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## Jobs Increase in Nine Metros - Unemployment Rate Falls in Six Metros

*Pace of job growth increases*

### Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	June 2018	June 2017	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	4.4%	4.2%	0.2
Carbondale-Marion	5.1%	5.0%	0.1
Champaign-Urbana	4.6%	4.5%	0.1
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	4.3%	5.4%	-1.1
Danville	6.0%	6.3%	-0.3
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	4.0%	4.3%	-0.3
Decatur	5.7%	5.5%	0.2
Elgin	4.6%	4.4%	0.2
Kankakee	4.9%	5.0%	-0.1
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.2%	4.1%	0.1
Peoria	5.0%	5.2%	-0.2
Rockford	5.2%	5.5%	-0.3
Springfield	4.2%	4.1%	0.1
St. Louis (IL-Section)	4.7%	4.7%	0.0
Illinois Statewide	4.5%	5.1%	-0.6

*\* Data subject to revision.*

**CHICAGO**—Unemployment rates decreased over-the-year in June in six of Illinois’s metropolitan areas, increased in 7 and was unchanged in one, according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Data also show nonfarm jobs increased in nine of the metropolitan areas.

“The increase in the unemployment rate in seven of the metros was largely due to an increase in the overall labor force brought on by renewed confidence in the local economy,” said IDES Director Jeff Mays. “Many people that were unemployed are now out looking for work as more jobs are available.”

Illinois businesses added jobs in nine metro areas, with the largest increases in: Kankakee (+5.2 percent, +2,400), Champaign-Urbana (+2.1 percent, +2,200), and Decatur (+1.8 percent, +900). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division increased (+1.1 percent or +42,300). Illinois businesses lost jobs in five metro areas with

the largest losses in: Springfield (-1.2 percent, -1,400), Danville (-0.7 percent, -200), and Carbondale-Marion (-0.4 percent, -200).

The industry sectors recording job growth in the majority of metro areas included Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (10 of 14), Education and Health Services (10 of 14), Manufacturing (9 of 14), Professional and Business Services, (9 of 14), and Leisure and Hospitality (9 of 14).

Not seasonally adjusted data compares June 2018 with June 2017. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 4.5 percent in June 2018 and stood at 12.2 percent at its peak in this economic cycle in January 2010. Nationally, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.2 percent in June 2018 and 10.6 percent in January 2010 at its peak. The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and looking for work, and is not tied to collecting unemployment insurance benefits.

### Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – June 2018

Metropolitan Area	June 2018*	June 2017**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	93,000	92,100	900
Carbondale-Marion MSA	55,100	57,200	-200
Champaign-Urbana MSA	108,700	106,500	2,200
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,828,900	3,786,600	42,300
Danville MSA	28,200	28,400	-200
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	188,800	186,700	2,100
Decatur MSA	52,300	51,400	900
Elgin Metro Division	265,000	263,000	2,000
Kankakee MSA	48,800	46,400	2,400
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	430,100	431,200	-1,100
Peoria MSA	174,400	175,000	-600
Rockford MSA	153,500	152,700	800
Springfield MSA	114,000	115,400	-1,400
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	240,600	239,000	1,600
Illinois Statewide	6,183,900	6,122,200	61,700

*\*Preliminary \*\*Revised*

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**Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates  
(percent) for Local Counties and Areas**

Labor Market Area	June 2018	June 2017	Over-the-Year Change
<b>Chicago-Naperville-Elgin IL-IN-WI MSA</b>	4.4%	5.1%	-0.7
<b>Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, IL Metro Division</b>			
Cook County	4.5%	5.6%	-1.1
DuPage County	3.6%	4.4%	-0.8
Grundy County	5.0%	6.2%	-1.2
Kendall County	4.0%	4.9%	-0.9
McHenry County	3.8%	4.7%	-0.9
Will County	4.5%	5.5%	-1.0
<b>Elgin, IL Metro Division</b>			
DeKalb County	4.3%	4.4%	-0.1
Kane County	4.6%	4.4%	0.2
<b>Lake &amp; Kenosha Counties, IL-WI Metro Division</b>			
Lake County	4.2%	4.1%	0.1
<b>Cities (with total population of at least 100,000) *</b>			
Aurora City	4.6%	4.8%	-0.2
Chicago City	4.7%	5.8%	-1.1
Elgin City	4.4%	4.7%	-0.3
Joliet City	5.4%	6.7%	-1.3
Naperville City	3.6%	4.5%	-0.9

\* Unemployment rates for cities with total population of 25,000 or more can be found at [www.ides.illinois.gov/LMI/Pages/Current\\_Monthly\\_Unemployment\\_Rates.aspx](http://www.ides.illinois.gov/LMI/Pages/Current_Monthly_Unemployment_Rates.aspx)

**Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, IL Metro Division**

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.3 percent in June 2018 from 5.4 percent in June 2017. The June 2018 unemployment rate of 4.3 percent is the lowest June unemployment rate on record. For the month of June 2018, the estimated number of unemployed people in the labor force was 164,300.

Total nonfarm employment increased +42,300 compared to June 2017. Educational-Health Services (+11,800), Leisure-Hospitality (+7,500), and Transportation-Warehousing-Utilities (+7,000) reported the largest payroll gains. The Retail Trade (-7,200) and Information (-4,000) sectors recorded the largest employment declines compared to one year ago.

**Elgin, IL Metro Division**

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.6 percent in June 2018 from 4.4 percent in June 2017. For the month of June 2018, the estimated number of unemployed people in the labor force was 15,200.

Total nonfarm employment increased +2,000 compared to June 2017. Leisure-Hospitality (+1,200) and Construction (+1,000) sectors reported the largest payroll gains. Educational-Health Services (-700), Manufacturing (-200), and Information (-200) sectors recorded the largest employment declines compared to one year ago.

**Lake & Kenosha Counties, IL-WI Metro Division**

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.2 percent in June 2018 from 4.1 percent in June 2017. For the month of June 2018, the estimated number of unemployed people in the labor force was 19,800.

Total nonfarm employment decreased -1,100 compared to June 2017. Manufacturing (+2,600) and Construction (+1,300) sectors reported the largest payroll gains. The Leisure-Hospitality (-2,500), Professional-Business Services (-1,400), and Educational-Health Services (-1,200) sectors recorded the largest employment decline compared to one year ago.

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**Note:** Monthly 2017 unemployment rates and total nonfarm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February and March 2018, as required by the U.S. BLS. Comments and tables distributed for prior metro area news releases should be discarded as any records or historical analysis previously cited may no longer be valid.

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