

# Employment Update

Tampa Bay | April 2017

Employment Update (May data release)

## Strong year over year growth continues, bringing unemployment to MSA low in current market cycle

- In April, the Tampa Bay MSA lost 2,352 jobs representing a -0.2 percent decrease in month-overmonth total employment. The unemployment rate decreased by 30 basis points over the month to 3.8 percent. The total labor force decreased -0.5 percent accounting for the decrease in total jobs.
- The Professional & Business Services industry experienced the most growth year over year, adding 9,300 jobs.
- Construction activity continued at a high level for numerous product types including single-family and multi-family developments across the region.
- In April, 13,200 jobs were gained at the state level. Year over year the state has gained more than 213,000 jobs equating to 2.5 percent growth.

#### News on the street

(South Florida businesses expanding, contracting, etc.)

#### **Vology** | Technology

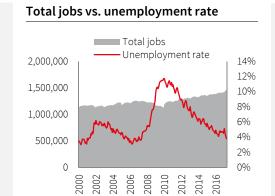
- More than 200 jobs will be added by the end of 2021. The majority of the jobs will be focused on network operations.
- The company was recently rated one of the fastest growing private companies for 2016.

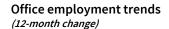
#### Raymond James | Financial Services

- The company continues to experience steady consistent growth. There have been a few recent acquisitions, bolstering the company's asset management division.
- Tampa Bay continues to emerge as a viable location for financial services companies as the Fortune 500 firm continues to expand.

#### Tampa Bay 4th fastest growing metro | Population

- Tampa Bay was the fastest growing metro in Florida and the fourth fastest in the country last year adding 58,000 new residents
- Orlando was the eighth fastest growing metro adding 47,000 new residents.









### Job growth/loss by sector (12-month change)



3.8%

Tampa Bay unemployment

4.0%

Florida unemployment

4.1%

U.S. unemployment

2.6%

Tampa Bay 12-month job growth

2.5%

Florida 12-month job growth

1.4%

U.S. 12-month job growth