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Central Florida’s Unemployment Rate At 6.9% for December 2020, 0.8 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 6.9% in December 2020, which was higher than the state’s rate of 6.1%. This rate was 4.4 percentage point higher than the region’s rate of 2.5% during the same timeframe last year. The labor force was 1,327,314 down 77,648 (-5.5) over the year. There were 91,552 unemployed residents in the region.

Unemployment Rates

Central Florida’s Lowest Unemployment Rates:

- Seminole County had the lowest unemployment rate (5.2%) in the CSCF region followed by Sumter County (5.9%), Lake County (6.0%), Orange County (7.2%), and Osceola County (8.7%).

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)	Dec-20	Nov-20	Dec-19
CareerSource Central Florida	6.9%	7.4%	2.5%
Lake County	6.0%	6.2%	2.7%
Orange County	7.2%	7.8%	2.4%
Osceola County	8.7%	9.3%	2.8%
Seminole County	5.2%	5.4%	2.5%
Sumter County	5.9%	6.0%	3.9%
Florida	5.8%	6.2%	2.5%
United States	6.5%	6.4%	3.4%

Job Growth Trends

Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA:

- Nonagricultural employment was 1,223,300, a decrease of 130,000 Jobs (-9.6%) over the year.
- Industries losing jobs over the year were:
 - Leisure and Hospitality (-84,700 Jobs)
 - Education and Health Services (-10,100 Jobs)
 - Government (-9,700 Jobs)
 - Professional Businesses and Services (-6,100 Jobs)
 - Mining, Logging, and Construction (-4,900)

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



- Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-4,500 Jobs)
- Information (-1,200 Jobs)
- Financial Activities (-1,100 Jobs)
- Manufacturing (-800 Jobs)

The Villages MSA:

- Nonagricultural employment was 32,900, an increase of 300 Jobs (-0.9%) over the year

Additional Information

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Dec-20	Dec-19	change	percent change	Dec-20	Dec-19	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,223,300	1,353,300	-130,000	-9.6	8,710,100	9,128,300	-418,200	-4.6
Mining, Logging, and Construction	83,800	88,700	-4,900	-5.5	572,200	582,100	-9,900	-1.7
Manufacturing	48,400	49,200	-800	-1.6	385,000	389,400	-4,400	-1.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	247,600	252,100	-4,500	-1.8	1,832,200	1,876,000	-43,800	-2.3
Wholesale Trade	47,200	47,800	-600	-1.3	347,600	359,100	-11,500	-3.2
Retail Trade	150,400	156,300	-5,900	-3.8	1,122,800	1,147,300	-24,500	-2.1
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	50,000	48,000	2,000	4.2	361,800	369,600	-7,800	-2.1
Information	24,400	25,800	-1,400	-5.4	126,700	139,000	-12,300	-8.8
Financial Activities	78,900	80,000	-1,100	-1.4	598,100	598,500	-400	-0.1
Professional and Business Services	233,300	239,400	-6,100	-2.5	1,365,900	1,417,200	-51,300	-3.6
Education and Health Services	154,400	164,500	-10,100	-6.1	1,335,900	1,364,900	-29,000	-2.1
Leisure and Hospitality	190,800	278,200	-87,400	-31.4	1,067,700	1,263,400	-195,700	-15.5
Other Services	41,200	45,200	-4,000	-8.8	329,000	352,500	-23,500	-6.7
Government	120,500	130,200	-9,700	-7.5	1,097,400	1,145,300	-47,900	-4.2

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	\$49,160	\$47,715	\$1,445	3.0
Lake County	\$39,070	\$38,235	\$835	2.2
Orange County	\$51,526	\$49,944	\$1,582	3.2
Osceola County	\$38,807	\$37,709	\$1,098	2.9
Seminole County	\$50,139	\$48,710	\$1,429	2.9
Sumter County	\$42,794	\$41,043	\$1,751	4.3
Florida	\$51,761	\$50,092	\$1,669	3.3

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