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CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 5.4 PERCENT FOR FEBRUARY 2015

NOTE: The Villages (Sumter County) is now its own metro area.

- Orlando, FL* – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 5.4 percent in February 2015. The region's jobless rate was 0.9 percentage point lower than the year ago rate of 6.3 percent and was slightly lower than the state rate. Out of a labor force of 1,234,542, there were 66,208 unemployed residents in the region.
- The unemployment rates in the CareerSource Central Florida region were: 5.7 percent in Lake County, 5.2 percent in Orange County, 5.9 percent in Osceola County, 5.1 percent in Seminole County, and 7.6 percent in Sumter.
 - Nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties) was 1,137,900 in February 2015, an increase of 4.2 percent from a year ago. Statewide, employment was up 3.6 percent from February 2014 to February 2015.
 - The metro area gained 46,200 jobs over the year with all major industries gaining jobs. Leisure and hospitality (+13,400 jobs) gained the most, followed by professional and business services (+8,400 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+7,600 jobs); education and health services (+5,500 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+4,600 jobs); financial activities (+3,000 jobs); government (+1,400 jobs); other services (+1,300 jobs); manufacturing (+700 jobs); and information (+300 jobs).
 - The metro area's over-the-year growth rates in mining, logging, and construction (+8.5 percent); leisure and hospitality (+6.0 percent); professional and business services (+4.7 percent); financial activities (+4.3 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+3.6 percent); manufacturing (+1.8 percent); and government (+1.2 percent) were stronger than the statewide growth rates in these industries. Information was up in the area but lost jobs statewide.
 - In February 2015, 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; and financial activities.
 - Nonagricultural employment in The Villages metro area (Sumter County) was 26,200 in February 2015, up 1,000 jobs, or 4.0 percent since February 2014.

Unemployment Rates (%) (not seasonally adjusted)	Feb-15	Jan-15	Feb-14
CareerSource Central Florida	5.4	5.7	6.3
Lake County	5.7	6.0	6.7
Orange County	5.2	5.5	6.1
Osceola County	5.9	6.3	7.1
Seminole County	5.1	5.4	5.9
Sumter County	7.6	7.7	8.0
Florida	5.5	5.8	6.6
United States	5.8	6.1	7.0

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Feb-15	Feb-14	change	percent change	Feb-15	Feb-14	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,137,900	1,091,700	46,200	4.2	8,015,000	7,735,100	279,900	3.6
Mining, Logging, and Construction	58,800	54,200	4,600	8.5	414,700	385,100	29,600	7.7
Manufacturing	39,600	38,900	700	1.8	331,400	328,200	3,200	1.0
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	217,300	209,700	7,600	3.6	1,655,500	1,600,000	55,500	3.5
Wholesale Trade	44,400	41,100	3,300	8.0	334,800	324,600	10,200	3.1
Retail Trade	139,600	136,800	2,800	2.1	1,062,800	1,024,500	38,300	3.7
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	33,300	31,800	1,500	4.7	257,900	250,900	7,000	2.8
Information	24,500	24,200	300	1.2	135,000	136,100	-1,100	-0.8
Financial Activities	73,100	70,100	3,000	4.3	530,600	514,400	16,200	3.2
Professional and Business Services	189,100	180,700	8,400	4.7	1,190,300	1,140,400	49,900	4.4
Education and Health Services	139,000	133,500	5,500	4.1	1,196,200	1,145,300	50,900	4.4
Leisure and Hospitality	237,300	223,900	13,400	6.0	1,120,700	1,070,900	49,800	4.7
Other Services	38,700	37,400	1,300	3.5	334,900	320,500	14,400	4.5
Government	120,500	119,100	1,400	1.2	1,105,700	1,094,200	11,500	1.1

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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