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Central Florida’s Unemployment Rate At 5.4% for May 2021, 0.5 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 5.4% in May 2021, which was higher than the state’s rate of 4.9%. This rate was 17.0 percentage points lower than the region’s rate of 22.4% during the same timeframe last year. The labor force was 1,339,727, down 39,216 (-2.8) over the year. There were 72,772 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 (5.1%), Orange County (5.5%), Sumter County (5.8%) and Osceola County (6.6%).

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)	May-21	Apr-21	May-20
CareerSource Central Florida	5.4%	5.6%	22.4%
Lake County	5.1%	5.3%	19.8%
Orange County	5.5%	5.7%	23.4%
Osceola County	6.6%	6.7%	30.6%
Seminole County	4.5%	4.7%	14.5%
Sumter County	5.8%	6.1%	13.1%
Florida	5.0%	5.2%	14.3%
United States	5.5%	5.7%	13.0%

Job Growth Trends

Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA:

- Nonagricultural employment was 1,200,900, an increase of 109,700 Jobs (+10.1%) over the year.
- Faster Annual Job Growth*
 - Leisure and Hospitality Services (+46.3%)
 - Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+7.9%)
 - Education and Health Services (+6.6%)
 - Mining, Logging, and Constructions (+4.2%)

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



- Second Highest Annual Job Growth*
 - Mining, Logging and Construction (+3,500 jobs)
- Third Highest Annual Job Growth*
 - Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+18,500 jobs)

The Villages MSA:

- Nonagricultural employment in The Villages MSA was 31,400, an increase of 900 jobs (+3.0 percent) over the year.

Trends in High Growth Industries (HGI):

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

- Leisure and Hospitality (+60,000 Jobs)
- Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+16,800 Jobs)
- Professional and Business Services (+12,200 Jobs)
- Education and Health Services (+10,200 Jobs)
- Mining, Logging, and Construction (+3,500 Jobs)
- Financial Services (+3,100 Jobs)
- Information (+1,000 Jobs)
- Industries losing jobs over the year were:
 - Government (-1,600 Jobs)
 - Manufacturing (-500 Jobs)

Additional Information

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	May-21	May-20	change	percent change	May-21	May-20	change	percent change
	Total Employment	1,200,900	1,091,200	109,700	10.1	8,649,100	8,064,100	585,000
Mining, Logging, and Construction	85,900	82,400	3,500	4.2	581,500	563,500	18,000	3.2
Manufacturing	47,400	47,900	-500	-1.0	381,600	369,000	12,600	3.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	228,800	212,000	16,800	7.9	1,755,200	1,640,100	115,100	7.0
Wholesale Trade	44,700	43,600	1,100	2.5	347,600	336,800	10,800	3.2
Retail Trade	140,800	127,300	13,500	10.6	1,058,400	975,400	83,000	8.5
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	43,300	41,100	2,200	5.4	349,200	327,900	21,300	6.5
Information	24,600	23,600	1,000	4.2	131,100	126,100	5,000	4.0
Financial Activities	77,400	74,300	3,100	4.2	605,100	579,000	26,100	4.5
Professional and Business Services	216,300	204,100	12,200	6.0	1,394,600	1,297,300	97,300	7.5
Education and Health Services	164,000	153,800	10,200	6.6	1,330,100	1,270,400	59,700	4.7
Leisure and Hospitality	189,600	129,600	60,000	46.3	1,040,900	799,800	241,100	30.1
Other Services	41,300	36,300	5,000	13.8	334,100	296,900	37,200	12.5
Government	125,600	127,200	-1,600	-1.3	1,094,900	1,122,000	-27,100	-2.4

*Compared to all Metro Areas in the State
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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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