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Central Florida’s Unemployment Rate At 5.5% for March 2021, 0.8 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 5.5% in March 2021, which was higher than the state’s rate of 4.7%. This rate was 0.3 percentage point higher than the region’s rate of 5.2% during the same timeframe last year. The labor force was 1,301,723, down 128,561 (-9.0) over the year. There were 71,303 unemployed residents in the region.

Unemployment Rates

Central Florida’s Lowest Unemployment Rates:

- Seminole County had the lowest unemployment rate (4.7%) in the CSCF region followed by Lake County (5.3%), Orange County (5.5%), Osceola County (6.4%) and Sumter County (6.6%).

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)	Mar-21	Feb-21	Mar-20
CareerSource Central Florida	5.5%	5.2%	5.2%
Lake County	5.3%	4.9%	5.4%
Orange County	5.5%	5.3%	5.0%
Osceola County	6.4%	6.1%	5.6%
Seminole County	4.7%	4.4%	4.9%
Sumter County	6.6%	5.8%	7.5%
Florida	5.3%	5.1%	5.0%
United States	6.2%	6.6%	4.5%

Job Growth Trends

Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA:

- Nonagricultural employment was 1,180,800, a decrease of 154,800 Jobs (-11.6%) over the year.
- Industries losing jobs over the year were:
 - Leisure and Hospitality (-97,000 Jobs)
 - Professional Businesses and Services (-21,600 Jobs)
 - Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-11,600 Jobs)
 - Education and Health Services (-7,300 Jobs)

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



- Financial Activities (-4,200 Jobs)
- Government (-3,500 Jobs)
- Manufacturing (-3,200 Jobs)
- Information (-900 Jobs)
- Mining, Logging, and Construction (-800)

The Villages MSA:

- Nonagricultural employment in The Villages MSA was 31,700, a decrease of 1,600 jobs (-4.8 percent) over the year.

Additional Information

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Mar-21	Mar-20	change	percent change	Mar-21	Mar-20	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,180,800	1,335,600	-154,800	-11.6	8,599,500	9,047,400	-447,900	-5.0
Mining, Logging, and Construction	85,800	86,600	-800	-0.9	569,600	578,000	-8,400	-1.5
Manufacturing	46,800	50,000	-3,200	-6.4	381,400	387,800	-6,400	-1.7
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	228,900	240,500	-11,600	-4.8	1,760,600	1,806,200	-45,600	-2.5
Wholesale Trade	44,700	46,500	-1,800	-3.9	346,300	356,000	-9,700	-2.7
Retail Trade	140,000	148,400	-8,400	-5.7	1,062,900	1,096,700	-33,800	-3.1
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	44,200	45,600	-1,400	-3.1	351,400	353,500	-2,100	-0.6
Information	24,600	25,500	-900	-3.5	130,200	137,800	-7,600	-5.5
Financial Activities	76,200	80,400	-4,200	-5.2	599,000	601,000	-2,000	-0.3
Professional and Business Services	213,000	234,600	-21,600	-9.2	1,380,200	1,394,500	-14,300	-1.0
Education and Health Services	157,700	165,000	-7,300	-4.4	1,322,700	1,366,900	-44,200	-3.2
Leisure and Hospitality	181,100	278,100	-97,000	-34.9	1,026,900	1,269,800	-242,900	-19.1
Other Services	39,900	44,600	-4,700	-10.5	327,500	352,400	-24,900	-7.1
Government	126,800	130,300	-3,500	-2.7	1,101,400	1,153,000	-51,600	-4.5

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

*Compared to all Metro Areas in the State

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



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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