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Unemployment Rates Rise in all Metro Areas as COVID-19 Impacts Entire State

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	April 2020*	April 2019**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	12.8%	3.3%	9.5
Carbondale-Marion	17.1%	3.4%	13.7
Champaign-Urbana	10.9%	3.3%	7.6
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	17.6%	3.5%	14.1
Danville	17.2%	4.3%	12.9
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	15.2%	3.6%	11.6
Decatur	16.2%	4.5%	11.7
Elgin	16.6%	3.9%	12.7
Kankakee	15.9%	4.4%	11.5
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	15.1%	3.7%	11.4
Peoria	17.8%	4.1%	13.7
Rockford	22.4%	4.5%	17.9
Springfield	14.2%	3.5%	10.7
St. Louis (IL-Section)	15.1%	3.5%	11.6
Illinois Statewide	16.9%	3.6%	13.3

* Preliminary | ** Revised

SPRINGFIELD –The number of nonfarm jobs decreased over-the-year in April in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas, with six metro areas at record low payrolls, 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 that the unemployment rate increased over-the-year in all metro areas to record highs for the month of April as the COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact local areas across the state. The official, BLS approved, sub-state unemployment rate and nonfarm jobs series begins in 1990. Data reported prior to 1990 are not directly comparable due to updates in methodology.

“With every corner of our nation impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is time for the federal government to provide state and local governments with additional relief,” said Deputy Governor Dan Hynes. “Our administration is focused on helping small businesses rebuild and ensuring working families recover as communities across the state begin safely reopening their economies next week.”

Data shows the number of nonfarm jobs decreased in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas. Total nonfarm jobs were down in Peoria (-17.9%, -30,500), Decatur (-17.6%, -9,000) and Rockford (-15.6%, -23,600). Jobs were down -12.8% (-483,200) in Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights. Job losses occurred across all industries and there were no industry sectors that recorded job growth in a majority of metro areas.

Not seasonally adjusted data compares April 2020 with April 2019. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 16.9 percent in April 2020, a record high for the month of April, dating back to 1976. Nationally, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 14.4 percent in April 2020, also a record high, dating back to 1948. The unemployment rate identifies those individuals who are out of work and seeking employment.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – April 2020

Metropolitan Area	April 2020*	April 2019**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	82,600	94,700	-12,100
Carbondale-Marion MSA	52,200	59,300	-7,100
Champaign-Urbana MSA	108,000	117,300	-9,300
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,284,200	3,767,400	-483,200
Danville MSA	24,100	27,400	-3,300
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	165,400	186,600	-21,200
Decatur MSA	42,100	51,100	-9,000
Elgin Metro Division	223,900	262,100	-38,200
Kankakee MSA	41,800	45,700	-3,900
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	365,100	419,000	-53,900
Peoria MSA	140,200	170,700	-30,500
Rockford MSA	127,500	151,100	-23,600
Springfield MSA	97,500	110,000	-12,500
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	226,200	241,900	-15,700
Illinois Statewide	5,293,200	6,102,100	-808,900

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

Labor Market Area	Apr 2020	Apr 2019	Over the Year Change
Champaign-Urbana MSA			
Champaign County	10.9 %	3.3 %	7.6
Ford County	11.8 %	3.7 %	8.1
Piatt County	9.9 %	3.2 %	6.7
Danville MSA			
Vermilion	17.2 %	4.3 %	12.9
Cities			
Champaign City	11.1 %	3.1 %	8.0
Urbana City	9.9 %	3.3 %	6.6
Danville City	19.1 %	4.7 %	14.4
Counties			
Clark County	20.7 %	3.8 %	16.9
Coles County	12.3 %	3.5 %	8.8
Cook County	18.2 %	3.7 %	14.5
De Witt County	11.4 %	3.8 %	7.6
Douglas County	10.4 %	3.0 %	7.4
Edgar County	15.7 %	3.5 %	12.2
Iroquois County	11.0 %	3.6 %	7.4
McLean County	13.0 %	3.2 %	9.8
Macon County	16.2 %	4.5 %	11.7
Moultrie County	8.1 %	2.8 %	5.3
Sangamon County	14.4 %	3.5 %	10.9
Shelby County	11.5 %	3.3 %	8.2
Other Areas			
LWIA 17	10.9 %	3.3 %	7.6
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East Central EDR	12.0 %	3.5 %	8.5

East Central Illinois Highlights

Champaign-Urbana MSA

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 10.9 percent in April 2020 from 3.3 percent in April 2019. The April 2020 unemployment rate is the highest April unemployment rate on record.

Non-farm employment decreased by -9,300 compared to last April.

Leisure-Hospitality (-4,600), Retail Trade (-1,200), Manufacturing (-1,000), and Professional-Business Services (-1,000) sectors recorded the largest employment declines compared to one year ago.

Danville MSA

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 17.2 percent in April 2020 from 4.3 percent in April 2019. The April 2020 unemployment rate is the highest April unemployment rate on record.

Non-farm employment decreased by -3,300 compared to last April.

Leisure-Hospitality (-1,100), Manufacturing (-400), Educational-Health Services (-400), and Other Services (-400) sectors recorded the largest employment declines compared to one year ago.

Note: Monthly 2019 unemployment rates and total nonfarm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February and March 2020, 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. The official monthly unemployment rate series for metro areas, counties and most cities begins in 1990. The official monthly nonfarm jobs series for metro areas begins in 1990 and for non-metropolitan counties it begins in 1999.

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