

March 2016 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's March unemployment rate of **4.5%** is steady with the February rate of 4.5% reflecting a slight net gain of 394 jobs.

Continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **2.4** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 14,100 jobs.

	Mar-16	Feb-16	Mar-15	Change Mar 2015 Mar 2016	Percent Change	Change Feb 2016 Mar 2016	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	699,837	700,769	690,211	9,626	1.4%	-932	-0.1%
Employment	668,476	669,014	657,023	11,453	1.7%	-538	-0.1%
Unemployment	31,361	31,755	33,188	-1,827	-5.5%	-394	-1.2%
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.5%	4.8%				
Florida	4.7%	4.7%	5.4%				
National	5.1%	5.2%	5.6%				

Industry Title	March 2016	February 2016	March 2015	Change from			
				Feb 2015 to Mar 2016 Level	Percent	Mar 2015 to Mar 2016 Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	599,500	600,400	585,400	-900	-0.1%	14,100	2.4%
Total Private	535,000	536,300	522,800	-1,300	-0.2%	12,200	2.3%
Goods Producing	46,600	47,500	46,900	-900	-1.9%	-300	-0.6%
Construction	28,900	29,700	29,500	-800	-2.7%	-600	-2.0%
Specialty Trade Contractors	20,300	20,800	19,600	-500	-2.4%	700	3.6%
Manufacturing	17,600	17,700	17,300	-100	-0.6%	300	1.7%
Service Providing	552,900	552,900	538,500	0	0.0%	14,400	2.7%
Private Service Providing	488,400	488,800	475,900	-400	-0.1%	12,500	2.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	115,000	114,900	112,800	100	0.1%	2,200	2.0%
Wholesale Trade	24,500	24,400	23,900	100	0.4%	600	2.5%
Retail Trade	79,200	79,300	78,000	-100	-0.1%	1,200	1.5%
Food and Beverage Stores	17,800	17,900	17,600	-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	14,300	14,600	100	0.7%	-200	-1.4%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	11,300	11,200	10,900	100	0.9%	400	3.7%
Information	10,500	10,400	10,400	100	1.0%	100	1.0%
Financial Activities	41,200	40,900	38,900	300	0.7%	2,300	5.9%
Finance and Insurance	25,300	25,000	23,900	300	1.2%	1,400	5.9%
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,300	6,300	6,200	0	0.0%	100	1.6%
Professional and Business Services	107,600	107,400	104,200	200	0.2%	3,400	3.3%
Professional and Technical Services	44,500	44,700	43,700	-200	-0.4%	800	1.8%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	10,700	10,700	10,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Administrative and Waste Services	52,400	52,000	49,800	400	0.8%	2,600	5.2%
Employment Services	16,000	16,000	15,400	0	0.0%	600	3.9%
Education and Health Services	96,300	96,900	92,700	-600	-0.6%	3,600	3.9%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	40,900	41,100	39,000	-200	-0.5%	1,900	4.9%
Hospitals	18,800	19,000	18,200	-200	-1.1%	600	3.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	85,500	86,300	85,200	-800	-0.9%	300	0.4%
Accommodation and Food Services	65,400	65,800	65,900	-400	-0.6%	-500	-0.8%
Accommodation	10,900	10,800	11,000	100	0.9%	-100	-0.9%
Food Services and Drinking Places	54,500	55,000	54,900	-500	-0.9%	-400	-0.7%
Other Services	32,300	32,000	31,700	300	0.9%	600	1.9%
Total Government	64,500	64,100	62,600	400	0.6%	1,900	3.0%
Federal	6,700	6,800	6,700	-100	-1.5%	0	0.0%
State	9,600	9,600	8,900	0	0.0%	700	7.9%
Local	48,200	47,700	47,000	500	1.0%	1,200	2.6%

* = 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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