

July 2017 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's July unemployment rate of **4.5%** is up from the June rate of 4.3% reflecting a net loss of 768 jobs.

However, continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **3.3** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 19,700 jobs.

	Jul-17	Jun-17	Jul-16	Change July 2016 July 2017	Percent Change	Change June 2017 July 2017	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	729,247	729,474	708,581	20,666	2.9%	-227	0.0%
Employment	696,675	697,670	671,218	25,457	3.8%	-995	-0.1%
Unemployment	32,572	31,804	37,363	-4,791	-12.8%	768	2.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.4%	5.3%				
Florida	4.3%	4.4%	5.1%				
National	4.6%	4.5%	5.1%				

Industry Title	Change from						
	July 2017	June 2017	July 2016	Jun 2017 to Jul 2017		Jul 2016 to Jul 2017	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	614,500	615,600	594,800	-1,100	-0.2%	19,700	3.3%
Total Private	555,500	557,100	537,200	-1,600	-0.3%	18,300	3.4%
Goods Producing	56,600	56,600	53,400	0	0.0%	3,200	6.0%
Construction	37,800	37,300	34,600	500	1.3%	3,200	9.2%
Specialty Trade Contractors	25,200	24,900	23,000	300	1.2%	2,200	9.6%
Manufacturing	18,700	19,200	18,700	-500	-2.6%	0	0.0%
Service Providing	557,900	559,000	541,400	-1,100	-0.2%	16,500	3.0%
Private Service Providing	498,900	500,500	483,800	-1,600	-0.3%	15,100	3.1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	114,300	114,600	113,800	-300	-0.3%	500	0.4%
Wholesale Trade	23,300	23,400	22,900	-100	-0.4%	400	1.7%
Retail Trade	78,700	78,700	78,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Food and Beverage Stores	19,100	19,200	18,500	-100	-0.5%	600	3.2%
Health and Personal Care Stores	6,000	6,100	6,400	-100	-1.6%	-400	-6.3%
General Merchandise Stores	15,300	15,300	14,800	0	0.0%	500	3.4%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	12,300	12,500	12,200	-200	-1.6%	100	0.8%
Information	10,800	10,800	10,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	38,600	38,900	40,200	-300	-0.8%	-1,600	-4.0%
Finance and Insurance	23,400	23,300	23,800	100	0.4%	-400	-1.7%
Depository Credit Intermediation	5,800	5,800	5,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	113,600	114,000	109,900	-400	-0.4%	3,700	3.4%
Professional and Technical Services	47,800	47,300	46,300	500	1.1%	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	54,400	55,300	52,600	-900	-1.6%	1,800	3.4%
Employment Services	17,700	18,100	17,000	-400	-2.2%	700	4.1%
Education and Health Services	100,600	100,700	95,300	-100	-0.1%	5,300	5.6%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	42,700	42,400	40,600	300	0.7%	2,100	5.2%
Hospitals	20,000	20,000	19,500	0	0.0%	500	2.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	87,700	87,900	81,600	-200	-0.2%	6,100	7.5%
Accommodation and Food Services	68,300	68,900	65,000	-600	-0.9%	3,300	5.1%
Accommodation	11,000	11,100	10,800	-100	-0.9%	200	1.9%
Food Services and Drinking Places	57,300	57,800	54,200	-500	-0.9%	3,100	5.7%
Other Services	33,300	33,600	32,200	-300	-0.9%	1,100	3.4%
Total Government	59,000	58,500	57,600	500	0.9%	1,400	2.4%
Federal	6,800	6,700	6,700	100	1.5%	100	1.5%
State	8,600	8,600	8,300	0	0.0%	300	3.6%
Local	43,600	43,200	42,600	400	0.9%	1,000	2.3%

* = 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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