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CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 2.7 PERCENT FOR APRIL 2019

Orlando, Fla. – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 2.7 percent in April 2019. This rate was 0.5 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 3.2 percent. The region's April 2019 unemployment rate was 0.2 percentage point lower than the state rate of 2.9 percent. The labor force was 1,375,530, up 21,724 (+1.6) over the year. There were 37,673 unemployed residents in the region.

“The outlook is extremely encouraging for both career seekers and businesses alike with the region’s unemployment rate at its lowest since the start of the year,” said CareerSource Central Florida President and CEO Pamela Nabors. “Meeting business needs and providing skills training for career seekers, especially in higher growth industries like construction and information technology, continue to benefit the Central Florida economy.”

HIGHLIGHTS



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: Down .5% from last year



LABOR FORCE UP: 21,724 over the year



NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT: Increase of 44,600 jobs over the year



IN-DEMAND INDUSTRY GROWTH: Professional & Business Services +15,300 jobs

- Orange County and Seminole County had the lowest unemployment rate (2.6 percent) in the CareerSource Central Florida region followed by Lake County (2.9 percent), Osceola County (2.9 percent), and Sumter County (4.4 percent).
- In April 2019 nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA was 1,333,800, an increase of 44,600 jobs (+3.5 percent) over the year.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in professional and business services (+15,300 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+8,700 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+4,700 jobs); and manufacturing (+3,100 jobs) in April 2019.



- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in information (+0.4 percent) in April 2019.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the second highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in education and health services (+5,900 jobs); government (+1,900 jobs); and information (+100 jobs) in April 2019.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA was tied for the third highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in trade, transportation, and utilities (+2,300 jobs); financial activities (+1,300 jobs); and other services (+1,300 jobs) in April 2019.
- The manufacturing (+6.8 percent); professional and business services (+6.7 percent); mining, logging, and construction (+5.8 percent); education and health services (+3.8 percent); leisure and hospitality (+3.3 percent); other services (+2.9 percent); government (+1.5 percent); and information (+0.4 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: professional and business services (+15,300 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+8,700 jobs); education and health services (+5,900 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+4,700 jobs); manufacturing (+3,100 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+2,300 jobs); government (+1,900 jobs); financial activities (+1,300 jobs); other services (+1,300 jobs); and information (+100 jobs).
- In April 2019 nonagricultural employment in The Villages MSA was 31,000, an increase of 1,000 jobs (+3.3 percent) over the year.

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)	Apr-19	Mar-18	Apr-18
CareerSource Central Florida	2.7%	3.1%	3.2%
Lake County	2.9%	3.3%	3.4%
Orange County	2.6%	2.9%	3.1%
Osceola County	2.9%	3.3%	3.5%
Seminole County	2.6%	3.0%	3.1%
Sumter County	4.4%	4.9%	4.9%
Florida	2.9%	3.3%	3.4%
United States	3.3%	3.9%	3.7%



Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Apr-19	Apr-18	Change	Percent Change	Apr-19	Apr-18	Change	Percent Change
Total Employment	1,333,800	1,289,200	44,600	3.5	8,991,700	8,779,300	212,400	2.4
Mining, Logging, and Construction	85,600	80,900	4,700	5.8	562,100	542,200	19,900	3.7
Manufacturing	49,000	45,900	3,100	6.8	380,200	369,100	11,100	3.0
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	239,000	236,700	2,300	1.0	1,790,900	1,765,400	25,500	1.4
Wholesale Trade	45,900	44,400	1,500	3.4	349,700	344,800	4,900	1.4
Retail Trade	149,100	150,000	-900	-0.6	1,128,600	1,123,800	4,800	0.4
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	44,000	42,300	1,700	4.0	312,600	296,800	15,800	5.3
Information	25,100	25,000	100	0.4	136,600	138,500	-1,900	-1.4
Financial Activities	77,100	75,800	1,300	1.7	590,800	572,300	18,500	3.2
Professional and Business Services	244,500	229,200	15,300	6.7	1,399,600	1,355,200	44,400	3.3
Education and Health Services	161,700	155,800	5,900	3.8	1,349,700	1,303,100	46,600	3.6
Leisure and Hospitality	274,600	265,900	8,700	3.3	1,279,800	1,246,600	33,200	2.7
Other Services	45,400	44,100	1,300	2.9	362,200	354,700	7,500	2.1
Government	131,800	129,900	1,900	1.5	1,139,800	1,132,200	7,600	0.7

Population	2018	2017	Change	Percent Change
CareerSource Central Florida	2,701,716	2,637,850	63,866	2.4
Lake County	356,495	345,087	11,408	3.3
Orange County	1,380,645	1,352,933	27,712	2.0
Osceola County	367,990	352,661	15,329	4.3
Seminole County	467,832	462,236	5,596	1.2
Sumter County	128,754	124,933	3,821	3.1
Florida	21,299,325	20,976,812	322,513	1.5

Average Annual Wage	2017	2016	change	percent change
CareerSource Central Florida	\$46,018	\$44,768	\$1,250	2.8
Lake County	\$36,595	\$36,002	\$593	1.6
Orange County	\$48,198	\$47,014	\$1,184	2.5
Osceola County	\$36,852	\$36,234	\$618	1.7
Seminole County	\$46,698	\$44,588	\$2,110	4.7
Sumter County	\$39,789	\$38,062	\$1,727	4.5
Florida	\$48,460	\$47,055	\$1,405	3.0



Note: All data are subject to revision. Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research.

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