

January 2016 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's January unemployment rate of **4.9%** is up from the December rate of 4.5% reflecting a net loss of 2,623 jobs.

However, continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **3.4** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 19,700 jobs.

	Jan-16	Dec-15	Jan-15	Change Jan 2015 Jan 2016	Percent Change	Change Dec 2015 Jan 2016	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	698,476	699,308	688,104	10,372	1.5%	-832	-0.1%
Employment	664,573	668,028	651,841	12,732	2.0%	-3,455	-0.5%
Unemployment	33,903	31,280	36,263	-2,360	-6.5%	2,623	8.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.9%	4.5%	5.3%				
Florida	5.1%	4.8%	5.9%				
National	5.3%	4.8%	6.1%				

Industry Title	January 2016	December 2015	January 2015	Change from			
				Dec 2015 to Jan 2016 Level	Percent	Jan 2015 to Jan 2016 Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	596,600	604,300	576,900	-7,700	-1.3%	19,700	3.4%
Total Private	533,200	540,000	514,800	-6,800	-1.3%	18,400	3.6%
Goods Producing	48,000	49,400	46,200	-1,400	-2.8%	1,800	3.9%
Construction	30,300	31,600	29,100	-1,300	-4.1%	1,200	4.1%
Specialty Trade Contractors	20,900	21,300	19,300	-400	-1.9%	1,600	8.3%
Manufacturing	17,600	17,700	17,000	-100	-0.6%	600	3.5%
Service Providing	548,600	554,900	530,700	-6,300	-1.1%	17,900	3.4%
Private Service Providing	485,200	490,600	468,600	-5,400	-1.1%	16,600	3.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	115,700	118,700	112,500	-3,000	-2.5%	3,200	2.8%
Wholesale Trade	24,300	24,300	23,900	0	0.0%	400	1.7%
Retail Trade	80,300	83,100	77,900	-2,800	-3.4%	2,400	3.1%
Food and Beverage Stores	17,600	17,800	17,300	-200	-1.1%	300	1.7%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,900	6,100	5,900	-200	-3.3%	0	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	14,500	16,200	14,800	-1,700	-10.5%	-300	-2.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	11,100	11,300	10,700	-200	-1.8%	400	3.7%
Information	10,400	10,500	10,100	-100	-1.0%	300	3.0%
Financial Activities	40,300	39,700	38,700	600	1.5%	1,600	4.1%
Finance and Insurance	24,600	24,200	23,900	400	1.7%	700	2.9%
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,300	6,300	6,200	0	0.0%	100	1.6%
Professional and Business Services	106,200	109,400	102,000	-3,200	-2.9%	4,200	4.1%
Professional and Technical Services	44,000	45,300	42,600	-1,300	-2.9%	1,400	3.3%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	10,600	10,700	10,500	-100	-0.9%	100	1.0%
Administrative and Waste Services	51,600	53,400	48,900	-1,800	-3.4%	2,700	5.5%
Employment Services	16,000	16,700	14,500	-700	-4.2%	1,500	10.3%
Education and Health Services	94,900	95,000	91,200	-100	-0.1%	3,700	4.1%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	40,300	40,200	38,200	100	0.2%	2,100	5.5%
Hospitals	18,900	18,900	18,100	0	0.0%	800	4.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	85,800	85,500	82,700	300	0.4%	3,100	3.7%
Accommodation and Food Services	65,000	65,700	64,100	-700	-1.1%	900	1.4%
Accommodation	10,800	10,700	10,800	100	0.9%	0	0.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	54,200	55,000	53,300	-800	-1.5%	900	1.7%
Other Services	31,900	31,800	31,400	100	0.3%	500	1.6%
Total Government	63,400	64,300	62,100	-900	-1.4%	1,300	2.1%
Federal	6,800	6,900	6,600	-100	-1.4%	200	3.0%
State	9,200	9,500	8,700	-300	-3.2%	500	5.7%
Local	47,400	47,900	46,800	-500	-1.0%	600	1.3%

* = 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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