



EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS PINELLAS COUNTY MAY 2014

Unemployment Rates (%) (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

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CSPIN	5.9	5.7	7.1
FLORIDA	6.1	5.7	7.3
US TOTAL	6.1	5.9	7.3

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 5.9 percent in May 2014. The region's jobless rate was down 1.2 percentage points from 7.1 percent a year ago and was slightly below the state rate of 6.1 percent. Out of a labor force of 452,781, there were 26,904 unemployed residents in the region.
- Pinellas County (5.9 percent) had the lowest unemployment rate in the four-county Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater metro area in May. The jobless rates in the other counties in the metro area were 6.0 in Hillsborough, 6.8 percent in Pasco, and 7.8 percent in Hernando.
- Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater led all metro areas in Florida in over-the-year gains in manufacturing in May 2014. The metro area also ranked second in over-the-year job gains in financial activities (behind Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall) and professional and business services (behind Jacksonville).

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Labor Market Statistics Center (May 16, 2014)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Employed Worker Training Awards Available

CareerSource Pinellas' Employed Worker Training (EWT) program is now available for the provision of skills upgrade training for currently employed individuals. Employers, organizations that carry out programs under the National Apprenticeship Act, and/or public institutions of higher learning located within Pinellas County are eligible to apply.

This flexible program is designed to provide financial assistance to employers that recognize the importance of investing in their employees. The skills employees gain help companies to achieve greater employee retention, maximum productivity and market competitiveness.

The funding available will provide assistance to employers to pay for pre-approved training related costs. EWT funds are limited and are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

To view details about the Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) please visit:
careersourcepinellas.com/rfps.

Tampa Bay IT Apprenticeship Program Launches

The Tampa Bay IT Apprenticeship Program, a partnership that includes Pinellas Technical Education Center and Aparicio-Levy Technical Center, provides tuition-free education, hands-on training, and certification within the IT industry.



The program offers a structured training method that allows employers to utilize their existing, full-time employees to earn while they learn.

Specialized training directly relates to four in-demand IT occupations: Applications Developer (Software), Applications Developer (Web), Help Desk Technician, and Network Support Technician.

Why participate in apprenticeship training for your company?

- In-depth, hands-on training
- Tuition-free related technical education for registered apprentices
- Periodic wage increases as skills develop and recognizable skill levels are achieved
- Certificate of Completion awarded to the apprentice from the State of Florida
- Participating companies get an edge in today's workforce

Contact Cindy Durant, IT Apprenticeship Coordinator, TODAY to get started!
(813) 541-0655 or via e-mail at: durantc@careersourcetampabay.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

JULY 25, 9:00 AM

Finance Committee
EpiCenter @ St. Petersburg
College

JULY 13-19

Veterans Virtual Job Fair
vjf.careersourcepinellas.com

AUGUST 6, 11:00 AM

Executive Committee
EpiCenter @ St. Petersburg
College

AUGUST 15, 9:00 AM

Youth Economic Opportunity
Committee
EpiCenter @ St. Petersburg
College

AUGUST 20, 9:00 AM

Workforce Solutions Committee
EpiCenter @ St. Petersburg
College

AUGUST 20, 12:00 PM

Career Fair
EpiCenter @ St. Petersburg
College

AUGUST 26, 9:00 AM

One-Stop Committee
EpiCenter @ St. Petersburg
College

AUGUST 29, 9:00 AM

One-Stop Committee
EpiCenter @ St. Petersburg
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July & August Career Fairs

Does your company have open positions to fill? If so, CareerSource Pinellas has two opportunities coming up for employers to participate.

July 13-19, 2014

CareerSource Tampa Bay and CareerSource Pinellas are actively recruiting employers to participate in a job fair dedicated to veterans, July 13 - 19, 2014. Only during that time will Veteran job seekers be able to submit resumes for your job openings. Review submitted resumes at your leisure. No event staffing needed!

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

August 20, 2014

A career fair will be held August 20, 2014 at the EpiCenter located at 13805 58th Street N., Clearwater, FL 33760 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event is open to the general public.

If your company is interested in participating, or sponsoring the event, visit: careersourcepinellas.com/pages/careerfair or contact Dominique VanKirk at dvankirk@careersourcepinellas.com, (727) 608-2529.

Pinellas Pre-Apprentices Gain Work Experience

The annual Pre-Apprentice Career Expo was held at the Pinellas Technical Educational Center-St. Petersburg Campus on May 6, 2014. The event offered summer internship opportunities, interviewing practice and networking experience to Pinellas County School District students trained in electrical, masonry, HVAC, plumbing, welding, or carpentry. Six area employers and trade organizations interviewed students and provided information regarding career opportunities within their trade. Approximately 90 students from St. Petersburg High School, Career Academies of Seminole and the CareerSource Pinellas YouthBuild program attended. Four students obtained summer internships and one was directly hired by the organization he interviewed with at the event.

For more information on the Pre-Apprenticeship program visit: careersourcepinellas.com/pages/preapprenticeship.

Letter From a Pinellas Professional Network Member

"Carolina, I want to thank you personally as well as others at CareerSource Pinellas with providing the encouragement and tools to help me through my job transition. The experience was trying, frustrating, confusing, and disheartening (sometimes all at the same time!). But, I really appreciated the upbeat attitude you provided at the Pinellas Professional Network meetings and the opportunity to glean from a host of speakers who had been through a similar job search experience. I truly believe I learned more about myself, others, and now have a better perspective of where I want my future to go. Thanks again." - **Michael Dorweiler, Executive Planner at Hillsborough County**