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Unemployment Rates Up, Jobs Down in All Fourteen Metro Areas in July

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	July 2020*	July 2019**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	8.0%	4.1%	3.9
Carbondale-Marion	9.2%	4.3%	4.9
Champaign-Urbana	7.9%	4.2%	3.7
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	12.6%	4.1%	8.5
Danville	9.9%	5.4%	4.5
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	9.1%	3.9%	5.2
Decatur	12.0%	5.6%	6.4
Elgin	10.3%	4.3%	6.0
Kankakee	9.5%	4.7%	4.8
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	8.9%	3.9%	5.0
Peoria	10.6%	4.6%	6.0
Rockford	13.8%	6.7%	7.1
Springfield	9.1%	4.0%	5.1
St. Louis (IL-Section)	9.4%	4.3%	5.1
Illinois Statewide	11.3%	4.2%	7.1

* Preliminary | ** Revised

SPRINGFIELD –The number of nonfarm jobs decreased over-the-year in July in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas, with five 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). The unemployment rate increased over-the-year in all metro areas and to record highs for the month of July in four metros. 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.

“As the state continues to monitor the safety of economic reopening, IDES is committed to continuing to help those who need services,” said IDES Acting Director Kristin Richards. “With the support of the Pritzker administration, the Department is prepared to support working families who continue to be affected by this pandemic.”

The number of nonfarm jobs decreased in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas. Total nonfarm jobs were down in Peoria (-12.0%, -20,700), Decatur (-11.2%, -5,700) and

Elgin (-10.8%, -28,200). In Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, jobs were down -8.1% (-311,900). No industry sector saw job gains in a majority of metro areas.

Not seasonally adjusted data compares July 2020 with July 2019. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 11.3 percent in July 2020, was the highest unemployment rate the month of July since 1983, when it was 11.5 percent. The official, BLS approved, statewide unemployment rate series begins in 1976. Nationally, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 10.5 percent in July 2020, was a record high for the month of July, dating back to 1948. The unemployment rate identifies those individuals who are out of work and seeking employment.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – July 2020

Metropolitan Area	July 2020*	July 2019**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	83,400	90,000	-6,600
Carbondale-Marion MSA	53,700	56,700	-3,000
Champaign-Urbana MSA	104,300	108,700	-4,400
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,518,500	3,830,400	-311,900
Danville MSA	25,400	27,300	-1,900
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	172,300	189,200	-16,900
Decatur MSA	45,000	50,700	-5,700
Elgin Metro Division	233,300	261,500	-28,200
Kankakee MSA	43,800	45,900	-2,100
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	387,800	428,400	-40,600
Peoria MSA	151,200	171,900	-20,700
Rockford MSA	137,900	150,000	-12,100
Springfield MSA	102,900	109,900	-7,000
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	224,300	238,400	-14,100
Illinois Statewide	5,637,300	6,134,900	-497,600

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

Labor Market Area	Jul 2020	Jul 2019	Over the Year Change
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, IL Metro Division			
Cook County	13.6 %	4.2 %	9.4
DuPage County	9.6 %	3.3 %	6.3
Grundey County	9.9 %	4.8 %	5.1
Kendall County	10.0 %	3.7 %	6.3
McHenry County	10.0 %	3.5 %	6.5
Will County	11.1 %	4.2 %	6.9
Elgin, IL Metro Division			
DeKalb County	9.9 %	4.6 %	5.3
Kane County	10.3 %	4.2 %	6.1
Lake & Kenosha, IL-WI Metro Division			
Lake County (IL)	9.2 %	3.8 %	5.4
Kankakee, IL MSA			
Kankakee County	9.5 %	4.7 %	4.8
Cities			
Aurora City	10.2 %	4.3 %	5.9
Chicago City	15.0 %	4.5 %	10.5
Elgin City	11.8 %	4.2 %	7.6
Joliet City	12.9 %	4.9 %	8.0
Kankakee City	12.8 %	6.3 %	6.5
Naperville City	8.5 %	3.3 %	5.2

* Unemployment rates for cities with total population of 25,000 or more can be found at https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/lmi/Pages/Local_Area_Unemployment_Statistics.aspx

Kankakee, IL MSA

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 9.5 percent in July 2020 from 4.7 percent in July 2019. The last time the July rate was equal to or higher was in 2013 when it was 10.6 percent.

Total nonfarm employment decreased -2,100 compared to July 2019. The Educational-Health Services (-600), Government (-400), Other Services (-300), Manufacturing (-200), and Leisure-Hospitality (+200) sectors recorded the largest employment declines compared to one year ago. Retail Trade (+100) had payroll gains over the year.

Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, IL Metro Division

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 12.6 percent in July 2020 from 4.1 percent in July 2019. The July 2020 unemployment rate is the highest July unemployment rate on record.

Total nonfarm employment decreased -311,900 compared to July 2019. The Leisure-Hospitality (-113,000), Professional-Business Services (-48,500), Government (-37,400), and Educational-Health Services (-26,600) sectors recorded the largest employment declines compared to one year ago.

Elgin, IL Metro Division

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 10.3 percent in July 2020 from 4.3 percent in July 2019. The last time the July rate was equal to or higher was in 2010 when it was 10.9 percent.

Total nonfarm employment decreased -28,200 compared to July 2019. The Leisure-Hospitality (-7,000), Government (-5,500), Manufacturing (-3,900), Other Services (-3,300), and Wholesale Trade (-2,200) 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 8.9 percent in July 2020 from 3.9 percent in July 2019. The last time the July rate was equal to or higher was in 2011 when it was 9.0 percent.

Total nonfarm employment decreased -40,600 compared to July 2019. Leisure-Hospitality (-15,800), Government (6,800), Professional-Business Services (-6,700), Retail Trade (-3,500), and Manufacturing (-2,800) sectors recorded the largest employment declines compared to one year ago. Transportation-Warehousing-Utilities (+800) had payroll gains over the year.

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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