

May 2020 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's May unemployment rate of **14.1%** is down slightly from the April rate of 14.2% reflecting a net loss of 4,146 jobs.

An overall reduction in employment for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **-11.1** percentage decrease in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net loss of 71,300 jobs.

	May-20	Apr-20	May-19	Change May 2019 May 2020	Percent Change	Change Apr 2020 May 2020	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	682,852	652,840	733,666	-50,814	-6.9%	30,012	4.6%
Employment	586,317	560,451	710,891	-124,574	-17.5%	25,866	4.6%
Unemployment	96,535	92,389	22,775	73,760	323.9%	4,146	4.5%
Unemployment Rate	14.1%	14.2%	3.1%				
Florida	14.3%	13.5%	3.0%				
National	13.0%	14.4%	3.4%				

Industry Title	May 2020	April 2020	May 2019	Change from			
				Apr 2020 to May 2020 Level	Percent	May 2019 to May 2020 Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	569,900	546,700	641,200	23,200	4.2%	-71,300	-11.1%
Total Private	505,900	482,500	574,100	23,400	4.8%	-68,200	-11.9%
Goods Producing	57,800	55,500	59,100	2,300	4.1%	-1,300	-2.2%
Construction	38,100	36,100	38,800	2,000	5.5%	-700	-1.8%
Specialty Trade Contractors	25,600	25,200	25,800	400	1.6%	-200	-0.8%
Manufacturing	19,600	19,300	20,200	300	1.6%	-600	-3.0%
Service Providing	512,100	491,200	582,100	20,900	4.3%	-70,000	-12.0%
Private Service Providing	448,100	427,000	515,000	21,100	4.9%	-66,900	-13.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	103,300	103,300	115,400	0	0.0%	-12,100	-10.5%
Wholesale Trade	21,400	21,800	23,400	-400	-1.8%	-2,000	-8.5%
Retail Trade	69,400	68,900	78,800	500	0.7%	-9,400	-11.9%
Food and Beverage Stores	20,300	20,300	19,600	0	0.0%	700	3.6%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,300	5,400	5,900	-100	-1.9%	-600	-10.2%
General Merchandise Stores	13,400	13,100	13,700	300	2.3%	-300	-2.2%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	12,500	12,600	13,200	-100	-0.8%	-700	-5.3%
Information	9,200	9,200	10,800	0	0.0%	-1,600	-14.8%
Financial Activities	42,200	43,100	42,700	-900	-2.1%	-500	-1.2%
Finance and Insurance	24,400	24,700	24,700	-300	-1.2%	-300	-1.2%
Depository Credit Intermediation	5,800	5,800	5,900	0	0.0%	-100	-1.7%
Professional and Business Services	103,000	98,200	115,100	4,800	4.9%	-12,100	-10.5%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	45,700	45,900	49,100	-200	-0.4%	-3,400	-6.9%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	11,000	11,100	11,700	-100	-0.9%	-700	-6.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste Services	46,300	41,200	54,300	5,100	12.4%	-8,000	-14.7%
Employment Services	14,000	13,500	15,600	500	3.7%	-1,600	-10.3%
Education and Health Services	98,100	97,000	106,200	1,100	1.1%	-8,100	-7.6%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	40,300	39,600	44,700	700	1.8%	-4,400	-9.8%
Hospitals	20,400	20,400	20,300	0	0.0%	100	0.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	62,800	49,200	91,700	13,600	27.6%	-28,900	-31.5%
Accommodation and Food Services	45,200	35,500	71,100	9,700	27.3%	-25,900	-36.4%
Accommodation	4,300	4,800	11,600	-500	-10.4%	-7,300	-62.9%
Food Services and Drinking Places	40,900	30,700	59,500	10,200	33.2%	-18,600	-31.3%
Other Services	29,500	27,000	33,100	2,500	9.3%	-3,600	-10.9%
Total Government	64,000	64,200	67,100	-200	-0.3%	-3,100	-4.6%
Federal	6,900	6,900	6,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State	11,800	11,900	12,600	-100	-0.8%	-800	-6.3%
Local	45,300	45,400	47,600	-100	-0.2%	-2,300	-4.8%

* = 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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