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**CENTRAL FLORIDA’S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT  
 2.8% FOR SEPTEMBER 2019, 0.2 PERCENTAGE POINT  
 LOWER THAN THE STATE**

**Orlando, Fla.** – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida (CSCF) region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 2.8% in September 2019. This rate was 0.3 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 3.1%. The region's September 2019 unemployment rate was 0.2 percentage point lower than the state rate of 3%. The labor force was 1,430,792, up 49,483 (+3.6) over the year. There were 39,963 unemployed residents in the region.

**Unemployment Rates**

Central Florida’s Lowest Unemployment Rates:

- Seminole County had the lowest unemployment rate (2.6%) in the CSCF region followed by Orange County (2.7%), Lake County (2.9%), Osceola County (3.1%), and Sumter County (4.1%).

<b>Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Sep-19</b>	<b>Aug-19</b>	<b>Sep-18</b>
CareerSource Central Florida	2.8%	3.3%	3.1%
Lake County	2.9%	3.4%	3.2%
Orange County	2.7%	3.1%	2.9%
Osceola County	3.1%	3.6%	3.3%
Seminole County	2.6%	3.1%	2.9%
Sumter County	4.1%	5.2%	4.6%
Florida	3.0%	3.5%	3.3%
United States	3.3%	3.8%	3.6%

**Job Growth Trends**

**Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA:**

- Nonagricultural was 1,343,700, an Increase of 48,400 Jobs (+3.7%) Over the Year.
- Highest Annual Job Growth\*
  - Professional and Business Services (+21,100 Jobs)

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



- Leisure and Hospitality (+10,900 Jobs)
- Mining, Logging, and Construction (+6,200 Jobs)
- Manufacturing (+3,400 Jobs)
- Government (+2,800 Jobs)
  
- Tied for the Highest Annual Job Growth\*
  - Information (+100 Jobs)
  
- Fastest Annual Job Growth Rate\*
  - Professional and Business Services (+9.1%)
  - Manufacturing (+7.3%)
  
- Third Highest Annual Job Growth\*
  - Education and Health Services (+3,200 jobs)
  
- Third Fastest Annual Job Growth Rate\*
  - Information (+0.4%)
  
- Tied for the Third Fastest Annual Job Growth Rate\*
  - Government (+2.2%)

**The Villages MSA:**

- Nonagricultural Employment was 30,600, an Increase of 900 Jobs (+3%) Over the Year.

**Trends in High Growth Industries (HGIs):**

- The Following HGIs Grew Faster in the CSCF Region than Statewide Over the Year:
  - Professional and Business services (+9.1%)
  - Mining, Logging, and Construction (+7.4%)
  - Manufacturing (+7.3%)
  - Leisure and Hospitality (+4.1%)
  - Government (+2.2%)
  - Information (+0.4%)
  
- The Trade, Transportation, and Utilities Industry (-800 jobs) Lost Jobs Over the Year.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Sep-19	Sep-18	change	percent change	Sep-19	Sep-18	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,343,700	1,295,300	48,400	3.7	8,998,900	8,774,500	224,400	2.6
Mining, Logging, and Construction	89,500	83,300	6,200	7.4	575,600	553,800	21,800	3.9
Manufacturing	50,000	46,600	3,400	7.3	379,900	373,500	6,400	1.7
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	237,300	238,100	-800	-0.3	1,788,100	1,767,700	20,400	1.2

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



Wholesale Trade	45,400	45,000	400	0.9	352,300	346,000	6,300	1.8
Retail Trade	148,500	150,100	-1,600	-1.1	1,125,100	1,118,000	7,100	0.6
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	43,400	43,000	400	0.9	310,700	303,700	7,000	2.3
Information	25,000	24,900	100	0.4	135,700	137,700	-2,000	-1.5
Financial Activities	76,400	75,900	500	0.7	594,200	575,800	18,400	3.2
Professional and Business Services	252,000	230,900	21,100	9.1	1,414,800	1,368,000	46,800	3.4
Education and Health Services	159,700	156,500	3,200	2.0	1,367,500	1,309,600	57,900	4.4
Leisure and Hospitality	277,500	266,600	10,900	4.1	1,242,100	1,210,900	31,200	2.6
Other Services	44,800	43,800	1,000	2.3	364,300	353,200	11,100	3.1
Government	131,500	128,700	2,800	2.2	1,136,700	1,124,300	12,400	1.1

### Additional Information

<b>Population</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
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

<b>Average Annual Wage</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
CareerSource Central Florida	\$47,717	\$46,018	\$1,699	3.7
Lake County	\$38,237	\$36,595	\$1,642	4.5
Orange County	\$49,942	\$48,198	\$1,744	3.6
Osceola County	\$37,723	\$36,852	\$871	2.4
Seminole County	\$48,722	\$46,698	\$2,024	4.3
Sumter County	\$41,041	\$39,789	\$1,252	3.1
Florida	\$50,090	\$48,460	\$1,630	3.4