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CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE PLUMMITS TO 4.9 PERCENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

Orlando, FL – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) declined by 1 percentage point over the year to 4.9 percent in September 2015. The region's jobless rate was 0.4 percentage point lower than the state rate of 5.3 percent. Out of a labor force of 1,260,068, there were 61,646 unemployed residents in the region.

- The unemployment rates in the region's five counties were: 4.6 percent in Seminole, 4.7 percent in Orange, 5.1 percent in Lake, 5.5 percent in Osceola, and 6.8 percent in Sumter.
- Nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties) was 1,155,600 in September 2015, an increase of 3.7 percent from a year ago. The metro area's over the year growth rate was 0.7 percentage point higher than the state growth rate of 3 percent.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA gained the highest number of nonagricultural jobs in September 2015 among all metro areas in Florida compared to a year ago with 41,400 new jobs.
- In September 2015, the Orlando metro area led the metro areas in job gains over the year in total nonagricultural employment (+41,400 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+14,700 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+9,900 jobs); financial activities (+4,800 jobs); and government (+1,700 jobs).
- The metro area's over the year growth rates in financial activities (+6.8 percent); leisure and hospitality (+6.3 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+4.7 percent); professional and business services (+2.7 percent); and government (+1.4 percent) were stronger than the statewide growth rates in these industries.
- The metro area gained 41,400 jobs over the year with most major industries gaining jobs. Leisure and hospitality (+14,700 jobs) gained the most, followed by trade, transportation, and utilities (+9,900 jobs); professional and business services (+5,000 jobs); financial activities (+4,800 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+3,000 jobs); education and health services (+2,600 jobs); government (+1,700 jobs); and manufacturing (+100 jobs).
- Other services was the only industry to lose jobs (-400 jobs). Information remained unchanged.

- Nonagricultural employment in The Villages metro area (Sumter County) was 25,900 in September 2015, up 700 jobs, or 2.8 percent since September 2014.

Unemployment Rates			
(not seasonally adjusted)	Sep-15	Aug-15	Sep-14
CareerSource Central Florida	4.9%	5.2%	5.9%
Lake County	5.1%	5.4%	6.3%
Orange County	4.7%	5.0%	5.7%
Osceola County	5.5%	5.8%	6.6%
Seminole County	4.6%	4.8%	5.5%
Sumter County	6.8%	7.3%	7.5%
Florida	5.3%	5.6%	6.2%
United States	4.9%	5.2%	5.7%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Sep-15	Sep-14	change	percent change	Sep-15	Sep-14	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,155,600	1,114,200	41,400	3.7	8,066,200	7,831,700	234,500	3.0
Mining, Logging, and Construction	60,100	57,100	3,000	5.3	440,300	412,800	27,500	6.7
Manufacturing	40,000	39,900	100	0.3	336,500	332,400	4,100	1.2
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	221,900	212,000	9,900	4.7	1,659,500	1,615,200	44,300	2.7
Wholesale Trade	46,500	42,700	3,800	8.9	337,200	328,900	8,300	2.5
Retail Trade	141,200	137,300	3,900	2.8	1,059,700	1,033,700	26,000	2.5
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	34,200	32,000	2,200	6.9	262,600	252,600	10,000	4.0
Information	24,300	24,300	0	0.0	134,300	135,500	-1,200	-0.9
Financial Activities	75,300	70,500	4,800	6.8	538,200	523,400	14,800	2.8
Professional and Business Services	189,700	184,700	5,000	2.7	1,203,200	1,172,200	31,000	2.6
Education and Health Services	139,400	136,800	2,600	1.9	1,212,600	1,165,900	46,700	4.0
Leisure and Hospitality	247,300	232,600	14,700	6.3	1,127,000	1,071,200	55,800	5.2
Other Services	37,400	37,800	-400	-1.1	337,000	323,800	13,200	4.1
Government	120,200	118,500	1,700	1.4	1,077,600	1,079,300	-1,700	-0.2

Population	2014	2013	change	percent change
CareerSource Central Florida	2,381,495	2,330,834	50,661	2.2
Lake County	309,736	303,317	6,419	2.1
Orange County	1,227,995	1,202,978	25,017	2.1
Osceola County	295,553	288,361	7,192	2.5
Seminole County	437,086	431,074	6,012	1.4
Sumter County	111,125	105,104	6,021	5.7
Florida	19,507,369	19,259,543	247,826	1.3

Average Annual Wage	2014	2013	change	percent change
CareerSource Central Florida	\$42,368	\$41,260	\$1,108	2.7
Lake County	\$34,207	\$33,397	\$810	2.4
Orange County	\$44,427	\$43,142	\$1,285	3.0
Osceola County	\$34,963	\$34,151	\$812	2.4
Seminole County	\$41,921	\$40,954	\$967	2.4
Sumter County	\$36,932	\$37,575	-\$643	-1.7
Florida	\$44,803	\$43,651	\$1,152	2.6

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