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## **CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 5.6 PERCENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2014**

*Orlando, FL* – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 5.6 percent in September 2014. The region's jobless rate was down 1.0 percentage point from 6.6 percent a year ago and was 0.5 percentage point lower than the state rate of 6.1 percent. Out of a labor force of 1,263,419, there were 71,247 unemployed residents in the region.

- The unemployment rates in the CareerSource Central Florida region were: 6.2 percent in Lake County, 5.6 percent in Orange County, 6.3 percent in Osceola County, 5.1 percent in Seminole County, and 5.0 percent in Sumter.
- Nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties) was 1,108,600 in September 2014, an increase of 3.7 percent from a year ago. Statewide, employment was up 2.8 percent from September 2013 to September 2014.
- The metro area gained 39,900 jobs over the year with most major industries gaining jobs. Leisure and hospitality (+13,300 jobs) gained the most, followed by professional and business services (+11,300 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+7,200 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+4,500 jobs); education and health services (+2,200 jobs); manufacturing (+1,400 jobs); other services (+800 jobs); information (+500 jobs); and government (+100 jobs).
- Financial activities (-1,400 jobs) was the only industry that lost jobs over the year.
- The metro area's over-the-year growth rates in professional and business services (+6.4 percent); leisure and hospitality (+6.1 percent); manufacturing (+3.6 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+3.5 percent); other services (+2.3 percent); and information (+2.1 percent) were stronger than the statewide growth rates in these industries. Government was up in the metro area but lost jobs statewide.
- In September 2014, the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area led all metro areas in Florida in over-the-year gains in total nonagricultural jobs. The metro area also led the state in over-the-year gains in leisure and hospitality; professional and business services; mining, logging, and construction (tied with Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall); and information (tied with Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach).

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Unemployment Rates (%)			
(not seasonally adjusted)	Sep-14	Aug-14	Sep-13
CareerSource Central Florida	5.6	6.3	6.6
Lake County	6.2	6.8	7.3
Orange County	5.6	6.3	6.5
Osceola County	6.3	7.1	7.4
Seminole County	5.1	5.7	6.1
Sumter County	5.0	5.6	5.8
Florida	6.1	6.7	7.1
United States	5.7	6.3	7.0

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Sep-14	Sep-13	change	percent change	Sep-14	Sep-13	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,108,600	1,068,700	39,900	3.7	7,787,700	7,577,200	210,500	2.8
Mining, Logging, and Construction	57,200	52,700	4,500	8.5	424,700	383,900	40,800	10.6
Manufacturing	39,900	38,500	1,400	3.6	330,200	323,200	7,000	2.2
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	211,900	204,700	7,200	3.5	1,617,200	1,563,700	53,500	3.4
Wholesale Trade	42,100	40,500	1,600	4.0	328,200	321,200	7,000	2.2
Retail Trade	137,100	132,900	4,200	3.2	1,034,300	996,600	37,700	3.8
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	32,700	31,300	1,400	4.5	254,700	245,900	8,800	3.6
Information	24,300	23,800	500	2.1	135,600	133,800	1,800	1.4
Financial Activities	68,600	70,000	-1,400	-2.0	521,500	514,700	6,800	1.3
Professional and Business Services	187,000	175,700	11,300	6.4	1,163,000	1,120,600	42,400	3.8
Education and Health Services	133,400	131,200	2,200	1.7	1,149,000	1,127,400	21,600	1.9
Leisure and Hospitality	231,900	218,600	13,300	6.1	1,054,100	1,021,800	32,300	3.2
Other Services	36,400	35,600	800	2.3	311,400	305,700	5,700	1.9
Government	118,000	117,900	100	0.1	1,081,000	1,082,400	-1,400	-0.1

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	2013	2012	change	percent change
CareerSource Central Florida	\$41,260	\$40,813	\$447	1.1
Lake County	\$33,397	\$32,724	\$673	2.1
Orange County	\$43,142	\$42,840	\$302	0.7
Osceola County	\$34,151	\$33,799	\$352	1.0
Seminole County	\$40,954	\$40,257	\$697	1.7
Sumter County	\$37,575	\$35,894	\$1,681	4.7
Florida	\$43,651	\$43,210	\$441	1.0

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