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CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CONTINUES DECLINE TO 5.3 PERCENT FOR NOVEMBER 2014

Orlando, FL – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 5.3 percent in November 2014, the lowest since May 2008 when it was 5.2 percent. The region's jobless rate was 0.7 percentage point lower than the year ago rate of 6.0 percent and was 0.3 percentage point lower than the state rate of 5.6 percent. Out of a labor force of 1,250,038, there were 66,123 unemployed residents in the region.

- The unemployment rates in the CareerSource Central Florida region were: 5.8 percent in Lake County, 5.2 percent in Orange County, 6.0 percent in Osceola County, 4.8 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 1,133,900 in November 2014, an increase of 4.3 percent from a year ago. Statewide, employment was up 2.9 percent from November 2013 to November 2014.
- The metro area gained 46,300 jobs over the year with most major industries gaining jobs. Leisure and hospitality (+12,800 jobs) gained the most, followed by professional and business services (+11,600 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+11,000 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+4,600 jobs); education and health services (+2,800 jobs); manufacturing (+1,400 jobs); other services (+1,100 jobs); government (+1,000 jobs); and information (+500 jobs).
- Financial activities (-500 jobs) was the only industry that lost jobs over the year.
- The metro area's over-the-year growth rates in mining, logging, and construction (+8.5 percent); professional and business services (+6.5 percent); leisure and hospitality (+5.7 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+5.3 percent); manufacturing (+3.6 percent); information and education and health services (+2.1 percent each); and government (+0.8 percent) were stronger than the statewide growth rates in these industries.
- In November 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; trade, transportation, and utilities; mining, logging, and construction; and information (tied with Ft. Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach).

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Unemployment Rates (%)			
(not seasonally adjusted)	Oct-14	Sep-14	Oct-13
CareerSource Central Florida	5.4	5.7	6.2
Lake County	6.0	6.3	6.8
Orange County	5.4	5.6	6.2
Osceola County	6.1	6.4	7.0
Seminole County	5.0	5.1	5.7
Sumter County	5.2	5.1	5.6
Florida	5.8	6.1	6.7
United States	5.5	5.7	7.0

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Oct-14	Oct-13	change	percent change	Oct-14	Oct-13	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,117,900	1,080,300	37,600	3.5	7,867,500	7,657,900	209,600	2.7
Mining, Logging, and Construction	59,500	53,000	6,500	12.3	432,400	392,000	40,400	10.3
Manufacturing	40,000	38,400	1,600	4.2	330,100	322,100	8,000	2.5
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	212,700	205,900	6,800	3.3	1,630,500	1,580,900	49,600	3.1
Wholesale Trade	43,000	40,500	2,500	6.2	329,400	321,200	8,200	2.6
Retail Trade	137,200	134,000	3,200	2.4	1,044,000	1,011,800	32,200	3.2
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	32,500	31,400	1,100	3.5	257,100	247,900	9,200	3.7
Information	24,300	24,000	300	1.3	135,200	134,400	800	0.6
Financial Activities	69,400	70,700	-1,300	-1.8	525,200	517,400	7,800	1.5
Professional and Business Services	189,200	178,100	11,100	6.2	1,175,800	1,134,700	41,100	3.6
Education and Health Services	134,700	132,700	2,000	1.5	1,164,000	1,137,800	26,200	2.3
Leisure and Hospitality	231,900	222,500	9,400	4.2	1,063,100	1,037,200	25,900	2.5
Other Services	36,500	35,700	800	2.2	313,100	306,600	6,500	2.1
Government	119,700	119,300	400	0.3	1,098,100	1,094,800	3,300	0.3

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