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CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE **AT 5.2 PERCENT FOR JULY 2015**

- Orlando, FL* – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) declined by 1.2 percentage points over the year to 5.2 percent in July 2015. The region's jobless rate was 0.5 percentage point lower than the state rate of 5.7 percent. Out of a labor force of 1,250,010, there were 65,402 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 7.4 percent in Sumter.
 - Nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties) was 1,144,500 in July 2015, an increase of 4.1 percent from a year ago. The metro area's over the year growth rate was 0.5 percentage point higher than the state growth rate of 3.6 percent.
 - In July 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 trade, transportation, and utilities; professional and business services; financial activities; and government.
 - The metro area's over-the-year growth rates in financial activities (+6.0 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+5.1 percent); professional and business services (+4.4 percent); and government (+1.6 percent) were stronger than the statewide growth rates in these industries.
 - The metro area gained 45,300 jobs over the year with most major industries gaining jobs. Leisure and hospitality (+11,200 jobs) gained the most, followed by trade, transportation, and utilities (+10,700 jobs); professional and business services (+8,100 jobs); education and health services (+5,200 jobs); financial activities (+4,200 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+3,500 jobs); government (+1,700 jobs); other services (+700 jobs); and manufacturing (+100 jobs).
 - Information (-100 jobs) was the only industry that lost jobs over the year.
 - Nonagricultural employment in The Villages metro area (Sumter County) was 25,200 in July 2015, up 500 jobs, or 2.0 percent since July 2014.

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)	Jul-15	Jun-15	Jul-14
CareerSource Central Florida	5.2%	5.2%	6.4%
Lake County	5.6%	5.4%	6.8%
Orange County	5.1%	5.0%	6.3%
Osceola County	5.8%	5.8%	7.2%
Seminole County	4.9%	4.8%	6.1%
Sumter County	7.4%	7.0%	8.3%
Florida	5.7%	5.6%	6.7%
United States	5.6%	5.5%	6.5%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Jul-15	Jul-14	change	percent change	Jul-15	Jul-14	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,144,500	1,099,200	45,300	4.1	7,979,000	7,702,700	276,300	3.6
Mining, Logging, and Construction	59,700	56,200	3,500	6.2	432,800	407,100	25,700	6.3
Manufacturing	40,000	39,900	100	0.3	335,600	331,300	4,300	1.3
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	221,600	210,900	10,700	5.1	1,661,500	1,606,000	55,500	3.5
Wholesale Trade	46,900	42,300	4,600	10.9	333,100	326,600	6,500	2.0
Retail Trade	141,300	136,700	4,600	3.4	1,069,300	1,027,700	41,600	4.1
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	33,400	31,900	1,500	4.7	259,100	251,700	7,400	2.9
Information	24,400	24,500	-100	-0.4	135,200	136,900	-1,700	-1.2
Financial Activities	74,600	70,400	4,200	6.0	537,100	523,200	13,900	2.7
Professional and Business Services	191,900	183,800	8,100	4.4	1,202,100	1,159,900	42,200	3.6
Education and Health Services	138,900	133,700	5,200	3.9	1,191,000	1,140,700	50,300	4.4
Leisure and Hospitality	245,600	234,400	11,200	4.8	1,143,600	1,080,400	63,200	5.9
Other Services	38,200	37,500	700	1.9	335,200	321,900	13,300	4.1
Government	109,600	107,900	1,700	1.6	1,004,900	995,300	9,600	1.0

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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