

## March 2014 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's March unemployment rate of **6.3%** is down from the February rate of **6.4%** reflecting a net gain of 50 jobs.

Continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **2.8** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 14,900 jobs.

	Mar-14	Feb-14	Mar-13	Change Mar 2013 Mar 2014	Percent Change	Change Feb 2014 Mar 2014	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	665,686	659,700	645,646	20,040	3.1%	5,986	0.9%
Employment	623,695	617,659	598,226	25,469	4.3%	6,036	1.0%
Unemployment	41,991	42,041	47,420	-5,429	-11.4%	-50	-0.1%
Unemployment Rate	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>7.3%</b>				
Florida	6.4%	6.3%	7.4%				
National	6.8%	7.0%	7.6%				

Industry Title	Change from						
	Mar 2014	Feb 2014	Mar 2013	Feb 2014 to Mar 2014		Mar 2013 to Mar 2014	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
<b>Total Nonagricultural Employment</b>	557,500	553,600	542,600	3,900	0.7%	14,900	2.8%
<b>Total Private</b>	493,200	489,900	479,700	3,300	0.7%	13,500	2.8%
<b>Goods Producing</b>	42,800	42,700	40,900	100	0.2%	1,900	4.7%
<b>Construction</b>	27,300	27,100	25,300	200	0.7%	2,000	7.9%
Specialty Trade Contractors	18,200	18,000	16,100	200	1.1%	2,100	13.0%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	15,400	15,500	15,500	-100	-0.7%	-100	-0.7%
<b>Service Providing</b>	514,700	510,900	501,700	3,800	0.7%	13,000	2.6%
<b>Private Service Providing</b>	450,400	447,200	438,800	3,200	0.7%	11,600	2.6%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	104,100	103,400	102,300	700	0.7%	1,800	1.8%
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	22,300	22,300	22,100	0	0.0%	200	0.9%
<b>Retail Trade</b>	72,000	71,400	70,800	600	0.8%	1,200	1.7%
Food and Beverage Stores	16,800	16,700	16,000	100	0.6%	800	5.0%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,500	5,500	5,600	0	0.0%	-100	-1.8%
General Merchandise Stores	13,600	13,500	13,600	100	0.7%	0	0.0%
<b>Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities</b>	9,800	9,700	9,400	100	1.0%	400	4.3%
<b>Information</b>	9,700	9,600	9,500	100	1.0%	200	2.1%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	37,000	36,600	37,500	400	1.1%	-500	-1.3%
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>	23,200	23,200	23,000	0	0.0%	200	0.9%
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,600	6,600	6,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	101,700	101,600	95,500	100	0.1%	6,200	6.5%
<b>Professional and Technical Services</b>	44,200	44,000	41,100	200	0.5%	3,100	7.5%
<b>Management of Companies and Enterprises</b>	9,500	9,600	9,400	-100	-1.0%	100	1.1%
<b>Administrative and Waste Services</b>	48,000	48,000	45,000	0	0.0%	3,000	6.7%
Employment Services	12,800	12,600	12,200	200	1.6%	600	4.9%
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	88,400	87,600	85,500	800	0.9%	2,900	3.4%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	36,600	36,100	35,000	500	1.4%	1,600	4.6%
Hospitals	17,800	17,800	17,900	0	0.0%	-100	-0.6%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	80,500	79,200	79,000	1,300	1.6%	1,500	1.9%
<b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	62,300	61,300	61,000	1,000	1.6%	1,300	2.1%
Accommodation	10,600	10,500	10,500	100	1.0%	100	1.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	51,700	50,800	50,500	900	1.8%	1,200	2.4%
<b>Other Services</b>	29,000	29,200	29,500	-200	-0.7%	-500	-1.7%
<b>Total Government</b>	64,300	63,700	62,900	600	0.9%	1,400	2.2%
Federal	6,400	6,400	6,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State	9,000	8,900	9,000	100	1.1%	0	0.0%
Local	48,900	48,400	47,500	500	1.0%	1,400	3.0%

\* = less than 0.1 percent

Note: Employment estimates have been rounded to the nearest hundred. Sum of detail may not equal totals due to rounding or the exclusion of certain industries from publication. All data are subject to revision.

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