

Progress Report

Overview

Strategic Areas

Business Plans

Neighborhoods

Public Safety

Transportation

Recreation & Culture

Health & Human Scs.

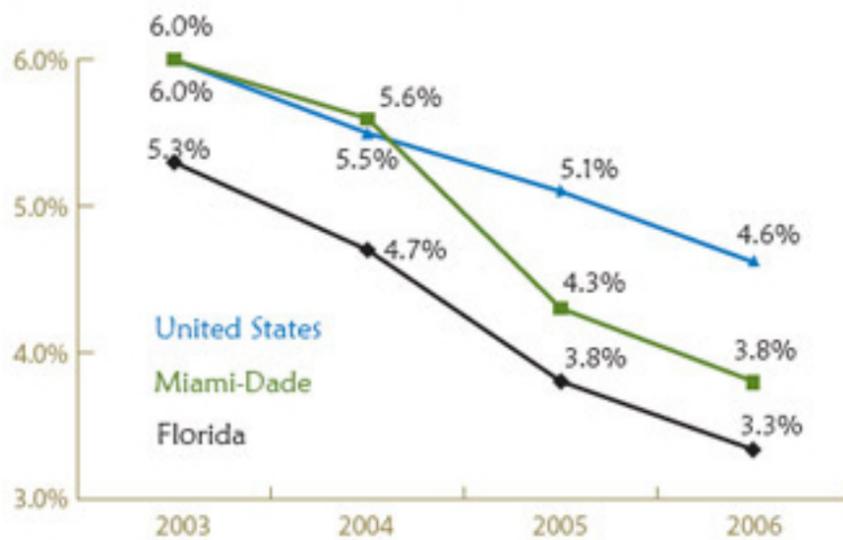
Economic

Government

Efforts to strengthen the County's economy include the attraction, retention, and expansion of businesses through a partnership with the Beacon Council, encouragement of international trade, and special programs for entrepreneurs and small businesses.

- ▶ [Department Performance Reports & Business Plans](#)
- ▶ Help us make this website better, [provide us your valuable feedback](#)

Unemployment Rate



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

The unemployment rate continues to decline.

Highlights

- Through a public-private partnership with the [Beacon Council](#), 21 economic development projects were completed: **17** businesses opened offices and 4 local companies expanded in Miami-Dade County, resulting in **1,159** new jobs.
- [South Florida Workforce](#) placed **16,255** Miami-Dade County residents in jobs, including **3,438** in jobs earning a living wage of \$11.76 or higher.
- The [Department of Business Development](#) increased the number of certified small businesses by **11 percent**. The County awarded **880** projects to eligible small businesses, an increase of 369 or **72 percent** from the previous year.
- The County's largest economic engines, [Miami International Airport](#) and the [Port of Miami](#), served more passengers:
 - Airport: more than **32 million** travelers - an increase of one million.
 - Port of Miami: **3.7 million** total passengers - up by 100,000.



More than 32 million travelers flew out of Miami International Airport in 2006.

Reporting on
Results that Matter