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## **Central Florida’s Unemployment Rate At 2.5% for December 2019, Equals the State’s Rate**

**Orlando, Fla., January 27, 2020** – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida (CSCF) region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 2.5% in December 2019, which was equal to the state’s rate of 2.5%. This rate was 0.5 percentage point lower than the region’s rate of 3.0% during the same timeframe last year. The labor force was 1,418,688 up 38,909 (+2.8) over the year. There were 35,247 unemployed residents in the region.

### **Unemployment Rates**

Central Florida’s Lowest Unemployment Rates:

- Orange County and Seminole County had the lowest unemployment rate (2.4%) in the CSCF region followed by Lake County (2.7%), Osceola County (2.7%), and Sumter County (4.0%).

<b>Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)</b>			
	<b>Dec-19</b>	<b>Nov-19</b>	<b>Dec-18</b>
CareerSource Central Florida	2.5%	2.6%	3.0%
Lake County	2.7%	2.8%	3.3%
Orange County	2.4%	2.5%	2.9%
Osceola County	2.7%	2.8%	3.3%
Seminole County	2.4%	2.5%	2.9%
Sumter County	4.0%	4.1%	4.8%
Florida	2.5%	2.7%	3.3%
United States	3.4%	3.3%	3.7%

### **Job Growth Trends**

**Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA:**

- Nonagricultural was 1,372,800, an increase of 43,300 Jobs (+3.3%) Over the Year.
- Highest Annual Job Growth\*
  - Leisure and Hospitality (+12,500 Jobs)
  - Professional and Business Services (+12,300 Jobs)
  - Mining, Logging, and Construction (+6,000 Jobs)
  - Education and Health Services (+4,700 Jobs)

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



- Manufacturing (+3,000 Jobs)
- Government (+2,500 Jobs)
- Trade, Transportation, and utilities (+1,100 Jobs)
  
- Fastest Annual Job Growth Rate\*
  - Manufacturing (+6.4%)
  
- Second Highest Annual Job Growth\*
  - Mining, Lodging, and Construction (+6,000 jobs)
  - Government (+2,500 jobs)

### **The Villages MSA:**

- Nonagricultural Employment was 31,200, an increase of 700 Jobs (+2.3%) Over the Year.

### **Trends in High Growth Industries (HGIs):**

- The Following HGIs Grew Faster in the CSCF Region than Statewide Over the Year:
  - Mining, Logging, and Construction (+7.1%)
  - Manufacturing (+6.4)
  - Professional and Business services (+5.0%)
  - Leisure and Hospitality (4.7%)
  - Government (+1.9%)
  
- The information industry was unchanged over the year.



## Additional Information

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Dec-19	Dec-18	change	percent change	Dec-19	Dec-18	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,372,800	1,329,500	43,300	3.3	9,204,000	8,989,900	214,100	2.4
Mining, Logging, and Construction	91,000	85,000	6,000	7.1	581,600	556,700	24,900	4.5
Manufacturing	50,100	47,100	3,000	6.4	384,300	378,600	5,700	1.5
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	250,000	248,900	1,100	0.4	1,872,100	1,852,300	19,800	1.1
Wholesale Trade	47,600	46,600	1,000	2.1	359,800	352,600	7,200	2.0
Retail Trade	156,500	156,600	-100	-0.1	1,182,100	1,173,100	9,000	0.8
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	45,900	45,700	200	0.4	330,200	326,600	3,600	1.1
Information	25,500	25,500	0	0.0	137,500	142,300	-4,800	-3.4
Financial Activities	77,800	77,100	700	0.9	601,600	593,800	7,800	1.3
Professional and Business Services	256,200	243,900	12,300	5.0	1,439,400	1,403,300	36,100	2.6
Education and Health Services	163,900	159,200	4,700	3.0	1,391,000	1,337,700	53,300	4.0
Leisure and Hospitality	280,100	267,600	12,500	4.7	1,284,300	1,234,700	49,600	4.0
Other Services	45,200	44,700	500	1.1	365,700	357,700	8,000	2.2
Government	133,000	130,500	2,500	1.9	1,146,500	1,132,800	13,700	1.2

Population	2018	2017	change	percent change
CareerSource Central Florida	2,701,716	2,637,850	63,866	2.4
Lake County	356,495	345,087	11,408	3.3
Orange County	1,380,645	1,352,933	27,712	2.0
Osceola County	367,990	352,661	15,329	4.3
Seminole County	467,832	462,236	5,596	1.2
Sumter County	128,754	124,933	3,821	3.1
Florida	21,299,325	20,976,812	322,513	1.5

Average Annual Wage	2018	2017	change	percent change
CareerSource Central Florida	\$47,717	\$46,018	\$1,699	3.7
Lake County	\$38,237	\$36,595	\$1,642	4.5
Orange County	\$49,942	\$48,198	\$1,744	3.6
Osceola County	\$37,723	\$36,852	\$871	2.4
Seminole County	\$48,722	\$46,698	\$2,024	4.3
Sumter County	\$41,041	\$39,789	\$1,252	3.1
Florida	\$50,090	\$48,460	\$1,630	3.4

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