

## February 2017 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's February unemployment rate of **4.7%** is down from the January rate of 5.2% reflecting a net gain of 3,814 jobs.

Continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **2.2** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 13,200 jobs.

	Feb-17	Jan-17	Feb-16	Change Feb 2016 Feb 2017	Percent Change	Change Jan 2017 Feb 2017	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	724,646	722,852	705,177	19,469	2.8%	1,794	0.2%
Employment	690,740	685,132	673,022	17,718	2.6%	5,608	0.8%
Unemployment	33,906	37,720	32,095	1,811	5.6%	-3,814	-10.1%
Unemployment Rate	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>				
Florida	4.7%	5.2%	4.7%				
National	4.9%	5.1%	5.2%				

Industry Title	Change from						
	February 2017	January 2017	February 2016	Jan 2017 to Feb 2017 Level	Percent	Feb 2016 to Feb 2017 Level	Percent
<b>Total Nonagricultural Employment</b>	619,600	619,200	606,400	400	0.1%	13,200	2.2%
<b>Total Private</b>	555,000	555,400	542,800	-400	-0.1%	12,200	2.2%
<b>Goods Producing</b>	55,500	55,000	51,700	500	0.9%	3,800	7.4%
<b>Construction</b>	35,900	35,400	32,600	500	1.4%	3,300	10.1%
Specialty Trade Contractors	23,900	23,500	21,700	400	1.7%	2,200	10.1%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	19,500	19,500	19,000	0	0.0%	500	2.6%
<b>Service Providing</b>	564,100	564,200	554,700	-100	0.0%	9,400	1.7%
<b>Private Service Providing</b>	499,500	500,400	491,100	-900	-0.2%	8,400	1.7%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	115,800	117,800	114,600	-2,000	-1.7%	1,200	1.0%
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	23,700	23,600	23,700	100	0.4%	0	0.0%
<b>Retail Trade</b>	79,800	81,800	78,900	-2,000	-2.4%	900	1.1%
Food and Beverage Stores	19,500	19,300	18,600	200	1.0%	900	4.8%
Health and Personal Care Stores	6,300	6,500	6,300	-200	-3.1%	0	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	15,300	16,100	14,700	-800	-5.0%	600	4.1%
<b>Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities</b>	12,300	12,400	12,000	-100	-0.8%	300	2.5%
<b>Information</b>	10,800	10,700	11,000	100	0.9%	-200	-1.8%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	39,000	39,200	39,800	-200	-0.5%	-800	-2.0%
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>	23,200	23,300	23,800	-100	-0.4%	-600	-2.5%
Depository Credit Intermediation	5,700	5,700	6,000	0	0.0%	-300	-5.0%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	111,500	109,700	109,200	1,800	1.6%	2,300	2.1%
<b>Professional and Technical Services</b>	47,500	46,500	45,900	1,000	2.2%	1,600	3.5%
<b>Management of Companies and Enterprises</b>	11,300	11,300	10,900	0	0.0%	400	3.7%
<b>Administrative and Waste Services</b>	52,700	51,900	52,400	800	1.5%	300	0.6%
Employment Services	18,100	18,000	16,900	100	0.6%	1,200	7.1%
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	97,900	98,100	95,800	-200	-0.2%	2,100	2.2%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	41,400	41,500	40,000	-100	-0.2%	1,400	3.5%
Hospitals	20,000	20,000	19,600	0	0.0%	400	2.0%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	91,500	91,900	88,000	-400	-0.4%	3,500	4.0%
<b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	71,700	72,300	69,000	-600	-0.8%	2,700	3.9%
Accommodation	11,200	11,100	11,500	100	0.9%	-300	-2.6%
Food Services and Drinking Places	60,500	61,200	57,500	-700	-1.1%	3,000	5.2%
<b>Other Services</b>	33,000	33,000	32,700	0	0.0%	300	0.9%
<b>Total Government</b>	64,600	63,800	63,600	800	1.3%	1,000	1.6%
Federal	6,700	6,700	6,800	0	0.0%	-100	-1.5%
State	9,600	9,300	9,300	300	3.2%	300	3.2%
Local	48,300	47,800	47,500	500	1.0%	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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