

## September 2016 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's September unemployment rate of **5.1%** is steady with the August rate of 5.1% reflecting a slight net loss of 623 jobs.

However continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **2.0** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 11,500 jobs.

	Sep-16	Aug-16	Sep-15	Change Sept 2015 Sept 2016	Percent Change	Change Aug 2016 Sept 2016	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	703,926	699,987	694,344	9,582	1.4%	3,939	0.6%
Employment	667,754	664,438	658,487	9,267	1.4%	3,316	0.5%
Unemployment	36,172	35,549	35,857	315	0.9%	623	1.8%
Unemployment Rate	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>5.2%</b>				
Florida	5.0%	4.9%	5.3%				
National	4.8%	5.0%	4.9%				

Industry Title	Change from						
	September 2016	August 2016	September 2015	Aug 2016 to Sept 2016 Level	Sept 2015 to Sept 2016 Percent	Level	Percent
<b>Total Nonagricultural Employment</b>	595,000	596,800	583,500	-1,800	-0.3%	11,500	2.0%
<b>Total Private</b>	530,700	533,900	520,500	-3,200	-0.6%	10,200	2.0%
<b>Goods Producing</b>	49,700	49,500	49,200	200	0.4%	500	1.0%
<b>Construction</b>	32,300	32,100	31,700	200	0.6%	600	1.9%
Specialty Trade Contractors	22,200	21,800	21,100	400	1.8%	1,100	5.2%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	17,300	17,300	17,400	0	0.0%	-100	-0.6%
<b>Service Providing</b>	545,300	547,300	534,300	-2,000	-0.4%	11,000	2.1%
<b>Private Service Providing</b>	481,000	484,400	471,300	-3,400	-0.7%	9,700	2.1%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	112,800	113,100	111,900	-300	-0.3%	900	0.8%
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	24,200	24,000	23,500	200	0.8%	700	3.0%
<b>Retail Trade</b>	77,600	77,900	77,500	-300	-0.4%	100	0.1%
Food and Beverage Stores	17,500	17,400	17,500	100	0.6%	0	0.0%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,800	5,800	6,000	0	0.0%	-200	-3.3%
General Merchandise Stores	14,400	14,600	14,400	-200	-1.4%	0	0.0%
<b>Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities</b>	11,000	11,200	10,900	-200	-1.8%	100	0.9%
<b>Information</b>	10,200	10,400	10,500	-200	-1.9%	-300	-2.9%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	39,400	40,400	40,000	-1,000	-2.5%	-600	-1.5%
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>	24,400	25,000	24,400	-600	-2.4%	0	0.0%
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,300	6,300	6,200	0	0.0%	100	1.6%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	111,300	111,400	106,400	-100	-0.1%	4,900	4.6%
<b>Professional and Technical Services</b>	45,900	45,800	43,900	100	0.2%	2,000	4.6%
<b>Management of Companies and Enterprises</b>	10,800	10,900	10,600	-100	-0.9%	200	1.9%
<b>Administrative and Waste Services</b>	54,600	54,700	51,900	-100	-0.2%	2,700	5.2%
Employment Services	17,000	17,000	15,900	0	0.0%	1,100	6.9%
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	95,100	96,500	93,600	-1,400	-1.5%	1,500	1.6%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	40,700	41,200	39,400	-500	-1.2%	1,300	3.3%
Hospitals	18,500	18,700	18,600	-200	-1.1%	-100	-0.5%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	80,600	81,200	78,200	-600	-0.7%	2,400	3.1%
<b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	63,800	64,000	62,300	-200	-0.3%	1,500	2.4%
Accommodation	10,800	10,700	10,300	100	0.9%	500	4.9%
Food Services and Drinking Places	53,000	53,300	52,000	-300	-0.6%	1,000	1.9%
<b>Other Services</b>	31,600	31,400	30,700	200	0.6%	900	2.9%
<b>Total Government</b>	64,300	62,900	63,000	1,400	2.2%	1,300	2.1%
Federal	6,700	6,700	6,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State	9,800	8,700	9,300	1,100	12.6%	500	5.4%
Local	47,800	47,500	47,000	300	0.6%	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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