

April 2015 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's April unemployment rate of **4.7%** is down from the March rate of **5.0%** reflecting a net gain of 2,027 jobs.

Continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **3.6** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 20,600 jobs.

	Apr-15	Mar-15	Apr-14	Change Apr 2014 Apr 2015	Percent Change	Change Mar 2015 Apr 2015	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	684,402	682,984	686,648	-2,246	-0.3%	1,418	0.2%
Employment	652,418	648,973	648,199	4,219	0.7%	3,445	0.5%
Unemployment	31,984	34,011	38,449	-6,465	-16.8%	-2,027	-6.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.7%	5.0%	5.6%				
Florida	5.2%	5.5%	6.0%				
National	5.1%	5.6%	5.9%				

Industry Title	Change from						
	April 2015	March 2015	April 2014	Mar 2015 to Apr 2015 Level	Percent Change	Apr 2014 to Apr 2015 Level	Percent Change
Total Nonagricultural Employment	585,900	581,700	565,300	4,200	0.7%	20,600	3.6%
Total Private	521,700	518,300	502,000	3,400	0.7%	19,700	3.9%
Goods Producing	45,000	45,400	43,500	-400	-0.9%	1,500	3.5%
Construction	28,400	28,800	27,300	-400	-1.4%	1,100	4.0%
Specialty Trade Contractors	19,300	19,200	18,200	100	0.5%	1,100	6.0%
Manufacturing	16,500	16,500	16,100	0	0.0%	400	2.5%
Service Providing	540,900	536,300	521,800	4,600	0.9%	19,100	3.7%
Private Service Providing	476,700	472,900	458,500	3,800	0.8%	18,200	4.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	110,600	109,900	107,800	700	0.6%	2,800	2.6%
Wholesale Trade	23,400	23,300	22,900	100	0.4%	500	2.2%
Retail Trade	76,400	75,800	74,600	600	0.8%	1,800	2.4%
Food and Beverage Stores	17,100	17,200	17,000	-100	-0.6%	100	0.6%
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,600	5,800	5,700	-200	-3.5%	-100	-1.8%
General Merchandise Stores	14,500	14,400	13,800	100	0.7%	700	5.1%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	10,800	10,800	10,300	0	0.0%	500	4.9%
Information	10,200	10,200	10,400	0	0.0%	-200	-1.9%
Financial Activities	39,700	38,900	38,500	800	2.1%	1,200	3.1%
Finance and Insurance	23,700	23,600	23,700	100	0.4%	0	0.0%
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,400	6,400	6,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	108,900	106,400	100,500	2,500	2.4%	8,400	8.4%
Professional and Technical Services	47,000	46,800	42,500	200	0.4%	4,500	10.6%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	10,200	10,100	9,700	100	1.0%	500	5.2%
Administrative and Waste Services	51,700	49,500	48,300	2,200	4.4%	3,400	7.0%
Employment Services	14,700	14,400	12,600	300	2.1%	2,100	16.7%
Education and Health Services	91,600	91,000	88,800	600	0.7%	2,800	3.2%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	38,800	38,200	37,000	600	1.6%	1,800	4.9%
Hospitals	17,600	17,800	17,800	-200	-1.1%	-200	-1.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	83,500	84,100	81,900	-600	-0.7%	1,600	2.0%
Accommodation and Food Services	65,200	65,600	63,200	-400	-0.6%	2,000	3.2%
Accommodation	10,800	10,900	10,800	-100	-0.9%	0	0.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	54,400	54,700	52,400	-300	-0.6%	2,000	3.8%
Other Services	32,200	32,400	30,600	-200	-0.6%	1,600	5.2%
Total Government	64,200	63,400	63,300	800	1.3%	900	1.4%
Federal	6,800	6,700	6,600	100	1.5%	200	3.0%
State	9,400	9,300	9,000	100	1.1%	400	4.4%
Local	48,000	47,400	47,700	600	1.3%	300	0.6%
	47,600	47,400	47,200	200	0.4%	400	0.9%

* = 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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