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## **CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RISE TO 3 PERCENT FOR DECEMBER 2018**

**Orlando, Fla.** – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 3.7 percent in January 2019. This rate was 0.2 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 3.9 percent. The region's January 2019 unemployment rate was 0.2 percentage point lower than the state rate of 3.9 percent. The labor force was 1,381,244, up 44,461 (+3.3) over the year. There were 50,778 unemployed residents in the region.

- Orange and Seminole counties had the lowest unemployment rate (3.5 percent) in the CareerSource Central Florida region followed by Lake County (3.9 percent), Osceola County (4.0 percent), and Sumter County (5.6 percent).
- In January 2019 nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA was 1,317,800, an increase of 49,900 jobs (+3.9 percent) over the year.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in professional and business services (+21,700 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+10,500 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+6,500 jobs); and manufacturing (+2,100 jobs) in January 2019.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in professional and business services (+9.7 percent) in January 2019.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the third highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in trade, transportation, and utilities (+3,400 jobs); education and health services (+2,700 jobs); and financial activities (+1,700 jobs) in January 2019.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA was tied for the third highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in information (+300 jobs) in January 2019.
- The professional and business services (+9.7 percent); mining, logging, and construction (+8.3 percent); manufacturing (+4.6 percent); leisure and hospitality (+4.1 percent); and government (+0.3 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: professional and business services (+21,700 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+10,500 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+6,500 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+3,400 jobs); education and health services (+2,700 jobs);



manufacturing (+2,100 jobs); financial activities (+1,700 jobs); other services (+600 jobs); government (+400 jobs); and information (+300 jobs).

- In January 2019 nonagricultural employment in The Villages MSA was 30,800, an increase of 800 jobs (+2.7 percent) over the year.

<b>Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Jan-19</b>	<b>Dec-18</b>	<b>Jan-18</b>
CareerSource Central Florida	3.7%	3.0%	3.9%
Lake County	3.9%	3.3%	4.1%
Orange County	3.5%	2.9%	3.7%
Osceola County	4.0%	3.3%	4.3%
Seminole County	3.5%	2.9%	3.7%
Sumter County	5.6%	4.8%	5.9%
Florida	3.9%	3.3%	4.1%
United States	4.4%	3.7%	4.5%

<b>Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>				<b>Florida</b>			
	<b>Jan-19</b>	<b>Jan-18</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>	<b>Jan-19</b>	<b>Jan-18</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Total Employment	1,317,800	1,267,900	49,900	3.9	8,868,700	8,655,100	213,600	2.5
Mining, Logging, and Construction	84,700	78,200	6,500	8.3	548,100	523,500	24,600	4.7
Manufacturing	47,400	45,300	2,100	4.6	375,100	364,800	10,300	2.8
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	241,200	237,800	3,400	1.4	1,801,500	1,771,300	30,200	1.7
Wholesale Trade	46,000	44,300	1,700	3.8	347,200	341,200	6,000	1.8
Retail Trade	151,400	151,300	100	0.1	1,142,200	1,132,800	9,400	0.8
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	43,800	42,200	1,600	3.8	312,100	297,300	14,800	5.0
Information	25,400	25,100	300	1.2	140,500	138,000	2,500	1.8
Financial Activities	76,400	74,700	1,700	2.3	582,000	565,800	16,200	2.9
Professional and Business Services	245,700	224,000	21,700	9.7	1,394,200	1,335,400	58,800	4.4
Education and Health Services	156,500	153,800	2,700	1.8	1,323,400	1,284,900	38,500	3.0
Leisure and Hospitality	266,500	256,000	10,500	4.1	1,222,600	1,199,600	23,000	1.9
Other Services	44,400	43,800	600	1.4	357,900	349,200	8,700	2.5
Government	129,600	129,200	400	0.3	1,123,400	1,122,600	800	0.1

<b>Population</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
CareerSource Central Florida	2,634,996	2,575,454	59,542	2.3
Lake County	346,017	335,431	10,586	3.2
Orange County	1,348,975	1,323,598	25,377	1.9
Osceola County	352,180	337,990	14,190	4.2
Seminole County	462,659	456,314	6,345	1.4
Sumter County	125,165	122,121	3,044	2.5
Florida	20,984,400	20,656,589	327,811	1.6

<b>Average Annual Wage</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
CareerSource Central Florida	\$46,018	\$44,768	\$1,250	2.8
Lake County	\$36,595	\$36,002	\$593	1.6
Orange County	\$48,198	\$47,014	\$1,184	2.5
Osceola County	\$36,852	\$36,234	\$618	1.7
Seminole County	\$46,698	\$44,588	\$2,110	4.7
Sumter County	\$39,789	\$38,062	\$1,727	4.5
Florida	\$48,460	\$47,055	\$1,405	3.0