



**EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS
PINELLAS COUNTY
MARCH 2014**

**Unemployment Rates (%)
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

	MAR 14	FEB 14	MAR 13
CSPIN	6.3	6.4	7.3
FLORIDA	6.4	6.3	7.4
US TOTAL	6.8	7.0	7.6

Average Annual Wage

	2012	2011
CSPIN	\$43,960	\$42,388
FLORIDA	\$43,213	\$42,312

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Pinellas region (Pinellas County) was 6.3 percent in March 2014. The region's jobless rate was down 1.0 percentage points from 7.3 percent a year ago and was slightly below the state's rate of 6.4 percent. Out of a labor force of 451,473, there were 28,402 unemployed residents in the region.
- Hillsborough and Pinellas counties shared the lowest unemployment rate in the four-county Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater metro area in March (6.3 percent). The jobless rates in the other counties in the metro area were 7.2 percent in Pasco, and 8.5 percent in Hernando.
- Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater led all metro areas in Florida in over-the-year gains in manufacturing; professional and business services; and education and health services in March 2014.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Labor Market Statistics Center (April 18, 2014)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Get connected to Tampa Bay's

JOB FAIR VIRTUAL

Make a difference in the community...support the future workforce by participating in a Virtual Job Fair **May 11th - 17th!**

CareerSource Tampa Bay, CareerSource Pinellas, and CareerSource Suncoast are recruiting employers who can offer job opportunities for youth ages 14-24, whether it's for full-time, part-time, summer, temporary or permanent positions. **It's Free! It's Easy!**

- Step 1** Register on vjf.careersourcepinellas.com
- Step 2** Post job openings
- Step 3** Review submitted resumes at your leisure. No event staffing needed!
- Step 4** Schedule an interview...make the hire!

For more information visit vjf.careersourcepinellas.com or contact kwilliams@careersourcepinellas.com, (727) 608-2452.

Informational Sessions for Tampa Bay Employers

Beginning in May CareerSource Pinellas and CareerSource Tampa Bay will host monthly informational sessions regarding the programs and services available to Pinellas and Hillsborough County employers. At each session employers learn more about programs, such as the TampaBayIntern.com internship website and the Military Transitioning Employment Program. During the forum, a light lunch will be provided and attendees can network with other local business leaders, economic partners, and interact with a variety of knowledgeable guest speakers.

2014 MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

Held monthly, from 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

In Pinellas County:

EpiCenter - 13805 58th St., N. 2-140
Clearwater, FL 33760

- May 23
- June 30
- July 25
- August 29
- September 26

In Hillsborough County:

5100 W. Kennedy Blvd., Ste. 300
Tampa, FL 33609

- May 9
- June 13
- July 11
- August 14
- September 12

For more information or to attend an informational session, please contact Mario Rodriguez at rodriguez@careersourcetampabay.com, (813) 397-2029.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

MAY 6, 8:00 AM

Pre-Apprenticeship Career Expo
pTEC - St. Petersburg

MAY 7, 11:00 AM

Executive Committee
EpiCenter @ St. Petersburg
College

MAY 8, 3:00 PM

Business Seminar: Internships
EpiCenter @ St. Petersburg
College

MAY 11-17

Youth Virtual Job Fair
vjf.careersourcepinellas.com

MAY 16, 9:00 AM

Youth Economic Opportunity
EpiCenter @ St. Petersburg
College

MAY 21, 9:00 AM

Business & Economic
Development Committee
EpiCenter @ St. Petersburg
College

MAY 27, 9:00 AM

One Stop Consortium
EpiCenter @ St. Petersburg
College

MAY 30, 9:00 AM

Finance Committee
EpiCenter @ St. Petersburg
College

Helping Tampa Bay Get Back to Work

CareerSource Pinellas is offering a unique and exciting Paid Work Experience (PWE) program. The PWE program provides funding assistance to employers who hire long-term unemployed workers looking for paid work experience leading to permanent, full-time employment.

Through this PWE program:

1. **We do the recruiting** - Let our knowledgeable staff source from our pool of thousands of potentially eligible candidates.
2. **We do the paperwork** - Our staff will handle all the paperwork. This includes all new-hire paperwork, timesheets, and the like.
3. **We do the payroll for the first 10 weeks** - CareerSource Pinellas pays 100% of the participant's wages up to \$20/hr. for ten weeks. That's a potential savings of up to \$8,000!
4. **We cover the additional costs** - CareerSource Pinellas pays for the drug screenings and background checks.

CONTACT US TODAY about this exciting program and be one of the first Tampa Bay companies to reap the rewards of putting Tampa Bay back to work.

For more information, please contact Wesley Hoffman at
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Letter From a Pinellas Professional Network & Job Club Member

"Carolann and Carolina, thank you for all your help over the past four months. I want to let you know that I have accepted a position that is a full-time, real permanent job. Your help has been priceless.

The Pinellas Professional Network meetings kept me going week after week with inspiring speakers and valuable information. Even when my motivation was low, I just showed up and found by the end of the presentation it was exactly what I needed to hear. Seeing you both at PPN helped - when you gave me a smile and reminded me about the basics I made better progress that particular week.

The Safety Harbor Job Club was also helpful and where I met many people who offered friendship, encouragement and validated my search process especially when the interviews weren't coming. The job club facilitators - Sandra Dean, Doug Douglas and Cathy Zeph - do a great job making the discussions productive and supportive.

Carolina, thank you for helping me with my resume and practice interviews. When I followed your suggestions I did get the interviews. Thinking that I could do this all on my own only got me so far.

Thanks again. Hopefully I can pay it forward for someone else in the area."
- **Cathy Schaefer**