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## **Central Florida’s Unemployment Rate At 5.8% for January 2021, 1.0 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 5.8% in January 2021, which was higher than the state’s rate of 4.8%. This rate was 2.3 percentage point higher than the region’s rate of 3.5% during the same timeframe last year. The labor force was 1,278,013, down 127,660 (-9.1) over the year. There were 73,937 unemployed residents in the region.

### **Unemployment Rates**

Central Florida’s Lowest Unemployment Rates:

- Seminole County had the lowest unemployment rate (4.8%) in the CSCF region followed by Lake County (5.4%), Orange County (5.9%), Sumter County (6.0%), and Osceola County (7.0%).

<b>Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)</b>			
	<b>Jan-21</b>	<b>Dec-20</b>	<b>Jan-20</b>
CareerSource Central Florida	5.8%	4.2%	3.5%
Lake County	5.4%	4.0%	3.7%
Orange County	5.9%	4.3%	3.3%
Osceola County	7.0%	4.9%	3.8%
Seminole County	4.8%	3.4%	3.4%
Sumter County	6.0%	4.7%	5.3%
Florida	5.3%	4.2%	3.4%
United States	6.8%	6.5%	4.0%

### **Job Growth Trends**

**Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA:**

- Nonagricultural employment was 1,162,200, a decrease of 172,400 Jobs (-12.9%) over the year.
- Industries losing jobs over the year were:
  - Leisure and Hospitality (-105,400 Jobs)
  - Professional Businesses and Services (-22,500 Jobs)
  - Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-16,500 Jobs)
  - Education and Health Services (-9,200 Jobs)
  - Financial Activities (-4,200 Jobs)

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



- Government (-3,000 Jobs)
- Manufacturing (-2,700 Jobs)
- Mining, Logging, and Construction (-1,600)
- Information (-1,200 Jobs)

### The Villages MSA:

- Nonagricultural employment was 31,400, a decrease of 1,500 Jobs (-4.6%) over the year.

### Additional Information

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Jan-21	Jan-20	change	percent change	Jan-21	Jan-20	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,162,200	1,334,600	-172,400	-12.9	8,463,100	9,045,900	-582,800	-6.4
Mining, Logging, and Construction	84,400	86,000	-1,600	-1.9	561,500	573,400	-11,900	-2.1
Manufacturing	47,000	49,700	-2,700	-5.4	375,700	387,700	-12,000	-3.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	228,100	244,700	-16,600	-6.8	1,756,300	1,827,900	-71,600	-3.9
Wholesale Trade	44,200	46,400	-2,200	-4.7	342,400	354,900	-12,500	-3.5
Retail Trade	140,500	150,600	-10,100	-6.7	1,066,200	1,107,800	-41,600	-3.8
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	43,400	47,700	-4,300	-9.0	347,700	365,200	-17,500	-4.8
Information	24,500	25,700	-1,200	-4.7	126,900	138,200	-11,300	-8.2
Financial Activities	75,900	80,100	-4,200	-5.2	593,800	600,300	-6,500	-1.1
Professional and Business Services	213,600	236,100	-22,500	-9.5	1,358,700	1,397,400	-38,700	-2.8
Education and Health Services	155,200	164,400	-9,200	-5.6	1,304,800	1,361,200	-56,400	-4.1
Leisure and Hospitality	168,500	273,900	-105,400	-38.5	973,000	1,260,300	-287,300	-22.8
Other Services	39,100	45,100	-6,000	-13.3	322,000	353,500	-31,500	-8.9
Government	125,900	128,900	-3,000	-2.3	1,090,400	1,146,000	-55,600	-4.9

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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