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## **Central Florida’s Unemployment Rate At 9.7% for September 2020, 2.1 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 9.7% in September 2020, which was higher than the state’s rate of 7.6%. This rate was 6.9 percentage point higher than the region’s rate of 2.8% during the same timeframe last year. The labor force was 1,360,911 down 53,556 (-3.8) over the year. There were 132,179 unemployed residents in the region.

### **Unemployment Rates**

Central Florida’s Lowest Unemployment Rates:

- Sumter County had the lowest unemployment rate (6.0%) in the CSCF region followed by Seminole County (6.4%), Lake County (7.9%), Orange County (10.4%), and Osceola County (13.3%).

<b>Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Sep-20</b>	<b>Aug-20</b>	<b>Sep-19</b>
CareerSource Central Florida	9.7%	10.7%	2.8%
Lake County	7.9%	8.6%	2.9%
Orange County	10.4%	11.4%	2.7%
Osceola County	13.3%	14.8%	3.1%
Seminole County	6.4%	7.0%	2.7%
Sumter County	6.0%	6.4%	4.1%
Florida	7.6%	7.6%	2.9%
United States	7.7%	8.5%	3.3%

### **Job Growth Trends**

#### **Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA:**

- Nonagricultural employment was 1,198,700, a decrease of 126,500 Jobs (-9.5%) over the year.
- Industries losing jobs over the year were:
  - Leisure and Hospitality (-89,200 Jobs)
  - Professional Businesses and Services (-7,500 Jobs)
  - Government (-7,300 Jobs)
  - Education and Health Services (-6,700 Jobs)
  - Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-4,800 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 (-3,400)
- Information (-1,300 Jobs)
- Financial Activities (-900 Jobs)
- Manufacturing (-500 Jobs)

### The Villages MSA:

- Nonagricultural employment was 31,900, an increase of 200 Jobs (-1.6%) over the year

### Additional Information

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Sep-20	Sep-19	change	percent change	Sep-20	Sep-19	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,198,700	1,325,200	-126,500	-9.5	8,482,900	8,923,100	-440,200	-4.9
Mining, Logging, and Construction	83,900	87,300	-3,400	-3.9	566,900	574,800	-7,900	-1.4
Manufacturing	48,800	49,300	-500	-1.0	376,400	384,100	-7,700	-2.0
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	235,200	240,000	-4,800	-2.0	1,746,200	1,785,600	-39,400	-2.2
Wholesale Trade	46,100	46,300	-200	-0.4	342,000	352,600	-10,600	-3.0
Retail Trade	142,300	148,500	-6,200	-4.2	1,066,600	1,092,100	-25,500	-2.3
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	46,800	45,200	1,600	3.5	337,600	340,900	-3,300	-1.0
Information	24,100	25,400	-1,300	-5.1	126,600	137,000	-10,400	-7.6
Financial Activities	77,600	78,500	-900	-1.1	587,100	592,000	-4,900	-0.8
Professional and Business Services	227,200	234,700	-7,500	-3.2	1,326,500	1,390,800	-64,300	-4.6
Education and Health Services	154,500	161,200	-6,700	-4.2	1,326,600	1,341,300	-14,700	-1.1
Leisure and Hospitality	186,300	275,500	-89,200	-32.4	1,001,100	1,230,500	-229,400	-18.6
Other Services	39,600	44,500	-4,900	-11.0	320,700	351,000	-30,300	-8.6
Government	121,500	128,800	-7,300	-5.7	1,104,800	1,136,000	-31,200	-2.7

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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