

January 2017 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's January unemployment rate of **5.2%** is up from the December rate of 4.7% reflecting a net loss of 4,394 jobs.

However, continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **2.8** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 16,700 jobs.

	Jan-17	Dec-16	Jan-16	Change Jan 2016 Jan 2017	Percent Change	Change Dec 2016 Jan 2017	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	721,297	718,086	699,688	21,609	3.1%	3,211	0.4%
Employment	683,716	684,899	666,038	17,678	2.7%	-1,183	-0.2%
Unemployment	37,581	33,187	33,650	3,931	11.7%	4,394	13.2%
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	4.6%	4.8%				
Florida	5.2%	4.7%	5.0%				
National	5.1%	4.5%	5.3%				

Industry Title	January 2017	December 2016	January 2016	Change from		Change from	
				Dec 2016 to Jan 2017 Level	Percent	Jan 2016 to Jan 2017 Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	617,400	625,400	600,700	-8,000	-1.3%	16,700	2.8%
Total Private	554,500	561,600	538,000	-7,100	-1.3%	16,500	3.1%
Goods Producing	54,900	55,600	51,100	-700	-1.3%	3,800	7.4%
Construction	35,300	35,900	32,200	-600	-1.7%	3,100	9.6%
Specialty Trade Contractors	23,500	24,100	21,500	-600	-2.5%	2,000	9.3%
Manufacturing	19,500	19,600	18,800	-100	-0.5%	700	3.7%
Service Providing	562,500	569,800	549,600	-7,300	-1.3%	12,900	2.3%
Private Service Providing	499,600	506,000	486,900	-6,400	-1.3%	12,700	2.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	117,700	120,900	115,100	-3,200	-2.6%	2,600	2.3%
Wholesale Trade	23,600	23,700	24,000	-100	-0.4%	-400	-1.7%
Retail Trade	81,800	84,700	79,100	-2,900	-3.4%	2,700	3.4%
Food and Beverage Stores	19,300	19,400	18,400	-100	-0.5%	900	4.9%
Health and Personal Care Stores	6,400	6,600	6,200	-200	-3.0%	200	3.2%
General Merchandise Stores	16,100	17,200	15,200	-1,100	-6.4%	900	5.9%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	12,300	12,500	12,000	-200	-1.6%	300	2.5%
Information	10,700	10,900	10,600	-200	-1.8%	100	0.9%
Financial Activities	39,200	39,700	39,600	-500	-1.3%	-400	-1.0%
Finance and Insurance	23,300	23,600	23,700	-300	-1.3%	-400	-1.7%
Depository Credit Intermediation	5,700	5,700	6,000	0	0.0%	-300	-5.0%
Professional and Business Services	109,700	110,800	107,800	-1,100	-1.0%	1,900	1.8%
Professional and Technical Services	46,400	47,300	45,300	-900	-1.9%	1,100	2.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	11,300	11,300	10,800	0	0.0%	500	4.6%
Administrative and Waste Services	52,000	52,200	51,700	-200	-0.4%	300	0.6%
Employment Services	18,000	18,200	16,500	-200	-1.1%	1,500	9.1%
Education and Health Services	98,500	99,000	95,100	-500	-0.5%	3,400	3.6%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	41,700	42,300	39,800	-600	-1.4%	1,900	4.8%
Hospitals	20,000	20,000	19,500	0	0.0%	500	2.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	90,500	91,300	86,400	-800	-0.9%	4,100	4.7%
Accommodation and Food Services	70,500	71,500	67,700	-1,000	-1.4%	2,800	4.1%
Accommodation	11,000	11,100	11,200	-100	-0.9%	-200	-1.8%
Food Services and Drinking Places	59,500	60,400	56,500	-900	-1.5%	3,000	5.3%
Other Services	33,300	33,400	32,300	-100	-0.3%	1,000	3.1%
Total Government	62,900	63,800	62,700	-900	-1.4%	200	0.3%
Federal	6,700	6,900	6,800	-200	-2.9%	-100	-1.5%
State	9,300	9,700	8,900	-400	-4.1%	400	4.5%
Local	46,900	47,200	47,000	-300	-0.6%	-100	-0.2%

* = 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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