

April 2014 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's April unemployment rate of **5.6%** is down from the March rate of **6.3%** reflecting a net gain of 4,957 jobs.

Continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **2.8** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 15,300 jobs.

	Apr-14	Mar-14	Apr-13	Change Apr 2013 Apr 2014	Percent Change	Change Mar 2014 Apr 2014	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	660,250	664,247	645,454	14,796	2.3%	-3,997	-0.6%
Employment	623,142	622,182	599,555	23,587	3.9%	960	0.2%
Unemployment	37,108	42,065	45,899	-8,791	-19.2%	-4,957	-11.8%
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	6.3%	7.1%				
Florida	5.7%	6.4%	7.1%				
National	5.9%	6.8%	7.1%				

Industry Title	Change from						
	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2013	Mar 2014 to Apr 2014 Level	Apr 2013 to Apr 2014 Percent	Mar 2014 to Apr 2014 Level	Apr 2013 to Apr 2014 Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	557,100	556,200	541,800	900	0.2%	15,300	2.8%
Total Private	493,300	492,400	479,100	900	0.2%	14,200	3.0%
Goods Producing	42,900	42,900	40,400	0	0.0%	2,500	6.2%
Construction	27,700	27,400	25,100	300	1.1%	2,600	10.4%
Specialty Trade Contractors	18,400	18,200	16,000	200	1.1%	2,400	15.0%
Manufacturing	15,100	15,400	15,200	-300	-2.0%	-100	-0.7%
Service Providing	514,200	513,300	501,400	900	0.2%	12,800	2.6%
Private Service Providing	450,400	449,500	438,700	900	0.2%	11,700	2.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	103,500	104,100	102,800	-600	-0.6%	700	0.7%
Wholesale Trade	22,300	22,300	22,200	0	0.0%	100	0.5%
Retail Trade	71,500	72,000	71,100	-500	-0.7%	400	0.6%
Food and Beverage Stores	16,700	16,800	16,100	-100	-0.6%	600	3.7%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,600	5,600	5,500	0	0.0%	100	1.8%
General Merchandise Stores	13,700	13,600	13,700	100	0.7%	0	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	9,700	9,800	9,500	-100	-1.0%	200	2.1%
Information	9,600	9,600	9,400	0	0.0%	200	2.1%
Financial Activities	37,200	36,900	37,500	300	0.8%	-300	-0.8%
Finance and Insurance	23,300	23,200	23,200	100	0.4%	100	0.4%
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,600	6,600	6,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	102,800	101,400	96,300	1,400	1.4%	6,500	6.8%
Professional and Technical Services	44,900	44,200	41,300	700	1.6%	3,600	8.7%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	9,500	9,500	9,300	0	0.0%	200	2.2%
Administrative and Waste Services	48,400	47,700	45,700	700	1.5%	2,700	5.9%
Employment Services	13,200	13,000	12,400	200	1.5%	800	6.5%
Education and Health Services	88,400	88,200	85,500	200	0.2%	2,900	3.4%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	36,700	36,600	35,400	100	0.3%	1,300	3.7%
Hospitals	17,900	17,800	18,100	100	0.6%	-200	-1.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	79,900	80,500	77,700	-600	-0.8%	2,200	2.8%
Accommodation and Food Services	61,900	62,400	60,300	-500	-0.8%	1,600	2.7%
Accommodation	10,500	10,600	10,400	-100	-0.9%	100	1.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	51,400	51,800	49,900	-400	-0.8%	1,500	3.0%
Other Services	29,000	28,800	29,500	200	0.7%	-500	-1.7%
Total Government	63,800	63,800	62,700	0	0.0%	1,100	1.8%
Federal	6,600	6,400	6,400	200	3.1%	200	3.1%
State	8,900	9,000	8,900	-100	-1.1%	0	0.0%
Local	48,300	48,400	47,400	-100	-0.2%	900	1.9%

* = 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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