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Central Florida’s Unemployment Rate At 16.1% for April 2020, 3.2 Percentage Point Higher than the State

Orlando, Fla.,– The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida (CSCF) region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 16.1% in March 2020, which was higher than the state’s rate of 12.9%. This rate was 13.3 percentage point higher than the region’s rate of 2.8% during the same timeframe last year. The labor force was 1,280,151 down 94,556 (-6.9) over the year. There were 206,381 unemployed residents in the region.

Unemployment Rates

Central Florida’s Lowest Unemployment Rates:

- Sumter County had the lowest unemployment rate (12.3%) in the CSCF region followed by Seminole County (13.1%), Lake County (14.7%), Orange County (16.5%), and Osceola County (4.5%).

| Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted) | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Apr-20 | Mar-20 | Apr-19 |
| CareerSource Central Florida | 16.1% | 4.3% | 2.8% |
| Lake County | 14.7% | 4.5% | 3.0% |
| Orange County | 16.5% | 4.1% | 2.7% |
| Osceola County | 20.3% | 4.6% | 3.0% |
| Seminole County | 13.1% | 4.1% | 2.7% |
| Sumter County | 12.3% | 6.3% | 4.4% |
| Florida | 13.3% | 4.3% | 2.9% |
| United States | 14.4% | 4.5% | 3.3% |

Job Growth Trends

Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA:

- Nonagricultural was 1,146,700, an increase of 181,000 Jobs (-13.6%) Over the Year.
- Highest Annual Job Growth*
 - Mining, Logging, and Construction (+500 Jobs)
- Industries losing jobs over the year were:
 - Leisure and Hospitality (-113,100 Jobs)
 - Professional Businesses and Services (-19,900 Jobs)

*Compared to all Metro Areas in the State

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



- Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-15,300 Jobs)
- Education and Health Services (-14,800 Jobs)
- Financial Activities (-4,900 Jobs)
- Manufacturing (-2,900 Jobs)
- Government (-1,900 Jobs)
- Information (-1,300 Jobs)

The Villages MSA:

- Nonagricultural Employment was 30,000, an increase of 2,100 Jobs (-6.5%) Over the Year

Additional Information

| Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted) | Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area | | | | Florida | | | |
|---|--|-----------|----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------------|
| | Apr-20 | Apr-19 | change | percent change | Apr-20 | Apr-19 | change | percent change |
| Total Employment | 1,146,700 | 1,327,700 | -181,000 | -13.6 | 7,950,100 | 8,964,200 | -1,014,100 | -11.3 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 86,200 | 85,700 | 500 | 0.6 | 559,700 | 564,500 | -4,800 | -0.9 |
| Manufacturing | 46,200 | 49,100 | -2,900 | -5.9 | 358,000 | 382,100 | -24,100 | -6.3 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 224,200 | 239,500 | -15,300 | -6.4 | 1,644,400 | 1,787,000 | -142,600 | -8.0 |
| Wholesale Trade | 45,000 | 45,600 | -600 | -1.3 | 334,000 | 351,100 | -17,100 | -4.9 |
| Retail Trade | 133,300 | 148,800 | -15,500 | -10.4 | 988,000 | 1,102,200 | -114,200 | -10.4 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities | 45,900 | 45,100 | 800 | 1.8 | 322,400 | 333,700 | -11,300 | -3.4 |
| Information | 24,400 | 25,700 | -1,300 | -5.1 | 129,100 | 139,300 | -10,200 | -7.3 |
| Financial Activities | 72,600 | 77,500 | -4,900 | -6.3 | 570,400 | 587,800 | -17,400 | -3.0 |
| Professional and Business Services | 217,600 | 237,500 | -19,900 | -8.4 | 1,273,600 | 1,388,300 | -114,700 | -8.3 |
| Education and Health Services | 145,200 | 160,000 | -14,800 | -9.3 | 1,247,600 | 1,339,300 | -91,700 | -6.8 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 164,500 | 277,600 | -113,100 | -40.7 | 752,400 | 1,278,400 | -526,000 | -41.1 |
| Other Services | 37,600 | 45,000 | -7,400 | -16.4 | 292,100 | 355,100 | -63,000 | -17.7 |
| Government | 128,200 | 130,100 | -1,900 | -1.5 | 1,122,800 | 1,142,400 | -19,600 | -1.7 |

| 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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