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Central Florida’s Unemployment Rate At 5.3% for July 2021, 0.2 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 5.3% in July 2021, which was higher than the state’s rate of 5.1%. This rate was 10.2 percentage points lower than the region’s rate of 15.5% during the same timeframe last year. The labor force was 1,374,975, up 17,275 (+1.3) over the year. There were 73,328 unemployed residents in the region.

Unemployment Rates

Central Florida’s Lowest Unemployment Rates:

- Seminole County had the lowest unemployment rate (4.5%) in the CSCF region followed by Lake County (5.2%), Orange County (5.3%), Osceola County (6.3%), and Sumter County (6.5%).

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)	Jul-21	Jun-21	Jul-20
CareerSource Central Florida	5.3%	6.0%	15.5%
Lake County	5.2%	5.9%	12.8%
Orange County	5.3%	6.1%	16.5%
Osceola County	6.3%	7.2%	20.3%
Seminole County	4.5%	5.1%	10.8%
Sumter County	6.5%	7.2%	11.0%
Florida	5.1%	5.7%	11.9%
United States	5.7%	6.1%	10.5%

Job Growth Trends

Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA:

- Nonagricultural employment was 1,215,700, an increase of 71,300 Jobs (+6.2%) over the year.
- Fastest Annual Job Growth*
 - Leisure and Hospitality Services (+18.1%)
 - Education and Health Services (+6.7%)
 - Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+4.7%)
 - Mining, logging, and Construction (+4.2%)

*Compared to all Metro Areas in the State

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



- Financial Activities (+4.1%)
- Third Highest Annual Job Growth*
 - Mining, Logging, and Construction (+3,400 Jobs)
 - Financial Activities (+3,100 Jobs)

The Villages MSA:

- Nonagricultural employment in The Villages MSA was 30,600, an increase of 100 jobs (+0.3 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 (+31,300 Jobs)
- Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+10,500 Jobs)
- Education and Health Services (+10,200 Jobs)
- Professional and Business Services (+6,700 Jobs)
- Mining, Logging, and Construction (+3,400 Jobs)
- Financial Activities (+3,100 Jobs)
- Information (+1,000 Jobs)
- Industries losing jobs over the year were:
 - Government (-600 Jobs)
 - Manufacturing (-400 Jobs)

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Additional Information

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Jul-21	Jul-20	change	percent change	Jul-21	Jul-20	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,215,700	1,144,400	71,300	6.2	8,654,600	8,252,100	402,500	4.9
Mining, Logging, and Construction	85,100	81,700	3,400	4.2	580,200	565,000	15,200	2.7
Manufacturing	47,600	48,000	-400	-0.8	382,500	372,300	10,200	2.7
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	232,700	222,200	10,500	4.7	1,775,100	1,709,700	65,400	3.8
Wholesale Trade	45,800	44,000	1,800	4.1	351,600	338,700	12,900	3.8
Retail Trade	142,800	136,200	6,600	4.8	1,069,700	1,038,500	31,200	3.0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	44,100	42,000	2,100	5.0	353,800	332,500	21,300	6.4
Information	24,600	23,600	1,000	4.2	132,900	126,100	6,800	5.4
Financial Activities	78,700	75,600	3,100	4.1	612,900	589,300	23,600	4.0
Professional and Business Services	217,100	210,400	6,700	3.2	1,393,800	1,335,400	58,400	4.4
Education and Health Services	163,100	152,900	10,200	6.7	1,325,500	1,272,800	52,700	4.1
Leisure and Hospitality	204,000	172,700	31,300	18.1	1,085,800	931,800	154,000	16.5
Other Services	44,000	37,900	6,100	16.1	345,300	312,500	32,800	10.5
Government	118,800	119,400	-600	-0.5	1,020,600	1,037,200	-16,600	-1.6

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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