

October 2016 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's October unemployment rate of **5.1%** is steady with the September rate of 5.1% reflecting a slight net gain of 608 jobs.

Continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **1.5** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 8,900 jobs.

	Oct-16	Sep-16	Oct-15	Change Oct 2015 Oct 2016	Percent Change	Change Sept 2016 Oct 2016	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	706,055	703,639	696,793	9,262	1.3%	2,416	0.3%
Employment	670,289	667,265	662,716	7,573	1.1%	3,024	0.5%
Unemployment	35,766	36,374	34,077	1,689	5.0%	-608	-1.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	5.2%	4.9%				
Florida	4.9%	5.0%	5.1%				
National	4.7%	4.8%	4.8%				

Industry Title	October 2016	September 2016	October 2015	Change from			
				Sept 2016 to Oct 2016 Level	Percent	Oct 2015 to Oct 2016 Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	601,200	594,500	592,300	6,700	1.1%	8,900	1.5%
Total Private	536,700	530,200	528,300	6,500	1.2%	8,400	1.6%
Goods Producing	50,000	49,700	49,800	300	0.6%	200	0.4%
Construction	32,400	32,300	32,500	100	0.3%	-100	-0.3%
Specialty Trade Contractors	22,400	22,100	21,100	300	1.4%	1,300	6.2%
Manufacturing	17,500	17,300	17,200	200	1.2%	300	1.7%
Service Providing	551,200	544,800	542,500	6,400	1.2%	8,700	1.6%
Private Service Providing	486,700	480,500	478,500	6,200	1.3%	8,200	1.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	114,000	112,800	113,000	1,200	1.1%	1,000	0.9%
Wholesale Trade	24,300	24,200	23,700	100	0.4%	600	2.5%
Retail Trade	78,700	77,700	78,300	1,000	1.3%	400	0.5%
Food and Beverage Stores	17,600	17,500	17,400	100	0.6%	200	1.1%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,900	5,800	6,000	100	1.7%	-100	-1.7%
General Merchandise Stores	14,800	14,500	14,600	300	2.1%	200	1.4%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	11,000	10,900	11,000	100	0.9%	0	0.0%
Information	10,300	10,200	10,500	100	1.0%	-200	-1.9%
Financial Activities	39,700	39,500	40,800	200	0.5%	-1,100	-2.7%
Finance and Insurance	24,200	24,200	24,800	0	0.0%	-600	-2.4%
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,200	6,200	6,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	111,900	110,900	106,800	1,000	0.9%	5,100	4.8%
Professional and Technical Services	46,100	45,800	43,800	300	0.7%	2,300	5.3%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	10,900	10,800	10,600	100	0.9%	300	2.8%
Administrative and Waste Services	54,900	54,300	52,400	600	1.1%	2,500	4.8%
Employment Services	17,100	17,000	16,400	100	0.6%	700	4.3%
Education and Health Services	96,100	95,100	94,900	1,000	1.1%	1,200	1.3%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	41,500	40,300	40,300	1,200	3.0%	1,200	3.0%
Hospitals	18,500	18,600	18,700	-100	-0.5%	-200	-1.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	82,900	80,400	81,000	2,500	3.1%	1,900	2.3%
Accommodation and Food Services	65,400	63,500	63,500	1,900	3.0%	1,900	3.0%
Accommodation	10,800	10,800	10,300	0	0.0%	500	4.9%
Food Services and Drinking Places	54,600	52,700	53,200	1,900	3.6%	1,400	2.6%
Other Services	31,800	31,600	31,500	200	0.6%	300	1.0%
Total Government	64,500	64,300	64,000	200	0.3%	500	0.8%
Federal	6,700	6,700	6,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State	9,800	9,800	9,600	0	0.0%	200	2.1%
Local	48,000	47,800	47,700	200	0.4%	300	0.6%

* = 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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