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Central Florida’s Unemployment Rate At 3.9% for January 2022, 0.4 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 3.9% in January 2022, which was higher than the state’s rate of 3.5%. This rate was 3.2 percentage point lower than the region’s rate of 7.1% during the same timeframe last year. The labor force was 1,404,630, up 89,828 (+6.8%) over the year. There were 54,211 unemployed residents in the region.

Unemployment Rates

Central Florida’s Lowest Unemployment Rates:

- Seminole County had the lowest unemployment rate (3.2%) in the CSCF region followed by Lake County (3.7%), Orange County (3.8%), Osceola County (4.7%), and Sumter County (4.8%).

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)	Jan-22	Dec-21	Jan-21
CareerSource Central Florida	3.9%	3.2%	7.1%
Lake County	3.7%	3.0%	6.4%
Orange County	3.8%	3.2%	7.3%
Osceola County	4.7%	4.0%	8.8%
Seminole County	3.2%	2.6%	5.6%
Sumter County	4.8%	3.6%	6.6%
Florida	3.5%	2.9%	6.1%
United States	4.4%	3.7%	6.8%

Job Growth Trends

Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA:

- Nonagricultural employment was 1,321,700, a decrease of 110,500 Jobs (+9.1%) over the year.
- Fastest Annual Job Growth*
 - Leisure and Hospitality (+29.2%)
- Second Highest Annual Job Growth*
 - Professional and Business Services (+20,300 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 (+2,200 Jobs)
- Third Highest Annual Job Growth*
 - Education and Health Services (+2,900 Jobs)
- Third Fastest Annual Job Growth*
 - Financial Activities (+8.6 %)
 - Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+6.9%)

The Villages MSA:

- Nonagricultural employment in The Villages MSA was 35,600 an increase of 1,600 jobs (+4.7 percent) over the year.

Trends in High Growth Industries (HGIs)

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

- Leisure and Hospitality (+55,400 Jobs)
- Professional and Business Services (+20,300 Jobs)
- Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+16,700 Jobs)
- Financial Activities (+6,800 Jobs)
- Education and Health Services (+2,900 Jobs)
- Information (+2,500 Jobs)
- Mining, logging, and Construction (+2,200 Jobs)
- Manufacturing (+600 Jobs)
- Government (+400 Jobs)

Additional Information

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Jan-22	Jan-21	change	percent change	Jan-22	Jan-21	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,321,700	1,211,200	110,500	9.1	9,137,900	8,643,700	494,200	5.7
Mining, Logging, and Construction	83,600	81,400	2,200	2.7	581,000	566,800	14,200	2.5
Manufacturing	49,600	49,000	600	1.2	392,600	379,600	13,000	3.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	257,100	240,400	16,700	6.9	1,903,000	1,805,400	97,600	5.4
Wholesale Trade	47,700	45,700	2,000	4.4	367,600	347,600	20,000	5.8
Retail Trade	151,000	142,500	8,500	6.0	1,128,800	1,075,800	53,000	4.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	58,400	52,200	6,200	11.9	406,600	382,000	24,600	6.4
Information	26,100	23,600	2,500	10.6	142,000	131,200	10,800	8.2
Financial Activities	85,900	79,100	6,800	8.6	635,100	602,300	32,800	5.4
Professional and Business Services	241,900	221,600	20,300	9.2	1,497,300	1,394,700	102,600	7.4
Education and Health Services	164,300	161,400	2,900	1.8	1,348,200	1,322,100	26,100	2.0
Leisure and Hospitality	245,300	189,900	55,400	29.2	1,191,800	1,016,900	174,900	17.2
Other Services	42,000	39,300	2,700	6.9	340,700	323,400	17,300	5.3
Government	125,900	125,500	400	0.3	1,106,200	1,101,300	4,900	0.4

*Compared to all Metro Areas in the State

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Population	2020	2019	change	percent change
CareerSource Central Florida	2,778,392	2,742,045	36,347	1.3
Lake County	375,492	366,941	8,551	2.3
Orange County	1,404,396	1,395,371	9,025	0.6
Osceola County	385,315	374,170	11,145	3.0
Seminole County	474,171	471,791	2,380	0.5
Sumter County	139,018	133,772	5,246	3.9
Florida	21,733,312	21,492,056	241,256	1.1

Average Annual Wage	2020	2019	change	percent change
CareerSource Central Florida	\$53,450	\$49,141	\$4,309	8.8
Lake County	\$42,000	\$39,064	\$2,936	7.5
Orange County	\$56,586	\$51,501	\$5,085	9.9
Osceola County	\$41,409	\$38,797	\$2,612	6.7
Seminole County	\$53,859	\$50,134	\$3,725	7.4
Sumter County	\$45,796	\$42,794	\$3,002	7.0
Florida	\$55,845	\$51,744	\$4,101	7.9

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