

Florida Employment Situation Summary

National Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, more than 6 million jobs have been created nationwide, an average of 565,000 created each month.
- In the month of December, the latest for which national data are available, 199,000 jobs were created, and the unemployment rate dropped to 3.9%, outperforming expectations and reaching a new pandemic-era low.
- The unemployment rate went down for adult men (3.6%), adult women (3.6%), white workers (3.2%), Hispanic workers (4.9%) and Asian workers (3.8%), and rose for Black workers (7.1%).

State Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 478,800 jobs have been created in Florida.
- In the month of December, the latest for which state-level data are available, 11,700 jobs were created in Florida.

Sector	Change in Total Jobs in December	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January 2021
Total Nonfarm, Florida	11,700	92%	478,800
Leisure and Hospitality, Florida	8,400	77%	152,500
Retail Trade, Florida	4,500	97%	35,800
Education and Health Services, Florida	1,100	92%	49,600
Manufacturing, Florida	100	96%	10,200
Government, Florida	-200	43%	20,700
Construction, Florida	-3,400	113%	16,900
Professional and Business Services, Florida	-5,600	124%	73,800

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Note: Positive change reflects net job creation. "Recovered" refers to the share of jobs recovered since the pandemic low point as a share of jobs lost during the pandemic. Jobs lost during the pandemic are measured as the difference between the number of jobs in the industry in February 2020 and the number at the "low point" of the pandemic--the month with the fewest people employed in a given industry. The month of the low point varies by industry.

Florida Unemployment Rate

