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CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINS AT 4.4 PERCENT

Orlando, FL – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 4.4 percent in March 2016. This rate was 0.7 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 5.1 percent. The region's March 2016 unemployment rate was 0.3 percentage point lower than the state rate of 4.7 percent. Out of a labor force of 1,270,274 there were 55,396 unemployed residents in the region.

- The unemployment rates in the CareerSource Central Florida region were: Seminole County (4.1 percent); Orange County (4.2 percent); Lake County (4.7 percent); Osceola County (4.8 percent); and Sumter County (6.7 percent).
- Nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area (Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties) was 1,192,300 in March 2016, an increase of 49,200 jobs (+4.3 percent) over the year. The metro area's over the year growth rate was 1.2 percentage point higher than the state growth rate of 3.1 percent.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the fastest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in leisure and hospitality (+12,900 jobs), mining, logging, and construction (+8,300 jobs), manufacturing (+2,700 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (+7,500 jobs), other services (+1,800 jobs), and government (+2,200 jobs) in March 2016.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the second fastest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in professional and business services (+9,800 jobs) and education and health services (+4,700 jobs) in March 2016.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in manufacturing (+6.7 percent) and other services (+4.5 percent) in March 2016.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in mining, logging, and construction (+14.2 percent) in March 2016.
- The mining, logging, and construction (+14.2 percent); manufacturing (+6.7 percent); leisure and hospitality (+5.4 percent); professional and business services (+5.2 percent); other services (+4.5 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+3.5 percent); and government (+1.8 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 (+12,900 jobs); professional and business services (+9,800 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+8,300

jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+7,500 jobs); education and health services (+4,700 jobs); manufacturing (+2,700 jobs); government (+2,200 jobs); and other services (+1,800 jobs).

- The financial activities (-200 jobs) and information (-500 jobs) industries lost jobs over the year.
- In March 2016 nonagricultural employment in The Villages MSA (Sumter County) was 27,000, an increase of 600 jobs (+2.3 percent) over the year.

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)	Mar-16	Feb-16	Mar-15
CareerSource Central Florida	4.4%	4.4%	5.1%
Lake County	4.7%	4.7%	5.5%
Orange County	4.2%	4.3%	4.9%
Osceola County	4.8%	4.9%	5.7%
Seminole County	4.1%	4.2%	4.9%
Sumter County	6.7%	6.9%	7.6%
Florida	4.7%	4.7%	5.4%
United States	5.1%	5.2%	5.6%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Mar-16	Mar-15	change	percent change	Mar-16	Mar-15	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,192,300	1,143,100	49,200	4.3	8,312,900	8,064,700	248,200	3.1
Mining, Logging, and Construction	66,600	58,300	8,300	14.2	447,200	422,400	24,800	5.9
Manufacturing	43,100	40,400	2,700	6.7	348,100	338,600	9,500	2.8
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	224,200	216,700	7,500	3.5	1,707,700	1,664,900	42,800	2.6
Wholesale Trade	44,300	43,100	1,200	2.8	339,100	333,600	5,500	1.6
Retail Trade	144,700	140,400	4,300	3.1	1,094,500	1,069,300	25,200	2.4
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	35,200	33,200	2,000	6.0	274,100	262,000	12,100	4.6
Information	23,700	24,200	-500	-2.1	134,900	135,700	-800	-0.6
Financial Activities	71,800	72,000	-200	-0.3	548,200	529,500	18,700	3.5
Professional and Business Services	199,500	189,700	9,800	5.2	1,252,500	1,202,200	50,300	4.2
Education and Health Services	146,100	141,400	4,700	3.3	1,236,100	1,191,200	44,900	3.8
Leisure and Hospitality	251,500	238,600	12,900	5.4	1,185,000	1,147,800	37,200	3.2
Other Services	41,600	39,800	1,800	4.5	338,400	330,800	7,600	2.3
Government	124,200	122,000	2,200	1.8	1,114,800	1,101,600	13,200	1.2

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