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## Unemployment Rates Up, Jobs Down in All Metro Areas Across the State

### Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	November 2020*	November 2019**	Over-the-Year
Bloomington	4.6%	3.2%	1.4
Carbondale-Marion	5.1%	3.5%	1.6
Champaign-Urbana	4.5%	3.2%	1.3
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	7.3%	3.0%	4.3
Danville	6.1%	4.7%	1.4
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	4.8%	4.0%	0.8
Decatur	7.7%	4.8%	2.9
Elgin	6.0%	3.7%	2.3
Kankakee	6.0%	4.8%	1.2
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	5.5%	3.5%	2.0
Peoria	6.2%	4.2%	2.0
Rockford	7.1%	5.3%	1.8
Springfield	5.8%	3.5%	2.3
St. Louis (IL-Section)	5.0%	3.5%	1.5
Illinois Statewide	6.5%	3.4%	3.1

\* Preliminary | \*\* Revised

**SPRINGFIELD** – The number of nonfarm jobs decreased over-the-year in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas in November, 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. 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.

“IDES and the Pritzker administration are committed to serving the needs of workers, claimants, and families impacted by the continued pandemic,” said Deputy Governor Dan Hynes. “With the passing of the new federal Covid-19 relief legislation, IDES will work as

quickly as possible to implement the extensions and creation of unemployment programs included in the new stimulus if and when it is signed. The Department remains dedicated to serving claimants who desperately need the services of IDES, particularly during this difficult holiday season.”

The number of nonfarm jobs decreased in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas. Total nonfarm jobs were down in Peoria (-9.6%, -16,300), Elgin (-9.3%, -24,500), and Rockford (-8.1%, -12,200). In Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, jobs were down 7.1% (-274,100). Three metro areas recorded a new record low number of nonfarm jobs for November (dating back to 1990) and one tied a record low.

Not seasonally adjusted data compares November 2020 with November 2019. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 6.5 percent in November 2020. Nationally, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.4 percent in November 2020.

### Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) –November 2020

Metropolitan Area	November 2020*	November 2019**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	88,300	94,200	-5,900
Carbondale-Marion MSA	57,300	59,200	-1,900
Champaign-Urbana MSA	114,800	119,600	-4,800
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,561,100	3,835,200	-274,100
Danville MSA	26,600	27,600	-1,000
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	177,300	188,000	-10,700
Decatur MSA	46,800	50,500	-3,700
Elgin Metro Division	238,700	263,200	-24,500
Kankakee MSA	44,500	46,800	-2,300
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	392,500	420,500	-28,000
Peoria MSA	153,800	170,100	-16,300
Rockford MSA	137,700	149,900	-12,200
Springfield MSA	104,100	110,000	-5,900
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	234,500	244,200	-9,700
Illinois Statewide	5,752,300	6,169,300	-417,000

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

Labor Market Area	Nov 2020	Nov 2019	Over the Year Change
<b>Carbondale-Marion MSA</b>	<b>5.1 %</b>	<b>3.5 %</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Jackson County	5.1 %	3.3 %	1.8
Williamson County	5.1 %	3.7 %	1.4
<b>Surrounding Counties</b>			
Alexander County	7.3 %	5.9 %	1.4
Franklin County	5.9 %	4.9 %	1.0
Johnson County	5.4 %	4.9 %	0.5
Massac County	5.5 %	4.6 %	0.9
Perry County	5.0 %	4.4 %	0.6
Pulaski County	7.9 %	5.6 %	2.3
Randolph County	4.2 %	3.3 %	0.9
Union County	5.0 %	4.9 %	0.1
<b>Harrisburg Area</b>			
Gallatin County	5.7 %	4.4 %	1.3
Hamilton County	3.5 %	3.3 %	0.2
Hardin County	6.0 %	5.5 %	0.5
Pope County	4.9 %	4.8 %	0.1
Saline County	5.9 %	4.7 %	1.2
White County	4.0 %	3.4 %	0.6
<b>Olney - Mt. Carmel Area</b>			
Edwards County	4.2 %	3.9 %	0.3
Lawrence County	5.5 %	4.7 %	0.8
Richland County	4.4 %	3.6 %	0.8
Wabash County	4.1 %	3.1 %	1.0
Wayne County	4.4 %	4.2 %	0.2
<b>Other Areas</b>			
LWIA 23	4.6 %	3.5 %	1.1
LWIA 24	5.2 %	3.5 %	1.7
LWIA 25	5.3 %	3.9 %	1.4
LWIA 26	5.0 %	4.3 %	0.7
Southern EDR	5.2 %	4.1 %	1.1

**Southern Illinois Highlights**

**Carbondale – Marion Area**

The November 2020 unemployment rate was 5.1 percent. This was an increase of +1.6 percentage points from the November 2019 rate of 3.5 percent. Total nonfarm employment in November 2020 decreased (-1,900) compared to last November.

Employment losses were posted in Government (-300).

**Surrounding Counties**

Total nonfarm employment decreased by -2,050 compared to November 2019.

November payrolls declined in Leisure and Hospitality (-625), Educational and Health Services (-325), Manufacturing (-325), Government (-250), Professional and Business Services (-175), Other Services (-150), Trade, Transportation and Utilities (-100), Construction (-75), and Financial Activities (-50). There was no change in Natural Resources and Mining or Information employment.

**Harrisburg Area**

Total nonfarm employment decreased by -900 compared to November 2019.

Employment gains were posted in Information (+25), and Financial Activities (+25).

Employment declined in Leisure and Hospitality (-275), Natural Resources and Mining (-175), Manufacturing (-150), Trade, Transportation and Utilities (-100), Other Services (-100), Educational and Health Services (-75), Professional and Business Services (-25) and Government (-25). There was no change in Construction employment.

**Olney – Mt. Carmel Area**

Total nonfarm employment decreased by -900 compared to November 2019.

Employment gains were posted in Natural Resources and Mining (+25).

Employment declined in Manufacturing (-250), Leisure and Hospitality (-250), Educational and Health Services (-175), Other Services (-125), Government (-100), Financial Activities (-25), Professional and Business Services (-25), and Construction (-25). No employment changes were reported in Trade, Transportation and Utilities, and Information.

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**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.