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**Central Florida’s Unemployment Rate At  
 2.9% for February 2020, 0.1 Percentage Point Higher than the State**

**Orlando, Fla., April 1, 2020** – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida (CSCF) region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 2.9% in February 2020, which was higher than the state’s rate of 2.8%. This rate was 0.3 percentage point lower than the region’s rate of 3.2% during the same timeframe last year. The labor force was 1,414,579 up 37,808 (+2.7) over the year. There were 40,946 unemployed residents in the region.

**Unemployment Rates**

Central Florida’s Lowest Unemployment Rates:

- Orange County and Seminole County had the lowest unemployment rate (2.8%) in the CSCF region followed by Lake County (3.1%), Osceola County (3.1%), and Sumter County (4.6%).

<b>Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Feb-20</b>	<b>Jan-20</b>	<b>Feb-19</b>
CareerSource Central Florida	2.9%	3.1%	3.2%
Lake County	3.1%	3.3%	3.4%
Orange County	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%
Osceola County	3.1%	3.3%	3.4%
Seminole County	2.8%	2.9%	3.1%
Sumter County	4.6%	4.6%	5.0%
Florida	2.8%	3.0%	3.3%
United States	3.8%	4.0%	4.1%

**Job Growth Trends**

**Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA:**

- Nonagricultural was 1,351,100, an increase of 31,100 Jobs (+2.4%) Over the Year.

\*Compared to all Metro Areas in the State

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



- Highest Annual Job Growth\*
  - Education and Health Services (+8,100 Jobs)
  - Leisure and Hospitality (+6,800 Jobs)
  - Mining, Logging, and Construction (+5,300 Jobs)
  - Financial Activities (+3,400 Jobs)
  - Professional and Business Services (+3,100 Jobs)
  - Manufacturing (+1,400 Jobs)
  - Government (+1,200 Jobs)
  - Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+1,100 Jobs)
  - Other Services (+500 Jobs)
  - Information (+200 Jobs)
- Second Fastest Annual Job Growth Rate\*
  - Education and Health Services (+5.1%)
  - Information (+0.8%)

### **The Villages MSA:**

- Nonagricultural Employment was 32,700, an increase of 800 Jobs (+2.5%) 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 (+6.2%)
  - Education and Health Services (+5.1%)
  - Financial Activities (+4.4%)
  - Manufacturing (+2.9%)
  - Leisure and Hospitality (+2.5%)
  - Other Services (+1.1%)
  - Information (+0.8%)

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## Additional Information

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Feb-20	Feb-19	change	percent change	Feb-20	Feb-19	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,351,100	1,320,000	31,100	2.4	9,106,500	8,941,100	165,400	1.8
Mining, Logging, and Construction	90,200	84,900	5,300	6.2	585,300	562,100	23,200	4.1
Manufacturing	50,100	48,700	1,400	2.9	386,500	381,800	4,700	1.2
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	242,300	241,200	1,100	0.5	1,820,100	1,794,700	25,400	1.4
Wholesale Trade	46,500	46,000	500	1.1	353,400	352,100	1,300	0.4
Retail Trade	149,500	149,700	-200	-0.1	1,112,800	1,108,700	4,100	0.4
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	46,300	45,500	800	1.8	353,900	333,900	20,000	6.0
Information	25,900	25,700	200	0.8	138,000	140,200	-2,200	-1.6
Financial Activities	80,300	76,900	3,400	4.4	595,300	584,600	10,700	1.8
Professional and Business Services	238,000	234,900	3,100	1.3	1,412,600	1,381,500	31,100	2.3
Education and Health Services	167,600	159,500	8,100	5.1	1,370,900	1,335,900	35,000	2.6
Leisure and Hospitality	280,900	274,100	6,800	2.5	1,288,800	1,265,300	23,500	1.9
Other Services	45,200	44,700	500	1.1	356,500	354,200	2,300	0.6
Government	130,600	129,400	1,200	0.9	1,152,500	1,140,800	11,700	1.0

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

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