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Unemployment Rate Down in 101 Counties, all Fourteen Metros *Jobs up in Twelve Metro Areas*

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	August 2019	August 2018	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	3.6%	4.4%	-0.8
Carbondale-Marion	3.8%	5.2%	-1.4
Champaign-Urbana	3.7%	4.8%	-1.1
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	3.6%	3.9%	-0.3
Danville	5.2%	6.5%	-1.3
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	3.8%	4.0%	-0.2
Decatur	5.0%	5.8%	-0.8
Elgin	3.7%	4.7%	-1.0
Kankakee	4.3%	5.3%	-1.0
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	3.6%	4.3%	-0.7
Peoria	4.3%	5.1%	-0.8
Rockford	5.5%	5.6%	-0.1
Springfield	3.5%	4.4%	-0.9
St. Louis (IL-Section)	3.8%	4.8%	-1.0
Illinois Statewide	3.8%	4.3%	-0.5

** Data subject to revision.*

CHICAGO– The unemployment rate decreased in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas compared to last August, 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 shows the number of nonfarm jobs increased in twelve Illinois metropolitan areas and decreased in two.

“Illinois has a bright future for residents and businesses, and we’re building an economy that works for everyone throughout the state,” said Deputy Governor Dan Hynes. “The Pritzker administration continues to build on these recent gains with the state’s first bipartisan balanced budget in years and the historic Rebuild Illinois capital bill that together make long-term investments in our small businesses, schools and infrastructure.”

Illinois businesses added jobs in twelve metro areas, with the largest percentage increases in: Carbondale-Marion (+2.6%, +1,500), Danville (+2.6%, +700), and Champaign-Urbana (+2.5%, +2,600). The Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights metro division was up (+0.9% or +34,000). The two metro areas showing an over-the-year decrease in total nonfarm jobs were Kankakee (-1.1%, -500) and Peoria (-0.3%, -500).

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

Not seasonally adjusted data compares August 2019 with August 2018. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 3.8 percent in August 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 3.8 percent in August 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) – August 2019

Metropolitan Area	August 2019*	August 2018**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	90,900	90,600	300
Carbondale-Marion MSA	58,200	56,700	1,500
Champaign-Urbana MSA	107,100	104,500	2,600
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,846,000	3,812,000	34,000
Danville MSA	27,500	26,800	700
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	189,000	186,800	2,200
Decatur MSA	52,400	52,000	400
Elgin Metro Division	268,400	264,800	3,600
Kankakee MSA	46,000	46,500	-500
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	435,700	426,700	9,000
Peoria MSA	176,800	177,300	-500
Rockford MSA	154,000	153,100	900
Springfield MSA	118,700	117,300	1,400
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	243,200	240,500	2,700
Illinois Statewide	6,203,700	6,142,200	61,500

**Preliminary **Revised*



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

Labor Market Area	Aug 2019	Aug 2018	Over-the-Year Change
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin IL-IN-WI MSA	3.7%	4.0%	-0.3
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, IL Metro Division			
Cook County	3.8%	4.1%	-0.3
DuPage County	2.9%	3.1%	-0.2
Grundy County	4.0%	4.2%	-0.2
Kendall County	3.1%	3.4%	-0.3
McHenry County	3.0%	3.3%	-0.3
Will County	3.6%	3.9%	-0.3
Elgin, IL Metro Division			
DeKalb County	3.6%	4.3%	-0.7
Kane County	3.8%	4.8%	-1.0
Lake & Kenosha Counties, IL-WI Metro Division			
Lake County	3.5%	4.4%	-0.9
Cities (with total population of at least 100,000) *			
Aurora City	3.6%	4.5%	-0.9
Chicago City	4.1%	4.4%	-0.3
Elgin City	3.9%	4.5%	-0.6
Joliet City	4.2%	4.5%	-0.3
Naperville City	2.9%	3.1%	-0.2

* 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

Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, IL Metro Division

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 3.6 percent in August 2019 from 3.9 percent in August 2018. The August 2019 unemployment rate is the lowest August unemployment rate on record.

Total nonfarm employment increased +34,000 compared to August 2018. Educational-Health Services (+16,200), Transportation-Warehousing-Utilities (+10,900), and Leisure-Hospitality (+9,000) sectors reported the largest payroll gains. The Retail Trade (-7,200) and Information (-4,600) sectors recorded the largest employment declines compared to one year ago.

Elgin, IL Metro Division

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 3.7 percent in August 2019 from 4.7 percent in August 2018. The last time the August rate was equal to or lower was in 2006 when it was 3.6 percent.

Total nonfarm employment increased +3,600 compared to August 2018. The Professional-Business Services (+1,700), Government (+900), and Educational-Health Services (+900) sectors reported the largest payroll gains. The Manufacturing (-800), Leisure-Hospitality (-500), and Retail Trade (-300) sectors recorded the employment declines compared to one year ago.

Lake & Kenosha Counties, IL-WI Metro Division

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 3.6 percent in August 2019 from 4.3 percent in August 2018. The last time the August rate was equal to or lower was in 2000 when it was 3.5 percent.

Total nonfarm employment increased +9,000 compared to August 2018. Professional-Business Services (+5,100), Educational-Health Services (+1,500), and Construction (+1,200) sectors reported the largest payroll gains. The Financial Activities (-700) and Transportation-Warehousing-Utilities (-600) sectors recorded the largest employment decline compared to one year ago.

Note: Monthly 2018 unemployment rates and total nonfarm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February and March 2019, 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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