

August 2017 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's August unemployment rate of **4.4%** is down from the July rate of 4.5% reflecting a net gain of 641 jobs.

Continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **2.6** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 15,700 jobs.

	Aug-17	Jul-17	Aug-16	Change Aug 2016 Aug 2017	Percent Change	Change July 2017 Aug 2017	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	725,124	729,387	708,147	16,977	2.4%	-4,263	-0.6%
Employment	693,098	696,720	670,616	22,482	3.4%	-3,622	-0.5%
Unemployment	32,026	32,667	37,531	-5,505	-14.7%	-641	-2.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.5%	5.3%				
Florida	4.2%	4.4%	5.2%				
National	4.5%	4.6%	5.0%				

Industry Title	Change from						
	August 2017	July 2017	August 2016	Jul 2017 to Aug 2017		Aug 2016 to Aug 2017	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	617,500	614,500	601,800	3,000	0.5%	15,700	2.6%
Total Private	553,800	555,500	539,500	-1,700	-0.3%	14,300	2.7%
Goods Producing	57,500	56,600	54,000	900	1.6%	3,500	6.5%
Construction	38,300	37,700	34,800	600	1.6%	3,500	10.1%
Specialty Trade Contractors	25,500	25,200	23,200	300	1.2%	2,300	9.9%
Manufacturing	19,100	18,800	19,100	300	1.6%	0	0.0%
Service Providing	560,000	557,900	547,800	2,100	0.4%	12,200	2.2%
Private Service Providing	496,300	498,900	485,500	-2,600	-0.5%	10,800	2.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	113,600	114,300	113,900	-700	-0.6%	-300	-0.3%
Wholesale Trade	23,300	23,200	22,900	100	0.4%	400	1.7%
Retail Trade	77,900	78,700	78,800	-800	-1.0%	-900	-1.1%
Food and Beverage Stores	18,900	19,100	18,600	-200	-1.0%	300	1.6%
Health and Personal Care Stores	6,000	6,000	6,300	0	0.0%	-300	-4.8%
General Merchandise Stores	15,300	15,300	15,000	0	0.0%	300	2.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	12,400	12,400	12,200	0	0.0%	200	1.6%
Information	10,800	10,800	11,100	0	0.0%	-300	-2.7%
Financial Activities	38,500	38,800	40,100	-300	-0.8%	-1,600	-4.0%
Finance and Insurance	23,500	23,300	23,700	200	0.9%	-200	-0.8%
Depository Credit Intermediation	5,800	5,800	5,700	0	0.0%	100	1.8%
Professional and Business Services	113,500	113,600	110,400	-100	-0.1%	3,100	2.8%
Professional and Technical Services	47,900	47,800	46,400	100	0.2%	1,500	3.2%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	11,400	11,400	11,000	0	0.0%	400	3.6%
Administrative and Waste Services	54,200	54,400	53,000	-200	-0.4%	1,200	2.3%
Employment Services	18,100	17,800	17,100	300	1.7%	1,000	5.8%
Education and Health Services	100,400	100,800	96,100	-400	-0.4%	4,300	4.5%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	41,800	42,600	40,800	-800	-1.9%	1,000	2.5%
Hospitals	20,100	20,000	19,600	100	0.5%	500	2.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	85,300	87,400	81,600	-2,100	-2.4%	3,700	4.5%
Accommodation and Food Services	67,000	68,000	65,000	-1,000	-1.5%	2,000	3.1%
Accommodation	10,900	11,000	10,600	-100	-0.9%	300	2.8%
Food Services and Drinking Places	56,100	57,000	54,400	-900	-1.6%	1,700	3.1%
Other Services	34,200	33,200	32,300	1,000	3.0%	1,900	5.9%
Total Government	63,700	59,000	62,300	4,700	8.0%	1,400	2.2%
Federal	6,700	6,800	6,700	-100	-1.5%	0	0.0%
State	8,900	8,600	8,500	300	3.5%	400	4.7%
Local	48,100	43,600	47,100	4,500	10.3%	1,000	2.1%

* = 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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