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CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 3.2 PERCENT FOR FEBRUARY 2019

Orlando, Fla. — The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 3.2 percent in February 2019. This rate was 0.4 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 3.6 percent. The region's February 2019 unemployment rate was 0.2 percentage point lower than the state rate of 3.4 percent. The labor force was 1,391,110, up 39,538 (+2.9) over the year. There were 44,799 unemployed residents in the region.

- Orange and Seminole counties had the lowest unemployment rate (3.1 percent) in the CareerSource Central Florida region followed by Lake County (3.5 percent), Osceola County (3.5 percent), and Sumter County (5.1 percent).
- In February 2019 nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA was 1,329,700, an increase of 49,800 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 (+21,000 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+10,000 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+5,200 jobs); manufacturing (+2,700 jobs); and government (+1,600 jobs) in February 2019.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in professional and business services (+9.3 percent) in February 2019.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the second highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in trade, transportation, and utilities (+2,900 jobs) and education and health services (+4,700 jobs) in February 2019.
- The professional and business services (+9.3 percent); mining, logging, and construction (+6.5 percent); manufacturing (+5.9 percent); leisure and hospitality (+3.8 percent); other services (+2.5 percent); and government (+1.2 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 (+21,000 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+10,000 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+5,200 jobs); education and health services (+4,700 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+2,900 jobs); manufacturing (+2,700 jobs); government (+1,600 jobs); other services (+1,100 jobs); and financial activities (+1,000 jobs).



- The information industry (-400 jobs) lost jobs over the year.
- In February 2019 nonagricultural employment in The Villages MSA was 30,700, an increase of 600 jobs (+2.0 percent) over the year.

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)			
	Feb-19	Jan-19	Feb-18
CareerSource Central Florida	3.2%	3.7%	3.6%
Lake County	3.5%	3.9%	3.8%
Orange County	3.1%	3.5%	3.4%
Osceola County	3.5%	4.0%	3.9%
Seminole County	3.1%	3.5%	3.4%
Sumter County	5.1%	5.6%	5.5%
Florida	3.4%	3.9%	3.8%
United States	4.1%	4.4%	4.4%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				percent change	Feb-19	Florida		percent change
	Feb-19 Feb-18 change		Feb-18 change						
	Feb-19	Feb-18	Feb-18	change					
Total Employment	1,329,700	1,279,900	49,800	3.9	8,939,200	8,735,200	204,000	2.3	
Mining, Logging, and Construction	85,300	80,100	5,200	6.5	555,200	535,000	20,200	3.8	
Manufacturing	48,200	45,500	2,700	5.9	377,200	367,200	10,000	2.7	
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	239,300	236,400	2,900	1.2	1,797,100	1,767,000	30,100	1.7	
Wholesale Trade	45,800	44,400	1,400	3.2	349,800	343,600	6,200	1.8	
Retail Trade	149,600	150,000	-400	-0.3	1,135,500	1,127,300	8,200	0.7	
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	43,900	42,000	1,900	4.5	311,800	296,100	15,700	5.3	
Information	25,500	25,900	-400	-1.5	139,500	140,600	-1,100	-0.8	
Financial Activities	76,300	75,300	1,000	1.3	586,900	569,200	17,700	3.1	
Professional and Business Services	246,600	225,600	21,000	9.3	1,395,100	1,344,600	50,500	3.8	
Education and Health Services	159,800	155,100	4,700	3.0	1,340,300	1,297,800	42,500	3.3	
Leisure and Hospitality	272,300	262,300	10,000	3.8	1,252,800	1,229,000	23,800	1.9	
Other Services	45,100	44,000	1,100	2.5	359,300	352,500	6,800	1.9	
Government	131,300	129,700	1,600	1.2	1,135,800	1,132,300	3,500	0.3	

Population		2017	2016	change	percent change
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

Average Annual Wage		2017	2016	change	percent change
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