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CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 3.1 PERCENT FOR MARCH 2019

Orlando, Fla. – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 3.1 percent in March 2019. This rate was 0.3 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 3.4 percent. The region's March 2019 unemployment rate was 0.2 percentage point lower than the state rate of 3.3 percent. The labor force was 1,386,439, up 29,331 (+2.2) over the year. There were 42,287 unemployed residents in the region.

- Orange County had the lowest unemployment rate (2.9 percent) in the CareerSource Central Florida region followed by Seminole County (3.0 percent), Lake County (3.3 percent), Osceola County (3.3 percent), and Sumter County (4.9 percent).
- In March 2019 nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA was 1,334,900, an increase of 47,400 jobs (+3.7 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 (+19,100 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+10,100 jobs); and manufacturing (+3,000 jobs) in March 2019.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in professional and business services (+8.4 percent) in March 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 (+4,400 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+3,800 jobs); and trade, transportation, and utilities services (+2,800 jobs) in March 2019.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA was tied for the highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in government (+1,700 jobs) in March 2019.
- The professional and business services (+8.4 percent); manufacturing (+6.5 percent); mining, logging, and construction (+4.7 percent); leisure and hospitality (+3.8 percent); other services (+2.7 percent); and government (+1.3 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 (+19,100 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+10,100 jobs); education and health services (+4,400 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+3,800 jobs); manufacturing (+3,000 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+2,800 jobs); government (+1,700 jobs); financial activities (+1,300 jobs); and other services (+1,200 jobs).
- The information industry was unchanged over the year.
- In March 2019 nonagricultural employment in The Villages MSA was 30,900, an increase of 700 jobs (+2.3 percent) over the year.

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)	Mar-19	Feb-19	Mar-18
CareerSource Central Florida	3.1%	3.2%	3.4%
Lake County	3.3%	3.5%	3.6%
Orange County	2.9%	3.1%	3.3%
Osceola County	3.3%	3.5%	3.7%
Seminole County	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%
Sumter County	4.9%	5.1%	5.2%
Florida	3.3%	3.4%	3.7%
United States	3.9%	4.1%	4.1%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Mar-19	Mar-18	change	percent change	Mar-19	Mar-18	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,334,900	1,287,500	47,400	3.7	8,986,400	8,776,200	210,200	2.4
Mining, Logging, and Construction	84,500	80,700	3,800	4.7	560,900	540,400	20,500	3.8
Manufacturing	48,900	45,900	3,000	6.5	381,500	369,000	12,500	3.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	239,500	236,700	2,800	1.2	1,794,900	1,767,000	27,900	1.6
Wholesale Trade	45,500	44,400	1,100	2.5	350,900	344,300	6,600	1.9
Retail Trade	149,500	150,200	-700	-0.5	1,132,300	1,125,400	6,900	0.6
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	44,500	42,100	2,400	5.7	311,700	297,300	14,400	4.8
Information	25,400	25,400	0	0.0	138,100	139,500	-1,400	-1.0
Financial Activities	76,800	75,500	1,300	1.7	590,000	571,000	19,000	3.3
Professional and Business Services	247,200	228,100	19,100	8.4	1,401,000	1,349,500	51,500	3.8
Education and Health Services	160,100	155,700	4,400	2.8	1,343,600	1,300,800	42,800	3.3
Leisure and Hospitality	275,200	265,100	10,100	3.8	1,275,200	1,249,200	26,000	2.1
Other Services	45,500	44,300	1,200	2.7	363,700	354,500	9,200	2.6
Government	131,800	130,100	1,700	1.3	1,137,500	1,135,300	2,200	0.2



Population	2017	2016	change	percent change
CareerSource Central Florida	2,634,996	2,575,454	59,542	2.3
Lake County	346,017	335,431	10,586	3.2
Orange County	1,348,975	1,323,598	25,377	1.9
Osceola County	352,180	337,990	14,190	4.2
Seminole County	462,659	456,314	6,345	1.4
Sumter County	125,165	122,121	3,044	2.5
Florida	20,984,400	20,656,589	327,811	1.6

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