

May 2019 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's May unemployment rate of 3.1% is up from the April rate of 2.9% reflecting a net loss of 1,481 jobs.

However continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the 2.3 percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 14,800 jobs.

	May-19	Apr-19	May-18	Change May 2018 May 2019	Percent Change	Change Mar 2019 Apr 2019	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	739,697	733,299	731,830	7,867	1.1%	6,398	0.9%
Employment	717,106	712,189	707,760	9,346	1.3%	4,917	0.7%
Unemployment	22,591	21,110	24,070	-1,479	-6.1%	1,481	7.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.1%	2.9%	3.3%				
Florida	3.1%	2.9%	3.4%				
National	3.4%	3.3%	3.6%				

Industry Title	Change from							
	May 2019	April 2019	May 2018	Apr 2019 to May 2019		May 2018 to May 2019		
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent	
Total Nonagricultural Employment	645,300	649,000	630,500	-3,700	-0.6%	14,800	2.3%	
Total Private	578,500	582,100	564,700	-3,600	-0.6%	13,800	2.4%	
Goods Producing	59,700	59,400	56,900	300	0.5%	2,800	4.9%	
Construction	38,600	38,200	36,800	400	1.0%	1,800	4.9%	
Specialty Trade Contractors	25,900	25,700	24,400	200	0.8%	1,500	6.1%	
Manufacturing	21,000	21,100	20,000	-100	-0.5%	1,000	5.0%	
Service Providing	585,600	589,600	573,600	-4,000	-0.7%	12,000	2.1%	
Private Service Providing	518,800	522,700	507,800	-3,900	-0.7%	11,000	2.2%	
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	116,500	117,100	116,900	-600	-0.5%	-400	-0.3%	
Wholesale Trade	25,600	25,600	24,600	0	0.0%	1,000	4.1%	
Retail Trade	77,300	77,900	79,200	-600	-0.8%	-1,900	-2.4%	
Food and Beverage Stores	19,600	19,700	19,100	-100	-0.5%	500	2.6%	
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,800	5,800	6,100	0	0.0%	-300	-4.9%	
General Merchandise Stores	13,800	13,800	14,100	0	0.0%	-300	-2.1%	
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	13,600	13,600	13,100	0	0.0%	500	3.8%	
Information	10,400	10,500	11,100	-100	-1.0%	-700	-6.3%	
Financial Activities	43,200	43,000	41,600	200	0.5%	1,600	3.8%	
Finance and Insurance	24,400	24,500	24,400	-100	-0.4%	0	0.0%	
Depository Credit Intermediation	5,700	5,700	5,900	0	0.0%	-200	-3.4%	
Professional and Business Services	117,200	119,800	113,500	-2,600	-2.2%	3,700	3.3%	
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Servi	51,300	52,700	48,500	-1,400	-2.7%	2,800	5.8%	
Management of Companies and Enterprises	11,000	11,100	10,600	-100	-0.9%	400	3.8%	
Administrative and Support and Waste Serv	54,900	56,000	54,400	-1,100	-2.0%	500	0.9%	
Employment Services	16,900	16,900	17,300	0	0.0%	-400	-2.3%	
Education and Health Services	104,900	105,400	101,500	-500	-0.5%	3,400	3.3%	
Ambulatory Health Care Services	43,900	44,100	42,300	-200	-0.5%	1,600	3.8%	
Hospitals	20,200	20,200	19,800	0	0.0%	400	2.0%	
Leisure and Hospitality	94,000	94,300	89,600	-300	-0.3%	4,400	4.9%	
Accommodation and Food Services	73,100	73,300	70,000	-200	-0.3%	3,100	4.4%	
Accommodation	11,800	11,800	11,400	0	0.0%	400	3.5%	
Food Services and Drinking Places	61,300	61,500	58,600	-200	-0.3%	2,700	4.6%	
Other Services	32,600	32,600	33,600	0	0.0%	-1,000	-3.0%	
Total Government	66,800	66,900	65,800	-100	-0.1%	1,000	1.5%	
Federal	6,900	6,900	6,700	0	0.0%	200	3.0%	
State	12,600	12,800	12,600	-200	-1.6%	0	0.0%	
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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