

March 2018 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's March unemployment rate of **3.6%** is down from the February rate of 3.7% reflecting a net gain of 430 jobs.

Continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **1.0** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 6,100 jobs.

	Mar-18	Feb-18	Mar-17	Change Mar 2017 Mar 2018	Percent Change	Change Feb 2018 Mar 2018	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	735,624	731,637	730,171	5,453	0.7%	3,987	0.5%
Employment	709,330	704,913	701,199	8,131	1.2%	4,417	0.6%
Unemployment	26,294	26,724	28,972	-2,678	-9.2%	-430	-1.6%
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.7%	4.0%				
Florida	3.8%	3.8%	4.2%				
National	4.1%	4.4%	4.6%				

Industry Title	Change from						
	March 2018	February 2017	March 2017	Feb 2018 to Mar 2018		Mar 2017 to Mar 2018	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	632,300	627,400	626,200	4,900	0.8%	6,100	1.0%
Total Private	566,700	562,800	561,600	3,900	0.7%	5,100	0.9%
Goods Producing	58,500	58,400	55,200	100	0.2%	3,300	6.0%
Construction	38,100	38,100	35,400	0	0.0%	2,700	7.6%
Specialty Trade Contractors	24,400	24,400	23,500	0	0.0%	900	3.8%
Manufacturing	20,300	20,200	19,700	100	0.5%	600	3.0%
Service Providing	573,800	569,000	571,000	4,800	0.8%	2,800	0.5%
Private Service Providing	508,200	504,400	506,400	3,800	0.8%	1,800	0.4%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	116,600	116,300	116,700	300	0.3%	-100	-0.1%
Wholesale Trade	23,500	23,500	23,800	0	0.0%	-300	-1.3%
Retail Trade	80,200	80,000	80,100	200	0.3%	100	0.1%
Food and Beverage Stores	18,600	18,700	19,200	-100	-0.5%	-600	-3.1%
Health and Personal Care Stores	6,200	6,200	6,400	0	0.0%	-200	-3.1%
General Merchandise Stores	14,200	14,200	14,500	0	0.0%	-300	-2.1%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	12,900	12,800	12,800	100	0.8%	100	0.8%
Information	11,300	11,300	12,100	0	0.0%	-800	-6.6%
Financial Activities	40,900	40,900	40,000	0	0.0%	900	2.3%
Finance and Insurance	23,800	23,700	23,400	100	0.4%	400	1.7%
Depository Credit Intermediation	5,800	5,800	5,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	114,800	113,700	112,900	1,100	1.0%	1,900	1.7%
Professional and Technical Services	48,300	47,500	47,400	800	1.7%	900	1.9%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	11,200	11,100	11,100	100	0.9%	100	0.9%
Administrative and Waste Services	55,300	55,100	54,400	200	0.4%	900	1.7%
Employment Services	19,200	18,900	18,700	300	1.6%	500	2.7%
Education and Health Services	96,600	96,000	99,100	600	0.6%	-2,500	-2.5%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	39,500	38,800	41,300	700	1.8%	-1,800	-4.4%
Hospitals	19,800	19,700	19,800	100	0.5%	0	0.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	94,700	93,100	92,200	1,600	1.7%	2,500	2.7%
Accommodation and Food Services	72,200	71,600	71,700	600	0.8%	500	0.7%
Accommodation	11,100	11,100	11,700	0	0.0%	-600	-5.1%
Food Services and Drinking Places	61,100	60,500	60,000	600	1.0%	1,100	1.8%
Other Services	33,300	33,100	33,400	200	0.6%	-100	-0.3%
Total Government	65,600	64,600	64,600	1,000	1.5%	1,000	1.5%
Federal	6,700	6,800	6,700	-100	-1.5%	0	0.0%
State	11,500	11,300	12,600	200	1.8%	-1,100	-8.7%
Local	47,400	46,500	45,300	900	1.9%	2,100	4.6%

* = 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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