



# WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA

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## CENTRAL FLORIDA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 10.1%

- The unemployment rate in the Workforce Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 10.1 percent in September 2011, down 1.4 percentage points from 11.5 percent a year ago. The region's jobless rate was 0.5 percentage point lower than the state average of 10.6 percent. Out of a labor force of 1,166,417, there were 117,764 unemployed residents in the region.
- Osceola County's unemployment rate (11.3 percent) was the highest of the counties that comprise the Workforce Central Florida region. The unemployment rates in the other counties were: 10.6 percent in Lake County, 10.1 percent in Orange County, 9.5 percent in Seminole County, and 8.0 percent in Sumter County.
- Nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties) was 1,010,500 last month, an increase of 1.2 percent from a year ago. Statewide, employment was up 1.1 percent over the same time period.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area gained 11,900 jobs over the year. Leisure and hospitality (+12,200 jobs) gained the most jobs. Other industries gaining jobs included education and health services (+3,100 jobs); professional and business services (+2,000 jobs); and government (+700 jobs).
- Industries losing jobs included mining, logging, and construction (-3,000 jobs); trade, transportation and utilities (-1,200 jobs); financial activities (-900 jobs); information (-500 jobs); manufacturing (-400 jobs); and other services (-100 jobs).
- The metro area's over-the-year growth rates in leisure and hospitality (+6.3 percent) and professional and business services (+1.2 percent) were stronger than the state averages in these industries. Government was up over the year in the metro area but lost jobs statewide.
- Compared to the other metro areas in Florida, Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford led the state in over-the-year job gains in leisure and hospitality.

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<b>Unemployment Rates (%)</b>			
<b>(not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Sep-11</b>	<b>Aug-11</b>	<b>Sep-10</b>
Workforce Central Florida Region	10.1	10.3	11.5
Lake County	10.6	10.9	12.1
Orange County	10.1	10.4	11.6
Osceola County	11.3	11.3	12.6
Seminole County	9.5	9.6	10.8
Sumter County	8.0	8.3	9.2
Florida	10.6	11.0	11.8
United States	8.8	9.1	9.2

<b>Nonagricultural Employment by Industry</b> <b>(not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>				<b>Florida</b>			
	<b>Sep-11</b>	<b>Sep-10</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>	<b>Sep-11</b>	<b>Sep-10</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Total Employment	1,010,500	998,600	11,900	1.2	7,213,000	7,135,800	77,200	1.1
Mining, Logging, and Construction	44,600	47,600	-3,000	-6.3	339,200	353,700	-14,500	-4.1
Manufacturing	37,000	37,400	-400	-1.1	306,300	306,100	200	0.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	182,300	183,500	-1,200	-0.7	1,457,600	1,442,000	15,600	1.1
Wholesale Trade	37,200	37,900	-700	-1.8	297,800	304,600	-6,800	-2.2
Retail Trade	115,100	116,200	-1,100	-0.9	931,800	915,900	15,900	1.7
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	30,000	29,400	600	2.0	228,000	221,500	6,500	2.9
Information	23,200	23,700	-500	-2.1	128,800	134,200	-5,400	-4.0
Financial Activities	62,500	63,400	-900	-1.4	469,300	466,800	2,500	0.5
Professional and Business Services	164,500	162,500	2,000	1.2	1,046,600	1,035,200	11,400	1.1
Education and Health Services	123,900	120,800	3,100	2.6	1,106,200	1,074,500	31,700	3.0
Leisure and Hospitality	207,000	194,800	12,200	6.3	948,500	895,800	52,700	5.9
Other Services	47,800	47,900	-100	-0.2	309,300	308,500	800	0.3
Government	117,700	117,000	700	0.6	1,101,200	1,119,000	-17,800	-1.6

<b>Population</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Workforce Central Florida Region	2,200,738	2,192,748	7,990	0.4
Lake County	297,432	291,993	5,439	1.9
Orange County	1,110,155	1,108,882	1,273	0.1
Osceola County	275,666	272,788	2,878	1.1
Seminole County	420,100	423,759	-3,659	-0.9
Sumter County	97,385	95,326	2,059	2.2
Florida	18,772,352	18,750,483	21,869	0.1

<b>Average Annual Wage</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Workforce Central Florida Region	\$39,465	\$39,105	\$360	0.9
Lake County	\$32,207	\$31,896	\$311	1.0
Orange County	\$41,471	\$41,050	\$421	1.0
Osceola County	\$33,070	\$32,491	\$579	1.8
Seminole County	\$38,505	\$38,411	\$94	0.2
Sumter County	\$32,733	\$32,557	\$176	0.5
Florida	\$41,570	\$40,991	\$579	1.4

### **Resources for Job Seekers**

#### **Employ Florida Marketplace**

Browse thousands of jobs throughout Florida or in the Central Florida region in the statewide online job bank, Employ Florida Marketplace, Florida's official online portal for job-matching services. [www.EmployFlorida.com](http://www.EmployFlorida.com)

#### **Job Seeker Services**

WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA offers no-cost employment and training services to residents of Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Lake and Sumter counties such as job fairs, job leads, training and financial aid, career workshops and career counseling. For a complete list of services and more information, visit [www.WorkforceCentralFlorida.com/job-seeker/job-seeker-services/](http://www.WorkforceCentralFlorida.com/job-seeker/job-seeker-services/).

### **Resources for Employers**

#### **Employ Florida Marketplace**

Post a job or search for a candidate in the statewide online job bank, Employ Florida Marketplace, Florida's official online portal for job-matching services. [www.EmployFlorida.com](http://www.EmployFlorida.com)

#### **Employer Services**

WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA offers no-cost innovative solutions to assist Central Florida businesses with recruiting, employee retention and training such as hiring events, interns, financial assistance for employee training, a Lending Library of human resource and training materials and a Mobile Unit that can be used for screening, testing and training. For more information, visit [www.WorkforceCentralFlorida.com/employer/employer-services](http://www.WorkforceCentralFlorida.com/employer/employer-services).

WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA (WCF) is the region's workforce expert and offers innovative solutions to assist Central Florida businesses in today's highly competitive workforce, while providing the tools job seekers need to find or advance in their current career.

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