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## **Central Florida’s Unemployment Rate At 22.4% for May 2020, 7.9 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 22.4% in May 2020, which was higher than the state’s rate of 14.5%. This rate was 19.5 percentage point higher than the region’s rate of 2.9% during the same timeframe last year. The labor force was 1,359,481 down 28,446 (-2.0) over the year. There were 304,757 unemployed residents in the region.

### **Unemployment Rates**

Central Florida’s Lowest Unemployment Rates:

- Sumter County had the lowest unemployment rate (12.9%) in the CSCF region followed by Seminole County (14.5%), Lake County (20.6%), Orange County (23.2%), and Osceola County (31.1%).

<b>Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)</b>		<b>May-20</b>	<b>Apr-20</b>	<b>May-19</b>
CareerSource Central	Florida	22.4%	16.7%	2.9%
	Lake County	20.6%	15.0%	3.1%
	Orange County	23.2%	17.2%	2.8%
	Osceola County	31.1%	21.5%	3.1%
	Seminole County	14.5%	13.1%	2.9%
	Sumter County	12.9%	12.3%	4.6%
	Florida	14.3%	13.5%	3.0%
	United States	13.0%	14.4%	3.4%

### **Job Growth Trends**

**Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA:**

- Nonagricultural employment was 1,109,700, a decrease of 217,000 Jobs (-16.4%) Over the Year.
- Second Highest Annual Job Growth\*
  - Mining, Logging, and Construction (+1,100 Jobs)
- Industries losing jobs over the year were:
  - Leisure and Hospitality (-163,300 Jobs)
  - Professional Businesses and Services (-18,500 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 (-13,600 Jobs)
- Education and Health Services (-10,900 Jobs)
- Government (-2,700 Jobs)
- Financial Activities (-2,300 Jobs)
- Information (-1,300 Jobs)
- Manufacturing (-1,200 Jobs)

### The Villages MSA:

- Nonagricultural employment was 31,500, a decrease of 500 Jobs (-1.6%) Over the Year

### Additional Information

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	May-20	May-19	change	percent change	May-20	May-19	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,109,700	1,326,700	-217,000	-16.4	8,099,200	8,950,300	-851,100	-9.5
Mining, Logging, and Construction	87,100	86,000	1,100	1.3	572,300	567,400	4,900	0.9
Manufacturing	48,300	49,500	-1,200	-2.4	368,100	383,500	-15,400	-4.0
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	226,100	239,700	-13,600	-5.7	1,666,900	1,786,200	-119,300	-6.7
Wholesale Trade	45,300	45,800	-500	-1.1	337,900	352,100	-14,200	-4.0
Retail Trade	135,600	148,800	-13,200	-8.9	1,004,500	1,100,000	-95,500	-8.7
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	45,200	45,100	100	0.2	324,500	334,100	-9,600	-2.9
Information	24,500	25,800	-1,300	-5.0	128,000	140,100	-12,100	-8.6
Financial Activities	75,300	77,600	-2,300	-3.0	573,400	588,400	-15,000	-2.5
Professional and Business Services	218,900	237,400	-18,500	-7.8	1,282,600	1,385,900	-103,300	-7.5
Education and Health Services	149,600	160,500	-10,900	-6.8	1,264,200	1,340,800	-76,600	-5.7
Leisure and Hospitality	113,500	276,800	-163,300	-59.0	806,400	1,269,500	-463,100	-36.5
Other Services	40,800	45,100	-4,300	-9.5	319,800	354,700	-34,900	-9.8
Government	125,600	128,300	-2,700	-2.1	1,117,500	1,133,800	-16,300	-1.4

Population	2019	2018	change	percent change
CareerSource Central Florida	2,740,567	2,703,557	37,010	1.4
Lake County	367,118	356,720	10,398	2.9
Orange County	1,393,452	1,381,540	11,912	0.9
Osceola County	375,751	368,456	7,295	2.0
Seminole County	471,826	468,122	3,704	0.8
Sumter County	132,420	128,719	3,701	2.9
Florida	21,477,737	21,244,317	233,420	1.1

Average Annual Wage	2019	2018	change	percent change
CareerSource Central Florida	\$49,160	\$47,715	\$1,445	3.0
Lake County	\$39,070	\$38,235	\$835	2.2
Orange County	\$51,526	\$49,944	\$1,582	3.2
Osceola County	\$38,807	\$37,709	\$1,098	2.9
Seminole County	\$50,139	\$48,710	\$1,429	2.9
Sumter County	\$42,794	\$41,043	\$1,751	4.3
Florida	\$51,761	\$50,092	\$1,669	3.3

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