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## **CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINS AT 3.1 PERCENT FOR MAY 2018**

*Orlando, FL* – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 3.1 percent in May 2018. This rate was 0.6 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 3.7 percent. The region's May 2018 unemployment rate was 0.3 percentage point lower than the state rate of 3.4 percent. The labor force was 1,370,073, up 40,072 (+3.0) over the year. There were 42,068 unemployed residents in the region.

- The unemployment rates for the five counties that comprise the Central Florida region were: Lake County (3.2 percent), Orange County (2.9 percent), Osceola County (3.4 percent), Seminole County (2.9 percent), and Sumter County (5.0 percent).
- In May 2018 nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA was 1,290,900, an increase of 44,000 jobs (+3.5 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 professional and business services (+11,000 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+10,800 jobs); and education and health services (+6,700 jobs) in May 2018.
- 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 (+6,200 jobs); financial activities (+3,800 jobs); and manufacturing (+3,600 jobs) in May 2018.
- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in manufacturing (+8.2 percent) and education and health services (+4.4 percent) in May 2018.
- The mining, logging, and construction (+8.4 percent); manufacturing (+8.2 percent); financial activities (+5.1 percent); professional and business services (+5.0 percent); education and health services (+4.4 percent); leisure and hospitality (+4.2 percent); other services (+1.4 percent); and government (+0.2 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: professional and business services (+11,000 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+10,800 jobs); education and health services (+6,700 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+6,200 jobs); financial activities (+3,800 jobs); manufacturing (+3,600 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+1,200 jobs); other services (+600 jobs); and government (+200 jobs).
- The information (-100 jobs) industry lost jobs over the year.

- In May 2018 nonagricultural employment in the Villages MSA was 28,700, an increase of 300 jobs (+1.1 percent) over the year.

<b>Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>May-18</b>	<b>Apr-18</b>	<b>May-17</b>
CareerSource Central Florida	3.1%	3.1%	3.7%
Lake County	3.2%	3.3%	4.0%
Orange County	2.9%	3.0%	3.5%
Osceola County	3.4%	3.4%	4.1%
Seminole County	2.9%	3.0%	3.5%
Sumter County	5.0%	4.9%	6.1%
Florida	3.4%	3.4%	4.0%
United States	3.6%	3.7%	4.1%

<b>Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>				<b>Florida</b>			
	<b>May-18</b>	<b>May-17</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>	<b>May-18</b>	<b>May-17</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Total Employment	1,290,900	1,246,900	44,000	3.5	8,784,500	8,598,000	186,500	2.2
Mining, Logging, and Construction	79,800	73,600	6,200	8.4	541,500	509,800	31,700	6.2
Manufacturing	47,400	43,800	3,600	8.2	376,200	363,900	12,300	3.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	233,400	232,200	1,200	0.5	1,755,700	1,736,300	19,400	1.1
Wholesale Trade	42,400	45,000	-2,600	-5.8	343,700	345,600	-1,900	-0.5
Retail Trade	150,400	147,900	2,500	1.7	1,116,800	1,105,300	11,500	1.0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	40,600	39,300	1,300	3.3	295,200	285,400	9,800	3.4
Information	24,200	24,300	-100	-0.4	136,400	139,400	-3,000	-2.2
Financial Activities	78,100	74,300	3,800	5.1	577,200	559,100	18,100	3.2
Professional and Business Services	230,400	219,400	11,000	5.0	1,356,700	1,318,500	38,200	2.9
Education and Health Services	158,900	152,200	6,700	4.4	1,303,800	1,279,800	24,000	1.9
Leisure and Hospitality	268,300	257,500	10,800	4.2	1,263,600	1,221,500	42,100	3.4
Other Services	44,400	43,800	600	1.4	354,100	349,400	4,700	1.3
Government	126,000	125,800	200	0.2	1,119,300	1,120,300	-1,000	-0.1

<b>Population</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
CareerSource Central Florida	2,634,996	2,575,454	59,542	2.3
Lake County	346,017	335,431	10,586	3.2
Orange County	1,348,975	1,323,598	25,377	1.9
Osceola County	352,180	337,990	14,190	4.2
Seminole County	462,659	456,314	6,345	1.4
Sumter County	125,165	122,121	3,044	2.5
Florida	20,984,400	20,656,589	327,811	1.6

<b>Average Annual Wage</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
CareerSource Central Florida	\$46,023	\$44,768	\$1,255	2.8
Lake County	\$36,597	\$36,002	\$595	1.7
Orange County	\$48,204	\$47,014	\$1,190	2.5
Osceola County	\$36,852	\$36,234	\$618	1.7
Seminole County	\$46,699	\$44,588	\$2,111	4.7
Sumter County	\$39,825	\$38,062	\$1,763	4.6
Florida	\$48,460	\$47,055	\$1,405	3.0