



LAKE COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS REPORT
 QUARTER 1 ENDING MARCH 2026
 Office of Economic Development

Labor Market*

Category	Lake County	Orlando MSA**	Florida	United States
Labor Force	197,443	1,523,246	11,149,000	170,206,000
Employed	186,996	1,450,942	10,618,000	162,153,000
Unemployed	10,447	72,304	531,000	8,052,000
Unemployment Rate (February 2026)	5.3%	4.7%	4.8%	4.7%
Unemployment Rate (February 2025)	5.4%	4.9%	4.9%	4.7%

Source: Florida Department of Commerce, courtesy of Orlando Economic Partnership

*Not seasonally adjusted

**Orlando MSA consists of Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Lake

Lake County Jobs

Compensation	March 2026	March 2025
Median Advertised Salary	\$45,440	\$41,600
Unique Postings	5,803	5,190

Source: Lightcast, courtesy of Orlando Economic Partnership

Location	Open Jobs	# of Unemployed People Per 100 Jobs*
Lake	5,152	207
Florida	428,650	117

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunities, courtesy of The Florida Scorecard. The most current data for this is April 2026.

*This is the seasonally adjusted number of unemployed for the state from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Note: Data for unique postings and open jobs differ due to differences in reporting timeframes - unique postings capture full month in question, open jobs are reported in mid-monthly timeframes (14th of previous month to 13th of current month).

Tourism

Category	February 2026	February 2025	Annual Change
TDT Collections	\$595,571	\$582,435	2.26%
Hotel Occupancy	77.1%	79.5%	-2.4pp

Source: TDT Collection, Lake County Tax Collector, courtesy of Visit Lake. Hotel Occupancy, Smith Travel Research, courtesy of Visit Lake.



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Business Revenues/Gross Sales

Location	February 2026	February 2025	Annual Change
Lake County	\$1,073,739,716	\$1,363,110,874	-21.2%
Orlando MSA	\$17,289,992,468	\$18,745,018,716	-7.8%

Source: Florida Department of Revenue, courtesy of Orlando Economic Partnership

Lake County Commercial/Industrial Real Estate

Type	Quarter 1 2026	Quarter 1 2025	Annual Change
Office Vacancy	4.7%	4.2%	0.5pp
Industrial Vacancy	12.0%	15.5%	-3.5pp

Source: CoStar, courtesy of Orlando Economic Partnership

Lake County Residential Real Estate

Category	Single Family March 2026	Annual Change	Townhomes & Condos March 2026	Annual Change
Closed Sales	604	-2.3%	45	32%
Median Sale Price	\$380,000	-2.5%	\$290,000	-7.1%
Active Inventory	2,550	7.2%	310	29%
Dollar Volume	\$280,000,000	0.3%	\$14,300,000	21.0%
New Listings	828	-1.3%	73	-1.4%
New Pending Sales	676	-7.7%	47	-7.8%

Source: Florida Realtors® courtesy of Realtors® Association of Lake and Sumter Counties

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