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## **CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINS AT 4.5 PERCENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2016**

*Orlando, FL* – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 4.5 percent in September 2016. This rate was 0.4 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 4.9 percent. The region's September 2016 unemployment rate was 0.5 percentage point lower than the state rate of 5.0 percent. Out of a labor force of 1,308,656 there were 59,085 unemployed residents in the region.

- The unemployment rates for each county in the Central Florida Region were: Seminole County at 4.3 percent; Orange County at 4.3 percent; Lake County at 4.8 percent; Osceola County at 5.0 percent; and Sumter County at 6.9 percent.
- In September 2016 nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA was 1,218,100, an increase of 55,200 jobs (+4.7 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 (+20.1 percent); manufacturing (+6.3 percent); and education and health services (+6.3 percent) in September 2016.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in government (+2.6 percent) in September 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 (+13,500 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+12,500 jobs); education and health services (+9,100 jobs); government (+3,100 jobs); manufacturing (+2,600 jobs); and other services (+1,500 jobs) in September 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 (+6,200 jobs) in September 2016.
- The mining, logging, and construction (+20.1 percent); education and health services (+6.3 percent); manufacturing (+6.3 percent); leisure and hospitality (+5.6 percent); other services (+3.7 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+2.8 percent); and government (+2.6 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 (+13,500 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+12,500 jobs); education and health services (+9,100 jobs); professional and business services (+7,900 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+6,200 jobs); government (+3,100 jobs); manufacturing (+2,600 jobs); and other services (+1,500 jobs).
- The financial activities (-800 jobs) and information (-400 jobs) industries lost jobs over the year.

- In September 2016 nonagricultural employment in the The Villages MSA was 27,000, an increase of 900 jobs (+3.4 percent) over the year.

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)			
	Sep-16	Aug-16	Sep-15
CareerSource Central Florida	4.5%	4.5%	4.9%
Lake County	4.8%	4.7%	5.2%
Orange County	4.3%	4.3%	4.8%
Osceola County	5.0%	5.0%	5.5%
Seminole County	4.3%	4.2%	4.6%
Sumter County	6.9%	6.7%	7.1%
Florida	5.0%	4.9%	5.3%
United States	4.8%	5.0%	4.9%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Sep-16	Sep-15	change	percent change	Sep-16	Sep-15	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,218,100	1,162,900	55,200	4.7	8,377,600	8,100,700	276,900	3.4
Mining, Logging, and Construction	74,800	62,300	12,500	20.1	473,600	445,800	27,800	6.2
Manufacturing	44,100	41,500	2,600	6.3	357,300	345,500	11,800	3.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	226,900	220,700	6,200	2.8	1,708,000	1,670,800	37,200	2.2
Wholesale Trade	44,700	44,000	700	1.6	340,900	334,900	6,000	1.8
Retail Trade	146,600	142,100	4,500	3.2	1,095,000	1,070,100	24,900	2.3
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	35,600	34,600	1,000	2.9	272,100	265,800	6,300	2.4
Information	23,300	23,700	-400	-1.7	131,600	135,600	-4,000	-2.9
Financial Activities	72,200	73,000	-800	-1.1	554,700	537,300	17,400	3.2
Professional and Business Services	203,200	195,300	7,900	4.0	1,289,500	1,224,300	65,200	5.3
Education and Health Services	153,600	144,500	9,100	6.3	1,252,200	1,204,800	47,400	3.9
Leisure and Hospitality	254,600	241,100	13,500	5.6	1,167,100	1,118,400	48,700	4.4
Other Services	42,100	40,600	1,500	3.7	335,900	330,100	5,800	1.8
Government	123,300	120,200	3,100	2.6	1,107,700	1,088,100	19,600	1.8

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	2015	2014	change	percent change
CareerSource Central Florida	\$43,854	\$42,369	\$1,485	3.5
Lake County	\$35,532	\$34,207	\$1,325	3.9
Orange County	\$45,993	\$44,429	\$1,564	3.5
Osceola County	\$35,870	\$34,962	\$908	2.6
Seminole County	\$43,669	\$41,921	\$1,748	4.2
Sumter County	\$36,977	\$36,933	\$44	0.1
Florida	\$46,237	\$44,810	\$1,427	3.2