

## May 2016 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's May unemployment rate of **4.2%** is down from the April rate of 4.3% reflecting a net gain of 1,083 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 13,800 jobs.

	May-16	Apr-16	May-15	Change May 2015 May 2016	Percent Change	Change Apr 2016 May 2016	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	696,424	694,331	697,986	-1,562	-0.2%	2,093	0.3%
Employment	667,323	664,147	662,569	4,754	0.7%	3,176	0.5%
Unemployment	29,101	30,184	35,417	-6,316	-17.8%	-1,083	-3.6%
Unemployment Rate	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>				
Florida	4.4%	4.5%	5.5%				
National	4.5%	4.7%	5.3%				

Industry Title	Change from							
	May 2016	April 2016	May 2015	Apr 2015 to May 2016		May 2015 to May 2016		
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent	
<b>Total Nonagricultural Employment</b>	599,000	600,300	585,200	-1,300	-0.2%	13,800	2.4%	
<b>Total Private</b>	534,800	536,000	522,600	-1,200	-0.2%	12,200	2.3%	
<b>Goods Producing</b>	47,600	47,600	47,700	0	0.0%	-100	-0.2%	
<b>Construction</b>	30,200	30,200	30,400	0	0.0%	-200	-0.7%	
Specialty Trade Contractors	21,000	20,700	20,000	300	1.4%	1,000	5.0%	
<b>Manufacturing</b>	17,300	17,300	17,200	0	0.0%	100	0.6%	
<b>Service Providing</b>	551,400	552,700	537,500	-1,300	-0.2%	13,900	2.6%	
<b>Private Service Providing</b>	487,200	488,400	474,900	-1,200	-0.2%	12,300	2.6%	
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	113,100	114,100	112,600	-1,000	-0.9%	500	0.4%	
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	24,400	24,600	23,800	-200	-0.8%	600	2.5%	
<b>Retail Trade</b>	77,500	78,300	78,000	-800	-1.0%	-500	-0.6%	
Food and Beverage Stores	17,400	17,800	17,700	-400	-2.2%	-300	-1.7%	
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,900	5,900	6,000	0	0.0%	-100	-1.7%	
General Merchandise Stores	14,500	14,400	14,700	100	0.7%	-200	-1.4%	
<b>Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities</b>	11,200	11,200	10,800	0	0.0%	400	3.7%	
<b>Information</b>	10,400	10,400	10,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
<b>Financial Activities</b>	41,500	40,600	39,600	900	2.2%	1,900	4.8%	
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>	25,800	25,400	24,300	400	1.6%	1,500	6.2%	
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,300	6,300	6,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	110,000	108,500	105,700	1,500	1.4%	4,300	4.1%	
<b>Professional and Technical Services</b>	44,800	44,700	43,900	100	0.2%	900	2.1%	
<b>Management of Companies and Enterprises</b>	10,600	10,600	10,500	0	0.0%	100	1.0%	
<b>Administrative and Waste Services</b>	54,600	53,200	51,300	1,400	2.6%	3,300	6.4%	
Employment Services	16,400	16,200	16,200	200	1.2%	200	1.2%	
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	95,900	96,100	93,400	-200	-0.2%	2,500	2.7%	
Ambulatory Health Care Services	40,800	41,000	39,400	-200	-0.5%	1,400	3.6%	
Hospitals	18,800	18,500	18,300	300	1.6%	500	2.7%	
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	84,200	86,500	82,100	-2,300	-2.7%	2,100	2.6%	
<b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	65,100	66,100	64,600	-1,000	-1.5%	500	0.8%	
Accommodation	10,800	10,800	10,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
Food Services and Drinking Places	54,300	55,300	53,800	-1,000	-1.8%	500	0.9%	
<b>Other Services</b>	32,100	32,200	31,100	-100	-0.3%	1,000	3.2%	
<b>Total Government</b>	64,200	64,300	62,600	-100	-0.2%	1,600	2.6%	
Federal	6,700	6,700	6,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
State	9,700	9,700	8,700	0	0.0%	1,000	11.5%	
Local	47,800	47,900	47,200	-100	-0.2%	600	1.3%	

\* = 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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