

August 2016 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's August unemployment rate of **5.1%** is down from the July rate of 5.2% reflecting a net gain of 1,362 jobs.

Continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **2.3** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 13,200 jobs.

	Aug-16	Jul-16	Aug-15	Change Aug 2015 Aug 2016	Percent Change	Change Jul 2016 Aug 2016	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	699,012	705,150	693,510	5,502	0.8%	-6,138	-0.9%
Employment	663,503	668,279	655,705	7,798	1.2%	-4,776	-0.7%
Unemployment	35,509	36,871	37,805	-2,296	-6.1%	-1,362	-3.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	5.2%	5.5%				
Florida	4.9%	5.1%	5.6%				
National	5.0%	5.1%	5.2%				

Industry Title	August 2016	July 2016	August 2015	Change from			
				July 2016 to Aug 2016		Aug 2015 to Aug 2016	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	595,400	593,000	582,200	2,400	0.4%	13,200	2.3%
Total Private	532,400	534,900	520,300	-2,500	-0.5%	12,100	2.3%
Goods Producing	49,400	49,700	49,000	-300	-0.6%	400	0.8%
Construction	32,100	32,500	31,600	-400	-1.2%	500	1.6%
Specialty Trade Contractors	21,800	21,700	21,000	100	0.5%	800	3.8%
Manufacturing	17,200	17,100	17,300	100	0.6%	-100	-0.6%
Service Providing	546,000	543,300	533,200	2,700	0.5%	12,800	2.4%
Private Service Providing	483,000	485,200	471,300	-2,200	-0.5%	11,700	2.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	113,000	112,500	112,100	500	0.4%	900	0.8%
Wholesale Trade	24,000	24,000	23,400	0	0.0%	600	2.6%
Retail Trade	77,800	77,400	77,800	400	0.5%	0	0.0%
Food and Beverage Stores	17,500	17,400	17,400	100	0.6%	100	0.6%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,700	5,800	6,000	-100	-1.7%	-300	-5.0%
General Merchandise Stores	14,600	14,400	14,600	200	1.4%	0	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	11,200	11,100	10,900	100	0.9%	300	2.8%
Information	10,400	10,400	10,300	0	0.0%	100	1.0%
Financial Activities	40,600	41,700	40,100	-1,100	-2.6%	500	1.2%
Finance and Insurance	25,000	25,000	24,600	0	0.0%	400	1.6%
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,300	6,300	6,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	111,100	110,900	106,600	200	0.2%	4,500	4.2%
Professional and Technical Services	45,700	45,900	43,900	-200	-0.4%	1,800	4.1%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	10,900	10,800	10,600	100	0.9%	300	2.8%
Administrative and Waste Services	54,500	54,200	52,100	300	0.6%	2,400	4.6%
Employment Services	16,700	16,800	16,100	-100	-0.6%	600	3.7%
Education and Health Services	96,500	96,500	93,000	0	0.0%	3,500	3.8%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	41,100	41,900	39,400	-800	-1.9%	1,700	4.3%
Hospitals	18,700	18,800	18,700	-100	-0.5%	0	0.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	80,100	81,800	78,700	-1,700	-2.1%	1,400	1.8%
Accommodation and Food Services	62,900	63,700	62,600	-800	-1.3%	300	0.5%
Accommodation	10,600	10,700	10,300	-100	-0.9%	300	2.9%
Food Services and Drinking Places	52,300	53,000	52,300	-700	-1.3%	0	0.0%
Other Services	31,300	31,400	30,500	-100	-0.3%	800	2.6%
Total Government	63,000	58,100	61,900	4,900	8.4%	1,100	1.8%
Federal	6,700	6,700	6,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State	8,800	8,500	8,500	300	3.5%	300	3.5%
Local	47,500	42,900	46,700	4,600	10.7%	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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