

May 2018 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's May unemployment rate of **3.3%** is steady with the April rate of 3.3% reflecting a slight net loss of 123 jobs.

However 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 700 jobs.

	May-18	Apr-18	May-17	Change May 2017 May 2018	Percent Change	Change Apr 2018 May 2018	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	727,259	724,171	727,021	238	0.0%	3,088	0.4%
Employment	703,552	700,587	698,804	4,748	0.7%	2,965	0.4%
Unemployment	23,707	23,584	28,217	-4,510	-16.0%	123	0.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.3%	3.9%				
Florida	3.4%	3.4%	4.0%				
National	3.6%	3.7%	4.1%				

Industry Title	Change from						
	May 2018	April 2017	May 2017	Apr 2018 to May 2018		May 2017 to May 2018	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	624,500	626,300	623,800	-1,800	-0.3%	700	0.1%
Total Private	559,200	561,100	559,400	-1,900	-0.3%	-200	0.0%
Goods Producing	59,500	58,700	55,600	800	1.4%	3,900	7.0%
Construction	38,700	38,100	35,700	600	1.6%	3,000	8.4%
Specialty Trade Contractors	24,500	24,300	23,700	200	0.8%	800	3.4%
Manufacturing	20,700	20,500	19,800	200	1.0%	900	4.5%
Service Providing	565,000	567,600	568,200	-2,600	-0.5%	-3,200	-0.6%
Private Service Providing	499,700	502,400	503,800	-2,700	-0.5%	-4,100	-0.8%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	115,500	114,900	116,100	600	0.5%	-600	-0.5%
Wholesale Trade	22,400	22,500	23,900	-100	-0.4%	-1,500	-6.3%
Retail Trade	80,200	79,500	79,500	700	0.9%	700	0.9%
Food and Beverage Stores	18,700	18,700	18,800	0	0.0%	-100	-0.5%
Health and Personal Care Stores	6,200	6,000	6,300	200	3.3%	-100	-1.6%
General Merchandise Stores	14,300	14,200	14,300	100	0.7%	0	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	12,900	12,900	12,700	0	0.0%	200	1.6%
Information	11,200	11,200	11,700	0	0.0%	-500	-4.3%
Financial Activities	42,100	41,600	40,300	500	1.2%	1,800	4.5%
Finance and Insurance	24,500	24,100	23,700	400	1.7%	800	3.4%
Depository Credit Intermediation	5,800	5,800	5,900	0	0.0%	-100	-1.7%
Professional and Business Services	111,500	112,500	113,300	-1,000	-0.9%	-1,800	-1.6%
Professional and Technical Services	46,600	47,400	47,300	-800	-1.7%	-700	-1.5%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	11,100	11,100	10,900	0	0.0%	200	1.8%
Administrative and Waste Services	53,800	54,000	55,100	-200	-0.4%	-1,300	-2.4%
Employment Services	19,100	19,000	19,100	100	0.5%	0	0.0%
Education and Health Services	95,900	96,300	99,900	-400	-0.4%	-4,000	-4.0%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	40,000	39,100	41,500	900	2.3%	-1,500	-3.6%
Hospitals	19,900	19,800	19,800	100	0.5%	100	0.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	90,300	92,800	89,300	-2,500	-2.7%	1,000	1.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	70,700	72,000	69,600	-1,300	-1.8%	1,100	1.6%
Accommodation	11,100	11,100	11,500	0	0.0%	-400	-3.5%
Food Services and Drinking Places	59,600	60,900	58,100	-1,300	-2.1%	1,500	2.6%
Other Services	33,200	33,100	33,200	100	0.3%	0	0.0%
Total Government	65,300	65,200	64,400	100	0.2%	900	1.4%
Federal	6,800	6,800	6,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State	11,300	11,400	11,900	-100	-0.9%	-600	-5.0%
Local	47,200	47,000	45,700	200	0.4%	1,500	3.3%

* = 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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