

## December 2016 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's December unemployment rate of **4.7%** is down from the November rate of 4.9% reflecting a net gain of 1,801 jobs.

Continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **1.6** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 9,900 jobs.

	Dec-16	Nov-16	Dec-15	Change Dec 2015 Dec 2016	Percent Change	Change Nov 2016 Dec 2016	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	711,148	714,397	699,308	11,840	1.7%	-3,249	-0.5%
Employment	677,949	679,397	668,028	9,921	1.5%	-1,448	-0.2%
Unemployment	33,199	35,000	31,280	1,919	6.1%	-1,801	-5.1%
Unemployment Rate	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>				
Florida	4.7%	4.9%	4.8%				
National	4.5%	4.4%	4.8%				

Industry Title	Change from						
	December 2016	November 2016	December 2015	Nov 2016 to Dec 2016		Dec 2015 to Dec 2016	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
<b>Total Nonagricultural Employment</b>	614,200	616,300	604,300	-2,100	-0.3%	9,900	1.6%
<b>Total Private</b>	549,000	551,100	540,000	-2,100	-0.4%	9,000	1.7%
<b>Goods Producing</b>	50,600	50,500	49,400	100	0.2%	1,200	2.4%
<b>Construction</b>	32,900	32,800	31,600	100	0.3%	1,300	4.1%
Specialty Trade Contractors	22,500	22,400	21,300	100	0.4%	1,200	5.6%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	17,600	17,600	17,700	0	0.0%	-100	-0.6%
<b>Service Providing</b>	563,600	565,800	554,900	-2,200	-0.4%	8,700	1.6%
<b>Private Service Providing</b>	498,400	500,600	490,600	-2,200	-0.4%	7,800	1.6%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	119,700	118,400	118,700	1,300	1.1%	1,000	0.8%
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	25,000	24,800	24,300	200	0.8%	700	2.9%
<b>Retail Trade</b>	83,300	82,500	83,100	800	1.0%	200	0.2%
Food and Beverage Stores	18,000	18,000	17,800	0	0.0%	200	1.1%
Health and Personal Care Stores	6,000	6,000	6,100	0	0.0%	-100	-1.6%
General Merchandise Stores	16,300	16,000	16,200	300	1.9%	100	0.6%
<b>Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities</b>	11,400	11,100	11,300	300	2.7%	100	0.9%
<b>Information</b>	10,400	10,400	10,500	0	0.0%	-100	-1.0%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	39,200	39,800	39,700	-600	-1.5%	-500	-1.3%
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>	24,100	24,200	24,200	-100	-0.4%	-100	-0.4%
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,200	6,200	6,300	0	0.0%	-100	-1.6%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	110,100	113,000	109,400	-2,900	-2.6%	700	0.6%
<b>Professional and Technical Services</b>	46,400	46,700	45,300	-300	-0.6%	1,100	2.4%
<b>Management of Companies and Enterprises</b>	11,000	11,000	10,700	0	0.0%	300	2.8%
<b>Administrative and Waste Services</b>	52,700	55,300	53,400	-2,600	-4.7%	-700	-1.3%
Employment Services	17,200	17,600	16,700	-400	-2.3%	500	3.0%
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	97,200	97,600	95,000	-400	-0.4%	2,200	2.3%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	41,800	41,800	40,200	0	0.0%	1,600	4.0%
Hospitals	18,700	18,900	18,900	-200	-1.1%	-200	-1.1%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	89,200	88,400	85,500	800	0.9%	3,700	4.3%
<b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	68,700	67,700	65,700	1,000	1.5%	3,000	4.6%
Accommodation	11,000	10,900	10,700	100	0.9%	300	2.8%
Food Services and Drinking Places	57,700	56,800	55,000	900	1.6%	2,700	4.9%
<b>Other Services</b>	32,600	33,000	31,800	-400	-1.2%	800	2.5%
<b>Total Government</b>	65,200	65,200	64,300	0	0.0%	900	1.4%
Federal	6,900	6,700	6,900	200	3.0%	0	0.0%
State	9,900	9,900	9,500	0	0.0%	400	4.2%
Local	48,400	48,600	47,900	-200	-0.4%	500	1.0%

\* = 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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