



WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA

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CENTRAL FLORIDA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 9.4%

- The unemployment rate in the WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 9.4 percent in December 2011, the lowest since April 2009 when it was 9.1 percent. The region's jobless rate was down 2.0 percentage points from 11.4 percent a year ago and was 0.3 percentage points lower than the state rate of 9.7 percent. Out of a labor force of 1,148,415 there were 108,015 unemployed residents in the region.
- Osceola County's unemployment rate (10.7 percent) was the highest of the counties that comprise the WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA region. The unemployment rates in the other counties were: 9.9 percent in Lake County, 9.4 percent in Orange County, 8.7 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 1,024,700 in December, an increase of 0.9 percent from a year ago. Statewide, employment was up 1.6 percent from December 2010 to December 2011.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area gained 8,900 jobs over the year. Leisure and hospitality (+5,800 jobs) gained the most jobs, followed by education and health services (+2,100 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+1,600 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+700 jobs); government (+400 jobs); and professional and business services (+300 jobs).
- Financial activities (-1,900 jobs) and information (-100 jobs) were the only major industries in the area that lost jobs over the year. Manufacturing and other services were unchanged over the year.
- Mining, logging, and construction and government were up over the year in the metro area but lost jobs statewide.
- Compared to the other metro areas in Florida, Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford gained the most mining, logging, and construction jobs over-the-year. This was the area's first month of positive job gains in this industry after losing jobs for over four years.

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Unemployment Rates (%)			
(not seasonally adjusted)	Dec-11	Nov-11	Dec-10
Workforce Central Florida Region	9.4	9.7	11.4
Lake County	9.9	10.1	12.1
Orange County	9.4	9.7	11.4
Osceola County	10.7	10.9	12.6
Seminole County	8.7	8.9	10.5
Sumter County	7.6	7.9	9.2
Florida	9.7	9.8	11.7
United States	8.3	8.2	9.1

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Dec-11	Dec-10	change	percent change	Dec-11	Dec-10	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,024,700	1,015,800	8,900	0.9	7,358,900	7,244,300	114,600	1.6
Mining, Logging, and Construction	46,900	45,300	1,600	3.5	337,000	338,300	-1,300	-0.4
Manufacturing	37,300	37,300	0	0.0	310,000	304,400	5,600	1.8
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	189,700	189,000	700	0.4	1,526,900	1,489,200	37,700	2.5
Wholesale Trade	37,600	37,900	-300	-0.8	307,800	308,600	-800	-0.3
Retail Trade	120,800	120,400	400	0.3	978,200	949,300	28,900	3.0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	31,300	30,700	600	2.0	240,900	231,300	9,600	4.2
Information	23,500	23,600	-100	-0.4	130,500	133,900	-3,400	-2.5
Financial Activities	62,000	63,900	-1,900	-3.0	478,000	469,300	8,700	1.9
Professional and Business Services	165,700	165,400	300	0.2	1,063,200	1,047,600	15,600	1.5
Education and Health Services	124,400	122,300	2,100	1.7	1,126,400	1,098,500	27,900	2.5
Leisure and Hospitality	209,900	204,100	5,800	2.8	961,100	930,600	30,500	3.3
Other Services	47,900	47,900	0	0.0	312,100	310,600	1,500	0.5
Government	117,400	117,000	400	0.3	1,113,700	1,121,900	-8,200	-0.7

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) offers tools for residents of Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Sumter counties to find a job and advance in their careers. On average, WCF provides nearly 27,500 job seekers each month with services such as an online job bank, career counseling, recruitment events, training, financial aid, career assessments and internships. WCF also assists an average of 1,120 employers each month with recruitment, retention and training. For more information, visit www.WorkforceCentralFlorida.com.