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CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CONTINUES TO DROP...TO 4.4 PERCENT FOR DECEMBER 2015

Orlando, FL – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) declined by 0.8 percentage point over the year to 4.4 percent in December 2015. The region's jobless rate was 0.3 percentage point lower than the state rate of 4.7 percent. Out of a labor force of 1,250,305, there were 54,760 unemployed residents in the region.

- The unemployment rates in the counties that comprise the CareerSource Central Florida region were: 4.1 percent in Seminole, 4.2 percent in Orange, 4.6 percent in Lake, 4.9 percent in Osceola, and 6.3 percent in Sumter.
- Nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties) was 1,183,300 in December 2015, an increase of 38,100 jobs (+3.3 percent) over the year. The metro area's over the year growth rate was 0.4 percentage point higher than the state growth rate of 2.9 percent.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA gained the second-highest number of nonagricultural jobs in December 2015 among all metro areas in Florida compared to a year ago with 38,100 new jobs.
- In December 2015, the Orlando metro area led all metro areas in job gains over the year in leisure and hospitality (+12,600 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+6,700 jobs); government (+2,600 jobs); and manufacturing (+1,000 jobs, tied with the Tampa metro area).
- The metro area's over-the-year growth rate in leisure and hospitality (+5.3 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+3.0 percent); financial activities (+2.9 percent); and government (+2.2 percent) were stronger than the statewide growth rates in these industries.
- Nine out of ten major industries gained jobs with leisure and hospitality (+12,600 jobs) gaining the most, followed by trade, transportation, and utilities (+6,700 jobs); professional and business services (+7,900 jobs); mining, logging, and construction and government (+2,600 jobs each); financial activities (+2,100 jobs); education and health services (+2,000 jobs); manufacturing (+1,000 jobs); and other services (+800 jobs).
- The only industry to lose jobs over the year was information (-200 jobs).
- Nonagricultural employment in The Villages metro area (Sumter County) was 26,700 in December 2015, up 500 jobs, or 1.9 percent since December 2014.

Unemployment Rates			
(not seasonally adjusted)	Dec-15	Nov-15	Dec-14
CareerSource Central Florida	4.4%	4.5%	5.2%
Lake County	4.6%	4.8%	5.5%
Orange County	4.2%	4.4%	5.0%
Osceola County	4.9%	5.1%	5.8%
Seminole County	4.1%	4.3%	4.9%
Sumter County	6.3%	6.4%	7.0%
Florida	4.7%	4.9%	5.4%
United States	4.8%	4.8%	5.4%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Dec-15	Dec-14	change	percent change	Dec-15	Dec-14	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,183,300	1,145,200	38,100	3.3	8,284,600	8,049,400	235,200	2.9
Mining, Logging, and Construction	61,600	59,000	2,600	4.4	447,200	418,900	28,300	6.8
Manufacturing	41,300	40,300	1,000	2.5	342,000	332,800	9,200	2.8
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	231,800	225,100	6,700	3.0	1,738,400	1,697,500	40,900	2.4
Wholesale Trade	46,300	44,200	2,100	4.8	344,100	335,200	8,900	2.7
Retail Trade	149,100	145,900	3,200	2.2	1,116,100	1,094,100	22,000	2.0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	36,400	35,000	1,400	4.0	278,200	268,200	10,000	3.7
Information	24,400	24,600	-200	-0.8	135,200	137,100	-1,900	-1.4
Financial Activities	74,700	72,600	2,100	2.9	548,000	534,800	13,200	2.5
Professional and Business Services	195,500	187,600	7,900	4.2	1,253,300	1,201,600	51,700	4.3
Education and Health Services	140,600	138,600	2,000	1.4	1,236,100	1,191,100	45,000	3.8
Leisure and Hospitality	252,000	239,400	12,600	5.3	1,150,900	1,107,200	43,700	3.9
Other Services	38,700	37,900	800	2.1	343,200	332,100	11,100	3.3
Government	122,700	120,100	2,600	2.2	1,090,300	1,096,300	-6,000	-0.5

Population	2015	2014	change	percent change
CareerSource Central Florida	2,435,852	2,381,495	54,357	2.3
Lake County	316,569	309,736	6,833	2.2
Orange County	1,252,396	1,227,995	24,401	2.0
Osceola County	308,327	295,553	12,774	4.3
Seminole County	442,903	437,086	5,817	1.3
Sumter County	115,657	111,125	4,532	4.1
Florida	19,815,183	19,507,369	307,814	1.6

Average Annual Wage	2014	2013	change	percent change
CareerSource Central Florida	\$42,369	\$41,260	\$1,109	2.7
Lake County	\$34,207	\$33,397	\$810	2.4
Orange County	\$44,429	\$43,142	\$1,287	3.0
Osceola County	\$34,962	\$34,151	\$811	2.4
Seminole County	\$41,921	\$40,954	\$967	2.4
Sumter County	\$36,933	\$37,575	-\$642	-1.7
Florida	\$44,810	\$43,651	\$1,159	2.7

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