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## **CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CONTINUES FALL IN AUTUMN TO 4.7 PERCENT FOR OCTOBER 2015**

*Orlando, FL* – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) declined by 0.9 percentage point over the year to 4.7 percent in October 2015. The region's jobless rate was 0.4 percentage point lower than the state rate of 5.1 percent. Out of a labor force of 1,254,641, there were 58,722 unemployed residents in the region.

- The unemployment rates for the five counties that comprise the CareerSource Central Florida region were: 4.4 percent in Seminole, 4.5 percent in Orange, 5.0 percent in Lake, 5.3 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 1,166,400 in October 2015, an increase of 43,000 jobs (+3.8 percent) over the year. The metro area's over the year growth rate was 0.8 percentage point higher than the state growth rate of 3.0 percent.
- In October 2015, the Orlando metro area led all Florida metro areas in job gains over the year in total nonagricultural employment (+43,000 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+16,600 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+10,100 jobs); financial activities (+2,700 jobs, tied with the Miami metro area); and government (+2,000 jobs).
- The metro area's over-the-year growth rates in leisure and hospitality (+7.1 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+4.7 percent); professional and business services (+4.4 percent); financial activities (+3.8 percent); and government (+1.7 percent) were stronger than the statewide growth rates in these industries.
- Nine out of ten major industries gained jobs with leisure and hospitality (+16,600 jobs) gaining the most, followed by trade, transportation, and utilities (+10,100 jobs); professional and business services (+8,100 jobs); financial activities (+2,700 jobs); education and health services (+2,500 jobs); government (+2,000 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+600 jobs); and manufacturing and other services (+200 jobs each).
- Information remained unchanged over the year.
- Nonagricultural employment in The Villages metro area (Sumter County) was 26,100 in October 2015, up 400 jobs, or 1.6 percent since October 2014.

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<b>Unemployment Rates</b>			
<b>(not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Oct-15</b>	<b>Sep-15</b>	<b>Oct-14</b>
CareerSource Central Florida	4.7%	4.9%	5.6%
Lake County	5.0%	5.2%	6.0%
Orange County	4.5%	4.8%	5.4%
Osceola County	5.3%	5.5%	6.2%
Seminole County	4.4%	4.6%	5.3%
Sumter County	6.8%	6.8%	7.5%
Florida	5.1%	5.4%	5.8%
United States	4.8%	4.9%	5.5%

<b>Nonagricultural Employment by Industry</b> <b>(not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>				<b>Florida</b>			
	<b>Oct-15</b>	<b>Oct-14</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>	<b>Oct-15</b>	<b>Oct-14</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
	Total Employment	1,166,400	1,123,400	43,000	3.8	8,155,700	7,915,800	239,900
Mining, Logging, and Construction	59,700	59,100	600	1.0	438,500	419,300	19,200	4.6
Manufacturing	40,400	40,200	200	0.5	337,400	332,400	5,000	1.5
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	223,600	213,500	10,100	4.7	1,676,000	1,630,700	45,300	2.8
Wholesale Trade	46,100	43,500	2,600	6.0	338,900	329,300	9,600	2.9
Retail Trade	143,200	137,900	5,300	3.8	1,073,000	1,046,700	26,300	2.5
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	34,300	32,100	2,200	6.9	264,100	254,700	9,400	3.7
Information	24,400	24,400	0	0.0	135,700	135,800	-100	-0.1
Financial Activities	74,400	71,700	2,700	3.8	543,600	529,600	14,000	2.6
Professional and Business Services	194,200	186,100	8,100	4.4	1,231,800	1,182,200	49,600	4.2
Education and Health Services	140,800	138,300	2,500	1.8	1,230,200	1,181,600	48,600	4.1
Leisure and Hospitality	248,800	232,200	16,600	7.1	1,131,900	1,083,500	48,400	4.5
Other Services	38,000	37,800	200	0.5	339,100	324,700	14,400	4.4
Government	122,100	120,100	2,000	1.7	1,091,500	1,096,000	-4,500	-0.4

<b>Population</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
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

<b>Average Annual Wage</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
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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