



Sandy Murman

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HEADLINES FROM HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY



**Commissioner Sandy Murman at the Amethyst Respite Center 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary open house. Amethyst Respite Center (ARC), is designed as a diversion program from correctional facilities; hospital emergency rooms, and detoxification and crisis stabilization programs.**



#### **Fees Waived for Most Dogs and Cats at Pet Resource Center**

Because of heavy overcrowding at the Hillsborough County Pet Resource Center, emergency over-capacity protocols are now in effect, including the waiving of fees for all ready-to-go dog and cats. Adoption fees are waived for all ready-to-go dogs and cats. Ready-to-go pets have been at the kennel long enough - usually three days - to be spayed or neutered, microchipped, and vaccinated. Shelter officials hope the severe overcrowding - the shelter had more than 600 dogs and cats on Saturday - is a temporary situation brought on in part by the upcoming start of school and people waiting for upcoming adoption specials. Residents who had been waiting for such specials are invited to come to the shelter; the need is NOW.



#### **Water Street Tampa starts construction on Marriott Edition hotel and condos**

Construction is underway on the Tampa Edition Hotel & Residences, a 27-story tower at [Water Street Tampa](#) and the third of three major Marriott projects planned for the \$3 billion project, developers said Wednesday. The tower, which is going up at the northwest corner of Channelside Drive and Water Street, across the street from Amalie Arena, will include a rooftop pool with an adjacent indoor-outdoor bar and restaurant, large spa and fitness center, a second more intimate restaurant next to the hotel lobby and retail spaces designed to draw visitors and create activity on the street.



#### **93 Tampa Bay companies ranked among this year's Inc. 5000**

Nearly 100 companies from the Tampa Bay region were named among Inc. magazine's 5,000 fastest growing private companies for 2019.

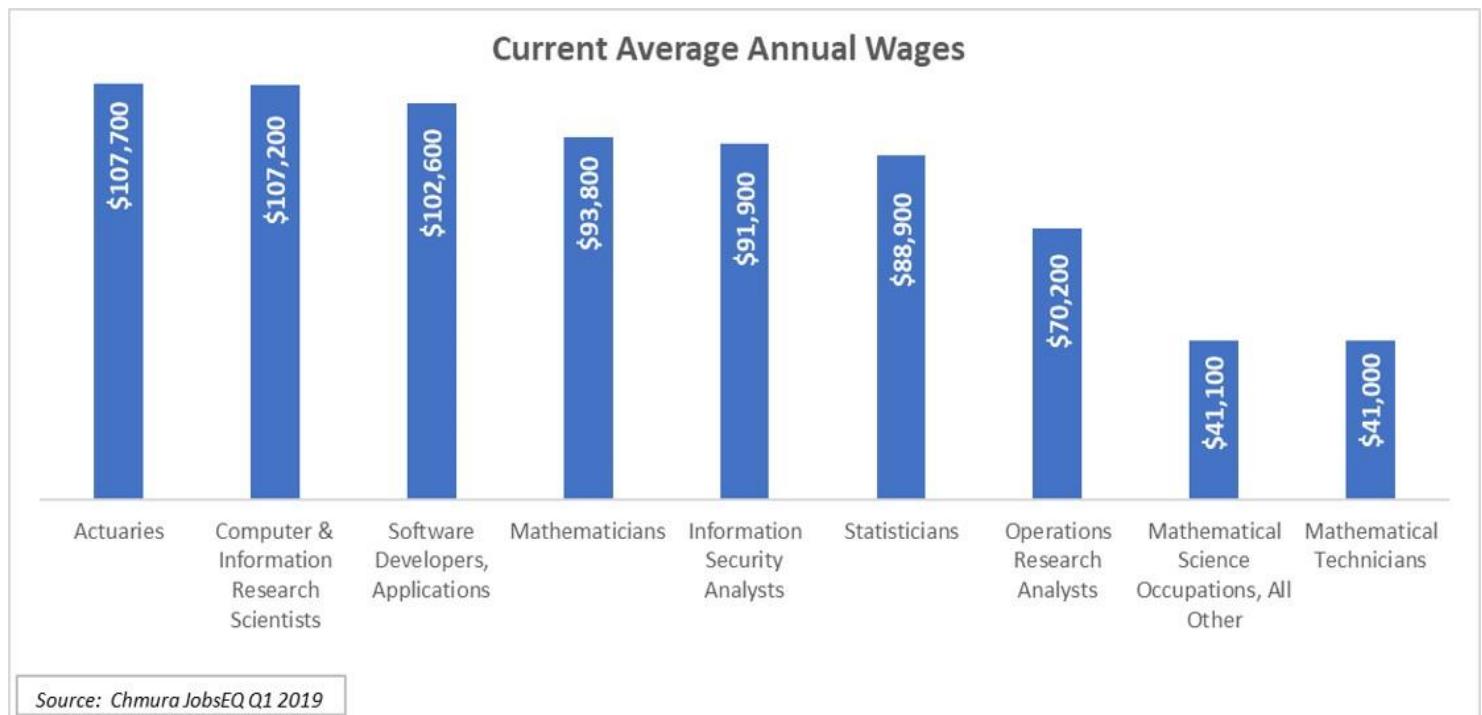
The highest-ranked from the bay area was the Welfont Companies, a real estate business in Tampa that recorded 6,871 percent growth over the year. It ranked No. 31 and had \$20.4 million in revenue. Equity & Help, a Clearwater-based investment company, ranked the second-highest in Tampa Bay at No. 128 with 2,729 percent growth and \$3.2 million in revenue. KnowBe4, a Clearwater cybersecurity firm, ranked the third highest at No. 161. It grew 2,370 percent and had \$72.3 million in revenue. [CLICK HERE](#) for complete list

## **Computer & mathematical employment among fastest growing occupations in Hillsborough County**

Over the next five years, jobs within the computer & mathematical occupations are expected to grow by 12%, placing it fourth among the fastest growing employment sectors.



The EDC's research analyst Robin DiSalvo wanted to dig deeper into this sector to find out which specific occupations were contributing most to this five-year growth. She discovered there are several occupations, such as statisticians, research analysts, software developers and information security analysts that are growing in the double digits.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY**

**Wednesday, August 21 9:00 AM – BOCC Regular Meeting, County Center**

**Thursday, August 22 9:30 AM – HC Value Adjustment Board Meeting, County Center**

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