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Central Florida’s Unemployment Rate At 6.4% for February 2021, 1.7 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 6.4% in February 2021, which was higher than the state’s rate of 4.7%. This rate was 3.3 percentage point higher than the region’s rate of 3.1% during the same timeframe last year. The labor force was 1,308,487, down 105,573 (-7.5) over the year. There were 84,102 unemployed residents in the region.

Unemployment Rates

Central Florida’s Lowest Unemployment Rates:

- Seminole County had the lowest unemployment rate (4.4%) in the CSCF region followed by Sumter County (4.5%), Lake County (5.1%), Orange County (6.9%), and Osceola County (8.8%).

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)			
	Feb-21	Jan-21	Feb-20
CareerSource Central Florida	6.4%	6.5%	3.1%
Lake County	5.1%	5.3%	3.3%
Orange County	6.9%	6.9%	3.0%
Osceola County	8.8%	8.4%	3.3%
Seminole County	4.4%	4.7%	3.0%
Sumter County	4.5%	5.0%	4.9%
Florida	5.0%	5.3%	3.1%
United States	6.6%	6.8%	3.8%

Job Growth Trends

Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA:

- Nonagricultural employment was 1,176,300, a decrease of 168,500 Jobs (-12.5%) over the year.
- Industries losing jobs over the year were:
 - Leisure and Hospitality (-102,100 Jobs)
 - Professional Businesses and Services (-23,400 Jobs)
 - Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-14,400 Jobs)
 - Education and Health Services (-8,800 Jobs)
 - Financial Activities (-4,000 Jobs)

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



- Government (-3,700 Jobs)
- Manufacturing (-2,900 Jobs)
- Mining, Logging, and Construction (-2,400)
- Information (-1,200 Jobs)

The Villages MSA:

- Nonagricultural employment in The Villages MSA was 31,700, a decrease of 1,400 jobs (-4.2 percent) over the year.

Additional Information

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Feb-21	Feb-20	change	percent change	Feb-21	Feb-20	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,176,300	1,344,800	-168,500	-12.5	8,532,900	9,110,400	-577,500	-6.3
Mining, Logging, and Construction	84,500	86,900	-2,400	-2.8	563,600	580,000	-16,400	-2.8
Manufacturing	47,100	50,000	-2,900	-5.8	377,400	389,500	-12,100	-3.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	227,900	242,300	-14,400	-5.9	1,756,700	1,815,700	-59,000	-3.2
Wholesale Trade	44,400	46,600	-2,200	-4.7	342,900	356,900	-14,000	-3.9
Retail Trade	140,300	149,200	-8,900	-6.0	1,064,300	1,101,800	-37,500	-3.4
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	43,200	46,500	-3,300	-7.1	349,500	357,000	-7,500	-2.1
Information	24,700	25,900	-1,200	-4.6	129,400	139,600	-10,200	-7.3
Financial Activities	76,600	80,600	-4,000	-5.0	598,900	602,700	-3,800	-0.6
Professional and Business Services	213,600	237,000	-23,400	-9.9	1,372,600	1,409,800	-37,200	-2.6
Education and Health Services	157,000	165,800	-8,800	-5.3	1,315,400	1,375,900	-60,500	-4.4
Leisure and Hospitality	178,500	280,600	-102,100	-36.4	994,900	1,287,500	-292,600	-22.7
Other Services	39,800	45,400	-5,600	-12.3	325,000	355,800	-30,800	-8.7
Government	126,600	130,300	-3,700	-2.8	1,099,000	1,153,900	-54,900	-4.8

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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