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CENTRAL FLORIDA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 9.6%

- The unemployment rate in the WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Sumter counties) was 9.6 percent in November 2011, the lowest since April 2009 when it was 9.1 percent. The region's jobless rate was down 2.2 percentage points from 11.8 percent a year ago and was 0.2 percentage points lower than the state rate of 9.8 percent. Out of a labor force of 1,151,621, there were 110,872 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, 9.6 percent in Orange County, 8.9 percent in Seminole County, and 7.8 percent in Sumter County.
- Nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties) was 1,022,100 in November, an increase of 0.8 percent from a year ago. Statewide, employment was up 1.4 percent over the same time period.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area gained 8,200 jobs over the year. Leisure and hospitality (+7,300 jobs) gained the most jobs, followed by education and health services (+2,200 jobs); and trade, transportation and utilities (+1,600 jobs).
- Industries losing jobs included financial activities (-1,400 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (-700 jobs); other services (-300 jobs); manufacturing and information (-200 jobs each); and government (-100 jobs). Professional and business services was unchanged in the over the year.
- The metro area's over-the-year growth rate in leisure and hospitality (+3.7 percent) was stronger than the statewide growth rate in this industry.
- 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)	Nov-11	Oct-11	Nov-10
Workforce Central Florida Region	9.6	9.7	11.8
Lake County	10.2	10.2	12.6
Orange County	9.6	9.7	11.9
Osceola County	10.8	11.0	13.0
Seminole County	8.9	9.0	10.9
Sumter County	7.8	7.7	9.6
Florida	9.8	10.1	12.1
United States	8.2	8.5	9.3

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Nov-11	Nov-10	change	percent change	Nov-11	Nov-10	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,022,100	1,013,900	8,200	0.8	7,317,600	7,219,600	98,000	1.4
Mining, Logging, and Construction	45,700	46,400	-700	-1.5	334,000	339,800	-5,800	-1.7
Manufacturing	37,200	37,400	-200	-0.5	308,600	303,500	5,100	1.7
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	188,800	187,200	1,600	0.9	1,507,800	1,471,500	36,300	2.5
Wholesale Trade	37,100	37,900	-800	-2.1	304,300	306,300	-2,000	-0.7
Retail Trade	121,200	119,300	1,900	1.6	971,300	940,100	31,200	3.3
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	30,500	30,000	500	1.7	232,200	225,100	7,100	3.2
Information	23,500	23,700	-200	-0.8	130,000	136,000	-6,000	-4.4
Financial Activities	62,700	64,100	-1,400	-2.2	475,900	468,100	7,800	1.7
Professional and Business Services	166,500	166,500	0	0.0	1,062,700	1,046,900	15,800	1.5
Education and Health Services	124,400	122,200	2,200	1.8	1,124,100	1,091,300	32,800	3.0
Leisure and Hospitality	207,300	200,000	7,300	3.7	949,000	920,500	28,500	3.1
Other Services	47,700	48,000	-300	-0.6	308,300	312,300	-4,000	-1.3
Government	118,300	118,400	-100	-0.1	1,117,200	1,129,700	-12,500	-1.1

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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