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> ORLANDO MSA MARKET OVERVIEW \*COVID-19 SPECIAL EDITION\*

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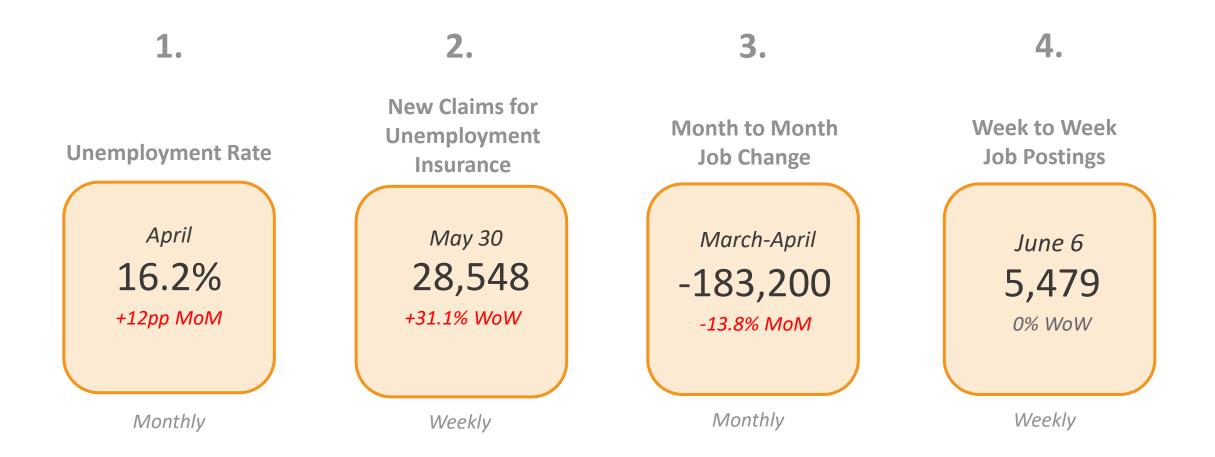
# Orlando MSA Market Overview – COVID-19 Special Edition

• The National Bureau of Economic Research <u>officially declared</u> the US economy in a recession on Monday, June 8. Starting in February, this recession ends a decade long period of economic expansion and the longest in recorded US history.

• This special edition of the Orlando MSA Market Overview analyzes select, high-frequency, labor market indicators, published with a one-month lag, that will signal worsening or better employment outcomes for the region. The signs of a deepening recession will appear in these indicators before they are seen in a wider set of data sources.

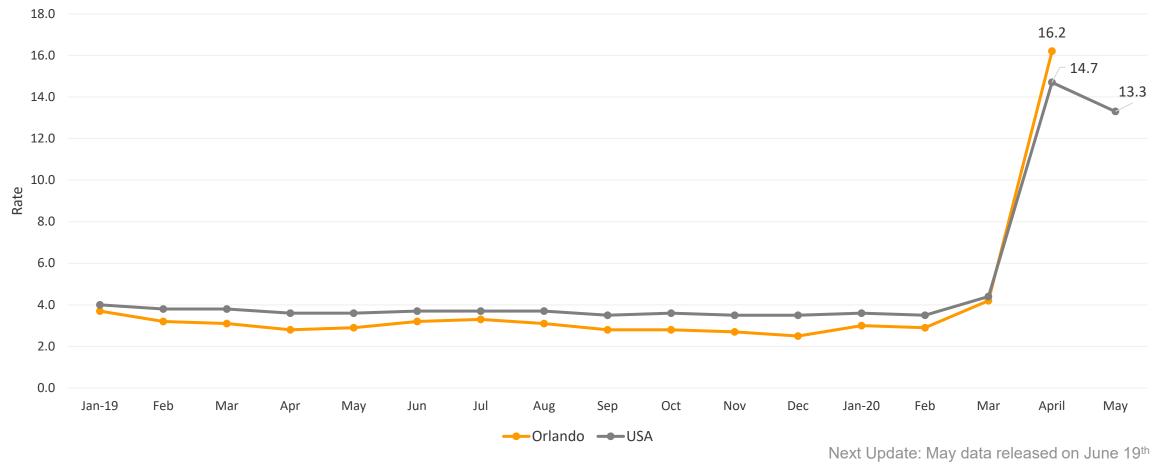


## **High Frequency Indicators to Watch – Orlando MSA**



# 1) Unemployment Rate

Note: The U.S. unemployment rate for May is 13.3%, with some economists suggesting it should be three percentage points higher due to a misclassification of "absent" workers . May data for Orlando will not be released until June 19<sup>th</sup>.



**Unemployment Rate, NSA** 

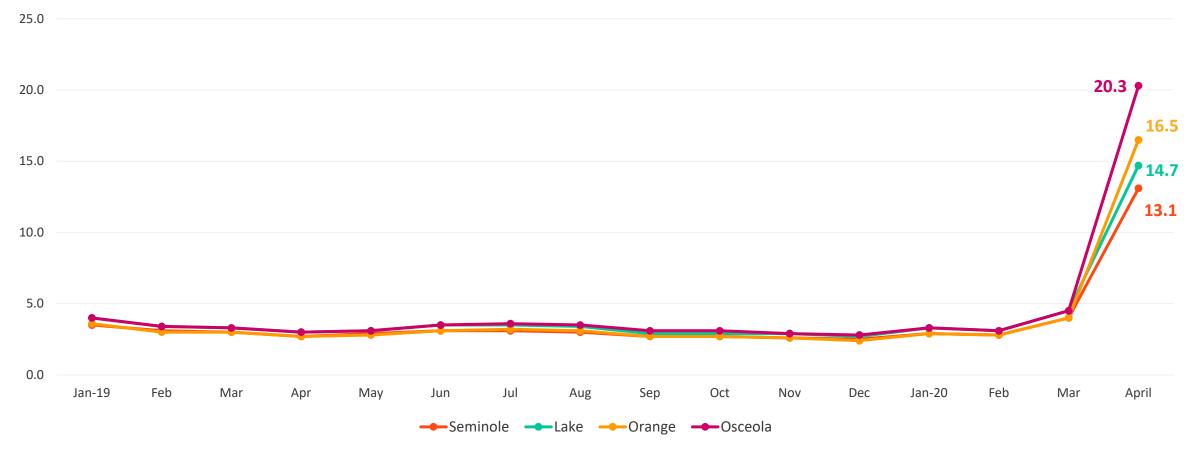
2019-2020



Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

# 1) Unemployment Rate - Counties

Unemployment Rate, NSA 2019-2020



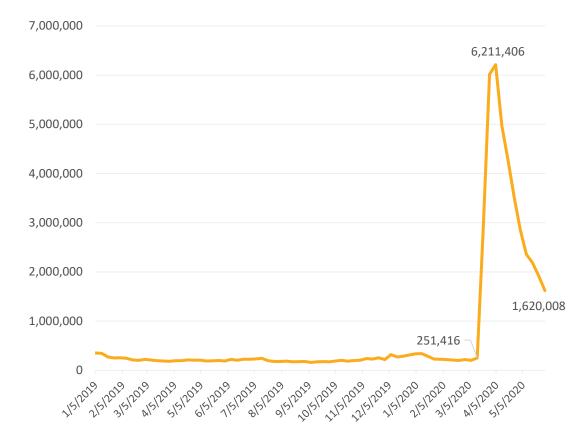
Next Update: May data released on June 19th

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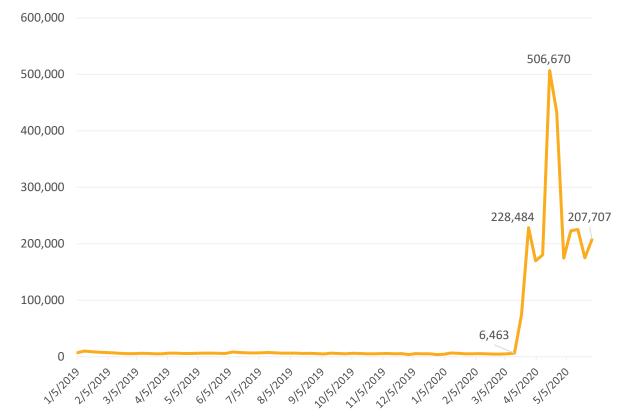
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# 2) New Claims for Unemployment Insurance

New Claims for Unemployment Insurance, USA 2019- May 30,2020



New Claims for Unemployment Insurance, Florida 2019 - May 30, 2020



Next Update: Data released weekly



Source: US Dept of Labor

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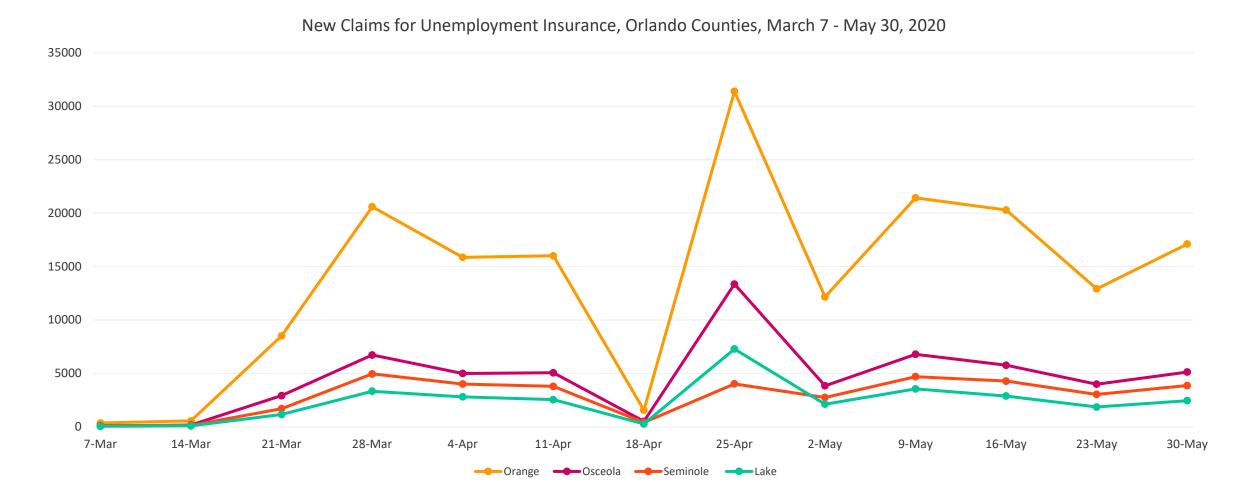
New Claims for Unemployment Insurance, Orlando MSA March 7- May 30, 2020



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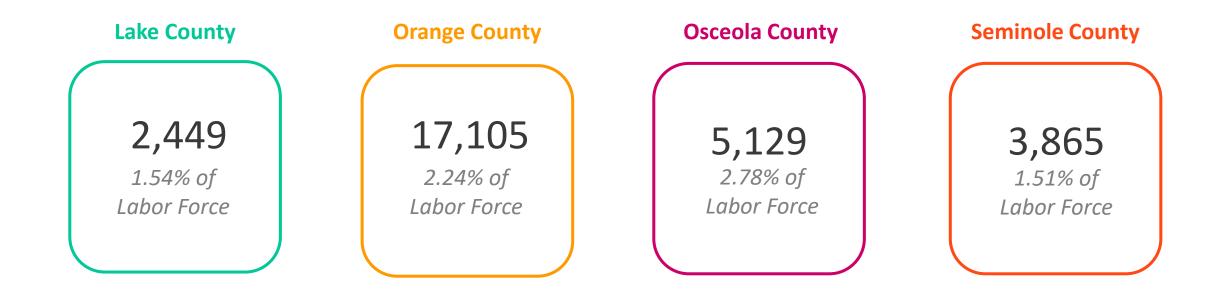
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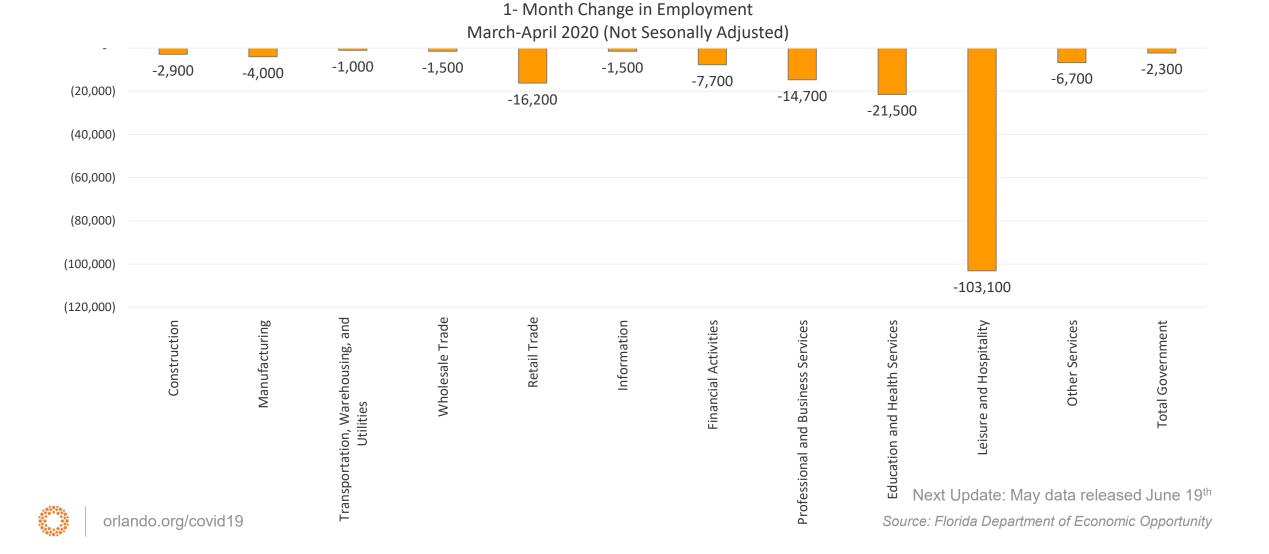
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# 2) New Claims for Unemployment By County Week Ending May 30th

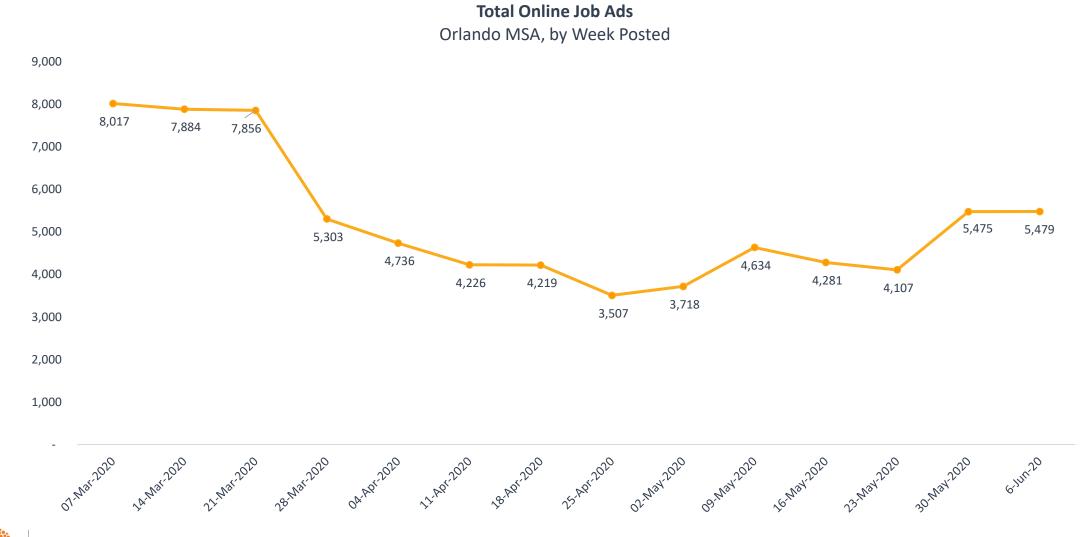




# 3) Month to Month Job Change - By Industry

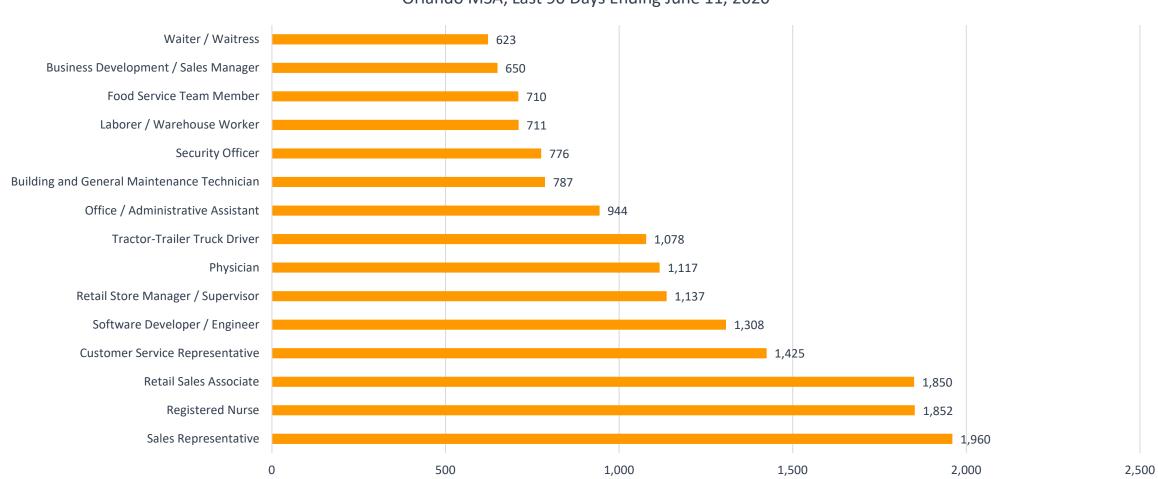


#### 4) Job Postings – Time Series Analysis



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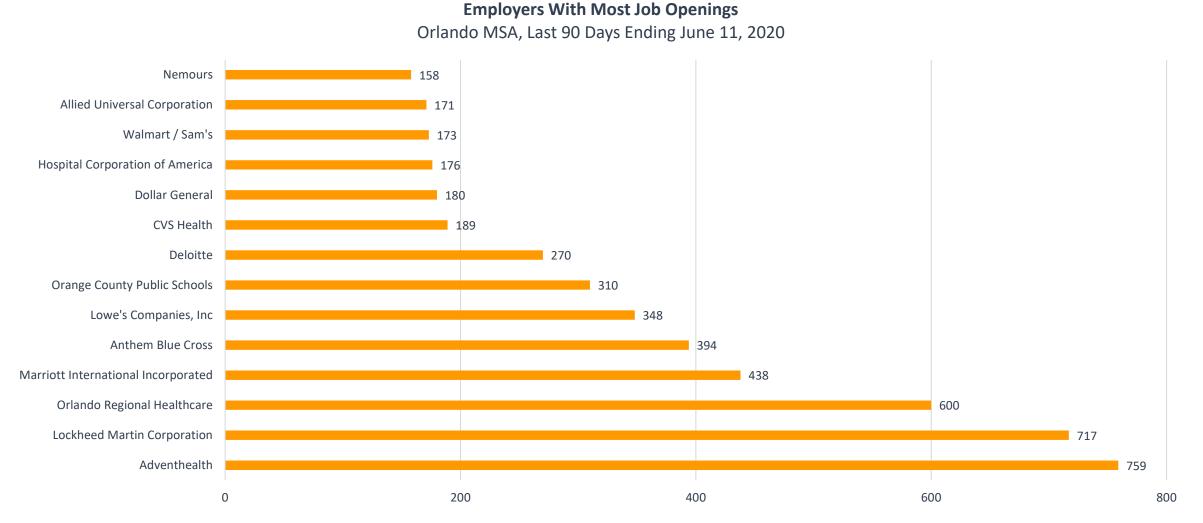
#### 4) Job Postings – Top Jobs in Demand



Jobs in Greatest Demand

Orlando MSA, Last 90 Days Ending June 11, 2020

#### 4) Job Postings – Top Employers





### Key Takeaways

- No industry grew in employment from month-to-month, which signals the far-reaching economic impacts of this crisis. Five years' worth of job gains were lost between March and April. Orange County sets the pace for MSA overall, specifically for claims for unemployment insurance.
- Orlando's unemployment rate exceeds the nation and is higher than anything seen during the 2008 recession. Nationally, the most recent data began to show a slight decrease in the unemployment rate. However, reactions are mixed about how close this is to the actual unemployment rate, the national rate could be three points higher. Volatile times create volatile data. Either way, this is higher than any rate seen during the 2008 recession.
- Job posting data reflects real-time labor market information and business reopening. Job posts declined sharply in late March and stayed down throughout April. At the end of May, job posts began to increase, signaling tentative, returning strength to the job market as the region began to reopen. The most recent week shows a flattening in the number of active posts. Note: Job posts do not measure hires and may include companies who continue to post jobs but are on a hiring freeze. Top job posters are mainly in the healthcare space, along with retail, defense, and leisure and hospitality.

