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CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - REMAINS AT 6.0 PERCENT

Orlando, FL – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 6.0 percent in March 2014. The region's jobless rate was down 1.1 percentage points from 7.1 percent a year ago and was 0.4 percentage point lower than the state rate of 6.4 percent. Out of a labor force of 1,224,942, there were 73,278 unemployed residents in the region.

- The unemployment rates in the CareerSource Central Florida region were: 6.7 percent in Lake County, 6.6 percent in Osceola County, 5.9 percent in Orange County, 5.5 percent in Seminole County, and 5.0 percent in Sumter County.
- Nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties) was 1,092,200 in March 2014, an increase of 3.1 percent from year ago. Statewide, employment was up 3.0 percent from March 2013 to March 2014.
- The metro area gained 33,300 jobs over the year with all major industries gaining jobs. Leisure and hospitality (+9,500 jobs) gained the most, followed by trade, transportation, and utilities (+8,200 jobs); professional and business services (+5,500 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+4,300 jobs); manufacturing (+1,700 jobs); education and health services (+1,100 jobs); financial activities (+1,000 jobs); other services (+900 jobs); information (+700 jobs); and government (+400 jobs).
- The metro area's over-the-year growth rates in manufacturing (+4.5 percent); leisure and hospitality (+4.3 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+4.1 percent); information (+3.0 percent); other services (+2.5 percent); and government (+0.3 percent) were stronger than the statewide growth rates in these industries.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area led all metro areas in Florida in over-the-year gains in total nonagricultural jobs in March 2014. The Orlando metro area led the state in over-the-year gains in mining, logging, and construction; leisure and hospitality; and information. The metro area also ranked second in over-the-year job gains in trade, transportation, and utilities, behind Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall metro division.

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Unemployment Rates (%)			
(not seasonally adjusted)	Mar-14	Feb-14	Mar-13
CareerSource Central Florida	6.0	6.0	7.1
Lake County	6.7	6.6	7.7
Orange County	5.9	6.0	7.1
Osceola County	6.6	6.7	7.7
Seminole County	5.5	5.6	6.7
Sumter County	5.0	5.0	5.8
Florida	6.4	6.3	7.4
United States	6.8	7.0	7.6

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Mar-14	Mar-13	change	percent change	Mar-14	Mar-13	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,092,200	1,058,900	33,300	3.1	7,799,200	7,573,400	225,800	3.0
Mining, Logging, and Construction	53,600	49,300	4,300	8.7	396,300	359,300	37,000	10.3
Manufacturing	39,300	37,600	1,700	4.5	329,500	319,400	10,100	3.2
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	208,200	200,000	8,200	4.1	1,607,000	1,554,300	52,700	3.4
Wholesale Trade	41,200	39,700	1,500	3.8	327,000	321,200	5,800	1.8
Retail Trade	135,100	129,500	5,600	4.3	1,026,000	987,500	38,500	3.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	31,900	30,800	1,100	3.6	254,000	245,600	8,400	3.4
Information	24,200	23,500	700	3.0	135,900	133,700	2,200	1.7
Financial Activities	69,700	68,700	1,000	1.5	519,600	508,700	10,900	2.1
Professional and Business Services	179,800	174,300	5,500	3.2	1,153,600	1,108,400	45,200	4.1
Education and Health Services	132,500	131,400	1,100	0.8	1,149,800	1,129,600	20,200	1.8
Leisure and Hospitality	228,300	218,800	9,500	4.3	1,091,700	1,052,100	39,600	3.8
Other Services	36,400	35,500	900	2.5	312,800	306,500	6,300	2.1
Government	120,200	119,800	400	0.3	1,103,000	1,101,400	1,600	0.2

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

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