

## September 2015 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's September unemployment rate of **5.2%** is down from the August rate of 5.5% reflecting a net gain of 1,818 jobs.

Continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **2.1** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 11,800 jobs.

	Sep-15	Aug-15	Sep-14	Change Sept 2014 Sept 2015	Percent Change	Change Aug 2015 Sept 2015	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	685,033	681,492	690,551	-5,518	-0.8%	3,541	0.5%
Employment	649,128	643,769	649,932	-804	-0.1%	5,359	0.8%
Unemployment	35,905	37,723	40,619	-4,714	-11.6%	-1,818	-4.8%
Unemployment Rate	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>				
Florida	5.3%	5.6%	6.2%				
National	4.9%	5.2%	5.7%				

Industry Title	September 2015	August 2015	September 2014	Change from		Change from	
				Aug 2015 to Sept 2015	Sept 2014 to Sept 2015	Level	Percent
<b>Total Nonagricultural Employment</b>	572,200	571,000	560,400	1,200	0.2%	11,800	2.1%
<b>Total Private</b>	510,200	509,900	498,100	300	0.1%	12,100	2.4%
<b>Goods Producing</b>	45,600	45,200	45,600	400	0.9%	0	0.0%
<b>Construction</b>	29,200	28,800	29,100	400	1.4%	100	0.3%
Specialty Trade Contractors	19,900	19,900	19,400	0	0.0%	500	2.6%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	16,300	16,300	16,400	0	0.0%	-100	-0.6%
<b>Service Providing</b>	526,600	525,800	514,800	800	0.2%	11,800	2.3%
<b>Private Service Providing</b>	464,600	464,700	452,500	-100	0.0%	12,100	2.7%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	107,700	107,600	107,100	100	0.1%	600	0.6%
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	23,000	22,900	22,500	100	0.4%	500	2.2%
<b>Retail Trade</b>	73,800	73,900	74,200	-100	-0.1%	-400	-0.5%
Food and Beverage Stores	16,700	16,700	16,900	0	0.0%	-200	-1.2%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,600	5,600	5,700	0	0.0%	-100	-1.8%
General Merchandise Stores	14,200	14,300	14,000	-100	-0.7%	200	1.4%
<b>Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities</b>	10,900	10,800	10,400	100	0.9%	500	4.8%
<b>Information</b>	10,100	10,100	10,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	38,100	38,600	38,500	-500	-1.3%	-400	-1.0%
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>	23,600	23,600	23,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,300	6,300	6,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	108,200	109,000	101,600	-800	-0.7%	6,600	6.5%
<b>Professional and Technical Services</b>	47,900	48,000	42,500	-100	-0.2%	5,400	12.7%
<b>Management of Companies and Enterprises</b>	10,100	10,200	9,800	-100	-1.0%	300	3.1%
<b>Administrative and Waste Services</b>	50,200	50,800	49,300	-600	-1.2%	900	1.8%
Employment Services	14,300	14,400	13,900	-100	-0.7%	400	2.9%
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	92,800	91,500	89,600	1,300	1.4%	3,200	3.6%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	38,200	38,300	37,500	-100	-0.3%	700	1.9%
Hospitals	18,000	18,000	17,900	0	0.0%	100	0.6%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	77,100	76,900	75,300	200	0.3%	1,800	2.4%
<b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	61,100	61,300	59,600	-200	-0.3%	1,500	2.5%
Accommodation	10,100	10,300	10,100	-200	-1.9%	0	0.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	51,000	51,000	49,500	0	0.0%	1,500	3.0%
<b>Other Services</b>	30,600	31,000	30,300	-400	-1.3%	300	1.0%
<b>Total Government</b>	62,000	61,100	62,300	900	1.5%	-300	-0.5%
Federal	6,700	6,700	6,500	0	0.0%	200	3.1%
State	9,200	8,500	8,900	700	8.2%	300	3.4%
Local	46,100	45,900	46,900	200	0.4%	-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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