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CENTRAL FLORIDA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE **AT 3.6 PERCENT FOR JULY 2018**

Orlando, FL – The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Central Florida region (Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties) was 3.6 percent in July 2018. This rate was 0.4 percentage point lower than the region's year ago rate of 4.0 percent. The region's July 2018 unemployment rate was 0.4 percentage point lower than the state rate of 4.0 percent. The labor force was 1,393,808, up 49,190 (+3.7) over the year. There were 50,547 unemployed residents in the region.

- The unemployment rates for the five counties that comprise the Central Florida region were: Lake County (3.8 percent), Orange County (3.5 percent), Osceola County (4.0 percent), Seminole County (3.5 percent), and Sumter County (5.6 percent).

“Central Florida’s unemployment rate remains fairly steady at 3.6 percent over the past two months. While it’s no surprise that we continue to see growth in the construction industry, we also need to remain dedicated to connecting our local workforce with career training and skill development to meet the talent needs of this industry,” said Pamela Nabors, CareerSource Central Florida President/CEO. “An uptick in the need for professional and business services underscores regional efforts to expand opportunities in high-wage and emerging industries.”

- In July 2018 nonagricultural employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA was 1,288,100, an increase of 53,500 jobs (+4.3 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 other services (+8.2 percent) in July 2018.

- 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 (+11,400 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+8,300 jobs); and other services (+3,600 jobs) in July 2018.

- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA was tied for the highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in financial activities (+2,800 jobs) in July 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 (+9.2 percent) in July 2018.

- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the second highest annual job growth compared to all the metro areas in the state in leisure and hospitality (+12,300 jobs); education and health services (+7,200 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+4,200 jobs); and manufacturing (+4,100 jobs) in July 2018.

- The Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA had the third fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in mining, logging, and construction (+11.1 percent) and education and health services (+4.8 percent) in July 2018.
- The mining, logging, and construction (+11.1 percent); manufacturing (+9.2 percent); other services (+8.2 percent); professional and business services (+5.2 percent); education and health services (+4.8 percent); financial activities (+3.8 percent); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+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 (+12,300 jobs); professional and business services (+11,400 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+8,300 jobs); education and health services (+7,200 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+4,200 jobs); manufacturing (+4,100 jobs); other services (+3,600 jobs); and financial activities (+2,800 jobs).
- The government (-400 jobs) industry lost jobs over the year.
- The information industry was unchanged over the year.
- In July 2018, nonagricultural employment in The Villages MSA was 27,800, an increase of 400 jobs (+1.5 percent) over the year.
- The Villages MSA had the third highest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in government (+2.1 percent) in July 2018.

Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)	Jul-18	Jun-18	Jul-17
CareerSource Central Florida	3.6%	3.6%	4.0%
Lake County	3.8%	3.8%	4.2%
Orange County	3.5%	3.4%	3.9%
Osceola County	4.0%	3.9%	4.5%
Seminole County	3.5%	3.4%	3.9%
Sumter County	5.6%	5.7%	6.3%
Florida	4.0%	3.9%	4.4%
United States	4.1%	4.2%	4.6%

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area				Florida			
	Jul-18	Jul-17	change	percent change	Jul-18	Jul-17	change	percent change
Total Employment	1,288,100	1,234,600	53,500	4.3	8,679,600	8,455,900	223,700	2.6
Mining, Logging, and Construction	82,800	74,500	8,300	11.1	553,700	513,400	40,300	7.8
Manufacturing	48,900	44,800	4,100	9.2	377,900	364,700	13,200	3.6
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	236,000	231,800	4,200	1.8	1,753,100	1,728,600	24,500	1.4
Wholesale Trade	43,300	45,200	-1,900	-4.2	342,800	343,800	-1,000	-0.3
Retail Trade	151,100	147,700	3,400	2.3	1,112,800	1,100,900	11,900	1.1
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	41,600	38,900	2,700	6.9	297,500	283,900	13,600	4.8
Information	23,900	23,900	0	0.0	135,500	137,600	-2,100	-1.5
Financial Activities	77,300	74,500	2,800	3.8	579,900	562,400	17,500	3.1
Professional and Business Services	228,800	217,400	11,400	5.2	1,348,700	1,319,900	28,800	2.2
Education and Health Services	156,700	149,500	7,200	4.8	1,293,400	1,256,800	36,600	2.9
Leisure and Hospitality	270,300	258,000	12,300	4.8	1,254,800	1,196,600	58,200	4.9
Other Services	47,300	43,700	3,600	8.2	357,100	347,300	9,800	2.8
Government	116,100	116,500	-400	-0.3	1,025,500	1,028,600	-3,100	-0.3

Population	2017	2016	change	percent change
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

Average Annual Wage	2017	2016	change	percent change
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

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