

December 2014 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's December unemployment rate of **4.8%** is down from the November rate of **5.2%** reflecting a net gain of 3,200 jobs.

Continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **2.5** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 13,900 jobs.

	Dec-14	Nov-14	Dec-13	Change Dec 2013 Dec 2014	Percent Change	Change Nov 2014 Dec 2014	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	659,398	664,538	648,501	10,897	1.7%	-5,140	-0.8%
Employment	627,595	629,535	609,905	17,690	2.9%	-1,940	-0.3%
Unemployment	31,803	35,003	38,596	-6,793	-17.6%	-3,200	-9.1%
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	5.3%	6.0%				
Florida	5.4%	5.6%	5.9%				
National	5.4%	5.5%	6.5%				

Industry Title	Change from						
	December 2014	November 2014	December 2013	Nov 2014 to Dec 2014		Dec 2013 to Dec 2014	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	569,600	565,900	555,700	3,700	0.7%	13,900	2.5%
Total Private	506,200	502,800	492,100	3,400	0.7%	14,100	2.9%
Goods Producing	45,400	45,400	43,300	0	0.0%	2,100	4.9%
Construction	29,600	29,600	27,400	0	0.0%	2,200	8.0%
Specialty Trade Contractors	20,200	20,100	18,300	100	0.5%	1,900	10.4%
Manufacturing	15,700	15,700	15,800	0	0.0%	-100	-0.6%
Service Providing	524,200	520,500	512,400	3,700	0.7%	11,800	2.3%
Private Service Providing	460,800	457,400	448,800	3,400	0.7%	12,000	2.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	108,900	107,800	107,600	1,100	1.0%	1,300	1.2%
Wholesale Trade	22,900	22,700	22,300	200	0.9%	600	2.7%
Retail Trade	75,700	75,000	75,400	700	0.9%	300	0.4%
Food and Beverage Stores	17,200	17,200	16,800	0	0.0%	400	2.4%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,800	5,800	5,700	0	0.0%	100	1.8%
General Merchandise Stores	15,300	14,700	15,000	600	4.1%	300	2.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	10,300	10,100	9,900	200	2.0%	400	4.0%
Information	9,600	9,600	9,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	38,700	38,700	37,900	0	0.0%	800	2.1%
Finance and Insurance	23,600	23,600	23,500	0	0.0%	100	0.4%
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,500	6,500	6,700	0	0.0%	-200	-3.0%
Professional and Business Services	102,700	102,300	99,500	400	0.4%	3,200	3.2%
Professional and Technical Services	43,600	43,600	42,800	0	0.0%	800	1.9%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	9,500	9,400	9,500	100	1.1%	0	0.0%
Administrative and Waste Services	49,600	49,300	47,200	300	0.6%	2,400	5.1%
Employment Services	13,700	13,400	12,300	300	2.2%	1,400	11.4%
Education and Health Services	91,200	90,700	87,000	500	0.6%	4,200	4.8%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	38,800	38,600	35,700	200	0.5%	3,100	8.7%
Hospitals	18,200	18,200	18,000	0	0.0%	200	1.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	79,600	78,400	77,700	1,200	1.5%	1,900	2.5%
Accommodation and Food Services	61,200	60,400	60,200	800	1.3%	1,000	1.7%
Accommodation	10,400	10,300	10,400	100	1.0%	0	0.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	50,800	50,100	49,800	700	1.4%	1,000	2.0%
Other Services	30,100	29,900	29,500	200	0.7%	600	2.0%
Total Government	63,400	63,100	63,600	300	0.5%	-200	-0.3%
Federal	6,600	6,500	6,500	100	1.5%	100	1.5%
State	9,200	9,200	8,900	0	0.0%	300	3.4%
Local	47,600	47,400	48,200	200	0.4%	-600	-1.2%

* = 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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