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CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE **AT 3.2 PERCENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2017**

Orlando, FL – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Sumter, Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties) was 3.2 percent in September 2017. This rate was 1.5 percentage points lower than the region's year ago rate of 4.7 percent. The region's September 2017 unemployment rate was 0.4 percentage point lower than the state rate of 3.6 percent. The labor force was 1,349,605, up 44,149 (+3.4) over the year. There were 43,308 unemployed residents in the region.

- Seminole County had the lowest unemployment rate (3.0 percent) in the CareerSource Central Florida region followed by Orange County (3.1 percent), Lake County (3.4 percent), Osceola County (3.6 percent), and Sumter County (4.7 percent).
- In September 2017 nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA was 1,239,600, an increase of 24,900 jobs (+2.0 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 leisure and hospitality (+7,800 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+4,700 jobs); financial activities (+3,600 jobs); and manufacturing (+2,600 jobs) in September 2017.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the second highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in mining, logging, and construction (+3,700 jobs) in September 2017.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA was tied for the fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in financial activities (+4.8 percent) in September 2017.
- The manufacturing (+6.0 percent); mining, logging, and construction (+5.3 percent); financial activities (+4.8 percent); leisure and hospitality (+3.1 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (+2.1 percent); and professional and business services (+0.7 percent) industries grew as fast or faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: leisure and hospitality (+7,800 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+4,700 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+3,700 jobs); financial activities (+3,600 jobs); manufacturing (+2,600 jobs); professional and business services (+1,500 jobs); education and health services (+1,300 jobs); and other services (+700 jobs).
- The government (-800 jobs) and information (-200 jobs) industries lost jobs over the year.
- In September 2017 nonagricultural employment in the The Villages MSA was 28,200, an increase of 1,000 jobs (+3.7 percent) over the year.

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Unemployment Rates			
(not seasonally adjusted)	Sep-17	Aug-17	Sep-16
CareerSource Central Florida	3.2%	3.9%	4.7%
Lake County	3.4%	4.1%	5.0%
Orange County	3.1%	3.7%	4.5%
Osceola County	3.6%	4.3%	5.2%
Seminole County	3.0%	3.7%	4.5%
Sumter County	4.7%	6.0%	7.2%
Florida	3.6%	4.3%	5.1%
United States	4.1%	4.5%	4.8%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Sep-17	Sep-16	change	percent change	Sep-17	Sep-16	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,239,600	1,214,700	24,900	2.0	8,481,300	8,402,000	79,300	0.9
Mining, Logging, and Construction	73,900	70,200	3,700	5.3	510,200	490,500	19,700	4.0
Manufacturing	45,700	43,100	2,600	6.0	366,000	357,300	8,700	2.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	232,100	227,400	4,700	2.1	1,730,900	1,710,200	20,700	1.2
Wholesale Trade	46,900	44,500	2,400	5.4	349,600	339,300	10,300	3.0
Retail Trade	147,600	145,100	2,500	1.7	1,100,600	1,093,800	6,800	0.6
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	37,600	37,800	-200	-0.5	280,700	277,100	3,600	1.3
Information	23,200	23,400	-200	-0.9	137,200	135,200	2,000	1.5
Financial Activities	77,900	74,300	3,600	4.8	557,400	548,600	8,800	1.6
Professional and Business Services	209,600	208,100	1,500	0.7	1,300,700	1,292,000	8,700	0.7
Education and Health Services	150,600	149,300	1,300	0.9	1,263,900	1,248,900	15,000	1.2
Leisure and Hospitality	257,400	249,600	7,800	3.1	1,140,300	1,159,200	-18,900	-1.6
Other Services	44,900	44,200	700	1.6	358,500	349,700	8,800	2.5
Government	124,300	125,100	-800	-0.6	1,116,200	1,110,400	5,800	0.5

Population	2016	2015	change	percent change
CareerSource Central Florida	2,565,253	2,501,014	64,239	2.6
Lake County	335,396	325,518	9,878	3.0
Orange County	1,314,367	1,284,864	29,503	2.3
Osceola County	336,015	323,028	12,987	4.0
Seminole County	455,479	448,722	6,757	1.5
Sumter County	123,996	118,882	5,114	4.3
Florida	20,612,439	20,244,914	367,525	1.8

Average Annual Wage	2016	2015	change	percent change
CareerSource Central Florida	\$44,763	\$43,854	\$909	2.1
Lake County	\$36,001	\$35,532	\$469	1.3
Orange County	\$47,008	\$45,994	\$1,014	2.2
Osceola County	\$36,233	\$35,870	\$363	1.0
Seminole County	\$44,586	\$43,668	\$918	2.1
Sumter County	\$38,064	\$36,977	\$1,087	2.9
Florida	\$47,060	\$46,236	\$824	1.8

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