100	71,500	-900	-1.2%	2,700	3.8%
Accommodation and Food Services	58,100	58,400	56,700	-300	-0.5%	1,400	2.5%
Accommodation	10,100	10,200	9,900	-100	-1.0%	200	2.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	48,000	48,200	46,800	-200	-0.4%	1,200	2.6%
Other Services	28,700	28,500	28,400	200	0.7%	300	1.1%
Total Government	62,300	57,200	61,200	5,100	8.9%	1,100	1.8%
Federal	6,400	6,400	6,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State	8,300	8,000	8,000	300	3.8%	300	3.8%
Local	47,600	42,800	46,800	4,800	11.2%	800	1.7%

* = 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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