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CENTRAL FLORIDA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 9.7%

- The unemployment rate in the WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 9.7 percent in October 2011, down 1.6 percentage points from 11.3 percent a year ago. The region's jobless rate was 0.4 percentage point lower than the state rate of 10.1 percent. Out of a labor force of 1,159,664, there were 112,431 unemployed residents in the region.
- Osceola County's unemployment rate (10.8 percent) was the highest of the counties that comprise the Workforce Central Florida region. The unemployment rates in the other counties were: 10.2 percent in Lake County, 9.7 percent in Orange County, 9.0 percent in Seminole County, and 7.6 percent in Sumter County.
- Nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties) was 1,015,600 last month, an increase of 0.9 percent from a year ago. Statewide, employment was up 1.3 percent over the same time period.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area gained 8,600 jobs over the year. Leisure and hospitality (+8,000 jobs) gained the most jobs. Other industries gaining jobs included education and health services (+1,800 jobs); professional and business services (+1,700 jobs); and trade, transportation and utilities (+1,400 jobs).
- Industries losing jobs included mining, logging, and construction (-1,900 jobs); financial activities (-1,600 jobs); manufacturing (-300 jobs); information and other services (-200 jobs each); and government (-100 jobs).
- Compared to the other metro areas in Florida, Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford gained the second most leisure and hospitality jobs over-the-year, behind only Tampa-St Petersburg-Clearwater.

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Unemployment Rates (%)			
(not seasonally adjusted)	Oct-11	Sep-11	Oct-10
Workforce Central Florida Region	9.7	10.1	11.3
Lake County	10.2	10.6	11.8
Orange County	9.7	10.2	11.3
Osceola County	10.8	11.3	12.4
Seminole County	9.0	9.5	10.5
Sumter County	7.6	8.1	8.9
Florida	10.1	10.6	11.6
United States	8.5	8.8	9.0

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Oct-11	Oct-10	change	percent change	Oct-11	Oct-10	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,015,600	1,007,000	8,600	0.9	7,261,900	7,169,000	92,900	1.3
Mining, Logging, and Construction	44,900	46,800	-1,900	-4.1	332,900	344,400	-11,500	-3.3
Manufacturing	37,100	37,400	-300	-0.8	306,900	304,900	2,000	0.7
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	185,000	183,600	1,400	0.8	1,471,400	1,451,200	20,200	1.4
Wholesale Trade	37,300	37,700	-400	-1.1	301,900	305,500	-3,600	-1.2
Retail Trade	117,500	116,400	1,100	0.9	940,700	923,200	17,500	1.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	30,200	29,500	700	2.4	228,800	222,500	6,300	2.8
Information	23,400	23,600	-200	-0.8	130,100	134,700	-4,600	-3.4
Financial Activities	62,400	64,000	-1,600	-2.5	470,100	467,500	2,600	0.6
Professional and Business Services	165,700	164,000	1,700	1.0	1,058,100	1,031,600	26,500	2.6
Education and Health Services	123,500	121,700	1,800	1.5	1,114,000	1,084,400	29,600	2.7
Leisure and Hospitality	207,500	199,500	8,000	4.0	950,900	912,100	38,800	4.3
Other Services	47,900	48,100	-200	-0.4	310,200	312,000	-1,800	-0.6
Government	118,200	118,300	-100	-0.1	1,117,300	1,126,200	-8,900	-0.8

Population	2011	2010	change	percent change
Workforce Central Florida Region	2,250,676	2,227,831	22,845	1.0
Lake County	298,265	297,052	1,213	0.4
Orange County	1,157,342	1,145,956	11,386	1.0
Osceola County	273,867	268,685	5,182	1.9
Seminole County	424,587	422,718	1,869	0.4
Sumter County	96,615	93,420	3,195	3.4
Florida	18,905,048	18,801,310	103,738	0.6

Average Annual Wage	2010	2009	change	percent change
Workforce Central Florida Region	\$39,476	\$39,105	\$371	0.9
Lake County	\$32,192	\$31,896	\$296	0.9
Orange County	\$41,491	\$41,050	\$441	1.1
Osceola County	\$33,066	\$32,491	\$575	1.8
Seminole County	\$38,501	\$38,411	\$90	0.2
Sumter County	\$32,735	\$32,557	\$178	0.5
Florida	\$41,574	\$40,991	\$583	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

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.

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

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.

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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