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[Broward County Adds 30,800 Jobs Year Over Year](#)

Broward County's job report indicated a 4.4 percent unemployment rate in February 2016. This is a decrease of .9 percentage points from the year ago rate of 5.3 percent. Nonagricultural employment increased by 30,800 jobs (+3.9 percent) over the year, with an employment of 821,400 in the Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach MSA (Broward County). The region's jobless rate was 0.3 percentage point lower than the state rate (4.7 percent). Out of a labor force of 1,002,778, there were 43,968 unemployed Broward County residents. To read more, please [click here](#).

[Gov. Scott Highlights Job Growth at Lufthansa Technik in South Florida](#)

Recently, Governor Rick Scott highlighted job growth at Lufthansa Technik Component Services, a global leader in the aviation maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) industry that serves more than 750 customers worldwide. The company currently has 90 employees in Miramar and employs 110 Floridians statewide. Lufthansa plans to add 100 more jobs in South Florida as they expand their customer service, account management and product sales center over the next few years. To read more, please [click here](#).

[Don't Miss Alliance Mid-Year Luncheon on May 19 with Keynote Speaker Florida CFO Jeff Atwater](#)

State of Florida CFO Jeff Atwater will be the keynote speaker for the Alliance's Mid-Year Luncheon, presented by FPL, on Thursday, May 19 at Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six. Sponsors include: Presenting Sponsor **FPL**; Platinum Sponsors **Broward College, Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six, JM Family Enterprises, Inc., South Florida Business and Wealth, South Florida Business Journal and Zimmerman**; Gold Sponsors **AutoNation and Comcast Business**; and Silver Sponsors **Kaufman Rossin, Panza Maurer & Maynard and Starmark**. For more information on the luncheon, [click here](#).

[Limited Seats Available for Six Pillars Broward Annual Report to the Community](#)

A few seats are still available for the Six Pillars Broward Annual Report to the Community. The event will be held Wednesday, April 6 from 7:15 – 9:30 a.m., and will include breakfast, the annual Six Pillars update and will feature lessons learned from the recent Greater

Fort Lauderdale Alliance leadership trip to Austin, Texas. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Dale Brill. Dr. Brill is Founder and Obsessive Thinker for Thinkspot, a Florida-based public policy research and synthesis consultancy focused on people-centered economic development. Prior to launching Thinkspot, Dale served as president of the Florida Chamber Foundation. Dale's experience also includes public service as the Director of the Governor's Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development in Florida. His marketing background includes tenure as Chief Marketing Officer for VISIT FLORIDA, the state's official tourism marketing corporation. He also served as General Motor's first Dean of e-Commerce and as a Global Business Leader for General Motors-Europe. For more information, please [click here](#).

Nominations DUE TOMORROW for Alliance World Class Faculty and Economic Development Partner Awards

The Alliance **Economic Development Partner of the Year** award will honor an organization (nonprofit, government entity, educational institution or business/professional association) that has demonstrated a major commitment to Economic Development in Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County. The award will be given each year at the Alliance Mid-Year Meeting and Luncheon. Nominations will be reviewed by a selection committee and the honoree will be announced at the event. To submit a nomination, please [click here](#).

The Alliance **World Class Faculty Award** is given each year at the Alliance Mid-Year Meeting and Luncheon. A profile of the winner is included in the program book and the winning faculty member is presented an award on stage at the event. Nominations are reviewed by the Alliance Education Action Team and the winner is notified prior to the event. To download the application, please [click here](#).

Nominations for both awards are due tomorrow, April 1.

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Education, Workforce Development and Educational Excellence Builds Business (E²B²) News



[Nova Southeastern University Researcher Receives Part of National Science Foundation Grant to Study Deep-Sea Life](#)

[Research Park at Florida Atlantic University Reports another Year of Stellar Growth](#)

[Eight BCPS Magnet Schools and Programs Win National Merit Awards](#)

[Toyota expands national family learning program to 3 Broward County sites](#)

[NSU Receives \\$1 Million Grant to Create Innovative Law Clinic](#)

[NSU Researchers Secure \\$2.75 Million from NIH](#)

[Nova Southeastern University Names Dr. Yong X. Tao Dean of College Engineering and Computing](#)

[BCPS Students Raise \\$40,100 for Veterans to Visit Washington, DC Monuments](#)

[Congratulations to West Broward High School for Winning the 2016 Broward County Drill Meet](#)

[More than 5,000 Students Participate in the Above the Influence March and Rally](#)

[Northeast High School Named National Finalist in Samsung "Solve for Tomorrow" Contest](#)

[Six Principals Announced as Finalists for Broward County Public Schools 2016 Principal of the Year](#)

[Six School Leaders Announced as Finalists for Broward County Public Schools 2016 Assistant Principal of the Year](#)

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Business Briefs and Alliance Member News



Alliance Member Companies in **Bold**

Traditionally a world-favorite homeport, a recent study identifies **Broward County's Port Everglades** as an evolving tourism magnet for the Greater Fort Lauderdale area. Sixty-two percent of the cruise passengers surveyed for the study stayed at least one night prior to their cruise vacation, staying an average of 3.4 nights, and 21 percent planned to stay an average of 2.6 nights after their cruise. To read more, please [click here](#).

Officials for **Broward County's Port Everglades** believe that Sunday, March 13, 2016, marks the second time this cruise season that the port broke its own world record with a preliminary count of more than 54,700 cruise guests sailing in and out in a single day. The last world record was set just three months earlier on December 20, 2015, when 53,485 passengers sailed in and out of the South Florida cruise port in a single day. In addition, these record days did not include passengers aboard Balearia's Bahamas Express ferry, which departed for a day trip to the Bahamas with almost 400 passengers. To read more, please [click here](#).

Broward Cultural Division and **Port Everglades** welcome a unique national exhibition! Into the Pixel, An Exhibition of the Art of Video Game at Port Everglades Cruise Terminal 21 consists of a group of artworks hand-picked by the Port and the Division from the Into the Pixel national collection. The artworks are currently available for viewing by passengers and the community by special invitation. To read more, please [click here](#).

Broward Cultural Division will partner with the University of Florida and **Broward College** to present A Creative and Cultural Industries Symposium: The Future of the Latin American, Caribbean, & South Florida Economies on May 20, during the University of Florida's Brazilian Music Institute at Broward College's Central Campus. To read more, please [click here](#).

In its continuing effort to help shape the region's business climate, **CareerSource Broward** is urging local employers to take advantage of its On-the-Job Training (OJT) program that aims to help businesses develop and train new employees, as well as their existing workforce. To read more, please [click here](#).

Congratulations to Janet Wincko, Vice President of Human Resources for **City Furniture**, on receiving the 2016 Retail and Marketing Human Resources award from **South Florida Business and Wealth** magazine.

Congratulations to several leaders of Broward-based companies who were recently named to the Gator100 list by the University of Florida. The Gator100 honors the 100 fastest-growing, Gator-owned or Gator-led businesses in the world. The Gator100 serves not only as a setting where UF's elite entrepreneurs can gather and share their talents and wisdom, but as an inspiration to fellow Gators to be a part of this exclusive group. Alliance member companies honored include Alliance Vice Chair Bill White and **Compass Office Solutions**, Harley W. Miller and Thomas J. Miller of **Miller Construction Company** and Scott Moss of **Moss**. To read more, please [click here](#).

Gunster, one of Florida's oldest and largest full-service business law firms, is pleased to announce that Robert B. Lamm, an attorney and practice leader in its Fort Lauderdale office, has been elected to the board of directors of **Junior Achievement of South Florida**. To read more, please [click here](#).

NAIOP South Florida, a Commercial Real Estate Development Organization, recognized the winners of its 2016 Awards of Excellence recently at the **Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six**. The Awards of Excellence recognize individuals and organizations whose achievements have contributed to the local commercial real estate industry, benefitted the regional business environment and facilitated economic growth. Alliance member companies recognized were: **CBRE, Cushman & Wakefield, Stiles Corporation, JLL, Butters Realty and Management and Riviera Point Development Group**.

IBERIABANK, a 129-year-old subsidiary of IBERIABANK Corporation, is pleased to announce that Alliance Executive Committee member, Jean M. McIntyre has been named vice president, business banking relationship manager for the Southeast Florida market. McIntyre, who has over 30 years of financial industry experience, will work closely with small to medium-sized business owners to provide integrated financial solutions for their credit and deposit needs. To read more, please [click here](#).

Miller Construction Company has completed the \$2.7 million build-out of GuideWell Sanitas' innovative CliniSanitas medical center within the mixed-use Gateway Plaza at Doral. The construction services firm also served as design/build for Gateway Plaza at Doral, the new 84,000-square-foot office/retail/restaurant center, which is located at NW 87 Ave. and NW 21 Terrace. To read more, please [click here](#).

Building the largest new industrial real estate project underway in Miami-Dade County, **Miller Construction Company** is creating twin buildings that will add 602,657 square feet to the Centergate at Gratigny business park in Hialeah. To read more, please [click here](#).

Standard & Poor's announced that it has raised **Nova Southeastern University's** (NSU) ratings two notches to an "A-" based on S&P's methodology, citing a diverse program mix, stabilizing enrollment, steady student demand and improving student quality. To read more, please [click here](#).

Stearns Weaver Miller will host its 26th Annual Labor & Employment Law Seminar on Friday, May 20, 2016 at the JW Marriott Marquis Miami. Featuring presentations by Stearns Weaver Miller Labor & Employment attorneys and guest speaker, the annual event is a must-attend for human resources professionals, in-house counsel and senior executives with HR responsibilities. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Congratulations **Ultimate Software, Baptist Health South Florida** and **JM Family Enterprises, Inc.** for being listed on *Fortune Magazine's* top 16 workplaces in Florida! To read more, [click here](#).

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Featured Property of the Month





Marina Mile III

2890 W State Road 84

Davie, FL, 33312

Listed by Mink & Mink, Inc.

Additional details at GreaterFortLauderdaleProperties.com

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Upcoming Events



Alliance Events

Six Pillars Broward Annual Report to the Community

Wednesday, April 6, 7:15 a.m.

Location: Omni Auditorium, Broward College

For more information, [click here](#).

Alliance Mid-Year Meeting

Thursday, May 19, 11:15 a.m.

Location: Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six, Fort Lauderdale

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Enterprise Florida Events

Export Sales Mission to Korea & Taiwan

April 15-23

Location: Seoul, Korea and Taipei, Taiwan

For more information, [click here](#).

Hannover Messe - A World of Opportunity - All at One Trade Show

April 25-29

Location: Hannover, Germany

For more information, [click here](#).

Enterprise Florida (EFI) conducts or participates in an extensive schedule of export marketing missions and exhibitions worldwide.

These trade events are open to all businesses registered in Florida. For more information and to see more event listings, please [click here](#).

Member/Partner Events

Leadership Broward Foundation Fun Lunch

Friday, April 1, 11:30 a.m.

Location: Signature Grand

For more information, [click here](#).

Port Everglades Association Economic Engines Performance Report

Friday, April 1, 10:00 a.m.

Location: Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention Center

For more information, [click here](#).

Business for the Arts of Broward ART & SOUL

Friday, April 1, 6:00 p.m.

Location: GALLERYone DoubleTree Suites by Hilton

For more information, [click here](#).

Florida Atlantic University Annual Gala

Saturday, April 2, 6:30 p.m.

Location: FAU Stadium, Boca Raton

For more information, [click here](#).

SFBJ - bizwomen - Mentoring Monday

Monday, April 4, 7:30 a.m.

Location: Nova Southeastern University, Davie

For more information, [click here](#).

South Florida Symphony - Spring is in the Air (Masterworks Concert Series IV)

Tuesday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.

Location: Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale

For more information, [click here](#).

Broward College Speaker Series - James Carville

Wednesday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.

Location: Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale

For more information, [click here](#).

Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Downtowner of the Year Award 2016

Thursday, April 7, 11:30 a.m.

Location: Global Event Center at First Baptist Church, Fort Lauderdale

For more information, [click here](#).

Advice Straight Up: An Expert Entrepreneur Speaker Series – Dr. Robert Yonover

Tuesday, April 12, 8:00 a.m.

Location: Urban League of Broward County, Fort Lauderdale

For more information, [click here](#).

2016 eMerge Americas

April 18-19

Location: Miami Beach Convention Center

For more information, [click here](#).

South Florida Business & Wealth: 2016 Awards - Leaders in Law

Wednesday, April 20, 5:30 p.m.

Location: Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale

For more information, [click here](#).

SFBJ - 2016 Business of the Year Awards

Thursday, April 21, 5:30 p.m.

Location: InterContinental Hotel Miami

For more information, [click here](#).

FAU | Broward Networking Breakfast - Topic: Doing Business with Cuba

Tuesday, April 26, 8:00 a.m.

Location: FAU Davie

For more information, [click here](#).

Climate Economics: Reducing Risk and Building Markets

Thursday, April 28

Location: Miami

For more information, [click here](#).

Calendar items are subject to change without notice. Please visit www.gfalliance.org for the most current calendar of events and meetings and for more information regarding the Alliance.

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Also join our [LinkedIn group](#) (for members only).

Looking for commercial properties and demographic information? Visit www.greaterfortlauderdaleproperties.com.

Why have so many companies relocated to Greater Fort Lauderdale? [Click here](#) to find out (90 second video).

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