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## **CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DIPS TO 4.3 PERCENT FOR DECEMBER 2016**

*Orlando, FL* – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 4.3 percent in December 2016. This rate was 0.1 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 4.4 percent. The region's December 2016 unemployment rate was 0.4 percentage point lower than the state rate of 4.7 percent. Out of a labor force of 1,306,190 there were 56,062 unemployed residents in the region.

- The unemployment rates for each county in the Central Florida Region were: Seminole County at 4.0 percent; Orange County at 4.1 percent; Lake County at 4.6 percent; Osceola County at 4.8 percent; and Sumter County at 6.6 percent.
- In December 2016 nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA was 1,240,900, an increase of 50,300 jobs (+4.2 percent) over the year.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in mining, logging, and construction (+15.2 percent) in December 2016.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in leisure and hospitality (+16,000 jobs); education and health services (+10,200 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+9,700 jobs); and government (+2,000 jobs) in December 2016.
- 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 (+5,700 jobs) and other services (+1,200 jobs) in December 2016.
- The mining, logging, and construction (+15.2 percent); education and health services (+7.0 percent); leisure and hospitality (+6.5 percent); other services (+2.8 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+2.5 percent); and government (+1.6 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: leisure and hospitality (+16,000 jobs); education and health services (+10,200 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+9,700 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+5,700 jobs); financial activities (+2,600 jobs); professional and business services (+2,500 jobs); government (+2,000 jobs); other services (+1,200 jobs); and manufacturing (+800 jobs).
- The information (-400 jobs) industry lost jobs over the year.
- In December 2016 nonagricultural employment in the The Villages MSA was 27,800, an increase of 900 jobs (+3.3 percent) over the year.

<b>Unemployment Rates</b>			
<b>(not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Dec-16</b>	<b>Nov-16</b>	<b>Dec-15</b>
CareerSource Central Florida	4.3%	4.5%	4.4%
Lake County	4.6%	4.8%	4.7%
Orange County	4.1%	4.3%	4.3%
Osceola County	4.8%	5.0%	5.0%
Seminole County	4.0%	4.2%	4.2%
Sumter County	6.6%	7.0%	6.6%
Florida	4.7%	4.9%	4.8%
United States	4.5%	4.4%	4.8%

<b>Nonagricultural Employment by Industry</b> <b>(not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>				<b>Florida</b>			
	<b>Dec-16</b>	<b>Dec-15</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>	<b>Dec-16</b>	<b>Dec-15</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Total Employment	1,240,900	1,190,600	50,300	4.2	8,553,700	8,302,100	251,600	3.0
Mining, Logging, and Construction	73,600	63,900	9,700	15.2	472,600	449,200	23,400	5.2
Manufacturing	43,700	42,900	800	1.9	359,900	350,300	9,600	2.7
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	236,900	231,200	5,700	2.5	1,779,800	1,743,300	36,500	2.1
Wholesale Trade	45,000	43,900	1,100	2.5	344,800	338,800	6,000	1.8
Retail Trade	154,200	150,000	4,200	2.8	1,148,000	1,124,200	23,800	2.1
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	37,700	37,300	400	1.1	287,000	280,300	6,700	2.4
Information	23,300	23,700	-400	-1.7	134,800	135,200	-400	-0.3
Financial Activities	74,600	72,000	2,600	3.6	563,600	543,000	20,600	3.8
Professional and Business Services	204,300	201,800	2,500	1.2	1,307,400	1,266,800	40,600	3.2
Education and Health Services	155,500	145,300	10,200	7.0	1,278,300	1,228,400	49,900	4.1
Leisure and Hospitality	261,200	245,200	16,000	6.5	1,196,300	1,145,700	50,600	4.4
Other Services	43,400	42,200	1,200	2.8	344,300	335,900	8,400	2.5
Government	124,400	122,400	2,000	1.6	1,116,700	1,104,300	12,400	1.1

<b>Population</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
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

<b>Average Annual Wage</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
CareerSource Central Florida	\$43,854	\$42,369	\$1,485	3.5
Lake County	\$35,532	\$34,207	\$1,325	3.9
Orange County	\$45,994	\$44,429	\$1,565	3.5
Osceola County	\$35,870	\$34,962	\$908	2.6
Seminole County	\$43,668	\$41,921	\$1,747	4.2
Sumter County	\$36,977	\$36,933	\$44	0.1
Florida	\$46,236	\$44,810	\$1,426	3.2

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