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## **Central Florida's Unemployment Rate At 5.0% for August 2021, Equals the State's Rate**

**Orlando, Fla.,**— The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida (CSCF) region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 5.0% in August 2021, which equals the state rate. This rate was 5.6 percentage points lower than the region's rate of 10.6% during the same timeframe last year. The labor force was 1,382,268 up 65,936 (+5.0) over the year. There were 69,777 unemployed residents in the region.

### **Unemployment Rates**

Central Florida's Lowest Unemployment Rates:

- Seminole County had the lowest unemployment rate (4.3%) in the CSCF region followed by Lake County (5.0%), Orange County (5.0%), Osceola County (6.0%), and Sumter County (6.4%).

<b>Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Aug-21</b>	<b>Jul-21</b>	<b>Aug-20</b>
CareerSource Central Florida	5.0%	5.3%	10.6%
Lake County	5.0%	5.2%	8.7%
Orange County	5.0%	5.3%	11.3%
Osceola County	6.0%	6.3%	14.2%
Seminole County	4.3%	4.5%	7.3%
Sumter County	6.4%	6.5%	7.5%
Florida	5.0%	5.1%	8.0%
United States	5.3%	5.7%	8.5%

### **Job Growth Trends**

**Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA:**

- Nonagricultural employment was 1,236,400, an increase of 74,000 Jobs (+6.4%) over the year.
- Fastest Annual Job Growth\*
  - Financial Activities (+5.8%)
  - Education and Health Services (+5.5%)
  - Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+4.5%)

\*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 (+4.3%)
- Government (+2.7%)
- Highest Annual Job Growth\*
  - Education and Health Services (+8,500 Jobs)
  - Government (+3,400 Jobs)
- Second Highest Annual Job Growth\*
  - Leisure and Hospitality (+28,100 Jobs)
  - Trade and Transportation, and Utilities (+10,000 Jobs)
  - Financial Activities (+4,400 Jobs)
  - Information (+1,000 Jobs)
- Third Highest Annual Growth
  - Professional and Business Services (+7,600 Jobs)
  - Mining, Logging, and Construction (+3,500 Jobs)

### **The Villages MSA:**

- Nonagricultural employment in The Villages MSA was 31,500, an increase of 400 jobs (+1.3 percent) over the year.

### **Trends in High Growth Industries (HGI):**

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

- Leisure and Hospitality (+28,100 Jobs)
- Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+10,000 Jobs)
- Education and Health Services (+8,500 Jobs)
- Professional and Business Services (+7,600 Jobs)
- Financial Activities (+4,400 Jobs)
- Mining, Logging, and Construction (+3,500 Jobs)
- Government (+3,400 Jobs)
- Information (+1,000 Jobs)
- Manufacturing (+300 Jobs)

\*Compared to all Metro Areas in the State

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## Additional Information

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Aug-21	Aug-20	change	percent change	Aug-21	Aug-20	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,236,400	1,162,400	74,000	6.4	8,753,200	8,347,500	405,700	4.9
Mining, Logging, and Construction	85,300	81,800	3,500	4.3	578,700	566,600	12,100	2.1
Manufacturing	48,200	47,900	300	0.6	381,500	372,500	9,000	2.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	234,500	224,500	10,000	4.5	1,775,000	1,723,800	51,200	3.0
Wholesale Trade	46,100	44,200	1,900	4.3	353,800	339,200	14,600	4.3
Retail Trade	144,000	138,000	6,000	4.3	1,061,400	1,048,300	13,100	1.2
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	44,400	42,300	2,100	5.0	359,800	336,300	23,500	7.0
Information	24,800	23,800	1,000	4.2	136,100	127,000	9,100	7.2
Financial Activities	80,300	75,900	4,400	5.8	622,500	591,200	31,300	5.3
Professional and Business Services	220,700	213,100	7,600	3.6	1,408,500	1,352,400	56,100	4.1
Education and Health Services	163,400	154,900	8,500	5.5	1,336,000	1,285,200	50,800	4.0
Leisure and Hospitality	205,800	177,700	28,100	15.8	1,082,400	930,600	151,800	16.3
Other Services	45,200	38,000	7,200	18.9	345,000	311,800	33,200	10.6
Government	128,200	124,800	3,400	2.7	1,087,500	1,086,400	1,100	0.1

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	\$49,141	\$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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