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## **CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE** **AT 3.3 PERCENT FOR DECEMBER 2017**

*Orlando, FL* – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 3.3 percent in December 2017. This rate was 1.1 percentage points lower than the region's year ago rate of 4.4 percent. The region's December 2017 unemployment rate was 0.4 percentage point lower than the state rate of 3.7 percent. The labor force was 1,328,511, up 36,757 (+2.8) over the year. There were 43,735 unemployed residents in the region.

- The unemployment rates for the five counties that comprise the Central Florida region were: Lake County (3.5 percent), Orange County (3.1 percent), Osceola County (3.7 percent), Seminole County (3.1 percent), and Sumter County (5.0 percent).
- In December 2017 nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA was 1,283,300, an increase of 46,700 jobs (+3.8 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 financial activities (+6.3 percent) in December 2017.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in manufacturing (+13.1 percent) in December 2017.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in leisure and hospitality (+10,900 jobs); professional and business services (+10,800 jobs); manufacturing (+5,600 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+5,200 jobs); and financial activities (+4,800 jobs) in December 2017.
- The manufacturing (+13.1 percent); financial activities (+6.3 percent); professional and business services (+5.2 percent); leisure and hospitality (+4.3 percent); other services (+4.2 percent); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+2.1 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 (+10,900 jobs); professional and business services (+10,800 jobs); manufacturing (+5,600 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+5,200 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+5,100 jobs); financial activities (+4,800 jobs); education and health services (+1,900 jobs); other services (+1,900 jobs); government (+400 jobs); and information (+100 jobs).

- In December 2017 nonagricultural employment in The Villages MSA was 29,000, an increase of 1,100 jobs (+3.9 percent) over the year.

<b>Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Dec-17</b>	<b>Nov-17</b>	<b>Dec-16</b>
CareerSource Central Florida	3.3%	3.5%	4.4%
Lake County	3.5%	3.7%	4.7%
Orange County	3.1%	3.4%	4.2%
Osceola County	3.7%	3.9%	4.8%
Seminole County	3.1%	3.3%	4.1%
Sumter County	5.0%	5.2%	6.8%
Florida	3.7%	3.8%	4.7%
United States	3.9%	3.9%	4.5%

<b>Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>				<b>Florida</b>			
	<b>Dec-17</b>	<b>Dec-16</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>	<b>Dec-17</b>	<b>Dec-16</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Total Employment	1,283,300	1,236,600	46,700	3.8	8,801,900	8,581,400	220,500	2.6
Mining, Logging, and Construction	74,800	69,600	5,200	7.5	537,400	492,900	44,500	9.0
Manufacturing	48,300	42,700	5,600	13.1	375,700	359,700	16,000	4.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	243,100	238,000	5,100	2.1	1,818,500	1,787,600	30,900	1.7
Wholesale Trade	45,700	44,600	1,100	2.5	355,600	341,800	13,800	4.0
Retail Trade	157,200	153,000	4,200	2.7	1,162,200	1,151,900	10,300	0.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	40,200	40,400	-200	-0.5	300,700	293,900	6,800	2.3
Information	23,700	23,600	100	0.4	140,900	138,200	2,700	2.0
Financial Activities	81,100	76,300	4,800	6.3	569,800	556,300	13,500	2.4
Professional and Business Services	219,700	208,900	10,800	5.2	1,368,300	1,311,600	56,700	4.3
Education and Health Services	153,400	151,500	1,900	1.3	1,293,300	1,273,800	19,500	1.5
Leisure and Hospitality	266,200	255,300	10,900	4.3	1,199,300	1,188,000	11,300	1.0
Other Services	46,900	45,000	1,900	4.2	372,800	358,200	14,600	4.1
Government	126,100	125,700	400	0.3	1,125,900	1,115,100	10,800	1.0

<b>Population</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
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

<b>Average Annual Wage</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
CareerSource Central Florida	\$44,768	\$43,854	\$914	2.1
Lake County	\$36,002	\$35,532	\$470	1.3
Orange County	\$47,014	\$45,994	\$1,020	2.2
Osceola County	\$36,234	\$35,870	\$364	1.0
Seminole County	\$44,588	\$43,668	\$920	2.1
Sumter County	\$38,062	\$36,977	\$1,085	2.9
Florida	\$47,055	\$46,236	\$819	1.8

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