

May 2015 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's May unemployment rate of **5.1%** is up from the April rate of **4.7%** reflecting a net loss of 3,019 jobs.

However, continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **3.2** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 18,300 jobs.

	May-15	Apr-15	May-14	Change May 2014 May 2015	Percent Change	Change Apr 2015 May 2015	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	690,177	683,638	692,553	-2,376	-0.3%	6,539	1.0%
Employment	654,745	651,225	651,545	3,200	0.5%	3,520	0.5%
Unemployment	35,432	32,413	41,008	-5,576	-13.6%	3,019	9.3%
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	4.7%	5.9%				
Florida	5.6%	5.3%	6.3%				
National	5.3%	5.1%	6.1%				

Industry Title	Change from							
	May 2015	April 2015	May 2014	Apr 2015 to May 2015		May 2014 to May 2015		
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent	
Total Nonagricultural Employment	583,000	584,100	564,700	-1,100	-0.2%	18,300	3.2%	
Total Private	519,200	520,100	501,300	-900	-0.2%	17,900	3.6%	
Goods Producing	44,800	44,900	44,100	-100	-0.2%	700	1.6%	
Construction	28,400	28,400	27,900	0	0.0%	500	1.8%	
Specialty Trade Contractors	19,300	19,200	18,500	100	0.5%	800	4.3%	
Manufacturing	16,300	16,400	16,100	-100	-0.6%	200	1.2%	
Service Providing	538,200	539,200	520,600	-1,000	-0.2%	17,600	3.4%	
Private Service Providing	474,400	475,200	457,200	-800	-0.2%	17,200	3.8%	
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	110,200	110,600	107,700	-400	-0.4%	2,500	2.3%	
Wholesale Trade	23,200	23,300	22,800	-100	-0.4%	400	1.8%	
Retail Trade	76,100	76,500	74,500	-400	-0.5%	1,600	2.2%	
Food and Beverage Stores	17,000	17,100	16,900	-100	-0.6%	100	0.6%	
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,700	5,700	5,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
General Merchandise Stores	14,500	14,500	13,900	0	0.0%	600	4.3%	
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	10,900	10,800	10,400	100	0.9%	500	4.8%	
Information	10,200	10,100	10,200	100	1.0%	0	0.0%	
Financial Activities	39,500	39,600	38,600	-100	-0.3%	900	2.3%	
Finance and Insurance	23,700	23,600	23,800	100	0.4%	-100	-0.4%	
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,400	6,400	6,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
Professional and Business Services	107,600	107,700	101,300	-100	-0.1%	6,300	6.2%	
Professional and Technical Services	46,800	46,500	42,200	300	0.7%	4,600	10.9%	
Management of Companies and Enterprises	10,100	10,100	9,700	0	0.0%	400	4.1%	
Administrative and Waste Services	50,700	51,100	49,400	-400	-0.8%	1,300	2.6%	
Employment Services	14,500	14,600	13,800	-100	-0.7%	700	5.1%	
Education and Health Services	92,800	91,700	88,900	1,100	1.2%	3,900	4.4%	
Ambulatory Health Care Services	38,500	38,800	37,200	-300	-0.8%	1,300	3.5%	
Hospitals	17,800	17,600	17,800	200	1.1%	0	0.0%	
Leisure and Hospitality	82,100	83,500	80,100	-1,400	-1.7%	2,000	2.5%	
Accommodation and Food Services	64,300	65,200	62,700	-900	-1.4%	1,600	2.6%	
Accommodation	10,600	10,800	10,800	-200	-1.9%	-200	-1.9%	
Food Services and Drinking Places	53,700	54,400	51,900	-700	-1.3%	1,800	3.5%	
Other Services	32,000	32,000	30,400	0	0.0%	1,600	5.3%	
Total Government	63,800	64,000	63,400	-200	-0.3%	400	0.6%	
Federal	6,700	6,800	6,500	-100	-1.5%	200	3.1%	
State	9,400	9,400	9,300	0	0.0%	100	1.1%	
Local	47,700	47,800	47,600	-100	-0.2%	100	0.2%	

* = 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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