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## Job Growth Continues in Most Metro Areas

### *Unemployment rate up in thirteen metros*

#### Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	Jan. 2019	Jan. 2018	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	5.5%	4.6%	0.9
Carbondale-Marion	5.9%	5.2%	0.7
Champaign-Urbana	5.5%	4.7%	0.8
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	4.4%	4.9%	-0.5
Danville	7.0%	6.8%	0.2
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	5.5%	5.1%	0.4
Decatur	6.9%	5.9%	1.0
Elgin	6.6%	5.4%	1.2
Kankakee	7.5%	6.2%	1.3
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	5.8%	5.0%	0.8
Peoria	6.7%	5.9%	0.8
Rockford	7.1%	5.8%	1.3
Springfield	5.7%	4.8%	0.9
St. Louis (IL-Section)	5.7%	5.0%	0.7
Illinois Statewide	5.3%	5.1%	0.2

*\* Data subject to revision.*

**CHICAGO**—Unemployment rates increased over-the-year in January in thirteen of Illinois’s metropolitan areas, and decreased 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 eleven of the metropolitan areas.

“It’s encouraging to see that payrolls continue to increase in most metro areas across the state” said Deputy Governor Dan Hynes. “Industries like educational and health services, trade, transportation, and manufacturing are seeing strong growth and we look forward to continuing to build on that foundation.”

Illinois businesses added jobs in eleven metro areas, with the largest percentage increases in: Lake-Kenosha (+2.8%, +11,500), Peoria (+2.6%, +4,400) and Carbondale-Marion (+2.2%, +1,200). The metro areas showing an over-the-year decrease in total nonfarm jobs were Danville (-2.2%, -600), Bloomington (-1.8%, -1,600) and the Illinois section of the St. Louis MSA (-0.6%, -1,400).

The industry sectors recording job growth in the majority of metro areas included Manufacturing (11 of 14), Professional and Business Services (10 of 14), Mining and Construction (9 of 14), Leisure and Hospitality (9 of 14), Financial Activities (8 of 14) and Education and Health Services (8 of 14).

Not seasonally adjusted data compares January 2019 with January 2018. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 5.3 percent in January 2019 and stood at 12.2 percent at its peak in this economic cycle in January 2010. Nationally, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.4 percent in January 2019 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) – January 2019

Metropolitan Area	January 2019*	January 2018**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	88,800	90,400	-1,600
Carbondale-Marion MSA	56,600	55,400	1,200
Champaign-Urbana MSA	108,800	108,500	300
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,743,300	3,686,900	56,400
Danville MSA	27,000	27,600	-600
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	184,000	181,800	2,200
Decatur MSA	50,800	50,700	100
Elgin Metro Division	257,500	254,100	3,400
Kankakee MSA	45,200	44,600	600
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	418,500	407,000	11,500
Peoria MSA	172,900	168,500	4,400
Rockford MSA	152,300	150,000	2,300
Springfield MSA	112,300	111,600	700
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	235,100	236,500	-1,400
Illinois Statewide	6,035,800	5,962,600	73,200

*\*Preliminary \*\*Revised*

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

<b>Labor Market Area</b>	<b>Jan. 2019</b>	<b>Jan. 2018</b>	<b>Over-the- Year Change</b>
IL Section of St. Louis MSA	5.7%	5.0%	0.7%
Bond	6.0%	5.1%	0.9%
Calhoun	6.8%	6.3%	0.5%
Clinton	4.8%	4.5%	0.3%
Jersey	6.5%	5.6%	0.9%
Macoupin	6.5%	5.8%	0.7%
Madison	5.5%	4.8%	0.7%
Monroe	4.4%	3.8%	0.6%
St. Clair	6.1%	5.3%	0.8%
<b>Cities</b>			
Alton	7.1%	6.2%	0.9%
Belleville	5.9%	5.3%	0.6%
Collinsville	6.0%	5.1%	0.9%
East St. Louis	9.7%	7.9%	1.8%
Edwardsville	4.2%	3.5%	0.7%
Granite City	5.8%	5.2%	0.6%
O'Fallon	5.1%	4.5%	0.6%
<b>Counties</b>			
Greene	6.3%	5.6%	0.7%
Randolph	5.4%	5.2%	0.2%
Washington	3.7%	3.5%	0.2%
<b>Other Areas</b>			
LWA 21	6.7%	5.7%	1.0%
LWA 22	5.5%	4.8%	0.7%
LWA 24	5.6%	5.0%	0.6%
Southwestern Economic Development Region	5.6%	5.0%	0.6%

**Metro East Highlights**

**Help Wanted**

Area employers advertised for 6,900 openings in January and approximately 71 percent sought full-time employment, according to Help Wanted Online data compiled by the Conference Board. It is a global, independent business membership and research association. Employers actually need more workers than the help wanted ad indicates because some industries, such as construction, typically do not advertise job openings.

The January 2019 unemployment rate for the Illinois Section of the St. Louis Metropolitan Statistical Area was 5.7 percent, an increase of (0.7%) from the January 2018 rate of 5.0 percent. The data is not seasonally adjusted.

The number of employed individuals decreased by -1,742 to 323,391 in January 2019 from 325,133 in January 2018. The labor force increased by +676 to 343,049 in January 2019 from 342,373 in January 2018. In January 2019, there were 19,658 unemployed people in the labor force. This is an increase of +2,418 compared to the January 2018 total unemployed, 17,240.

Over the year, nonfarm payrolls decreased by (-1,400).

Employment increased in Manufacturing (+500), Mining and Construction (+400), Professional and Business Services (+200), and Government (+100).

Decreases in employment over the year included Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (-1,600), Educational and Health Services (-300), Information (-200), Financial Activities (-200), Wholesale Services (-100), Retail Trade (-100), and Other Services (-100).

Leisure and Hospitality employment remained stable with no change over the year.

**Note:**

- Monthly 2018 unemployment rates and total non-farm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February and March 2019, as required by the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (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.
- LWA— Local Workforce Area 21 is composed of Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Montgomery, Morgan, Scott and Shelby Counties.  
LWA— Local Workforce Area 22 is composed of Bond and Madison Counties.  
LWA— Local Workforce Area 24 is composed of Clinton, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair and Washington Counties.

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