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**CENTRAL FLORIDA’S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT  
 2.6% FOR NOVEMBER 2019, 0.1 PERCENTAGE POINT  
 LOWER THAN THE STATE**

**Orlando, Fla.** – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida (CSCF) region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 2.6% in November 2019, which was 0.1 percentage point lower than the state rate of 2.7%. This rate was 0.4 percentage point lower than the rate of 3.0% during the same timeframe last year. The labor force was 1,417,400, up 32,268 (+2.3) over the year. There were 36,468 unemployed residents in the region.

**Unemployment Rates**

Central Florida’s Lowest Unemployment Rates:

- Orange County had the lowest unemployment rate (2.4%) in the CSCF region followed by Seminole County (2.5%), Lake County (2.8%), Osceola County (2.8%), and Sumter County (4.1%).

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)		Nov-19	Oct-19	Nov-18
CareerSource Central	Florida	2.6%	2.7%	3.0%
	Lake County	2.8%	2.9%	3.2%
	Orange County	2.4%	2.6%	2.9%
	Osceola County	2.8%	3.0%	3.2%
	Seminole County	2.5%	2.6%	2.9%
	Sumter County	4.1%	4.0%	4.8%
	Florida	2.7%	2.9%	3.3%
	United States	3.3%	3.3%	3.5%

**Job Growth Trends**

**Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA:**

- Nonagricultural was 1,364,900, an increase of 36,700 Jobs (+2.8%) Over the Year.
- Highest Annual Job Growth\*
  - Professional and Business Services (+12,100 Jobs)
  - Leisure and Hospitality (+10,300 Jobs)
  - Mining, Logging, and Construction (+4,900 Jobs)
  - Government (+2,300 Jobs)

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



- Manufacturing (+3,800 Jobs)
- Education and Health Services (+4,400 Jobs)
  
- Fastest Annual Job Growth Rate\*
  - Manufacturing (+8.1%)
  
- Second Highest Annual Job Growth\*
  - Mining, Lodging, and Construction (+4,900 jobs)
  
- Third Fastest Annual Job Growth Rate\*
  - Education and Health Services (+7.7%)

### **The Villages MSA:**

- Nonagricultural Employment was 31,300, an increase of 1,100 Jobs (+3.6%) Over the Year.

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

- The Following HGIs Grew Faster in the CSCF Region than Statewide Over the Year:
  - Manufacturing (+8.1)
  - Mining, Logging, and Construction (+5.8%)
  - Professional and Business services (+5.0%)
  - Leisure and Hospitality (+3.8%)
  - Government (+1.8%)
  
- The Trade, Transportation, and Utilities Industry (-1,000 jobs) Lost Jobs Over the Year.



## Additional Information

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Nov-19	Nov-18	change	percent change	Nov-19	Nov-18	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,364,900	1,328,200	36,700	2.8	9,174,800	8,954,800	220,000	2.5
Mining, Logging, and Construction	89,800	84,900	4,900	5.8	580,100	554,700	25,400	4.6
Manufacturing	50,800	47,000	3,800	8.1	383,500	376,500	7,000	1.9
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	246,600	247,600	-1,000	-0.4	1,854,300	1,834,700	19,600	1.1
Wholesale Trade	46,000	45,800	200	0.4	355,900	348,400	7,500	2.2
Retail Trade	156,100	157,500	-1,400	-0.9	1,177,000	1,170,100	6,900	0.6
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	44,500	44,300	200	0.5	321,400	316,200	5,200	1.6
Information	25,500	25,500	0	0.0	137,800	142,400	-4,600	-3.2
Financial Activities	77,400	77,400	0	0.0	600,500	588,200	12,300	2.1
Professional and Business Services	254,300	242,200	12,100	5.0	1,435,600	1,401,800	33,800	2.4
Education and Health Services	163,900	159,500	4,400	2.8	1,392,500	1,330,200	62,300	4.7
Leisure and Hospitality	278,500	268,200	10,300	3.8	1,270,300	1,232,100	38,200	3.1
Other Services	44,400	44,500	-100	-0.2	366,900	358,300	8,600	2.4
Government	133,700	131,400	2,300	1.8	1,153,300	1,135,900	17,400	1.5

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.