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CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
WAS 5.6 PERCENT FOR JANUARY 2015

Orlando, FL – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 5.6 percent in January 2015. The region's jobless rate was 0.8 percentage point lower than the year ago rate of 6.4 percent and was 0.2 percentage point lower than the state rate of 5.8 percent. Out of a labor force of 1,232,601, there were 69,454 unemployed residents in the region.

• The unemployment rates in the CareerSource Central Florida region were: 6.0 percent in Lake County, 5.5 percent in Orange County, 6.2 percent in Osceola County, 5.3 percent in Seminole County, and 7.7 percent in Sumter.

• Nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties) was 1,125,400 in January 2015, an increase of 4.0 percent from a year ago. Statewide, employment was up 3.7 percent from January 2014 to January 2015.

• The metro area gained 42,900 jobs over the year with most major industries gaining jobs. Leisure and hospitality (+13,100 jobs) gained the most, followed by professional and business services (+9,900 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+6,600 jobs); education and health services (+5,600 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+4,300 jobs); financial activities (+2,500 jobs); other services (+600 jobs); manufacturing (+400 jobs); and information (+200 jobs).

• Government (-300 jobs) was the only industry that lost jobs over the year.

• The metro area's over-the-year growth rates in leisure and hospitality (+6.0 percent); professional and business services (+5.5 percent); financial activities (+3.6 percent); and manufacturing (+1.0 percent) were stronger than the statewide growth rates in these industries. Information was up in the area but lost jobs statewide.

• In January 2015, the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area, tied with Miami-Miami-Beach-Kendall, 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 and professional and business services

• Nonagricultural employment in The Villages metro area (Sumter County) was 26,000 in January 2015, up 900 jobs, or 3.6 percent since January 2014.

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Unemployment Rates (%) (not seasonally adjusted)	Jan-15	Dec-14	Jan-14
CareerSource Central Florida	5.6	5.2	6.4
Lake County	6.0	5.5	6.8
Orange County	5.5	5.0	6.2
Osceola County	6.2	5.8	7.2
Seminole County	5.3	4.9	6.0
Sumter County	7.7	6.9	8.1
Florida	5.8	5.4	6.6
United States	6.1	5.4	7.0

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Jan-15	Jan-14	change	percent change	Jan-15	Jan-14	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,125,400	1,082,500	42,900	4.0	7,948,400	7,663,400	285,000	3.7
Mining, Logging, and Construction	57,600	53,300	4,300	8.1	412,800	379,300	33,500	8.8
Manufacturing	39,100	38,700	400	1.0	329,100	326,800	2,300	0.7
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	216,200	209,600	6,600	3.2	1,657,800	1,597,200	60,600	3.8
Wholesale Trade	42,900	40,700	2,200	5.4	330,800	322,200	8,600	2.7
Retail Trade	140,000	137,300	2,700	2.0	1,065,700	1,025,500	40,200	3.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	33,300	31,600	1,700	5.4	261,300	249,500	11,800	4.7
Information	24,400	24,200	200	0.8	134,700	135,600	-900	-0.7
Financial Activities	72,200	69,700	2,500	3.6	527,100	512,600	14,500	2.8
Professional and Business Services	189,400	179,500	9,900	5.5	1,183,300	1,127,800	55,500	4.9
Education and Health Services	137,900	132,300	5,600	4.2	1,182,500	1,134,400	48,100	4.2
Leisure and Hospitality	232,300	219,200	13,100	6.0	1,097,200	1,047,500	49,700	4.7
Other Services	37,800	37,200	600	1.6	330,800	317,000	13,800	4.4
Government	118,500	118,800	-300	-0.3	1,093,100	1,085,200	7,900	0.7

Population	2014	2013	change	percent change
CareerSource Central Florida	2,381,495	2,330,834	50,661	2.2
Lake County	309,736	303,317	6,419	2.1
Orange County	1,227,995	1,202,978	25,017	2.1
Osceola County	295,553	288,361	7,192	2.5
Seminole County	437,086	431,074	6,012	1.4
Sumter County	111,125	105,104	6,021	5.7
Florida	19,507,369	19,259,543	247,826	1.3

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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