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## **Central Florida’s Unemployment Rate At 8.0% for October 2020, 1.5 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 8.0% in October 2020, which was higher than the state’s rate of 6.5%. This rate was 5.2 percentage point higher than the region’s rate of 2.8% during the same timeframe last year. The labor force was 1,348,162 down 64,835 (-4.6) over the year. There were 107,633 unemployed residents in the region.

### **Unemployment Rates**

Central Florida’s Lowest Unemployment Rates:

- Seminole County had the lowest unemployment rate (5.7%) in the CSCF region followed by Sumter County (5.8%), Lake County (6.5%), Orange County (8.5%), and Osceola County (10.4%).

<b>Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Oct-20</b>	<b>Sep-20</b>	<b>Oct-19</b>
CareerSource Central Florida	8.0%	9.1%	2.8%
Lake County	6.5%	7.4%	2.9%
Orange County	8.5%	9.8%	2.7%
Osceola County	10.4%	12.5%	3.1%
Seminole County	5.7%	6.0%	2.7%
Sumter County	5.8%	5.7%	3.9%
Florida	6.4%	7.2%	2.8%
United States	6.6%	7.7%	3.3%

### **Job Growth Trends**

**Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA:**

- Nonagricultural employment was 1,212,500, a decrease of 124,900 Jobs (-9.3%) over the year.
- Industries losing jobs over the year were:
  - Leisure and Hospitality (-85,500 Jobs)
  - Government (-8,700 Jobs)
  - Professional Businesses and Services (-8,100 Jobs)
  - Education and Health Services (-7,000 Jobs)
  - Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-5,800 Jobs)

\*Compared to all Metro Areas in the State  
Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research.



- Mining, Logging, and Construction (-3,000)
- Financial Activities (-1,900 Jobs)
- Information (-1,200 Jobs)
- Manufacturing (-600 Jobs)

### The Villages MSA:

- Nonagricultural employment was 32,400, an increase of 200 Jobs (+0.6%) over the year

### Additional Information

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Oct-20	Oct-19	change	percent change	Oct-20	Oct-19	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,212,500	1,337,400	-124,900	-9.3	8,603,000	9,010,000	-407,000	-4.5
Mining, Logging, and Construction	84,800	87,800	-3,000	-3.4	571,200	582,600	-11,400	-2.0
Manufacturing	49,100	49,700	-600	-1.2	381,200	388,200	-7,000	-1.8
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	236,900	242,700	-5,800	-2.4	1,766,200	1,804,100	-37,900	-2.1
Wholesale Trade	46,200	46,600	-400	-0.9	345,200	353,300	-8,100	-2.3
Retail Trade	144,100	150,800	-6,700	-4.4	1,083,100	1,105,700	-22,600	-2.0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	46,600	45,300	1,300	2.9	337,900	345,100	-7,200	-2.1
Information	24,400	25,600	-1,200	-4.7	127,800	138,600	-10,800	-7.8
Financial Activities	77,300	79,200	-1,900	-2.4	590,900	596,900	-6,000	-1.0
Professional and Business Services	229,200	237,300	-8,100	-3.4	1,353,400	1,405,700	-52,300	-3.7
Education and Health Services	156,300	163,300	-7,000	-4.3	1,334,900	1,358,400	-23,500	-1.7
Leisure and Hospitality	191,800	277,300	-85,500	-30.8	1,042,700	1,239,700	-197,000	-15.9
Other Services	41,100	44,200	-3,100	-7.0	324,900	349,200	-24,300	-7.0
Government	121,600	130,300	-8,700	-6.7	1,109,800	1,146,600	-36,800	-3.2

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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