

April 2019 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's April unemployment rate of **2.9%** is down from the March rate of 3.2% reflecting a net gain of 2,787 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 17,600 jobs.

	Apr-19	Mar-19	Apr-18	Change Apr 2018 Apr 2019	Percent Change	Change Mar 2019 Apr 2019	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	733,680	739,709	727,775	5,905	0.8%	-6,029	-0.8%
Employment	712,581	715,823	703,662	8,919	1.3%	-3,242	-0.5%
Unemployment	21,099	23,886	24,113	-3,014	-12.5%	-2,787	-11.7%
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	3.2%	3.3%				
Florida	2.9%	3.3%	3.4%				
National	3.3%	3.9%	3.7%				

Industry Title	April 2019	March 2019	April 2018	Change from			
				Mar 2019 to Apr 2019 Level	Apr 2019 Percent	Apr 2018 to Apr 2019 Level	Apr 2018 to Apr 2019 Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	649,400	648,800	631,800	600	0.1%	17,600	2.8%
Total Private	582,400	581,900	566,100	500	0.1%	16,300	2.9%
Goods Producing	59,400	59,400	56,700	0	0.0%	2,700	4.8%
Construction	38,200	38,100	36,500	100	0.3%	1,700	4.7%
Specialty Trade Contractors	25,700	25,600	24,200	100	0.4%	1,500	6.2%
Manufacturing	21,100	21,200	20,100	-100	-0.5%	1,000	5.0%
Service Providing	590,000	589,400	575,100	600	0.1%	14,900	2.6%
Private Service Providing	523,000	522,500	509,400	500	0.1%	13,600	2.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	117,100	118,800	116,900	-1,700	-1.4%	200	0.2%
Wholesale Trade	25,400	26,200	24,700	-800	-3.1%	700	2.8%
Retail Trade	78,100	79,000	79,100	-900	-1.1%	-1,000	-1.3%
Food and Beverage Stores	19,700	19,600	19,200	100	0.5%	500	2.6%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,800	5,900	6,200	-100	-1.7%	-400	-6.5%
General Merchandise Stores	13,800	14,000	14,000	-200	-1.4%	-200	-1.4%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	13,600	13,600	13,100	0	0.0%	500	3.8%
Information	10,600	10,800	11,000	-200	-1.9%	-400	-3.6%
Financial Activities	43,100	43,000	41,600	100	0.2%	1,500	3.6%
Finance and Insurance	24,600	24,500	24,400	100	0.4%	200	0.8%
Depository Credit Intermediation	5,700	5,700	5,900	0	0.0%	-200	-3.4%
Professional and Business Services	119,500	119,300	113,400	200	0.2%	6,100	5.4%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Servi	52,600	51,900	48,700	700	1.3%	3,900	8.0%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	11,100	11,000	10,500	100	0.9%	600	5.7%
Administrative and Support and Waste Serv	55,800	56,400	54,200	-600	-1.1%	1,600	3.0%
Employment Services	16,800	16,800	17,300	0	0.0%	-500	-2.9%
Education and Health Services	105,000	104,500	101,300	500	0.5%	3,700	3.7%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	44,200	44,200	42,100	0	0.0%	2,100	5.0%
Hospitals	20,300	20,300	19,800	0	0.0%	500	2.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	95,000	93,600	91,400	1,400	1.5%	3,600	3.9%
Accommodation and Food Services	73,700	72,300	71,100	1,400	1.9%	2,600	3.7%
Accommodation	11,900	11,900	11,500	0	0.0%	400	3.5%
Food Services and Drinking Places	61,800	60,400	59,600	1,400	2.3%	2,200	3.7%
Other Services	32,700	32,500	33,800	200	0.6%	-1,100	-3.3%
Total Government	67,000	66,900	65,700	100	0.1%	1,300	2.0%
Federal	6,900	6,900	6,700	0	0.0%	200	3.0%
State	12,800	12,800	12,500	0	0.0%	300	2.4%
Local	47,300	47,200	46,500	100	0.2%	800	1.7%

* = 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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