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CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CONTINUES PLUMMIT...TO 4.5 PERCENT FOR NOVEMBER 2015

Orlando, FL – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) declined by 1.1 percentage points over the year to 4.5 percent in November 2015. The region's jobless rate was 0.3 percentage point lower than the state rate of 4.8 percent. Out of a labor force of 1,249,944, there were 56,290 unemployed residents in the region.

- The unemployment rates in the counties that comprise the CareerSource Central Florida region were: 4.2 percent in Seminole, 4.3 percent in Orange, 4.8 percent in Lake, 5.1 percent in Osceola, and 6.4 percent in Sumter.
- Nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee Sanford metro area (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties) was 1,179,300 in November 2015, an increase of 39,900 jobs (+3.5 percent) over the year. The metro area's over the year growth rate was 0.5 percentage point higher than the state growth rate of 3.0 percent.
- In November 2015, the Orlando metro area led all Florida metro areas in job gains over the year in leisure and hospitality (+14,800 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+9,300 jobs); and government (+2,100 jobs); and manufacturing employment (+900 jobs).
- The metro area's over-the-year growth rates in leisure and hospitality (+6.3 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+4.2 percent); and government (+1.7 percent) were stronger than the statewide growth rates in these industries.
- Nine out of ten major industries gained jobs with leisure and hospitality (+14,800 jobs) gaining the most, followed by trade, transportation, and utilities (+9,300 jobs); professional and business services (+5,800 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+2,600 jobs); government (+2,100 jobs); education and health services (+1,800 jobs); other services (+1,400 jobs); financial activities (+1,200 jobs); and manufacturing (+900 jobs).
- Information remained unchanged over the year.
- Nonagricultural employment in The Villages metro area (Sumter County) was 26,500 in November 2015, up 500 jobs, or 1.9 percent since November 2014.

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Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)	Nov-15	Oct-15	Nov-14
CareerSource Central Florida	4.5%	4.7%	5.6%
Lake County	4.8%	5.0%	5.9%
Orange County	4.3%	4.6%	5.4%
Osceola County	5.1%	5.3%	6.2%
Seminole County	4.2%	4.4%	5.2%
Sumter County	6.4%	6.8%	7.4%
Florida	4.8%	5.1%	5.7%
United States	4.8%	4.8%	5.5%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Nov-15	Nov-14	change	percent change	Nov-15	Nov-14	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,179,300	1,139,400	39,900	3.5	8,251,400	8,010,300	241,100	3.0
Mining, Logging, and Construction	61,300	58,700	2,600	4.4	448,000	418,400	29,600	7.1
Manufacturing	40,800	39,900	900	2.3	340,200	332,500	7,700	2.3
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	231,000	221,700	9,300	4.2	1,719,900	1,673,500	46,400	2.8
Wholesale Trade	46,800	44,500	2,300	5.2	343,400	332,500	10,900	3.3
Retail Trade	149,300	144,000	5,300	3.7	1,107,500	1,081,600	25,900	2.4
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	34,900	33,200	1,700	5.1	269,000	259,400	9,600	3.7
Information	24,500	24,500	0	0.0	136,500	136,900	-400	-0.3
Financial Activities	74,100	72,900	1,200	1.6	545,700	533,200	12,500	2.3
Professional and Business Services	194,900	189,100	5,800	3.1	1,245,300	1,197,200	48,100	4.0
Education and Health Services	140,800	139,000	1,800	1.3	1,235,900	1,188,800	47,100	4.0
Leisure and Hospitality	249,800	235,000	14,800	6.3	1,141,500	1,099,300	42,200	3.8
Other Services	39,200	37,800	1,400	3.7	343,400	330,200	13,200	4.0
Government	122,900	120,800	2,100	1.7	1,095,000	1,100,300	-5,300	-0.5

Population	2015	2014	change	percent change
CareerSource Central Florida	2,435,852	2,381,495	54,357	2.3
Lake County	316,569	309,736	6,833	2.2
Orange County	1,252,396	1,227,995	24,401	2.0
Osceola County	308,327	295,553	12,774	4.3
Seminole County	442,903	437,086	5,817	1.3
Sumter County	115,657	111,125	4,532	4.1
Florida	19,815,183	19,507,369	307,814	1.6

Average Annual Wage	2014	2013	change	percent change
CareerSource Central Florida	\$42,369	\$41,260	\$1,109	2.7
Lake County	\$34,207	\$33,397	\$810	2.4
Orange County	\$44,429	\$43,142	\$1,287	3.0
Osceola County	\$34,962	\$34,151	\$811	2.4
Seminole County	\$41,921	\$40,954	\$967	2.4
Sumter County	\$36,933	\$37,575	-\$642	-1.7
Florida	\$44,810	\$43,651	\$1,159	2.7

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