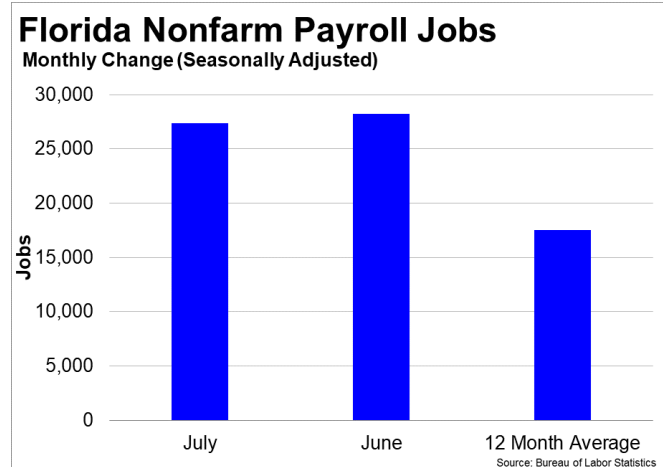
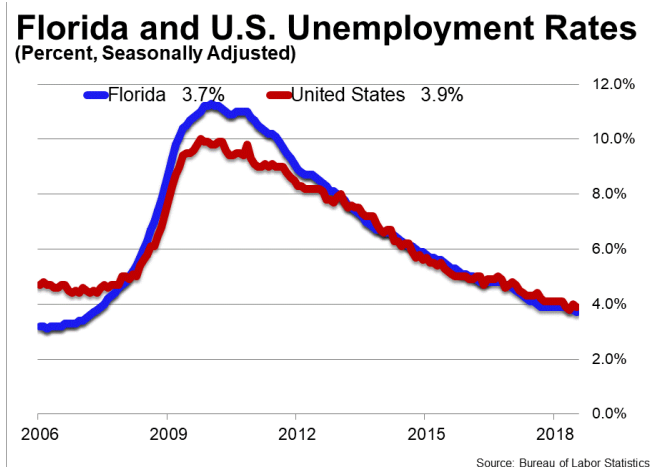


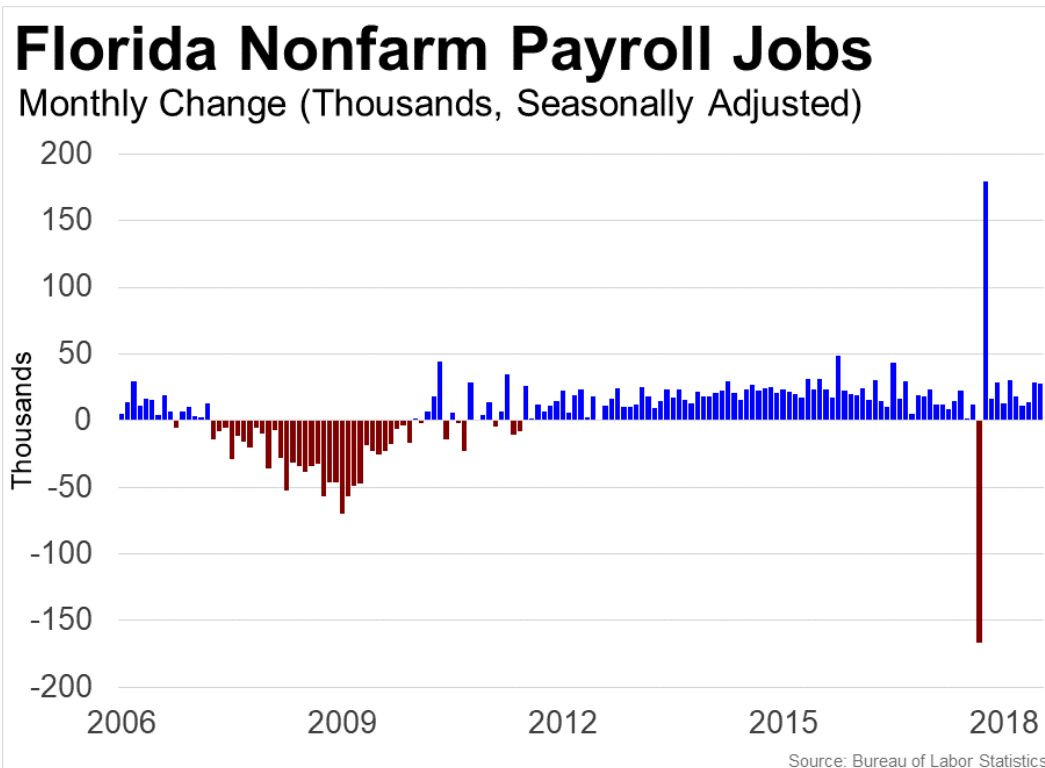


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Summary

- **Florida added 27,400 jobs and the unemployment rate declined by 0.1 percentage point to 3.7 percent in July** according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data.
- **Over the past twelve months, Florida added 210,600 jobs** and the unemployment rate fell by 0.4 percentage point from 4.1 percent.
- **In July, Florida's private sector added 26,300 jobs** and over the past twelve months it created 211,400 jobs.
- The number of **unemployed Floridians fell by 4,271 in July**, and over the past year 160,100 Floridians found jobs.
- Florida's **labor force participation rate remains unchanged** from 59.4 percent in July. Since last year, the labor force participation rate fell 0.2 percentage point.
- The national unemployment rate **declined by 0.1 percentage point to 3.9 percent in July**. State employment and unemployment data for August is scheduled for release on September 21, 2018. The national employment situation report for August will be released on Friday, September 7, 2018.





Florida Payroll Employment

Florida added 27,400 jobs, or 0.31 percent, on a seasonally adjusted basis during July. In the prior month, Florida added 28,200 jobs. Over the past twelve months, nonfarm payrolls in Florida increased by 210,600, or 2.45 percent. Florida nonfarm payroll employment has increased in 11 of the past 12 months.

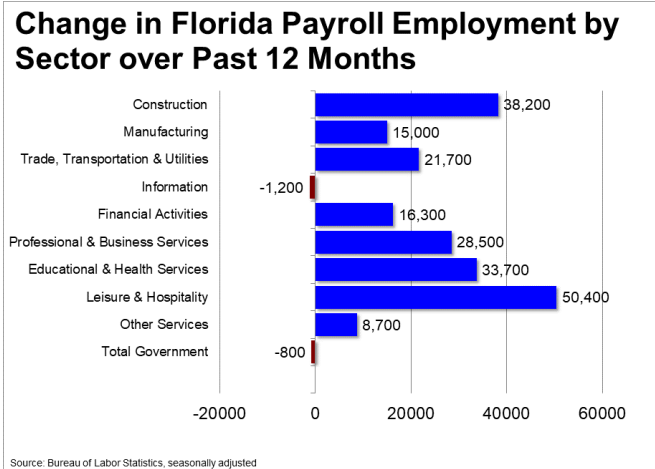
Nationally, nonfarm payrolls increased by 157,000 jobs in July, or 0.11 percent. Over the 12-month period ending July 2018, nonfarm payrolls grew by 2,400,000 jobs, or 1.64 percent. Florida ranks 27th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.

During July, Florida's private-sector added 26,300 jobs, or 0.34 percent. The private-sector in Florida added 30,800 jobs in the prior month. Over the past twelve months, private-sector payrolls in Florida increased by 211,400, or 2.82 percent. Florida private-sector payroll employment has increased in 11 of the past 12 months.

Nationally, private-sector payroll jobs increased by 170,000 jobs in July, or 0.13 percent. Over the past 12 months, the nation's economy has added 2,392,000 jobs in the private-sector, an increase of 1.92 percent. Florida ranks 27th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in private-sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during July were Educational & Health Services (+8,000) and Professional & Business Services (+6,000). The poorest performing sectors during the month were Other Services (-1,700) and Information (-500).

The best performing sectors during the last twelve months were Leisure & Hospitality (+50,400) and Construction (+38,200). The poorest performing sectors during the last twelve months were Information (-1,200) and Total Government (-800).



Florida Labor Force Statistics

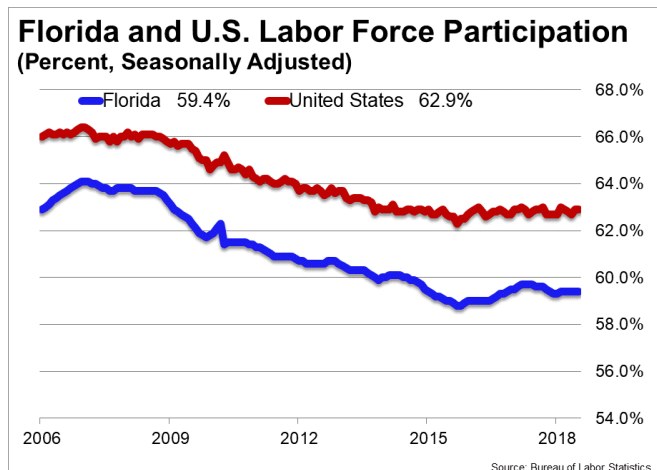
Labor Force Participation

The labor force participation rate in Florida was unchanged at 59.4 percent in July. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 42 have a higher labor force participation rate than Florida. The labor force participation rate in Florida is unchanged from a year earlier. The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Florida was 63.7 percent in September 2008. The series high for the labor force participation rate in Florida occurred in February 2007 when the labor force participation rate hit 64.1 percent. The 10-year low for the labor force participation rate was 58.8 percent in October 2015. The series low for the labor force participation rate occurred in January 1977 when the labor force participation rate hit 54.8 percent. The national labor force participation rate was unchanged at 62.9 percent, but remains near its 38-year low of 62.4 percent.

Employment-to-Population Ratio

The employment-to-population ratio, or the percentage of the Florida civilian noninstitutionalized population 16 years and older counted as employed, rose to 57.2 percent in July from 57.1 percent the prior month. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 42 have higher employment-to-population ratios than Florida. The



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The national employment-to-population ratio rose by 0.1 percentage point to 60.5 percent in July. That rate was 0.3 percentage point higher than a year earlier. The all-time high for the employment-to-population ratio was 64.7 in April 2000. The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio was 63.4 percent in December 2006. The recent low occurred in October 2013 when the employment-to-population ratio dipped to 58.2 percent. The last time the employment-to-population ratio posted a reading lower than 58.2 percent was July 1983.

