

April 2018 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's April unemployment rate of **3.3%** is down from the March rate of 3.6% reflecting a net gain of 2,749 jobs.

Continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **0.1** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 500 jobs.

	Apr-18	Mar-18	Apr-17	Change Apr 2017 Apr 2018	Percent Change	Change Mar 2018 Apr 2018	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	723,696	734,338	725,733	-2,037	-0.3%	-10,642	-1.4%
Employment	700,129	708,022	698,412	1,717	0.2%	-7,893	-1.1%
Unemployment	23,567	26,316	27,321	-3,754	-13.7%	-2,749	-10.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.6%	3.8%				
Florida	3.4%	3.8%	4.0%				
National	3.7%	4.1%	4.1%				

Industry Title	April 2018	March 2017	April 2017	Change from			
				Mar 2018 to Apr 2018	Apr 2017 to Apr 2018	Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	625,800	630,900	625,300	-5,100	-0.8%	500	0.1%
Total Private	560,200	565,700	560,300	-5,500	-1.0%	-100	0.0%
Goods Producing	58,500	58,600	55,000	-100	-0.2%	3,500	6.4%
Construction	38,000	38,100	35,200	-100	-0.3%	2,800	8.0%
Specialty Trade Contractors	24,300	24,400	23,400	-100	-0.4%	900	3.8%
Manufacturing	20,400	20,400	19,700	0	0.0%	700	3.6%
Service Providing	567,300	572,300	570,300	-5,000	-0.9%	-3,000	-0.5%
Private Service Providing	501,700	507,100	505,300	-5,400	-1.1%	-3,600	-0.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	114,700	116,600	116,500	-1,900	-1.6%	-1,800	-1.5%
Wholesale Trade	22,600	23,500	23,900	-900	-3.8%	-1,300	-5.4%
Retail Trade	79,200	80,200	79,800	-1,000	-1.2%	-600	-0.8%
Food and Beverage Stores	18,600	18,600	19,200	0	0.0%	-600	-3.1%
Health and Personal Care Stores	6,000	6,200	6,300	-200	-3.2%	-300	-4.8%
General Merchandise Stores	14,200	14,200	14,300	0	0.0%	-100	-0.7%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	12,900	12,900	12,800	0	0.0%	100	0.8%
Information	11,200	11,200	11,700	0	0.0%	-500	-4.3%
Financial Activities	41,800	41,000	40,000	800	2.0%	1,800	4.5%
Finance and Insurance	24,100	23,800	23,400	300	1.3%	700	3.0%
Depository Credit Intermediation	5,800	5,800	5,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	112,400	114,600	113,300	-2,200	-1.9%	-900	-0.8%
Professional and Technical Services	47,600	48,200	47,800	-600	-1.2%	-200	-0.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	11,100	11,200	11,000	-100	-0.9%	100	0.9%
Administrative and Waste Services	53,700	55,200	54,500	-1,500	-2.7%	-800	-1.5%
Employment Services	19,100	19,200	18,600	-100	-0.5%	500	2.7%
Education and Health Services	95,900	96,500	99,500	-600	-0.6%	-3,600	-3.6%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	39,000	39,300	41,400	-300	-0.8%	-2,400	-5.8%
Hospitals	19,800	19,800	19,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	92,600	93,900	90,900	-1,300	-1.4%	1,700	1.9%
Accommodation and Food Services	72,000	71,900	70,700	100	0.1%	1,300	1.8%
Accommodation	11,100	11,100	11,600	0	0.0%	-500	-4.3%
Food Services and Drinking Places	60,900	60,800	59,100	100	0.2%	1,800	3.0%
Other Services	33,100	33,300	33,400	-200	-0.6%	-300	-0.9%
Total Government	65,600	65,200	65,000	400	0.6%	600	0.9%
Federal	6,800	6,700	6,800	100	1.5%	0	0.0%
State	11,400	11,500	12,500	-100	-0.9%	-1,100	-8.8%
Local	47,400	47,000	45,700	400	0.9%	1,700	3.7%

* = 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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