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CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT IS 5.2 PERCENT FOR MAY 2015

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

Orlando, FL – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 5.2 percent in May 2015. The region's jobless rate was 0.8 percentage point lower than the year ago rate of 6.0 percent and was 0.4 percentage point lower than the state rate of 5.6 percent. Out of a labor force of 1,245,691, there were 65,322 unemployed residents in the region.

- The unemployment rates in the CareerSource Central Florida region were: 5.6 percent in Lake County, 5.1 percent in Orange County, 5.8 percent in Osceola County, 4.9 percent in Seminole County, and 7.5 percent in Sumter.
- Nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties) was 1,153,200 in May 2015, an increase of 4.0 percent from a year ago. Statewide, employment was up 3.4 percent from May 2014 to May 2015.
- The metro area gained 44,000 jobs over the year with all major industries gaining jobs. Leisure and hospitality (+12,000 jobs) gained the most, followed by trade, transportation, and utilities (+11,300 jobs); professional and business services (+7,200 jobs); financial activities (+4,000 jobs); education and health services (+3,200 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+3,000 jobs); government (+1,400 jobs); other services (+1,000 jobs); manufacturing (+800 jobs); and information (+100 jobs).
- The metro area's over-the-year growth rates in financial activities (+5.7 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+5.4 percent); leisure and hospitality (+5.2 percent); professional and business services (+3.9 percent); manufacturing (+2.0 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 May 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; trade, transportation, and utilities; professional and business services; financial activities; government; and manufacturing.
- Nonagricultural employment in The Villages metro area (Sumter County) was 25,900 in May 2015, up 600 jobs, or 2.4 percent since May 2014.

Unemployment Rates (%)			
(not seasonally adjusted)	May-15	Apr-15	May-14
CareerSource Central Florida	5.2	5.0	6.0
Lake County	5.6	5.3	6.4
Orange County	5.1	4.8	5.8
Osceola County	5.8	5.5	6.6
Seminole County	4.9	4.7	5.6
Sumter County	7.5	7.0	8.0
Florida	5.6	5.3	6.3
United States	5.3	5.1	6.1

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	May-15	May-14	change	percent change	May-15	May-14	change	percent change
(not seasonally adjusted)								
Total Employment	1,153,200	1,109,200	44,000	4.0	8,095,600	7,828,300	267,300	3.4
Mining, Logging, and Construction	58,000	55,000	3,000	5.5	427,900	399,300	28,600	7.2
Manufacturing	40,000	39,200	800	2.0	334,800	330,300	4,500	1.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	221,900	210,600	11,300	5.4	1,667,800	1,611,600	56,200	3.5
Wholesale Trade	47,400	42,300	5,100	12.1	335,300	328,000	7,300	2.2
Retail Trade	141,000	136,300	4,700	3.5	1,070,800	1,030,800	40,000	3.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	33,500	32,000	1,500	4.7	261,700	252,800	8,900	3.5
Information	24,600	24,500	100	0.4	135,700	135,900	-200	-0.2
Financial Activities	74,400	70,400	4,000	5.7	538,400	520,300	18,100	3.5
Professional and Business Services	192,100	184,900	7,200	3.9	1,203,500	1,163,300	40,200	3.5
Education and Health Services	139,200	136,000	3,200	2.4	1,207,400	1,159,600	47,800	4.1
Leisure and Hospitality	243,400	231,400	12,000	5.2	1,146,600	1,095,900	50,700	4.6
Other Services	39,000	38,000	1,000	2.6	340,300	324,600	15,700	4.8
Government	120,600	119,200	1,400	1.2	1,093,200	1,087,500	5,700	0.5

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	2014	2013	change	percent change
CareerSource Central Florida	\$42,368	\$41,260	\$1,108	2.7
Lake County	\$34,207	\$33,397	\$810	2.4
Orange County	\$44,427	\$43,142	\$1,285	3.0
Osceola County	\$34,963	\$34,151	\$812	2.4
Seminole County	\$41,921	\$40,954	\$967	2.4
Sumter County	\$36,932	\$37,575	-\$643	-1.7
Florida	\$44,803	\$43,651	\$1,152	2.6

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