

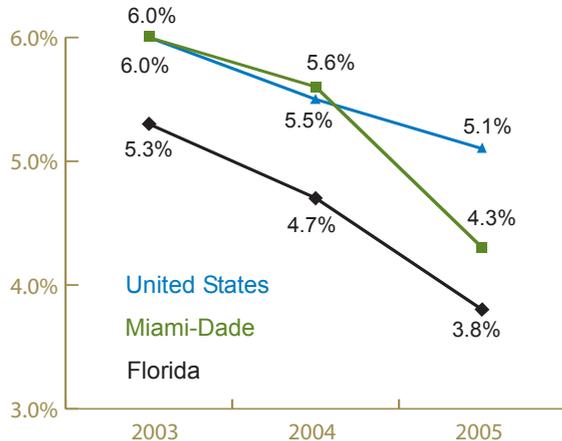
Economic Development

Mission

To expand and further diversify the local economy and employment opportunities, by promoting, coordinating and implementing economic revitalization activities that reduce socio-economic disparity and improve the quality of life of all residents.

How We Rated

Unemployment trends



Miami-Dade's unemployment rate has dropped significantly since 2003.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

- Miami-Dade County leads the state in job creation with the unemployment rate well below the national average. While the local labor force continues to grow, attracting more high-paying, skilled jobs to the area continues to be a priority for economic development.
- Although the County's unemployment rate has dropped significantly, new jobs are generally lower paying. The average entry level median wage for the top 10 fastest growing occupations, was **\$9.39** hourly compared to **\$13.70** hourly for all occupations.
- The availability of affordable housing was a top concern among residents surveyed with **55 percent** surveyed stating they were dissatisfied with affordability in Miami-Dade. This is a major concern for future economic growth.