



WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA

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CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - 5.5 PERCENT **LOWEST SINCE MAY 2008**

Orlando, FL - The unemployment rate in the Workforce Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 5.5 percent in December 2013, the lowest since May 2008 when it was 5.2 percent. The region's jobless rate was down 2.0 percentage points from 7.5 percent a year ago and was 0.4 percentage point lower than the state rate of 5.9 percent. Out of a labor force of 1,193,386, there were 65,719 unemployed residents in the region.

- Osceola County's unemployment rate (6.2 percent) was the highest of the counties that comprise the Workforce Central Florida region. The unemployment rates in the other counties were: 6.0 percent in Lake County, 5.4 percent in Orange County, and 5.1 percent in both Sumter and Seminole Counties.
- Nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties) was 1,091,100 in December 2013, an increase of 3.1 percent from year ago. Statewide, employment was up 2.6 percent for the same time period.
- The metro area gained 32,300 jobs over the year with all major industries gaining jobs. Leisure and hospitality (+8,100 jobs) gained the most, followed by professional and business services (+7,500 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+5,400 jobs); education and health services (+4,600 jobs); financial activities (+2,800 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+1,800 jobs); government (+800 jobs); manufacturing and other services (both +500 jobs); and information (+300 jobs).
- The metro area's over-the-year growth rates in professional and business services (+4.4 percent); financial activities (+4.2 percent); leisure and hospitality (+3.8 percent); and education and health services (+3.5 percent) were stronger than the statewide growth rates in these industries. Government was up in the metro area but lost jobs statewide.
- In December, the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area led the state in over-the-year job gains in leisure and hospitality. The metro area gained the second highest number of nonagricultural jobs in December 2013 among all metro areas in Florida compared to a year ago. The Orlando metro area was also among the top two metro areas in Florida for gains in professional and business services and education and health services.

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Unemployment Rates (%)			
(not seasonally adjusted)	Dec-13	Nov-13	Dec-12
Workforce Central Florida Region	5.5	5.9	7.5
Lake County	6.0	6.4	8.1
Orange County	5.4	5.8	7.4
Osceola County	6.2	6.6	8.5
Seminole County	5.1	5.4	7.0
Sumter County	5.1	5.6	6.7
Florida	5.9	6.3	7.8
United States	6.5	6.6	7.6

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Dec-13	Dec-12	change	percent change	Dec-13	Dec-12	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,091,100	1,058,800	32,300	3.1	7,731,200	7,535,000	196,200	2.6
Mining, Logging, and Construction	48,500	46,700	1,800	3.9	383,300	354,000	29,300	8.3
Manufacturing	38,200	37,700	500	1.3	322,400	318,000	4,400	1.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	210,600	205,200	5,400	2.6	1,660,700	1,598,300	62,400	3.9
Wholesale Trade	40,100	38,900	1,200	3.1	325,000	323,500	1,500	0.5
Retail Trade	137,300	133,700	3,600	2.7	1,078,400	1,021,500	56,900	5.6
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	33,200	32,600	600	1.8	257,300	253,300	4,000	1.6
Information	23,600	23,300	300	1.3	137,200	132,100	5,100	3.9
Financial Activities	69,900	67,100	2,800	4.2	511,600	499,000	12,600	2.5
Professional and Business Services	178,900	171,400	7,500	4.4	1,121,500	1,083,900	37,600	3.5
Education and Health Services	134,500	129,900	4,600	3.5	1,146,400	1,129,900	16,500	1.5
Leisure and Hospitality	223,200	215,100	8,100	3.8	1,038,700	1,013,900	24,800	2.4
Other Services	44,800	44,300	500	1.1	321,100	315,900	5,200	1.6
Government	118,900	118,100	800	0.7	1,088,300	1,090,000	-1,700	-0.2

Population	2013	2012	change	percent change
Workforce Central Florida Region	2,330,834	2,284,786	46,048	2.0
Lake County	303,317	299,677	3,640	1.2
Orange County	1,202,978	1,175,941	27,037	2.3
Osceola County	288,361	280,866	7,495	2.7
Seminole County	431,074	428,104	2,970	0.7
Sumter County	105,104	100,198	4,906	4.9
Florida	19,259,543	19,074,434	185,109	1.0

Average Annual Wage	2012	2011	change	percent change
Workforce Central Florida Region	\$40,815	\$40,044	\$771	1.9
Lake County	\$32,724	\$32,370	\$354	1.1
Orange County	\$42,843	\$42,065	\$778	1.8
Osceola County	\$33,799	\$33,030	\$769	2.3
Seminole County	\$40,259	\$39,363	\$896	2.3
Sumter County	\$35,894	\$34,913	\$981	2.8
Florida	\$43,210	\$42,312	\$898	2.1

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