

Miami-Dade County is largest private employment creator in 2025

Miami-Dade regained the top spot as Florida's top private employment job creator from December 2024 through December 2025, according to MIAMI REALTORS + RWorld analysis of the Bureau of Labor Statistics recently released 2025 Q4 Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

From December 2024 through December 2025, private employment in Miami-Dade County increased by 10,608. In 2025, Miami-Dade County regained the top spot for employment generation (from Lee County in 2024).

Driving the gains in employment were financial activities (+4,605 ; +5.5%), and professional and business services (+4,252; +2.3%). Miami-Dade County's employment growth in these industries is clear indicator of its emergence as a finance hub. Miami-Dade County and Palm Beach County are seeing the lowest office vacancies in the nation. [South Florida Office Market Ranks No. 1 in Construction Intensity and Leads U.S. in Tight Vacancy - MIAMI REALTORS® + RWorld](#)

Since 2019, Miami-Dade County's private sector employment increased by 102,180 . Total employment (public and private) increased by 98,309, accounting for about 1 in 10 of every job created in Florida that created 927,700 jobs.

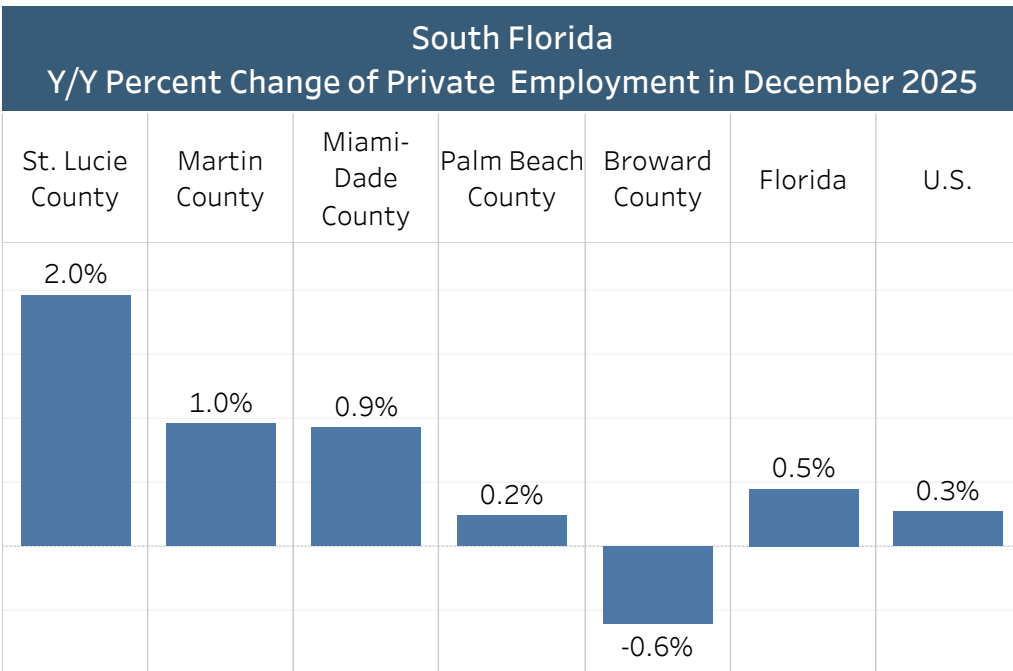
St. Lucie County posted the fastest employment growth in South Florida in 2025

While Miami-Dade County had the largest numeric increase, St. Lucie County saw the largest percentage increase in private employment (2.0%) over the period December 2024 through December 2025. St. Lucie County's job creation was driven by robust growth in education and health services (+7.4%) and in professional and business services (+7.6%). The robust job growth is associated with a strong population growth. In 2025, Port St. Lucie was the fastest-growing city among the nation's largest cities (250,000 or more population), with population expanding by 30% since 2019 . [Port St. Lucie Leads the Nation as America's Fastest-Growing City - MIAMI REALTORS® + RWorld](#)

Palm Beach County saw the largest wage growth in South Florida in 2025

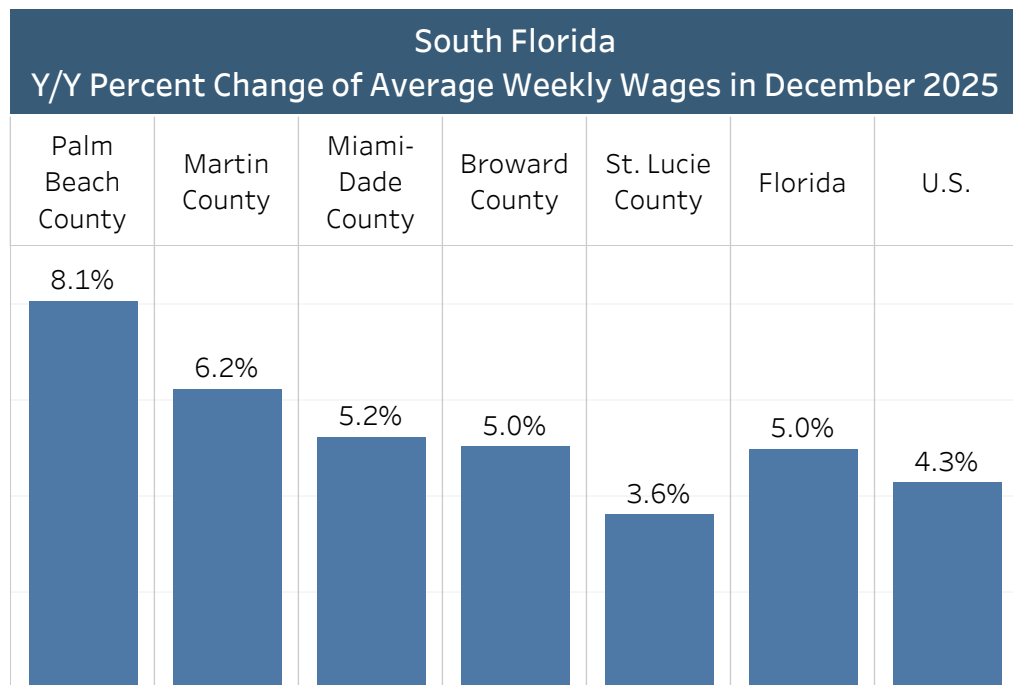
While Miami-Dade and St. Lucie County as seeing the strongest employment growth, Palm Beach County saw the highest increase in average weekly wages in South Florida . Average weekly wages in the last quarter of 2025 increased 8.1%, due to the strong wage growth in professional and business services (+18.3%) and information services (+10.3%).

Workers in the financial sector have the highest average annualized wages in Palm Beach County at \$172,588 and the highest average wage among workers in any industry in South Florida. Palm Beach County has the most intense office construction activity. It is also the #1 county with the largest net income inflow from domestic migration, with an inflow of \$22.7 billion . [Palm Beach County: 1 in the Nation in Net Inflow of Income from Domestic Migration Per Latest IRS Tax Data - MIAMI REALTORS® + World.](#)



Miami-Dade County
Private Employment in December 2025

Industry	Y/Y Numeric Change	Y/Y Percent Change
Total, all industries	10,608	0.9%
Financial activities	4,605	5.3%
Professional and business services	4,252	2.3%
Education and health services	3,721	1.7%
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,237	0.7%
Other services	921	2.4%
Construction	854	1.5%
Natural resources and mining	-15	-0.2%
Unclassified	-892	-51.4%
Manufacturing	-1,197	-2.6%
Information	-1,349	-6.7%
Leisure and hospitality	-2,529	-1.7%



Miami-Dade County
Annualized Weekly Wages in December 2025

Industry	Annual Wage	Y/Y Percent Change
Total, all industries	\$85,644	5.2%
Financial activities	\$150,800	5.1%
Information	\$150,072	8.2%
Professional and business services	\$118,820	2.1%
Manufacturing	\$85,956	17.4%
Construction	\$82,628	12.5%
Education and health services	\$73,424	5.1%
Trade, transportation, and utilities	\$71,604	3.6%
Other services	\$55,744	3.9%
Leisure and hospitality	\$54,340	5.9%
Natural resources and mining	\$48,984	3.9%

Miami-Dade County
Distribution of Private Employment by Industry

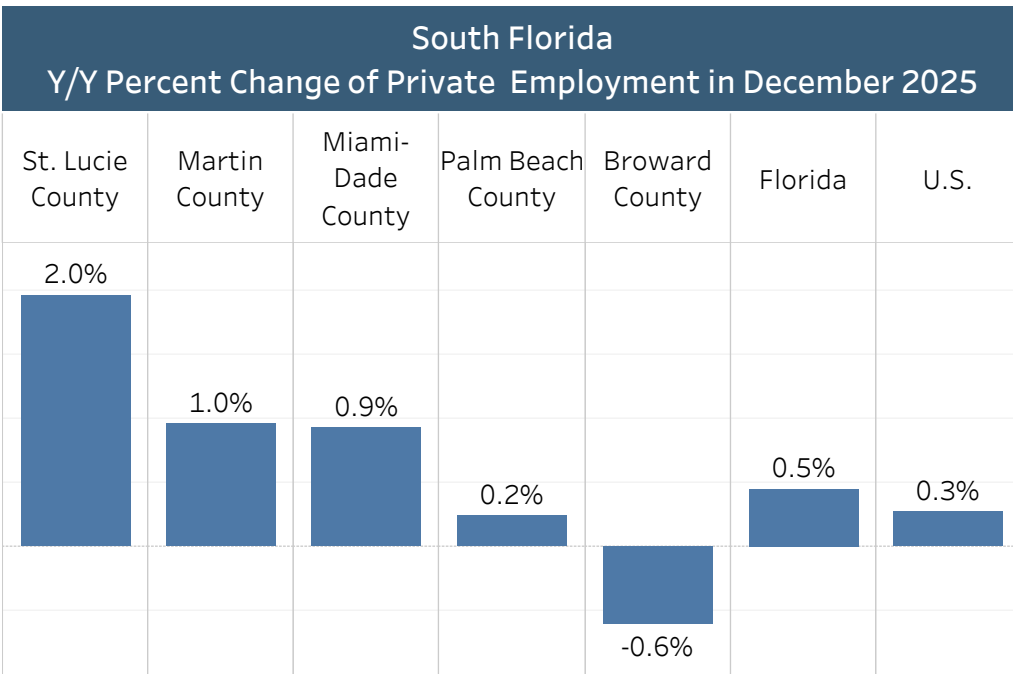
Industry	Year	Percentage
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2025	27.9%
	2019	29.0%
Education and health services	2025	19.1%
	2019	18.1%
Professional and business services	2025	16.8%
	2019	16.1%
Leisure and hospitality	2025	13.1%
	2019	13.8%
Financial activities	2025	8.0%
	2019	7.4%
Construction	2025	5.2%
	2019	4.8%
Manufacturing	2025	3.9%
	2019	4.0%
Other services	2025	3.5%
	2019	3.7%
Information	2025	1.6%
	2019	1.9%
Natural resources and mining	2025	0.8%
	2019	0.9%

Miami-Dade County
Change in Employment vs. December 2019

Total, all industries	102,180
Education and health services	30,056
Professional and business services	23,747
Trade, transportation, and utilities	17,660
Financial activities	14,444
Construction	9,376
Leisure and hospitality	5,957
Manufacturing	2,839
Other services	521
Natural resources and mining	-197
Information	-987

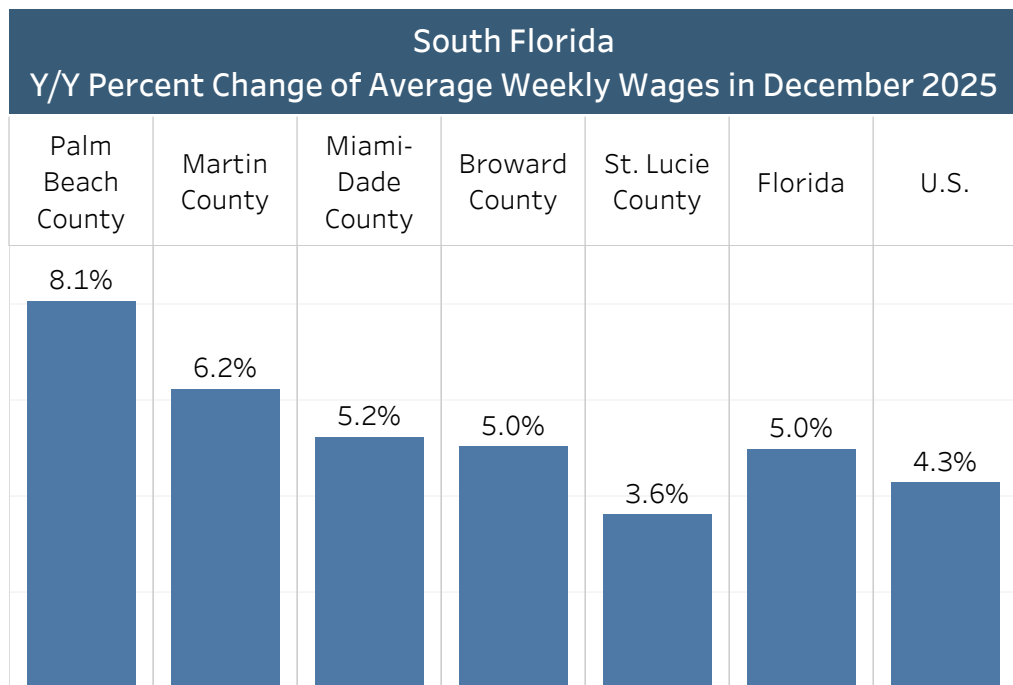
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Employment in Broward County as of December 2025



Broward County
Private Employment in December 2025

Industry	Y/Y Numeric Change	Y/Y Percent Change
Total, all industries	-4,566	-0.6%
Professional and business services	2,013	1.3%
Education and health services	1,272	1.1%
Manufacturing	315	1.0%
Other services	142	0.5%
Natural resources and mining	-14	-1.9%
Leisure and hospitality	-374	-0.4%
Construction	-766	-1.4%
Information	-796	-4.9%
Financial activities	-2,102	-3.2%
Trade, transportation, and utilities	-3,810	-1.9%



Broward County
Annualized Weekly Wages in December 2025

Industry	Annual Wage	Y/Y Percent Change
Total, all industries	\$79,248	5.0%
Financial activities	\$101,712	-1.2%
Information	\$134,940	7.9%
Professional and business services	\$101,504	7.1%
Manufacturing	\$111,696	8.0%
Construction	\$88,920	7.5%
Education and health services	\$68,796	3.3%
Trade, transportation, and utilities	\$70,564	4.0%
Other services	\$54,236	2.0%
Leisure and hospitality	\$41,808	9.5%
Natural resources and mining	\$57,304	2.1%

Broward County
Distribution of Private Employment by Industry

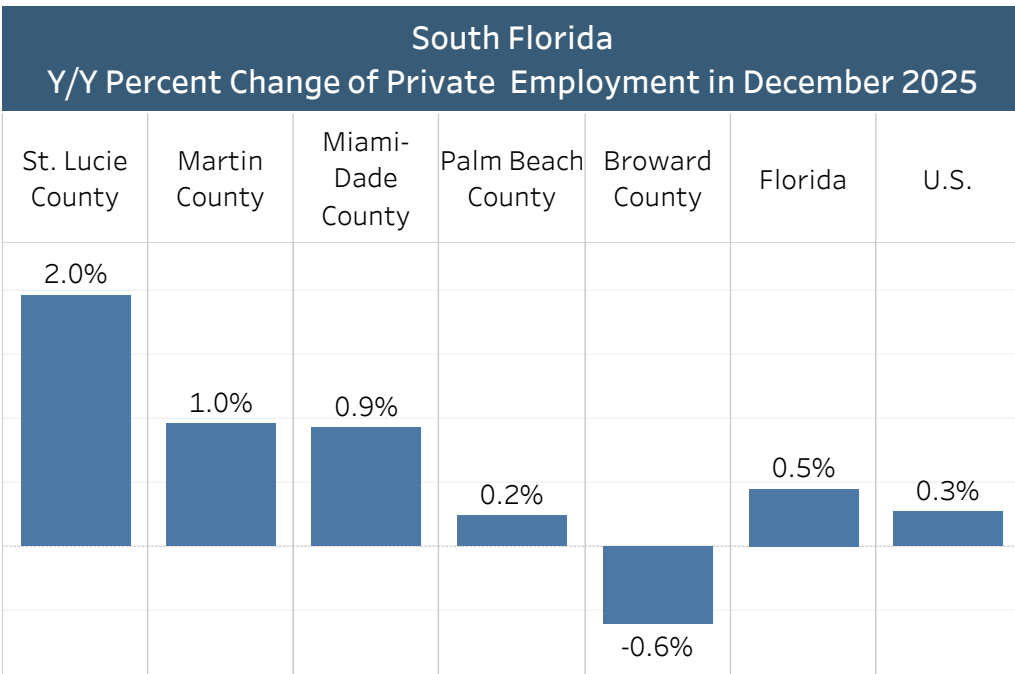
Industry	2025	2019
Trade, transportation, and utilities	25.3%	26.4%
Professional and business services	20.4%	19.5%
Education and health services	15.7%	15.2%
Leisure and hospitality	12.9%	13.2%
Financial activities	8.4%	8.4%
Construction	7.0%	6.7%
Manufacturing	4.1%	3.9%
Other services	3.9%	4.0%
Information	2.0%	2.5%
Natural resources and mining	0.1%	0.1%

Broward County
Change in Employment vs. December 2019

Total, all industries	23,476
Professional and business services	11,997
Education and health services	7,269
Construction	4,195
Manufacturing	2,573
Financial activities	1,484
Leisure and hospitality	937
Other services	274
Natural resources and mining	-135
Trade, transportation, and utilities	-2,024
Information	-2,792

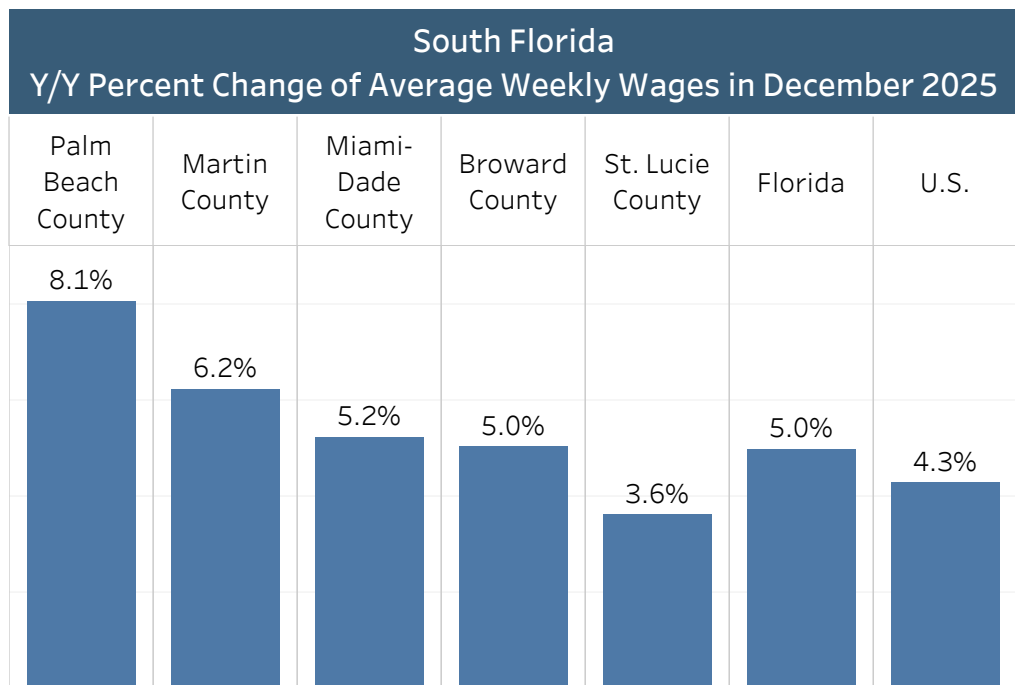
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Employment in Palm Beach County as of December 2025



Palm Beach County
Private Employment in December 2025

Industry	Y/Y Numeric Change	Y/Y Percent Change
Total, all industries	1,486	0.2%
Professional and business services	2,213	1.8%
Education and health services	2,067	1.8%
Leisure and hospitality	1,444	1.5%
Other services	196	0.7%
Natural resources and mining	45	0.6%
Trade, transportation, and utilities	37	0.0%
Information	-51	-0.5%
Construction	-584	-1.3%
Manufacturing	-683	-3.1%
Financial activities	-2,722	-5.9%



Palm Beach County
Annualized Weekly Wages in December 2025

Industry	Annual Wage	Y/Y Percent Change
Total, all industries	\$89,336	8.1%
Financial activities	\$172,588	0.6%
Information	\$145,756	10.3%
Professional and business services	\$130,312	18.3%
Manufacturing	\$107,380	10.3%
Construction	\$93,704	8.0%
Education and health services	\$71,292	3.3%
Trade, transportation, and utilities	\$68,484	5.7%
Other services	\$60,996	3.3%
Leisure and hospitality	\$45,864	9.4%
Natural resources and mining	\$65,416	10.7%

Palm Beach County
Distribution of Private Employment by Industry

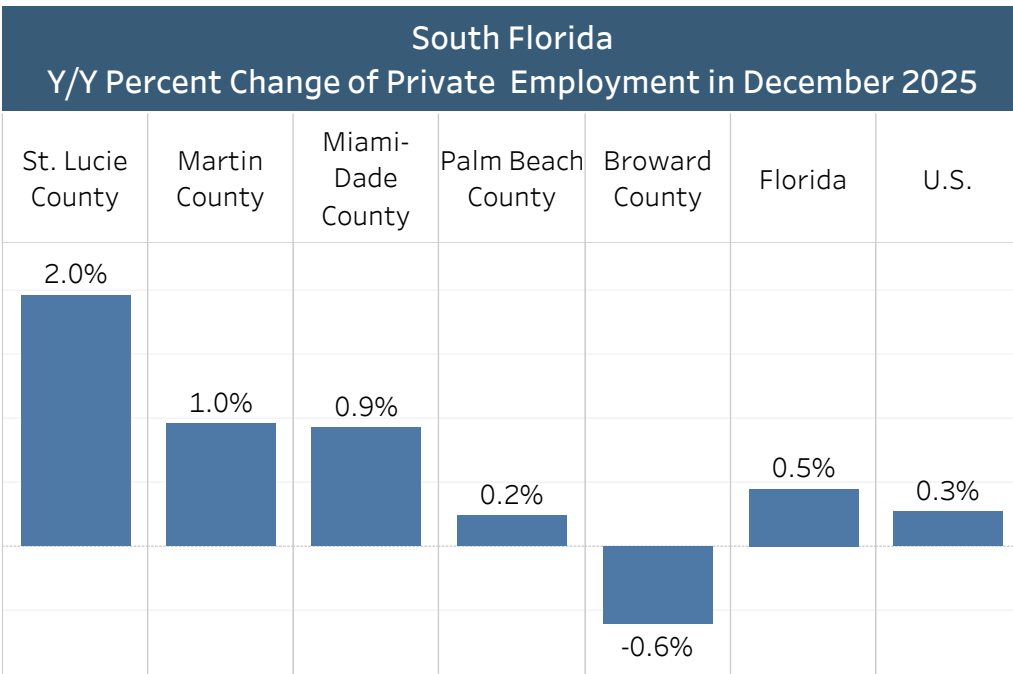
Industry	Year	Percentage
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2025	20.1%
	2019	20.6%
Professional and business services	2025	19.8%
	2019	19.0%
Education and health services	2025	19.3%
	2019	18.5%
Leisure and hospitality	2025	16.1%
	2019	16.4%
Financial activities	2025	7.1%
	2019	7.4%
Construction	2025	7.0%
	2019	6.6%
Other services	2025	4.3%
	2019	4.7%
Manufacturing	2025	3.5%
	2019	3.6%
Information	2025	1.6%
	2019	1.7%
Natural resources and mining	2025	1.2%
	2019	1.4%

Palm Beach County
Change in Employment vs. December 2019

Total, all industries	50,528
Professional and business services	14,699
Education and health services	14,033
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,484
Leisure and hospitality	6,817
Construction	5,525
Financial activities	1,782
Manufacturing	959
Information	373
Other services	-87
Natural resources and mining	-516

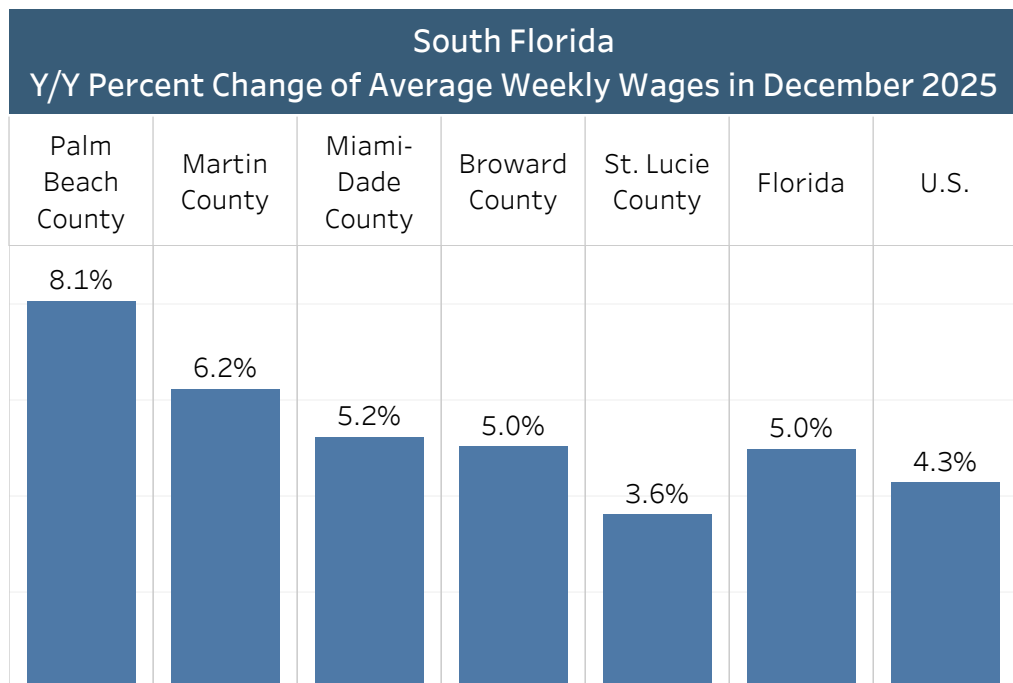
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Employment in Martin County as of December 2025



Martin County
Private Employment in December 2025

Industry	Y/Y Numeric Change	Y/Y Percent Change
Total, all industries	687	1.0%
Education and health services	680	4.2%
Construction	239	3.2%
Manufacturing	132	3.6%
Leisure and hospitality	117	1.0%
Natural resources and mining	49	11.8%
Trade, transportation, and utilities	19	0.1%
Other services	15	0.5%
Financial activities	14	0.5%
Information	-26	-3.9%
Professional and business services	-531	-4.7%



Martin County
Annualized Weekly Wages in December 2025

Industry	Annual Wage	Y/Y Percent Change
Total, all industries	\$66,508	6.2%
Financial activities	\$124,228	9.0%
Information	\$102,804	-10.7%
Professional and business services	\$76,180	10.6%
Manufacturing	\$77,532	4.7%
Construction	\$76,128	11.0%
Education and health services	\$69,264	4.2%
Trade, transportation, and utilities	\$57,668	2.9%
Other services	\$54,080	6.2%
Leisure and hospitality	\$39,312	5.6%
Natural resources and mining	\$57,980	8.5%

Martin County
Distribution of Private Employment by Industry

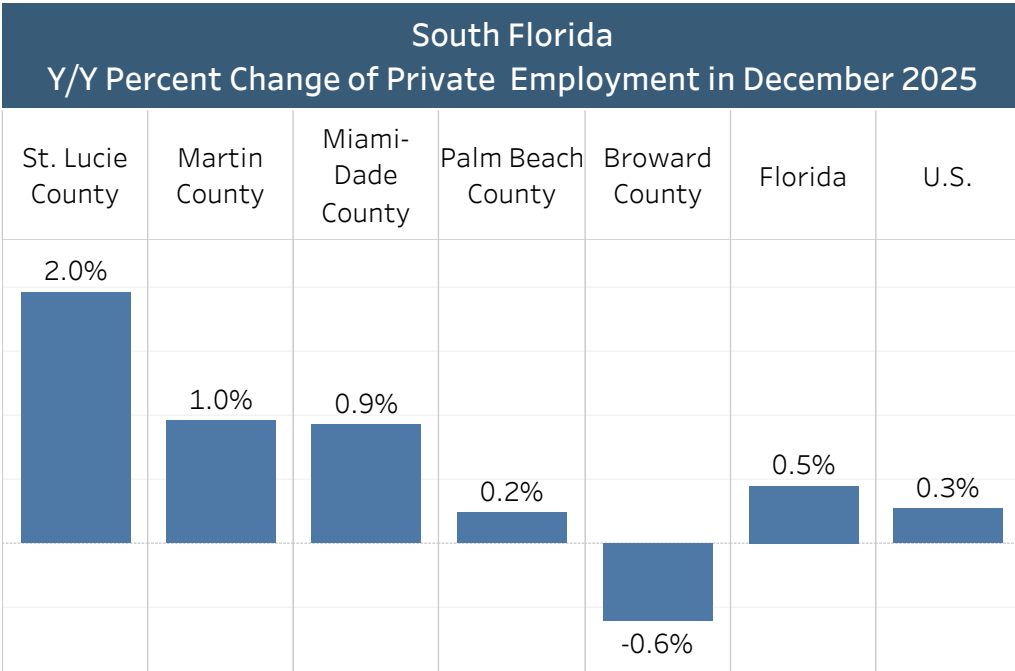
Industry	Year	Percentage
Education and health services	2025	23.4%
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Trade, transportation, and utilities	2025	19.9%
	2019	21.3%
Leisure and hospitality	2025	15.9%
	2019	16.8%
Professional and business services	2025	14.7%
	2019	13.8%
Construction	2025	10.6%
	2019	9.3%
Manufacturing	2025	5.2%
	2019	5.5%
Other services	2025	4.4%
	2019	4.5%
Financial activities	2025	4.2%
	2019	4.4%
Information	2025	0.9%
	2019	0.9%
Natural resources and mining	2025	0.6%
	2019	1.0%

Martin County
Change in Employment vs. December 2019

Industry	Change
Total, all industries	7,186
Education and health services	2,399
Professional and business services	1,649
Construction	1,580
Leisure and hospitality	586
Trade, transportation, and utilities	555
Other services	289
Manufacturing	194
Financial activities	116
Information	29
Natural resources and mining	-162

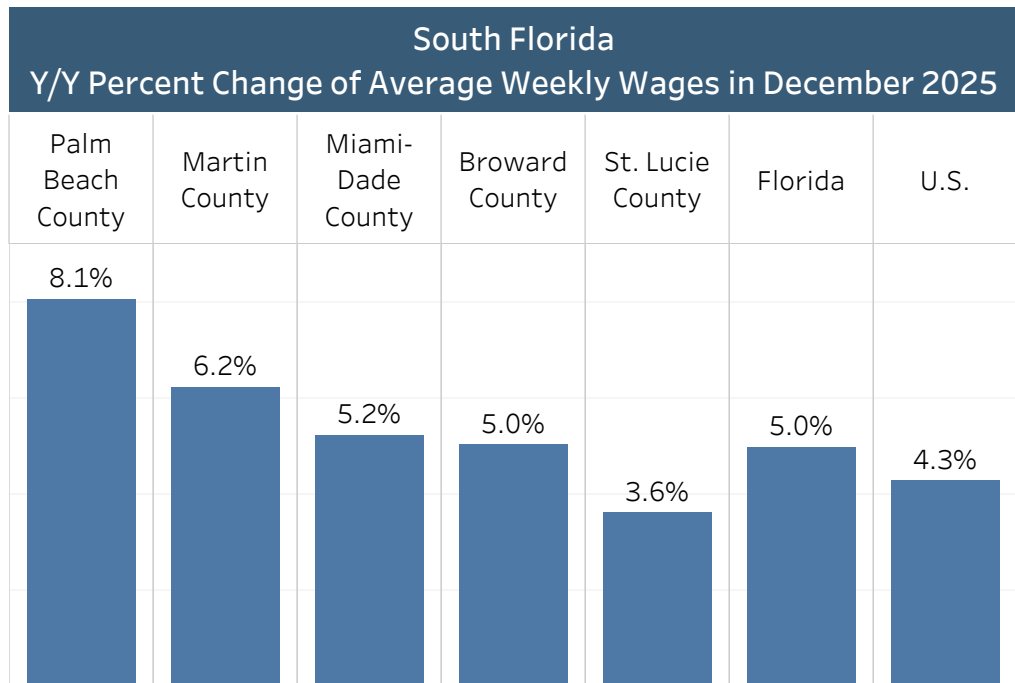
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Employment in St. Lucie County as of December 2025



St. Lucie County
Private Employment in December 2025

Industry	Y/Y Numeric Change	Y/Y Percent Change
Total, all industries	1,513	2.0%
Education and health services	1,174	7.4%
Professional and business services	508	5.6%
Trade, transportation, and utilities	317	1.4%
Financial activities	214	7.6%
Natural resources and mining	-15	-2.3%
Information	-32	-6.6%
Construction	-55	-0.8%
Other services	-100	-2.9%
Leisure and hospitality	-111	-1.0%
Manufacturing	-342	-7.6%



St. Lucie County
Annualized Weekly Wages in December 2025

Industry	Annual Wage	Y/Y Percent Change
Total, all industries	\$54,964	3.6%
Financial activities	\$64,272	-0.2%
Information	\$86,216	15.4%
Professional and business services	\$63,492	2.3%
Manufacturing	\$65,364	1.3%
Construction	\$65,468	6.1%
Education and health services	\$62,036	3.6%
Trade, transportation, and utilities	\$51,220	5.6%
Other services	\$45,188	-12.0%
Leisure and hospitality	\$30,680	3.5%
Natural resources and mining	\$66,508	10.5%

St. Lucie County
Distribution of Private Employment by Industry

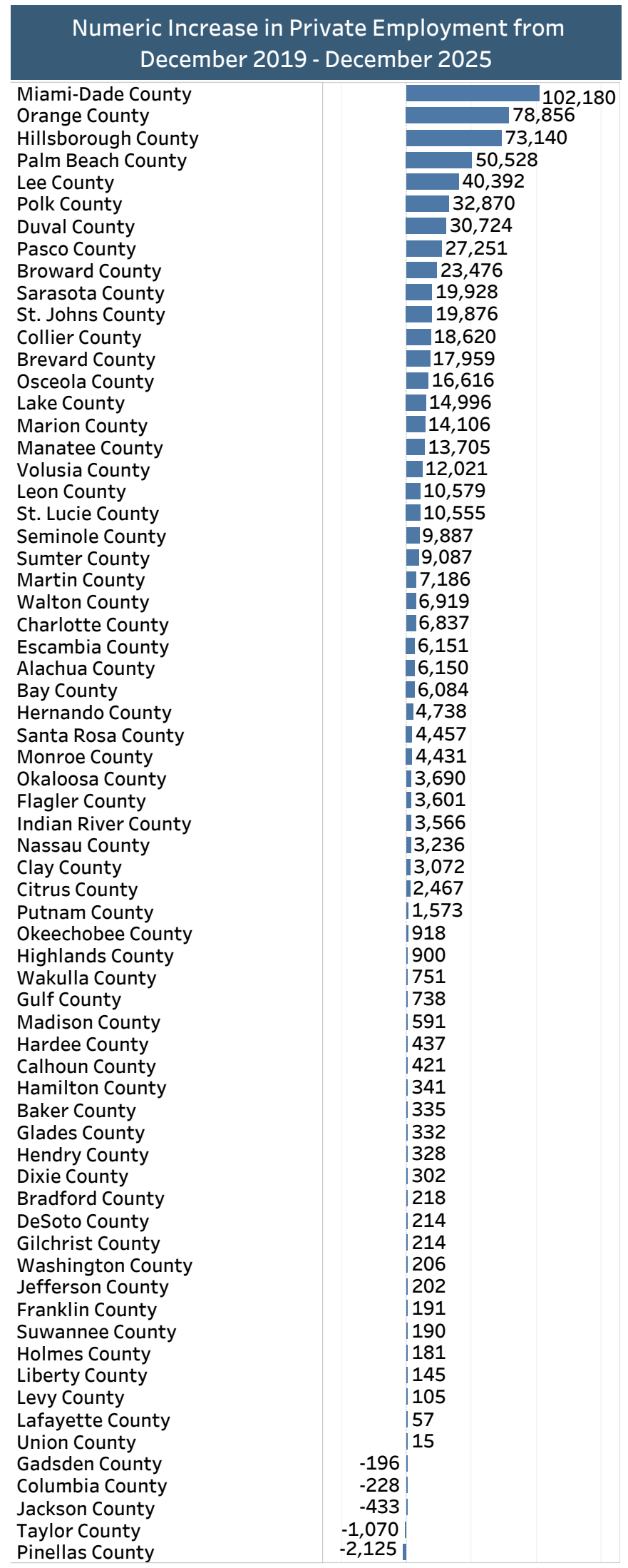
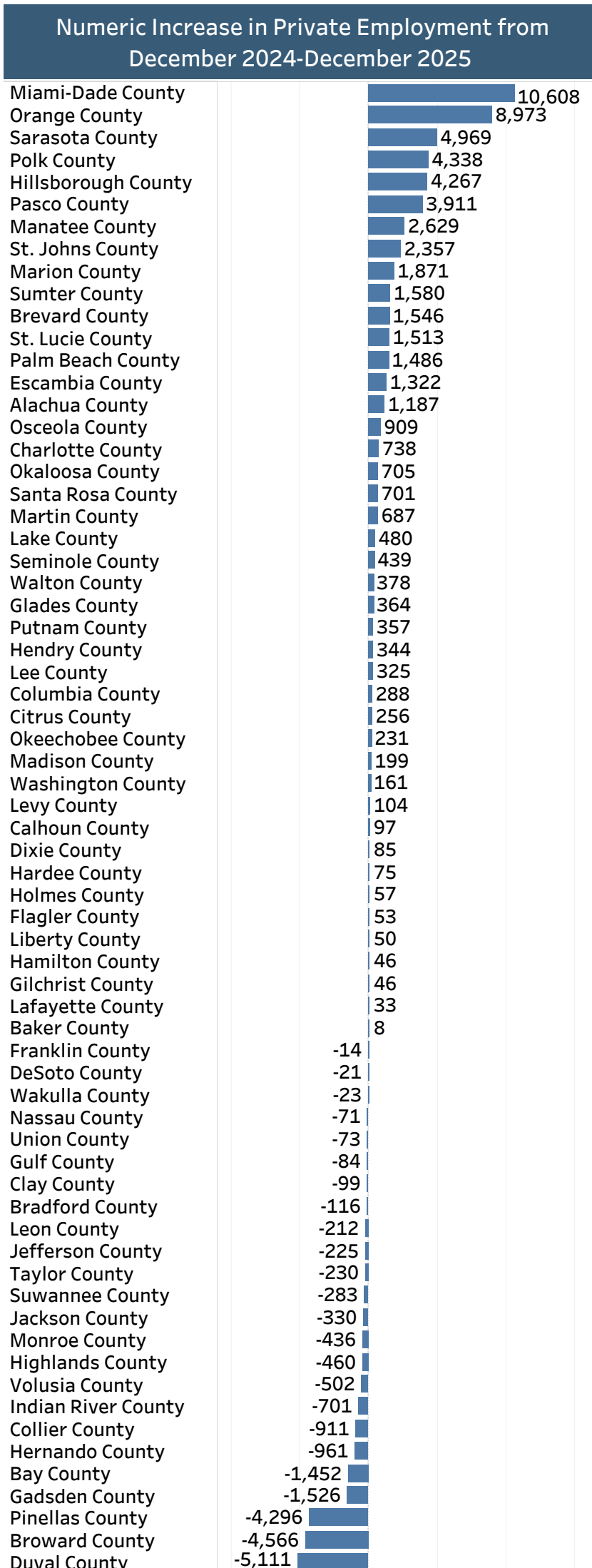
Industry	2025	2019
Trade, transportation, and utilities	28.8%	25.3%
Education and health services	21.6%	20.1%
Leisure and hospitality	13.5%	14.7%
Professional and business services	12.2%	15.0%
Construction	9.2%	8.2%
Manufacturing	5.3%	5.7%
Other services	4.2%	4.7%
Financial activities	3.9%	4.4%
Natural resources and mining	0.8%	1.1%
Information	0.6%	0.7%

St. Lucie County
Change in Employment vs. December 2019

Industry	Change
Total, all industries	10,555
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,427
Education and health services	3,283
Construction	1,664
Leisure and hospitality	572
Manufacturing	288
Other services	102
Financial activities	24
Information	-57
Natural resources and mining	-83
Professional and business services	-623

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Employment Gains in Florida, 2019-2025



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[The MIAMI Association of REALTORS® \(MIAMI\)](#) and [Broward, Palm Beaches & St. Lucie Realtors® \(RWorld\)](#), are now one association, bringing together two legacies for one shared future. The partnership strengthens our collective voice and brings more resources and opportunities while preserving local engagement, building a stronger future for our region.

The organization closed the historic merger on May 11, 2026, setting a record for the largest, fastest, and most seamless merger in the history of the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR). As a unified association now encompassing 93,000 members, it is the largest local Realtor® association in the world. The organization's proposed new name will be the Miami and South Florida REALTORS®, pending approval by NAR.

The two leaders who led the merger effort will be the first to lead the combined organization. Alfredo Pujol, chairman of the board of MIAMI, will serve as the first Chairman of the Board. RWorld President Jonathan Dolphus will be the 2026 Chair-Elect and 2027 Chairman of the Board. Katherine Arteta will be the 2027 Chair-Elect.

Teresa King Kinney and Dionna Hall will lead the newly formed association as Co-CEOs, carrying forward a legacy of more than 60 years of women's leadership. At the end of 2026, Kinney will retire from her 33-year career leading MIAMI REALTORS. Hall remaining in the role as CEO of Miami and South Florida REALTORS® & BeachesMLS in 2027 and beyond.

More information about this historic merger is available at MiamiandRworld.com.

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