

## December 2015 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's December unemployment rate of **4.5%** is down from the November rate of 4.6% reflecting a net gain of 1,239 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 14,100 jobs.

	Dec-15	Nov-15	Dec-14	Change Dec 2014 Dec 2015	Percent Change	Change Nov 2015 Dec 2015	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	687,900	688,885	685,264	2,636	0.4%	-985	-0.1%
Employment	657,040	656,786	652,513	4,527	0.7%	254	0.0%
Unemployment	30,860	32,099	32,751	-1,891	-5.8%	-1,239	-3.9%
Unemployment Rate	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>				
Florida	4.7%	4.9%	5.4%				
National	4.8%	4.8%	5.4%				

Industry Title	Change from						
	December 2015	November 2015	December 2014	Nov 2015 to Dec 2015		Dec 2014 to Dec 2015	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
<b>Total Nonagricultural Employment</b>	592,600	590,000	578,500	2,600	0.4%	14,100	2.4%
<b>Total Private</b>	529,400	526,800	516,400	2,600	0.5%	13,000	2.5%
<b>Goods Producing</b>	46,300	46,300	46,200	0	0.0%	100	0.2%
<b>Construction</b>	29,500	29,500	29,200	0	0.0%	300	1.0%
Specialty Trade Contractors	20,100	20,100	19,500	0	0.0%	600	3.1%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	16,700	16,700	16,900	0	0.0%	-200	-1.2%
<b>Service Providing</b>	546,300	543,700	532,300	2,600	0.5%	14,000	2.6%
<b>Private Service Providing</b>	483,100	480,500	470,200	2,600	0.5%	12,900	2.7%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	114,500	113,100	111,400	1,400	1.2%	3,100	2.8%
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	23,800	23,600	23,300	200	0.8%	500	2.1%
<b>Retail Trade</b>	79,200	78,400	77,300	800	1.0%	1,900	2.5%
Food and Beverage Stores	17,100	17,100	16,800	0	0.0%	300	1.8%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,800	5,800	5,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	16,000	15,600	15,900	400	2.6%	100	0.6%
<b>Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities</b>	11,500	11,100	10,800	400	3.6%	700	6.5%
<b>Information</b>	10,100	10,100	10,200	0	0.0%	-100	-1.0%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	37,900	38,400	39,700	-500	-1.3%	-1,800	-4.5%
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>	23,800	23,800	23,900	0	0.0%	-100	-0.4%
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,400	6,400	6,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	111,600	112,400	104,700	-800	-0.7%	6,900	6.6%
<b>Professional and Technical Services</b>	49,500	49,700	44,100	-200	-0.4%	5,400	12.2%
<b>Management of Companies and Enterprises</b>	10,300	10,300	10,000	0	0.0%	300	3.0%
<b>Administrative and Waste Services</b>	51,800	52,400	50,600	-600	-1.1%	1,200	2.4%
Employment Services	15,300	15,300	14,500	0	0.0%	800	5.5%
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	94,400	93,700	91,300	700	0.7%	3,100	3.4%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	39,300	38,600	38,200	700	1.8%	1,100	2.9%
Hospitals	18,200	18,200	17,900	0	0.0%	300	1.7%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	82,800	81,200	81,200	1,600	2.0%	1,600	2.0%
<b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	64,600	63,400	63,000	1,200	1.9%	1,600	2.5%
Accommodation	10,600	10,500	10,500	100	1.0%	100	1.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	54,000	52,900	52,500	1,100	2.1%	1,500	2.9%
<b>Other Services</b>	31,800	31,600	31,700	200	0.6%	100	0.3%
<b>Total Government</b>	63,200	63,200	62,100	0	0.0%	1,100	1.8%
Federal	6,900	6,700	6,700	200	3.0%	200	3.0%
State	9,400	9,400	9,200	0	0.0%	200	2.2%
Local	46,900	47,100	46,200	-200	-0.4%	700	1.5%

\* = 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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