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## **Central Florida’s Unemployment Rate At 5.6% for April 2021, 0.8 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 5.6% in April 2021, which was higher than the state’s rate of 4.8%. This rate was 12.0 percentage points lower than the region’s rate of 17.6% during the same timeframe last year. The labor force was 1,318,070, down 31,903 (-2.4) over the year. There were 73,449 unemployed residents in the region.

### **Unemployment Rates**

Central Florida’s Lowest Unemployment Rates:

- Seminole County had the lowest unemployment rate (4.7%) in the CSCF region followed by Lake County (5.3%), Orange County (5.6%), Sumter County (6.2%) and Osceola County (6.7%).

<b>Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Apr-21</b>	<b>Mar-21</b>	<b>Apr-20</b>
CareerSource Central Florida	5.6%	5.5%	17.6%
Lake County	5.3%	5.3%	15.3%
Orange County	5.6%	5.5%	18.3%
Osceola County	6.7%	6.4%	22.5%
Seminole County	4.7%	4.6%	13.6%
Sumter County	6.2%	6.6%	12.8%
Florida	5.1%	5.3%	13.9%
United States	5.7%	6.2%	14.4%

### **Job Growth Trends**

**Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA:**

- Nonagricultural employment was 1,188,700, an increase of 50,600 Jobs (+4.4%) over the year.
- Highest Annual Job Growth\*
  - Mining, Logging, and Constructions (+6,400 jobs)
  - Information (+800 jobs)
- Second Highest Annual Job Growth\*
  - Educations and Health Services (+12,000 jobs)

\*Compared to all Metro Areas in the State

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



- Third Highest Annual Job Growth\*
  - Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+18,500 jobs)

**The Villages MSA:**

- Nonagricultural employment in The Villages MSA was 31,400, an increase of 1,900 jobs (+6.4 percent) over the year.

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

The Following HGIs Grew Faster in the CSCF Region than Statewide Over the Year:

- Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+18,500 Jobs)
- Education and Health Services (+12,000 Jobs)
- Professional and Business Services (+6,900 Jobs)
- Mining, Logging, and Construction (+6,400 Jobs)
- Financial Activities (+1,600 Jobs)
- Information (+800 Jobs)
- Manufacturing (+500 Jobs)
  
- Industries losing jobs over the year were:
  - Government (-2,000 Jobs)
  - Leisure and Hospitality (-1,300 Jobs)

**Additional Information**

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Apr-21	Apr-20	change	percent change	Apr-21	Apr-20	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,188,700	1,138,100	50,600	4.4	8,609,500	7,854,000	755,500	9.6
Mining, Logging, and Construction	86,000	79,600	6,400	8.0	570,500	542,600	27,900	5.1
Manufacturing	47,300	46,800	500	1.1	382,500	361,000	21,500	6.0
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	226,800	208,300	18,500	8.9	1,742,700	1,596,300	146,400	9.2
Wholesale Trade	44,500	43,600	900	2.1	344,500	334,200	10,300	3.1
Retail Trade	139,100	123,600	15,500	12.5	1,055,500	937,900	117,600	12.5
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	43,200	41,100	2,100	5.1	342,700	324,200	18,500	5.7
Information	24,500	23,700	800	3.4	129,500	125,900	3,600	2.9
Financial Activities	76,800	75,200	1,600	2.1	600,800	577,400	23,400	4.1
Professional and Business Services	212,800	205,900	6,900	3.4	1,387,300	1,273,500	113,800	8.9
Education and Health Services	160,600	148,600	12,000	8.1	1,330,800	1,235,400	95,400	7.7
Leisure and Hospitality	186,300	187,600	-1,300	-0.7	1,034,200	735,700	298,500	40.6
Other Services	40,700	33,500	7,200	21.5	331,600	275,300	56,300	20.5
Government	126,900	128,900	-2,000	-1.6	1,099,600	1,130,900	-31,300	-2.8

\*Compared to all Metro Areas in the State

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



<b>Population</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
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

<b>Average Annual Wage</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
CareerSource Central Florida	\$49,141	\$47,715	\$1,426	3.0
Lake County	\$39,064	\$38,235	\$829	2.2
Orange County	\$51,501	\$49,944	\$1,557	3.1
Osceola County	\$38,797	\$37,709	\$1,088	2.9
Seminole County	\$50,134	\$48,710	\$1,424	2.9
Sumter County	\$42,794	\$41,043	\$1,751	4.3
Florida	\$51,744	\$50,092	\$1,652	3.3

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