

May 2017 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's May unemployment rate of **3.9%** is steady with the April rate of 3.9% reflecting a slight net loss of 248 jobs.

However, 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 14,700 jobs.

	May-17	Apr-17	May-16	Change May 2016 May 2017	Percent Change	Change Apr 2017 May 2017	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	726,823	727,407	708,527	18,296	2.6%	-584	-0.1%
Employment	698,198	699,030	677,663	20,535	3.0%	-832	-0.1%
Unemployment	28,625	28,377	30,864	-2,239	-7.3%	248	0.9%
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	3.9%	4.4%				
Florida	4.0%	4.1%	4.5%				
National	4.1%	4.1%	4.5%				

Industry Title	Change from						
	May 2017	April 2017	May 2016	Apr 2017 to May 2017		May 2016 to May 2017	
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent
Total Nonagricultural Employment	622,800	625,000	608,100	-2,200	-0.4%	14,700	2.4%
Total Private	557,900	560,000	544,400	-2,100	-0.4%	13,500	2.5%
Goods Producing	56,100	55,700	52,900	400	0.7%	3,200	6.0%
Construction	36,500	36,100	33,700	400	1.1%	2,800	8.3%
Specialty Trade Contractors	24,600	24,300	22,400	300	1.2%	2,200	9.8%
Manufacturing	19,500	19,500	19,100	0	0.0%	400	2.1%
Service Providing	566,700	569,300	555,200	-2,600	-0.5%	11,500	2.1%
Private Service Providing	501,800	504,300	491,500	-2,500	-0.5%	10,300	2.1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	115,400	115,800	114,900	-400	-0.3%	500	0.4%
Wholesale Trade	23,700	23,800	23,700	-100	-0.4%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	79,200	79,600	78,700	-400	-0.5%	500	0.6%
Food and Beverage Stores	19,300	19,400	18,500	-100	-0.5%	800	4.3%
Health and Personal Care Stores	6,400	6,200	6,400	200	3.2%	0	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	15,300	15,300	14,800	0	0.0%	500	3.4%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	12,500	12,400	12,500	100	0.8%	0	0.0%
Information	10,800	10,800	11,000	0	0.0%	-200	-1.8%
Financial Activities	38,700	38,900	39,900	-200	-0.5%	-1,200	-3.0%
Finance and Insurance	23,300	23,300	23,600	0	0.0%	-300	-1.3%
Depository Credit Intermediation	5,800	5,800	5,900	0	0.0%	-100	-1.7%
Professional and Business Services	112,800	113,000	109,000	-200	-0.2%	3,800	3.5%
Professional and Technical Services	46,200	47,900	45,900	-1,700	-3.5%	300	0.7%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	11,400	11,300	10,900	100	0.9%	500	4.6%
Administrative and Waste Services	55,200	53,800	52,200	1,400	2.6%	3,000	5.7%
Employment Services	18,500	18,000	16,400	500	2.8%	2,100	12.8%
Education and Health Services	99,800	99,800	97,500	0	0.0%	2,300	2.4%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	42,300	42,500	40,600	-200	-0.5%	1,700	4.2%
Hospitals	20,000	20,000	19,900	0	0.0%	100	0.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	90,700	92,500	86,400	-1,800	-1.9%	4,300	5.0%
Accommodation and Food Services	69,900	71,800	68,400	-1,900	-2.6%	1,500	2.2%
Accommodation	11,200	11,400	11,400	-200	-1.8%	-200	-1.8%
Food Services and Drinking Places	58,700	60,400	57,000	-1,700	-2.8%	1,700	3.0%
Other Services	33,600	33,500	32,800	100	0.3%	800	2.4%
Total Government	64,900	65,000	63,700	-100	-0.2%	1,200	1.9%
Federal	6,700	6,800	6,800	-100	-1.5%	-100	-1.5%
State	9,700	9,600	9,500	100	1.0%	200	2.1%
Local	48,500	48,600	47,400	-100	-0.2%	1,100	2.3%

* = 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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