

May 2012 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's May unemployment rate of **8.6%** is up from the April rate of **8.5%** reflecting a net loss of 1,594 jobs.

However, an employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **0.4** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 1,800 jobs.

	May-12	Apr-12	May-11	Change May 2011 May 2012	Percent Change	Change Apr 2012 May 2012	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	620,005	612,135	618,815	1,190	0.2%	7,870	1.3%
Employment	566,583	560,307	554,540	12,043	2.2%	6,276	1.1%
Unemployment	53,422	51,828	64,275	-10,853	-16.9%	1,594	3.1%
Unemployment Rate	8.6%	8.5%	10.4%				
Florida	8.5%	8.3%	10.3%				
National	7.9%	7.7%	8.7%				

Industry Title	May 2012	Apr 2012	May 2011	Change from		Change from	
				Apr 2012 to May 2012 Level	Percent	May 2011 to May 2012 Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	508,200	509,200	506,400	-1,000	-0.2%	1,800	0.4%
Total Private	443,500	444,300	443,200	-800	-0.2%	300	0.1%
Goods Producing	39,200	37,900	37,800	1,300	3.4%	1,400	3.7%
Construction	24,200	23,200	22,900	1,000	4.3%	1,300	5.7%
Specialty Trade Contractors	15,600	15,000	14,900	600	4.0%	700	4.7%
Manufacturing	14,800	14,500	14,700	300	2.1%	100	0.7%
Service Providing	469,000	471,300	468,600	-2,300	-0.5%	400	0.1%
Private Service Providing	404,300	406,400	405,400	-2,100	-0.5%	-1,100	-0.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	98,600	98,700	97,700	-100	-0.1%	900	0.9%
Wholesale Trade	20,900	20,900	21,400	0	0.0%	-500	-2.3%
Retail Trade	68,800	68,900	67,400	-100	-0.2%	1,400	2.1%
Food and Beverage Stores	15,000	14,800	14,700	200	1.4%	300	2.0%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,300	5,400	5,300	-100	-1.9%	0	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	13,700	13,700	13,400	0	0.0%	300	2.2%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	8,900	8,900	8,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	9,100	9,100	9,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	35,400	35,400	36,000	0	0.0%	-600	-1.7%
Finance and Insurance	22,600	22,600	22,800	0	0.0%	-200	-0.9%
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,800	6,900	6,900	-100	-1.5%	-100	-1.5%
Professional and Business Services	86,700	86,500	85,300	200	0.2%	1,400	1.6%
Professional and Technical Services	34,300	35,300	36,100	-1,000	-2.8%	-1,800	-5.0%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	8,400	8,400	8,300	0	0.0%	100	1.2%
Administrative and Waste Services	44,000	42,800	40,900	1,200	2.8%	3,100	7.6%
Employment Services	11,000	10,900	10,600	100	0.9%	400	3.8%
Education and Health Services	86,600	85,700	83,600	900	1.1%	3,000	3.6%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	33,700	33,500	33,200	200	0.6%	500	1.5%
Hospitals	17,300	17,300	16,800	0	0.0%	500	3.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	64,800	67,700	70,500	-2,900	-4.3%	-5,700	-8.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	53,700	54,200	55,400	-500	-0.9%	-1,700	-3.1%
Accommodation	10,100	10,200	10,200	-100	-1.0%	-100	-1.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	43,600	44,000	45,200	-400	-0.9%	-1,600	-3.5%
Other Services	23,100	23,300	23,200	-200	-0.9%	-100	-0.4%
Total Government	64,700	64,900	63,200	-200	-0.3%	1,500	2.4%
Federal	6,200	6,300	6,300	-100	-1.6%	-100	-1.6%
State	9,200	9,200	9,400	0	0.0%	-200	-2.1%
Local	49,300	49,400	47,500	-100	-0.2%	1,800	3.8%

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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