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CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 4.4 PERCENT IN FEBRUARY 2016

Orlando, FL – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 4.4 percent in February 2016. This rate was 1.0 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 5.4 percent. The region's February 2016 unemployment rate was 0.3 percentage point lower than the state rate of 4.7 percent. Out of a labor force of 1,263,775 there were 55,816 unemployed residents in the region.

- The unemployment rates in the counties that comprise the CareerSource Central Florida region were: 4.2 percent in Seminole County, 4.2 percent in Orange County, 4.7 percent in Lake County, 4.9 percent in Osceola County, and 6.8 percent in Sumter County.
- Nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties) was 1,183,800 in February 2016, an increase of 47,900 jobs (+4.2 percent) over the year. The metro area's over the year growth rate was 1.0 percentage point higher than the state growth rate of 3.2 percent.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in manufacturing (+7.0 percent) in February 2016.
- In February 2016, the Orlando metro area led all metro areas in job gains over the year in leisure and hospitality (+249,300 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+222,700 jobs); government (+123,600 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+65,400 jobs); manufacturing (+43,000 jobs); and other services (+41,700 jobs).
- The metro area's over-the-year growth rates in mining, logging, and construction (+13.0 percent); manufacturing (+7.0 percent); leisure and hospitality (+5.5 percent); professional and business services (+5.3 percent); other services (+5.3 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+3.0 percent); and government (+1.8 percent) were stronger than the statewide growth rates in these industries.
- Eight out of ten major industries gained jobs over the year. The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: leisure and hospitality (+13,000 jobs); professional and business services (+10,000 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+7,500 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+6,400 jobs); education and health services (+4,600 jobs); manufacturing (+2,800 jobs); government (+2,200 jobs); and other services (+2,100).
- The information (-600 jobs) and financial activities (-100 jobs) industries lost jobs over the year.

- Nonagricultural employment in The Villages metro area (Sumter County) was 27,100 in February 2016, up 900 jobs over the year (+3.4 percent).

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)	Feb-16	Jan-16	Feb-15
CareerSource Central Florida	4.4%	4.8%	5.4%
Lake County	4.7%	5.1%	5.7%
Orange County	4.2%	4.7%	5.2%
Osceola County	4.9%	5.4%	6.0%
Seminole County	4.2%	4.6%	5.1%
Sumter County	6.8%	7.3%	7.9%
Florida	4.7%	5.1%	5.6%
United States	5.2%	5.3%	5.8%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Feb-16	Feb-15	change	percent change	Feb-16	Feb-15	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,183,800	1,135,900	47,900	4.2	8,267,100	8,013,600	253,500	3.2
Mining, Logging, and Construction	65,400	57,900	7,500	13.0	443,000	418,200	24,800	5.9
Manufacturing	43,000	40,200	2,800	7.0	350,200	336,700	13,500	4.0
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	222,700	216,300	6,400	3.0	1,701,800	1,661,000	40,800	2.5
Wholesale Trade	43,200	43,000	200	0.5	338,900	332,900	6,000	1.8
Retail Trade	144,200	140,100	4,100	2.9	1,089,700	1,067,400	22,300	2.1
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	35,300	33,200	2,100	6.3	273,200	260,700	12,500	4.8
Information	23,700	24,300	-600	-2.5	134,100	135,800	-1,700	-1.3
Financial Activities	71,500	71,600	-100	-0.1	545,100	527,100	18,000	3.4
Professional and Business Services	197,700	187,700	10,000	5.3	1,251,200	1,197,600	53,600	4.5
Education and Health Services	145,200	140,600	4,600	3.3	1,230,200	1,186,800	43,400	3.7
Leisure and Hospitality	249,300	236,300	13,000	5.5	1,167,200	1,123,300	43,900	3.9
Other Services	41,700	39,600	2,100	5.3	334,500	328,700	5,800	1.8
Government	123,600	121,400	2,200	1.8	1,109,800	1,098,400	11,400	1.0

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