Ohio, Hamilton County, Cincinnati and Cincinnati MSA Current Employment & Unemployment Data

The following labor market information was updated in January 2017. All employment and unemployment figures are "seasonally adjusted."

- Ohio's unemployment rate = 5.0%
- Ohio's employed = 5,402,000
- Ohio's unemployed = 284,000

- Hamilton County's unemployment rate = 4.9%
- Hamilton County's employed = 382,600
- Hamilton County's unemployed = 19,900

- Cincinnati MSA's unemployment rate = 5.0%
- Cincinnati MSA's employed = 1,028,400
- Cincinnati MSA's unemployed = 54,500

- City of Cincinnati's unemployment rate = 5.3%
- City of Cincinnati's employed = 134,500
- City of Cincinnati's unemployed = 7,600

Additional information at www.ohiolmi.com.

Apprenticeship Career Fair

WHEN: Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Careers in Construction can change your life. They pay top wages in their industry, offer many benefits such as healthcare and retirement plans and give you the opportunity to learn and obtain college credit.

Union construction programs in the Greater Cincinnati are now recruiting to fill hundreds of apprenticeships. This
Did You Know?

Apprentices and Participation Trends
- In FY 2016, more than 206,000 individuals nationwide entered the apprenticeship system.
- Nationwide, there are over 505,000 apprentices currently obtaining the skills they need to succeed while earning the wages they need to build financial security.
- 49,000 participants graduated from the apprenticeship system in FY 2016.

Apprenticeship Sponsors and Trends
- There are more than 21,000 registered apprenticeship programs across the nation.
- 1,700 new apprenticeship programs were established nationwide in FY 2016.
- Ohio is one of the leading states for active apprenticeships - 16,237 (blue states = 10,456+).

Click here for more information on apprenticeships available in Ohio.

National LMI Updates for February 2017

Employment
Nonfarm payroll increased by 235,000 in February 2017, and the U.S. unemployment rate was little changed at 4.7 percent. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, significant job gains occurred in construction, education and manufacturing.

The Benefits of Apprentices

1) A committed workforce
"Apprenticeships build a dedicated, loyal workforce."

2) A productivity boost
"...76% of companies say apprentices provide a higher level of productivity, while 81% say that they help boost productivity of the whole company."

3) Filling the gap
"Offering Apprenticeships is a good way of guaranteeing that your company builds a workforce equipped with the skills needed for the future..."

4) A reliable Investment
"Overall, 59% of employers say it's more cost effective to train apprentices than hire skilled staff...and there's the added benefit that their skills are tailored to your company as they train."

Click here to read learndirect's article "How apprentices benefit your business."

MILLENNIALS: The Construction Industry Needs You

job fair will provide firsthand information about trades and apprenticeship programs for interested jobseekers.

WHERE: IBEW/NECA Electrical Training Center 5455 Glenway Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45238
For more information, visit www.EarnAndLearn.com/careerfair.
Construction employment rose by 58,000.
Employment in Professional and Business services continued to trend up adding 37,000 jobs - an industry which has added 597,000 jobs over the past year.
Private educational services employment increased by 29,000.
Manufacturing added 28,000 jobs.
Health care employment rose by 27,000 jobs.

February 2017 average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased to $26.06. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.4 hours.

Unemployment
- The number of persons unemployed was 7.5 million in February 2017 and the unemployment rate was little changed at 4.7%.
- The unemployment rates for major worker groups remained steady for Adult Men (4.3%); Adult Women (4.3%); and Teenagers (15.0%). However, rates decreased for Whites (4.1%); Hispanics (5.6%); and Asians (3.4%) and increased for Blacks (8.1%).

Marginally Attached to the Labor Force
In February 2017, 1.7 million people were marginally attached to the labor force, a decrease from January. These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work and had looked for work some time in the prior 12 months. Of those, 522,000 were considered discouraged workers, described as persons not currently looking for work because they believe there are no jobs available for them.

Click here for more information reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on March 10, 2017.

by Erica Sweeney, The JOBSITE
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"The construction industry is facing a crisis of sorts. Its workforce is aging faster than any other industry in the country, and construction companies nationwide are looking to fill multiple positions. There's one group that industry leaders are hoping will turn it all around -- millennials.

In July 2016, there were 214,000 construction job openings, according to BLS (US Bureau of Labor Statistics), and the industry is projected to add 790,400 jobs by 2024.

The aging workforce and need to attract millennials into the industry is felt nationwide and across multiple construction sub-sectors."

To read the entire article, click here.

Career Changer Tips
- Figure out your "why"
- Look at the data
- Connect with others
- Match your skills
- Get more information

Reference the BLS Career Outlook 2017 here.