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## **CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DIPS TO 5.1 PERCENT FOR AUGUST 2015**

- Orlando, FL* – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) declined by 1.3 percentage points over the year to 5.1 percent in August 2015. The region's jobless rate was 0.5 percentage point lower than the state rate of 5.6 percent. Out of a labor force of 1,254,673, there were 64,120 unemployed residents in the region.
- The unemployment rates in the CareerSource Central Florida region were: 5.4 percent in Lake County, 4.9 percent in Orange County, 5.7 percent in Osceola County, 4.8 percent in Seminole County, and 7.3 percent in Sumter.
  - Nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties) was 1,156,700 in August 2015, an increase of 3.8 percent from a year ago. The metro area's over the year growth rate was 0.7 percentage point higher than the state growth rate of 3.1 percent.
  - In August 2015, the Orlando metro area led the metro areas in job gains over the year in total nonagricultural employment (+42,100 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+9,500 jobs); financial activities (+5,200 jobs); and government (+2,000 jobs).
  - The metro area's over-the-year growth rates in financial activities (+7.4 percent); leisure and hospitality (+6.3 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+4.5 percent); and government (+1.7 percent) were stronger than the statewide growth rates in these industries.
  - The metro area gained 42,100 jobs over the year with most major industries gaining jobs. Leisure and hospitality (+14,700 jobs) gained the most, followed by trade, transportation, and utilities (+9,500 jobs); financial activities (+5,200 jobs); education and health services (+4,700 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+3,300 jobs); government (+2,000 jobs); professional and business services (+1,500 jobs); other services (+700 jobs); and manufacturing (+500 jobs). Information remained unchanged.
  - Nonagricultural employment in The Villages metro area (Sumter County) was 25,800 in August 2015, up 500 jobs, or 2.0 percent since August 2014.

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)			
	Aug-15	Jul-15	Aug-14
CareerSource Central Florida	5.1%	5.3%	6.4%
Lake County	5.4%	5.6%	6.7%
Orange County	4.9%	5.1%	6.2%
Osceola County	5.7%	5.9%	7.1%
Seminole County	4.8%	5.0%	6.0%
Sumter County	7.3%	7.5%	8.1%
Florida	5.6%	5.7%	6.7%
United States	5.2%	5.6%	6.3%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Aug-15	Aug-14	change	percent change	Aug-15	Aug-14	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,156,700	1,114,600	42,100	3.8	8,058,400	7,815,500	242,900	3.1
Mining, Logging, and Construction	60,100	56,800	3,300	5.8	438,700	411,100	27,600	6.7
Manufacturing	40,400	39,900	500	1.3	336,900	332,200	4,700	1.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	221,500	212,000	9,500	4.5	1,662,000	1,614,600	47,400	2.9
Wholesale Trade	46,300	42,600	3,700	8.7	335,100	328,500	6,600	2.0
Retail Trade	141,600	137,400	4,200	3.1	1,065,400	1,033,400	32,000	3.1
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	33,600	32,000	1,600	5.0	261,500	252,700	8,800	3.5
Information	24,400	24,400	0	0.0	135,100	136,200	-1,100	-0.8
Financial Activities	75,900	70,700	5,200	7.4	537,100	524,100	13,000	2.5
Professional and Business Services	186,800	185,300	1,500	0.8	1,207,300	1,171,000	36,300	3.1
Education and Health Services	140,600	135,900	4,700	3.5	1,207,400	1,157,000	50,400	4.4
Leisure and Hospitality	247,800	233,100	14,700	6.3	1,130,900	1,076,400	54,500	5.1
Other Services	38,200	37,500	700	1.9	333,500	323,100	10,400	3.2
Government	121,000	119,000	2,000	1.7	1,069,500	1,069,800	-300	0.0

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