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CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - DOWN 0.6 PERCENT
FROM MARCH 2014

Orlando, FL – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 5.4 percent in April 2014. The region's jobless rate was down 1.4 percentage points from 6.8 percent a year ago and was 0.3 percentage point lower than the state rate of 5.7 percent. Out of a labor force of 1,229,388, there were 65,945 unemployed residents in the region.

- The unemployment rates in the CareerSource Central Florida region were: 5.8 percent in Lake County, 5.3 percent in Orange County, 6.1 percent in Osceola County, 4.9 percent in Seminole County, and 4.4 percent in Sumter County
- Nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties) was 1,106,900 in April 2014, an increase of 4.5 percent from year ago. This is the strongest annual job growth rate in the metro area since June 2006 when it was 4.7 percent. Statewide, employment was up 3.2 percent from April 2013 to April 2014.
- The metro area gained 47,200 jobs over the year with all major industries gaining jobs. Leisure and hospitality (+14,800 jobs) gained the most, followed by professional business services (+10,300 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+9,900 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+5,300 jobs); education and health services (+2,000 jobs); manufacturing (+1,500 jobs); financial activities (+1,200 jobs); government (+1,100 jobs); information (+600 jobs); and other services (+500 jobs).
- The metro area's over-the-year growth rates in leisure and hospitality (+6.8 percent); professional and business services (+5.9 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+5.0 percent); manufacturing (+4.0 percent); information (+2.5 percent); other services (+1.4 percent); and government (+0.9 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 April 2014. The Orlando metro area led the state in over-the-year gains in mining, logging, and construction; trade, transportation, and utilities; information; and leisure and hospitality. The metro area also ranked second in over-the-year job gains in manufacturing (behind Tampa-St Petersburg-Clearwater) and total government (behind Ft Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach).

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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Unemployment Rates (%) (not seasonally adjusted)	Apr-14	Mar-14	Apr-13
CareerSource Central Florida	5.4	6.0	6.8
Lake County	5.8	6.6	7.4
Orange County	5.3	5.9	6.8
Osceola County	6.1	6.6	7.4
Seminole County	4.9	5.5	6.3
Sumter County	4.4	5.0	5.7
Florida	5.7	6.4	7.1
United States	5.9	6.8	7.1

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area			percent change	Florida			percent change
	Apr-14	Apr-13	change		Apr-14	Apr-13	change	
Total Employment	1,106,900	1,059,700	47,200	4.5	7,826,300	7,581,100	245,200	3.2
Mining, Logging, and Construction	54,900	49,600	5,300	10.7	401,000	361,400	39,600	11.0
Manufacturing	39,300	37,800	1,500	4.0	327,700	320,100	7,600	2.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	210,000	200,100	9,900	5.0	1,608,500	1,556,200	52,300	3.4
Wholesale Trade	42,000	39,900	2,100	5.3	327,400	321,200	6,200	1.9
Retail Trade	136,000	129,400	6,600	5.1	1,028,300	988,800	39,500	4.0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	32,000	30,800	1,200	3.9	252,800	246,200	6,600	2.7
Information	24,200	23,600	600	2.5	135,700	133,600	2,100	1.6
Financial Activities	70,200	69,000	1,200	1.7	522,400	510,100	12,300	2.4
Professional and Business Services	185,300	175,000	10,300	5.9	1,163,300	1,108,400	54,900	5.0
Education and Health Services	133,400	131,400	2,000	1.5	1,152,800	1,131,700	21,100	1.9
Leisure and Hospitality	232,500	217,700	14,800	6.8	1,101,600	1,052,400	49,200	4.7
Other Services	36,200	35,700	500	1.4	311,400	307,900	3,500	1.1
Government	120,900	119,800	1,100	0.9	1,101,900	1,099,300	2,600	0.2

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