

September 2014 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's September unemployment rate of **6.0%** is down from the August rate of **6.6%** reflecting a net gain of 4,868 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 13,300 jobs.

	Sep-14	Aug-14	Sep-13	Change Sept 2013 Sept 2014	Percent Change	Change Aug 2014 Sept 2014	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	668,586	668,168	653,055	15,531	2.4%	418	0.1%
Employment	628,733	623,447	604,815	23,918	4.0%	5,286	0.8%
Unemployment	39,853	44,721	48,240	-8,387	-17.4%	-4,868	-10.9%
Unemployment Rate	6.0%	6.7%	7.4%				
Florida	6.1%	6.7%	7.1%				
National	5.7%	6.3%	7.0%				

Industry Title	September 2014	August 2014	September 2013	Change from			
				Aug 2014 to Sept 2014		Sept 2013 to Sept 2014	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	551,800	551,200	538,500	600	0.1%	13,300	2.5%
Total Private	488,400	488,800	476,300	-400	-0.1%	12,100	2.5%
Goods Producing	45,400	45,000	42,900	400	0.9%	2,500	5.8%
Construction	30,000	29,600	27,400	400	1.4%	2,600	9.5%
Specialty Trade Contractors	20,100	19,800	17,700	300	1.5%	2,400	13.6%
Manufacturing	15,300	15,300	15,400	0	0.0%	-100	-0.7%
Service Providing	506,400	506,200	495,600	200	0.0%	10,800	2.2%
Private Service Providing	443,000	443,800	433,400	-800	-0.2%	9,600	2.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	104,300	103,500	102,000	800	0.8%	2,300	2.3%
Wholesale Trade	22,100	21,900	21,700	200	0.9%	400	1.8%
Retail Trade	72,400	71,800	70,900	600	0.8%	1,500	2.1%
Food and Beverage Stores	16,800	16,800	16,200	0	0.0%	600	3.7%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,700	5,700	5,600	0	0.0%	100	1.8%
General Merchandise Stores	13,500	13,500	13,300	0	0.0%	200	1.5%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	9,800	9,800	9,400	0	0.0%	400	4.3%
Information	9,600	9,600	9,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	37,600	38,200	38,000	-600	-1.6%	-400	-1.1%
Finance and Insurance	23,300	23,500	23,300	-200	-0.9%	0	0.0%
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,500	6,600	6,600	-100	-1.5%	-100	-1.5%
Professional and Business Services	99,500	100,200	97,300	-700	-0.7%	2,200	2.3%
Professional and Technical Services	41,900	42,700	41,400	-800	-1.9%	500	1.2%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	9,300	9,300	9,400	0	0.0%	-100	-1.1%
Administrative and Waste Services	48,300	48,200	46,500	100	0.2%	1,800	3.9%
Employment Services	13,200	13,200	12,000	0	0.0%	1,200	10.0%
Education and Health Services	89,400	89,400	85,800	0	0.0%	3,600	4.2%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	38,300	38,000	35,400	300	0.8%	2,900	8.2%
Hospitals	18,200	18,200	17,900	0	0.0%	300	1.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	73,900	74,200	72,000	-300	-0.4%	1,900	2.6%
Accommodation and Food Services	58,000	58,100	56,900	-100	-0.2%	1,100	1.9%
Accommodation	10,000	10,100	9,800	-100	-1.0%	200	2.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	48,000	48,000	47,100	0	0.0%	900	1.9%
Other Services	28,700	28,700	28,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total Government	63,400	62,400	62,200	1,000	1.6%	1,200	1.9%
Federal	6,400	6,500	6,400	-100	-1.5%	0	0.0%
State	9,000	8,300	8,700	700	8.4%	300	3.5%
Local	48,000	47,600	47,100	400	0.8%	900	1.9%

* = 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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