

March 2020 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's March unemployment rate of **4.4%** is up from the February rate of 3.1% reflecting a net loss of 9,392 jobs.

However continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **0.2** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 1,600 jobs.

	Mar-20	Feb-20	Mar-19	Change Mar 2018 Mar 2019	Percent Change	Change Feb 2019 Mar 2019	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	735,995	742,286	732,448	3,547	0.5%	-6,291	-0.8%
Employment	703,954	719,637	709,534	-5,580	-0.8%	-15,683	-2.2%
Unemployment	32,041	22,649	23,914	8,127	34.0%	9,392	41.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	3.1%	3.3%				
Florida	4.3%	2.8%	3.2%				
National	4.5%	3.8%	3.9%				

Industry Title	March 2020	February 2020	March 2019	Change from		Change from	
				Feb 2020 to Mar 2020 Level	Percent	Mar 2019 to Mar 2020 Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	646,100	648,800	644,500	-2,700	-0.4%	1,600	0.2%
Total Private	577,400	580,400	577,600	-3,000	-0.5%	-200	0.0%
Goods Producing	60,700	60,900	59,200	-200	-0.3%	1,500	2.5%
Construction	39,800	39,900	38,600	-100	-0.3%	1,200	3.1%
Specialty Trade Contractors	26,300	26,200	25,500	100	0.4%	800	3.1%
Manufacturing	20,800	20,900	20,500	-100	-0.5%	300	1.5%
Service Providing	585,400	587,900	585,300	-2,500	-0.4%	100	0.0%
Private Service Providing	516,700	519,500	518,400	-2,800	-0.5%	-1,700	-0.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	114,600	115,100	116,800	-500	-0.4%	-2,200	-1.9%
Wholesale Trade	22,800	23,200	23,800	-400	-1.7%	-1,000	-4.2%
Retail Trade	78,400	78,500	79,800	-100	-0.1%	-1,400	-1.8%
Food and Beverage Stores	20,100	20,000	19,800	100	0.5%	300	1.5%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,700	5,700	5,900	0	0.0%	-200	-3.4%
General Merchandise Stores	13,700	13,700	13,900	0	0.0%	-200	-1.4%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	13,400	13,400	13,200	0	0.0%	200	1.5%
Information	10,100	10,100	10,500	0	0.0%	-400	-3.8%
Financial Activities	43,000	42,700	42,400	300	0.7%	600	1.4%
Finance and Insurance	24,700	24,600	24,600	100	0.4%	100	0.4%
Depository Credit Intermediation	5,900	5,900	5,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	114,700	114,900	115,400	-200	-0.2%	-700	-0.6%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Servi	50,200	49,400	49,000	800	1.6%	1,200	2.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	11,600	11,600	11,700	0	0.0%	-100	-0.9%
Administrative and Support and Waste Serv	52,900	53,900	54,700	-1,000	-1.9%	-1,800	-3.3%
Employment Services	16,500	16,700	16,400	-200	-1.2%	100	0.6%
Education and Health Services	104,800	106,000	105,700	-1,200	-1.1%	-900	-0.9%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	42,800	43,900	44,400	-1,100	-2.5%	-1,600	-3.6%
Hospitals	20,800	20,700	20,400	100	0.5%	400	2.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	96,100	97,100	94,500	-1,000	-1.0%	1,600	1.7%
Accommodation and Food Services	72,100	73,400	72,800	-1,300	-1.8%	-700	-1.0%
Accommodation	12,000	11,700	11,600	300	2.6%	400	3.4%
Food Services and Drinking Places	60,100	61,700	61,200	-1,600	-2.6%	-1,100	-1.8%
Other Services	33,400	33,600	33,100	-200	-0.6%	300	0.9%
Total Government	68,700	68,400	66,900	300	0.4%	1,800	2.7%
Federal	6,900	6,900	6,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State	12,600	12,600	12,800	0	0.0%	-200	-1.6%
Local	49,200	48,900	47,200	300	0.6%	2,000	4.2%

* = 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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