

April 2016 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's April unemployment rate of **4.3%** is down from the March rate of 4.5% reflecting a net gain of 1,470 jobs.

Continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **2.5** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 14,800 jobs.

| | Apr-16 | Mar-16 | Apr-15 | Change Apr 2015 Apr 2016 | Percent Change | Change Mar 2016 Apr 2016 | Percent Change |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Palm Beach County Labor Force | | | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 694,931 | 698,896 | 690,785 | 4,146 | 0.6% | -3,965 | -0.6% |
| Employment | 664,946 | 667,441 | 658,698 | 6,248 | 0.9% | -2,495 | -0.4% |
| Unemployment | 29,985 | 31,455 | 32,087 | -2,102 | -6.6% | -1,470 | -4.7% |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.3% | 4.5% | 4.6% | | | | |
| Florida | 4.5% | 4.7% | 5.2% | | | | |
| National | 4.7% | 5.1% | 5.1% | | | | |

| Industry Title | Change from | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| | April 2016 | March 2016 | April 2015 | Mar 2015 to Level | Apr 2016 Percent | Apr 2015 to Level | Apr 2016 Percent |
| Total Nonagricultural Employment | 601,200 | 598,700 | 586,400 | 2,500 | 0.4% | 14,800 | 2.5% |
| Total Private | 536,500 | 534,400 | 523,100 | 2,100 | 0.4% | 13,400 | 2.6% |
| Goods Producing | 47,700 | 46,700 | 46,800 | 1,000 | 2.1% | 900 | 1.9% |
| Construction | 30,300 | 28,900 | 29,700 | 1,400 | 4.8% | 600 | 2.0% |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 20,500 | 20,300 | 19,600 | 200 | 1.0% | 900 | 4.6% |
| Manufacturing | 17,300 | 17,700 | 17,000 | -400 | -2.3% | 300 | 1.8% |
| Service Providing | 553,500 | 552,000 | 539,600 | 1,500 | 0.3% | 13,900 | 2.6% |
| Private Service Providing | 488,800 | 487,700 | 476,300 | 1,100 | 0.2% | 12,500 | 2.6% |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 114,100 | 114,900 | 113,100 | -800 | -0.7% | 1,000 | 0.9% |
| Wholesale Trade | 24,600 | 24,500 | 24,000 | 100 | 0.4% | 600 | 2.5% |
| Retail Trade | 78,200 | 79,100 | 78,100 | -900 | -1.1% | 100 | 0.1% |
| Food and Beverage Stores | 17,700 | 17,800 | 17,900 | -100 | -0.6% | -200 | -1.1% |
| Health and Personal Care Stores | 5,900 | 5,900 | 5,900 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| General Merchandise Stores | 14,400 | 14,400 | 14,600 | 0 | 0.0% | -200 | -1.4% |
| Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities | 11,300 | 11,300 | 11,000 | 0 | 0.0% | 300 | 2.7% |
| Information | 10,400 | 10,500 | 10,400 | -100 | -1.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 41,000 | 41,200 | 39,400 | -200 | -0.5% | 1,600 | 4.1% |
| Finance and Insurance | 25,400 | 25,300 | 24,100 | 100 | 0.4% | 1,300 | 5.4% |
| Depository Credit Intermediation | 6,300 | 6,300 | 6,200 | 0 | 0.0% | 100 | 1.6% |
| Professional and Business Services | 108,000 | 107,900 | 105,100 | 100 | 0.1% | 2,900 | 2.8% |
| Professional and Technical Services | 44,700 | 44,600 | 44,000 | 100 | 0.2% | 700 | 1.6% |
| Management of Companies and Enterprises | 10,600 | 10,700 | 10,500 | -100 | -0.9% | 100 | 1.0% |
| Administrative and Waste Services | 52,700 | 52,600 | 50,600 | 100 | 0.2% | 2,100 | 4.2% |
| Employment Services | 16,300 | 16,000 | 15,700 | 300 | 1.9% | 600 | 3.8% |
| Education and Health Services | 96,700 | 95,900 | 92,700 | 800 | 0.8% | 4,000 | 4.3% |
| Ambulatory Health Care Services | 41,100 | 41,000 | 39,100 | 100 | 0.2% | 2,000 | 5.1% |
| Hospitals | 18,300 | 18,300 | 18,100 | 0 | 0.0% | 200 | 1.1% |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 86,500 | 85,200 | 84,000 | 1,300 | 1.5% | 2,500 | 3.0% |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 66,100 | 65,300 | 65,600 | 800 | 1.2% | 500 | 0.8% |
| Accommodation | 10,800 | 10,900 | 11,000 | -100 | -0.9% | -200 | -1.8% |
| Food Services and Drinking Places | 55,300 | 54,400 | 54,600 | 900 | 1.7% | 700 | 1.3% |
| Other Services | 32,100 | 32,100 | 31,600 | 0 | 0.0% | 500 | 1.6% |
| Total Government | 64,700 | 64,300 | 63,300 | 400 | 0.6% | 1,400 | 2.2% |
| Federal | 6,700 | 6,700 | 6,700 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| State | 9,700 | 9,600 | 9,300 | 100 | 1.0% | 400 | 4.3% |
| Local | 48,300 | 48,000 | 47,300 | 300 | 0.6% | 1,000 | 2.1% |

* = 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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