

April 2012 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's April unemployment rate of **8.5%** is down from the March rate of **8.8%** reflecting a net gain of 2,583 jobs.

However, an employment decline for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **0.1** percentage decrease in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net loss of 500 jobs.

	Apr-12	Mar-12	Apr-11	Change Apr 2011 Apr 2012	Percent Change	Change Mar 2012 Apr 2012	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	612,008	619,880	614,765	-2,757	-0.4%	-7,872	-1.3%
Employment	560,206	565,495	551,897	8,309	1.5%	-5,289	-0.9%
Unemployment	51,802	54,385	62,868	-11,066	-17.6%	-2,583	-4.7%
Unemployment Rate	8.5%	8.8%	10.2%				
Florida	8.3%	8.6%	10.2%				
National	7.7%	8.4%	8.7%				

Industry Title	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2011	Change from		Change from	
				Mar 2012 to Apr 2012 Level	Percent	Apr 2011 to Apr 2012 Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	509,600	512,600	510,100	-3,000	-0.6%	-500	-0.1%
Total Private	444,700	448,100	445,600	-3,400	-0.8%	-900	-0.2%
Goods Producing	38,200	37,900	37,600	300	0.8%	600	1.6%
Construction	23,400	23,100	22,800	300	1.3%	600	2.6%
Specialty Trade Contractors	15,200	15,000	14,900	200	1.3%	300	2.0%
Manufacturing	14,600	14,600	14,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Service Providing	471,400	474,700	472,500	-3,300	-0.7%	-1,100	-0.2%
Private Service Providing	406,500	410,200	408,000	-3,700	-0.9%	-1,500	-0.4%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	98,800	99,000	98,100	-200	-0.2%	700	0.7%
Wholesale Trade	20,900	20,900	21,600	0	0.0%	-700	-3.2%
Retail Trade	69,000	69,200	67,600	-200	-0.3%	1,400	2.1%
Food and Beverage Stores	14,800	14,900	14,700	-100	-0.7%	100	0.7%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,400	5,400	5,300	0	0.0%	100	1.9%
General Merchandise Stores	13,700	13,700	13,500	0	0.0%	200	1.5%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	8,900	8,900	8,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	9,100	9,200	9,100	-100	-1.1%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	35,400	35,900	35,900	-500	-1.4%	-500	-1.4%
Finance and Insurance	22,600	22,600	22,700	0	0.0%	-100	-0.4%
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,900	6,900	6,800	0	0.0%	100	1.5%
Professional and Business Services	86,700	87,500	85,600	-800	-0.9%	1,100	1.3%
Professional and Technical Services	35,400	35,600	36,200	-200	-0.6%	-800	-2.2%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	8,400	8,400	8,300	0	0.0%	100	1.2%
Administrative and Waste Services	42,900	43,500	41,100	-600	-1.4%	1,800	4.4%
Employment Services	11,000	10,900	11,000	100	0.9%	0	0.0%
Education and Health Services	85,600	85,900	83,500	-300	-0.4%	2,100	2.5%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	33,500	33,500	33,000	0	0.0%	500	1.5%
Hospitals	17,300	17,200	16,700	100	0.6%	600	3.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	67,600	69,300	72,300	-1,700	-2.5%	-4,700	-6.5%
Accommodation and Food Services	54,200	55,200	56,100	-1,000	-1.8%	-1,900	-3.4%
Accommodation	10,200	10,400	10,300	-200	-1.9%	-100	-1.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	44,000	44,800	45,800	-800	-1.8%	-1,800	-3.9%
Other Services	23,300	23,400	23,500	-100	-0.4%	-200	-0.9%
Total Government	64,900	64,500	64,500	400	0.6%	400	0.6%
Federal	6,300	6,300	6,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State	9,200	9,200	9,300	0	0.0%	-100	-1.1%
Local	49,400	49,000	48,900	400	0.8%	500	1.0%

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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