

**Overview of Workforce Alliance Region – Palm Beach County
June 18, 2010**

- The unemployment rate in Palm Beach County was 11.3 percent in May 2010, up 1.1 percentage points from the May 2009 rate of 10.2 percent. Palm Beach County's unemployment rate was 0.1 percent higher than the state's unemployment rate of 11.2 percent. Out of a labor force of 617,112, there were 69,577 unemployed Palm Beach County residents.
- In May 2010, nonagricultural employment in the West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division was 501,500, down 1.6 percent over the year. Statewide employment declined by 0.9 percent over the same time period.
- West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division lost 7,900 nonagricultural jobs over the year. Job losses were primarily in construction (-5,300 jobs) and leisure and hospitality (-2,800 jobs). Other industries losing jobs included: financial activities (-2,200 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (-1,300 jobs); information (-600 jobs); manufacturing (-600 jobs); and other services (-400 jobs).
- Industries that gained jobs over the year were government (+3,200 jobs), professional and business services (+1,100 jobs), and education and health services (+1,000 jobs). The job gains in government resulted from the hiring of temporary census workers. The job gains in professional and business services marked the first over-the-year job growth for that industry since the December 2008-December 2009 time period.

Unemployment Rates (%) (not seasonally adjusted)	May-10	Apr-10	May-09
Workforce Alliance Region (Palm Beach County)	11.3	11.5	10.2
Florida	11.2	11.2	10.0
United States	9.3	9.5	9.1

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach Metropolitan Division				Florida			
	May-10	May-09	change	percent change	May-10	May-09	change	percent change
Total Employment	501,500	509,400	-7,900	-1.6	7,248,300	7,313,400	-65,100	-0.9
Mining and Logging	NA	NA	NA	NA	5,400	5,500	-100	-1.8
Construction	22,600	27,900	-5,300	-19.0	361,000	399,400	-38,400	-9.6
Manufacturing	15,800	16,400	-600	-3.7	310,100	326,200	-16,100	-4.9
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	97,100	98,400	-1,300	-1.3	1,464,300	1,471,100	-6,800	-0.5
Wholesale Trade	21,700	22,400	-700	-3.1	314,900	320,700	-5,800	-1.8
Retail Trade	65,900	66,400	-500	-0.8	922,400	920,200	2,200	0.2
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	9,500	9,600	-100	-1.0	227,000	230,200	-3,200	-1.4
Information	9,000	9,600	-600	-6.3	133,300	144,500	-11,200	-7.8
Financial Activities	33,200	35,400	-2,200	-6.2	464,200	487,100	-22,900	-4.7
Professional and Business Services	82,200	81,100	1,100	1.4	1,039,200	1,044,600	-5,400	-0.5
Education and Health Services	81,100	80,100	1,000	1.2	1,086,500	1,057,600	28,900	2.7
Leisure and Hospitality	66,900	69,700	-2,800	-4.0	905,500	930,700	-25,200	-2.7
Other Services	22,900	23,300	-400	-1.7	314,000	316,300	-2,300	-0.7
Government	70,600	67,400	3,200	4.7	1,164,800	1,130,400	34,400	3.0

Population	2009	2008	change	percent change
Workforce Alliance Region	1,287,344	1,294,654	-7,310	-0.6
Florida	18,750,483	18,807,219	-56,736	-0.3

Average Annual Wage	2008	2007	change	percent change
Workforce Alliance Region	\$44,510	\$43,796	\$714	1.6
Florida	\$40,579	\$39,776	\$803	2.0

Note: All data are subject to revision. NA = Data not available.

Source: Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor Market Statistics Center