

Top Employers

Selected Goods-Producing Employers

Palm Beach County boasts some of the finest manufacturers in the world. Their presence is a strong indication of the county's ability to support industry. Although the county has a variety of producers, there are distinct industry clusters. The most prevalent in the county are: communications & information technology; aerospace & engineering; agriculture & food processing; business & financial services and medical & pharmaceutical products. Many of the county's industrial employers are competing on a worldwide basis with products sold in the international market. Below is a list of some of the quality companies that have chosen Palm Beach County as a business location.

Company	Approx Employees	Product	Location
Florida Crystals	1,800	Agriculture	West Palm
U.S. Sugar Corporation	1,700	Agriculture	Belle Glade
Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne	1,200	Aerospace Engineering	West Palm
Sikorsky Aircraft	1,200	Helicopters	West Palm
A. Duda & Sons Growers	1,100	Agriculture	Belle Glade
Thomas Produce Company	1,000	Agriculture	Belle Glade
Walgreens Distribution	850	Pharmaceuticals, Consumer Goods	Jupiter
Palm Beach Newspapers	722	Newspaper Publishing	West Palm
Simplex Grinnell/Tyco Fire & Security	698	Security System Manufacturing	Jupiter
IBM Corporation	600	Electronics R&D	Boca Raton
Sugar Growers Coop.	564	Agriculture	Belle Glade
Cheney Brothers	550	Food Distribution	Riviera
BIOMET 3i, Inc.	537	Dental Implants	PB Gardens
Belcan Engineering Group	467	Aerospace Engineering	PB Gardens

Leading Service-Producing Employers

Service companies both public and private, large and small, support the area's residents and businesses. There are roughly 49,988 companies in Palm Beach County that supply products and services. In the services producing sector of the economy, a strong cluster of companies is found in business and financial services. This cluster represents more than 6,000 companies. Below is a list of just a few of the major service oriented employers in Palm Beach County.

Company	Approx Employees	Product	Location
School Board	21,718	Education	County Wide
Palm Beach County	11,319	County Government	West Palm
Tenet Healthcare Corp.	4,500	Healthcare	County Wide
Florida Power & Light (Headquarters)	3,632	Utilities	Juno
HCA (Hospital Corporation of America)	3,395	Healthcare	County Wide
G4s/Wackenhut Corporation	3,000	Security Services	PB Gardens
Florida Atlantic University	2,838	Higher Education	Boca Raton
Veterans Health Administration	2,207	Health Care	West Palm
Office Depot (Headquarters)	2,100	Office Supplies	Delray
Boca Raton Community Hospital	2,100	Health Care	Boca Raton
Boca Raton Resort & Club	2,000	Hotel	Boca Raton
The Breakers	1,800	Hotel	Palm Beach
City of West Palm Beach	1,800	City Government	West Palm
City of Boca Raton	1,700	City Government	Boca Raton

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Facts and Figures



Population

April 1, 2009 (Estimate)	1,287,344
April 1, 2000 (Census)	1,131,191

Population Projections

2010	1,285,692
2015	1,346,002
2030	1,556,810

Medical

Hospitals	16
Physicians' Offices	1,865
Dentists' Offices	731

Housing

Total housing units	640,897
Occupied housing units	505,007
Vacant housing units	135,890
Homeowner vacancy rate	4.1
Rental vacancy rate	12.3
Average household size	2.44

Labor Force (2008 avg.)

Labor Force	628,273
Employment	587,098
Unemployment Rate	41,175
	6.60%

Meeting Facilities

Resorts/Hotels/Lodging Facilities	200
Resorts/Hotels with Meeting Space	50
Total Rooms	16,000
Convention Center	
Total Meeting Space (s.f.)	148,000
Total Space (s.f.)	350,000

Financial

Banks	64
Branch Banking Offices	509
Deposits (millions)	\$39,030

Economic

County Average Wage	\$44,510
Median Family Income	\$64,228
Per Capita Income	\$34,601
Median Earnings For Male	
Full-Time, Year-Round Workers	\$42,421
Median Earnings For Female	
Full-Time, Year-Round Workers	\$37,326

Note: All statistics provided are 2008 estimates and averages, unless otherwise specified.

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