

**Overview of the CareerSource Pinellas Region  
Not Seasonally Adjusted  
October 19, 2018**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Pinellas region (Pinellas County) was 2.7 percent in September 2018. This rate was 0.8 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 3.5 percent. The region's September 2018 unemployment rate was 0.3 percentage point lower than the state rate of 3.0 percent. The labor force was 501,591, up 2,869 (+0.6) over the year. There were 13,476 unemployed residents in the region.
- In September 2018 nonagricultural employment in the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA was 1,353,400, an increase of 49,800 jobs (+3.8 percent) over the year.
- The Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA had the highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in education and health services (+11,500 jobs) and financial activities (+4,500 jobs) in September 2018.
- The Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA had the second fastest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in leisure and hospitality (+13,600 jobs) in September 2018.
- The Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA was tied for the third fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in education and health services (+5.6 percent) in September 2018.
- The Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA had the third highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in trade, transportation, and utilities (+6,300 jobs) and manufacturing (+3,200 jobs) in September 2018.
- The leisure and hospitality (+9.2 percent); education and health services (+5.6 percent); and financial activities (+4.0 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: leisure and hospitality (+13,600 jobs); education and health services (+11,500 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+6,300 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+6,000 jobs); professional and business services (+5,900 jobs); financial activities (+4,500 jobs); manufacturing (+3,200 jobs); and other services (+1,700 jobs).
- The government (-2,600 jobs) and information (-300 jobs) industries lost jobs over the year.

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research.

<b>Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Sep-18</b>	<b>Aug-18</b>	<b>Sep-17</b>
CareerSource Pinellas (Pinellas County)	2.7%	3.4%	3.5%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA	2.9%	3.6%	3.7%
Florida	3.0%	3.8%	4.0%
United States	3.6%	3.9%	4.1%

<b>Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>				<b>Florida</b>			
	<b>Sep-18</b>	<b>Sep-17</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>	<b>Sep-18</b>	<b>Sep-17</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Total Employment	1,353,400	1,303,600	49,800	3.8	8,791,000	8,389,900	401,100	4.8
Mining, Logging, and Construction	78,200	72,200	6,000	8.3	557,800	490,900	66,900	13.6
Manufacturing	68,900	65,700	3,200	4.9	376,600	357,800	18,800	5.3
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	248,800	242,500	6,300	2.6	1,749,600	1,699,700	49,900	2.9
Wholesale Trade	52,300	53,000	-700	-1.3	339,300	340,600	-1,300	-0.4
Retail Trade	164,600	159,600	5,000	3.1	1,111,400	1,077,600	33,800	3.1
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	31,900	29,900	2,000	6.7	298,900	281,500	17,400	6.2
Information	24,100	24,400	-300	-1.2	135,800	134,600	1,200	0.9
Financial Activities	117,300	112,800	4,500	4.0	578,900	559,700	19,200	3.4
Professional and Business Services	239,200	233,300	5,900	2.5	1,364,800	1,292,300	72,500	5.6
Education and Health Services	215,500	204,000	11,500	5.6	1,316,300	1,260,200	56,100	4.5
Leisure and Hospitality	161,300	147,700	13,600	9.2	1,244,300	1,142,700	101,600	8.9
Other Services	46,200	44,500	1,700	3.8	357,600	338,700	18,900	5.6
Government	153,900	156,500	-2,600	-1.7	1,109,300	1,113,300	-4,000	-0.4

<b>Population</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
CareerSource Pinellas (Pinellas County)	970,637	962,106	8,531	0.9
Florida	20,984,400	20,656,589	327,811	1.6

<b>Average Annual Wage</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
CareerSource Pinellas (Pinellas County)	\$47,740	\$47,004	\$736	1.6
Florida	\$48,460	\$47,055	\$1,405	3.0

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