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CENTRAL FLORIDA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 6.9%

Orlando, Fla.– The unemployment rate in the Workforce Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 6.9 percent in July 2013. The region's jobless rate was down 2.0 percentage points from 8.9 percent a year ago and was 0.5 percentage point lower than the state rate of 7.4 percent. Out of a labor force of 1,208,978, there were 83,355 unemployed residents in the region.

- Sumter County's unemployment rate (6.2 percent) was the lowest of the counties that comprise the Workforce Central Florida region. The unemployment rates in the other counties were: 7.4 percent in Osceola County, 6.8 percent in Orange County, 6.5 percent in Seminole County, and 7.6 percent in Lake County.
- Nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties) was 1,052,500 in July 2013, an increase of 2.3 percent from year ago. Statewide, employment was up 2.1 percent for the same time period.
- The metro area gained 23,200 jobs over the year with most major industries gaining jobs. Leisure and hospitality (+8,400 jobs) gained the most, followed by trade, transportation, and utilities (+5,100 jobs); professional and business services (+4,500 jobs); education and health services (+4,100 jobs); financial activities and government (both +900 jobs); and mining, logging, and construction (+200 jobs). Other services was unchanged.
- Only two major industries lost jobs over the year—manufacturing (-600 jobs) and information (-300 jobs).
- The metro area's over-the-year growth rates in leisure and hospitality (+4.0 percent); education and health services (+3.2 percent); and professional and business services (+2.7 percent) were stronger than the statewide growth rates in these industries. Government was up in the metro area but lost jobs statewide
- Compared to the other metro areas in Florida, Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford led the state in over-the-year job gains in leisure and hospitality. The area gained the second most total nonagricultural and education and health services jobs over the year, behind only Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater.

Unemployment Rates (%)			
(not seasonally adjusted)			
	Jul-13	Jun-13	Jul-12
Workforce Central Florida Region	6.9	6.9	8.9
Lake County	7.6	7.6	9.7
Orange County	6.8	6.9	8.8
Osceola County	7.4	7.4	9.6
Seminole County	6.5	6.6	8.4
Sumter County	6.2	6.1	7.7
Florida	7.4	7.4	9.2
United States	7.7	7.8	8.6

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Jul-13	Jul-12	change	percent change	Jul-13	Jul-12	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,052,500	1,029,300	23,200	2.3	7,430,300	7,279,400	150,900	2.1
Mining, Logging, and Construction	45,900	45,700	200	0.4	365,200	348,400	16,800	4.8
Manufacturing	37,500	38,100	-600	-1.6	314,700	316,800	-2,100	-0.7
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	201,600	196,500	5,100	2.6	1,578,600	1,520,400	58,200	3.8
Wholesale Trade	39,000	39,100	-100	-0.3	318,500	316,200	2,300	0.7
Retail Trade	131,000	126,600	4,400	3.5	1,017,500	966,100	51,400	5.3
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	31,600	30,800	800	2.6	242,600	238,100	4,500	1.9
Information	23,300	23,600	-300	-1.3	134,800	133,700	1,100	0.8
Financial Activities	68,300	67,400	900	1.3	508,000	500,300	7,700	1.5
Professional and Business Services	172,600	168,100	4,500	2.7	1,089,800	1,065,800	24,000	2.3
Education and Health Services	131,600	127,500	4,100	3.2	1,109,400	1,091,400	18,000	1.6
Leisure and Hospitality	220,400	212,000	8,400	4.0	1,023,100	991,200	31,900	3.2
Other Services	44,600	44,600	0	0.0	317,100	313,200	3,900	1.2
Government	106,700	105,800	900	0.9	989,600	998,200	-8,600	-0.9

Population	2012	2011	change	percent change
Workforce Central Florida Region	2,284,786	2,250,676	34,110	1.5
Lake County	299,677	298,265	1,412	0.5
Orange County	1,175,941	1,157,342	18,599	1.6
Osceola County	280,866	273,867	6,999	2.6
Seminole County	428,104	424,587	3,517	0.8
Sumter County	100,198	96,615	3,583	3.7
Florida	19,074,434	18,905,048	169,386	0.9

Average Annual Wage	2012p	2011	change	percent change
Workforce Central Florida Region	\$40,813	\$40,044	\$769	1.9
Lake County	\$32,720	\$32,370	\$350	1.1
Orange County	\$42,842	\$42,065	\$777	1.8
Osceola County	\$33,799	\$33,030	\$769	2.3
Seminole County	\$40,254	\$39,363	\$891	2.3
Sumter County	\$35,894	\$34,913	\$981	2.8
Florida	\$43,210	\$42,312	\$898	2.1

Note: All data are subject to revision.
 Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics