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CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 2.8 PERCENT FOR NOVEMBER 2018

Orlando, Fla. – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 2.8 percent in November 2018. This rate was 0.7 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 3.5 percent. The region's November 2018 unemployment rate was 0.2 percentage point lower than the state rate of 3.0 percent. The labor force was 1,390,139, up 50,048 (+3.7) over the year. There were 38,338 unemployed residents in the region.

- Orange and Seminole counties had the lowest unemployment rate (2.6 percent) in the CareerSource Central Florida region followed by Lake County (2.9 percent), Osceola County (3.0 percent), and Sumter County (4.6 percent).
- In November 2018 nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA was 1,332,200, an increase of 60,800 jobs (+4.8 percent) over the year.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the third fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in other services (+4.7 percent) in November 2018.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in leisure and hospitality (+16,200 jobs); mining, logging, and professional and business services (+15,700 jobs); and construction (+11,100 jobs) in November 2018.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in mining, logging, and construction (+14.7 percent) in November 2018.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the second fastest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in education and health services (+7,800); manufacturing (+3,200 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+2,500 jobs); and other services (+2,100 jobs) in November 2018.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the third highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in financial activities (+2,100 jobs) in November 2018.



- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA was tied for the third fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in education and health services (+5.1 percent) in November 2018.

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

- The mining, logging, and construction (+14.7 percent); professional and business services (+7.0 percent); manufacturing (+6.9 percent); leisure and hospitality (+6.3 percent); education and health services (+5.1 percent); and other services (+4.7 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: leisure and hospitality (+16,200 jobs); professional and business services (+15,700 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+11,100 jobs); education and health services (+7,800 jobs); manufacturing (+3,200 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+2,500 jobs); financial activities (+2,100 jobs); other services (+2,100 jobs); and information (+100 jobs).
- The government industry was unchanged over the year.
- In November 2018 nonagricultural employment in The Villages MSA was 29,000, an increase of 600 jobs (+2.1 percent) over the year.



Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)	Nov-18	Oct-18	Nov-17
CareerSource Central Florida	2.8%	2.7%	3.5%
Lake County	2.9%	2.9%	3.7%
Orange County	2.6%	2.6%	3.4%
Osceola County	3.0%	3.0%	3.9%
Seminole County	2.6%	2.6%	3.3%
Sumter County	4.6%	4.3%	5.4%
Florida	3.0%	3.0%	3.8%
United States	3.5%	3.5%	3.9%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Nov-18	Nov-17	change	percent change	Nov-18	Nov-17	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,332,200	1,271,400	60,800	4.8	8,954,000	8,711,500	242,500	2.8
Mining, Logging, and Construction	86,700	75,600	11,100	14.7	557,600	526,300	31,300	5.9
Manufacturing	49,300	46,100	3,200	6.9	377,900	366,600	11,300	3.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	243,400	240,900	2,500	1.0	1,814,300	1,786,600	27,700	1.6
Wholesale Trade	42,300	44,500	-2,200	-4.9	342,100	344,800	-2,700	-0.8
Retail Trade	157,700	156,400	1,300	0.8	1,157,600	1,147,500	10,100	0.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	43,400	40,000	3,400	8.5	314,600	294,300	20,300	6.9
Information	24,300	24,200	100	0.4	140,700	138,600	2,100	1.5
Financial Activities	78,500	76,400	2,100	2.7	591,000	571,900	19,100	3.3
Professional and Business Services	241,300	225,600	15,700	7.0	1,396,100	1,349,800	46,300	3.4
Education and Health Services	161,900	154,100	7,800	5.1	1,333,800	1,283,600	50,200	3.9
Leisure and Hospitality	272,800	256,600	16,200	6.3	1,260,300	1,207,100	53,200	4.4
Other Services	46,400	44,300	2,100	4.7	362,500	350,400	12,100	3.5
Government	127,600	127,600	0	0.0	1,119,800	1,130,600	-10,800	-1.0

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