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CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - 6 PERCENT

Orlando, FL – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Sumter counties) was 6.0 percent in February 2014. The region's jobless rate was down 1.5 percentage points from 7.5 percent a year ago and was 0.3 percentage point lower than the state rate of 6.3 percent. Out of a labor force of 1,215,789, there were 72,926 unemployed residents in the region.

- Osceola County's unemployment rate (6.7 percent) was the highest of the counties that comprise the CareerSource Central Florida region. The unemployment rates in the other counties were: 6.6 percent in Lake County, 5.9 percent in Orange County, 5.5 percent in Seminole County, and 5.4 percent in Sumter County.
- Nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties) was 1,088,600 in February 2014, an increase of 3.6 percent from year ago. Statewide, employment was up 3.0 percent from February 2013 to February 2014.
- The metro area gained 37,400 jobs over the year with all major industries gaining jobs. Leisure and hospitality (+11,200 jobs) gained the most, followed by professional and business services (+7,200 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+6,900 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+5,100 jobs); financial activities (+2,000 jobs); education and health services (+1,800 jobs); manufacturing (+1,500 jobs); other services (+700 jobs); information (+600 jobs); and government (+400 jobs).
- The metro area's over-the-year growth rates in leisure and hospitality (+5.2 percent); manufacturing (+4.0 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+3.5 percent); financial activities (+2.9 percent); information (+2.6 percent); and other services (+2.0 percent) were stronger than the statewide growth rates in these industries. Government was up in the metro area but lost jobs statewide.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area led all metro areas in Florida in over-the-year gains in total nonagricultural jobs in February 2014. The Orlando metro area led the state in over-the-year gains in mining, logging, and construction;

leisure and hospitality; and information (+600 jobs), tied with the Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach metro area.

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Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Feb-14	Feb-13	change	percent change	Feb-14	Feb-13	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,088,600	1,051,200	37,400	3.6	7,742,500	7,519,600	222,900	3.0
Mining, Logging, and Construction	53,600	48,500	5,100	10.5	392,600	354,200	38,400	10.8
Manufacturing	39,100	37,600	1,500	4.0	328,100	318,100	10,000	3.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	206,500	199,600	6,900	3.5	1,599,800	1,550,200	49,600	3.2
Wholesale Trade	40,800	39,600	1,200	3.0	325,500	320,100	5,400	1.7
Retail Trade	134,200	129,400	4,800	3.7	1,023,300	985,600	37,700	3.8
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	31,500	30,600	900	2.9	251,000	244,500	6,500	2.7
Information	24,100	23,500	600	2.6	135,100	133,100	2,000	1.5
Financial Activities	70,400	68,400	2,000	2.9	517,800	506,000	11,800	2.3
Professional and Business Services	180,300	173,100	7,200	4.2	1,149,300	1,099,900	49,400	4.5
Education and Health Services	132,700	130,900	1,800	1.4	1,146,100	1,125,900	20,200	1.8
Leisure and Hospitality	226,100	214,900	11,200	5.2	1,065,900	1,027,300	38,600	3.8
Other Services	36,000	35,300	700	2.0	308,600	304,800	3,800	1.3
Government	119,800	119,400	400	0.3	1,099,200	1,100,100	-900	-0.1

Unemployment Rates (%) (not seasonally adjusted)	Feb-14	Jan-14	Feb-13
CareerSource Central Florida	6.0	6.0	7.5
Lake County	6.6	6.6	8.1
Orange County	5.9	5.9	7.5
Osceola County	6.7	6.6	8.2
Seminole County	5.5	5.6	7.2
Sumter County	5.4	5.4	6.2
Florida	6.3	6.3	7.8
United States	7.0	7.0	8.1

Population	2013	2012	change	percent change
CareerSource Central Florida	2,330,834	2,284,786	46,048	2.0
Lake County	303,317	299,677	3,640	1.2
Orange County	1,202,978	1,175,941	27,037	2.3
Osceola County	288,361	280,866	7,495	2.7
Seminole County	431,074	428,104	2,970	0.7
Sumter County	105,104	100,198	4,906	4.9
Florida	19,259,543	19,074,434	185,109	1.0

Average Annual Wage	2012	2011	change	percent change
CareerSource Central Florida	\$40,815	\$40,044	\$771	1.9
Lake County	\$32,724	\$32,370	\$354	1.1
Orange County	\$42,843	\$42,065	\$778	1.8
Osceola County	\$33,799	\$33,030	\$769	2.3
Seminole County	\$40,259	\$39,363	\$896	2.3
Sumter County	\$35,894	\$34,913	\$981	2.8
Florida	\$43,213	\$42,312	\$901	2.1