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Jobs Up in Most Metro Areas in October

Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Metropolitan Area	October 2023*	October 2022**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	4.0%	3.3%	0.7
Carbondale-Marion	4.4%	3.8%	0.6
Champaign-Urbana	4.2%	3.4%	0.8
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	4.4%	4.5%	-0.1
Danville	5.7%	4.6%	1.1
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	4.9%	3.4%	1.5
Decatur	6.1%	4.9%	1.2
Elgin	4.7%	3.9%	0.8
Kankakee	5.8%	4.8%	1.0
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.5%	3.5%	1.0
Peoria	4.9%	4.0%	0.9
Rockford	6.1%	4.9%	1.2
Springfield	4.2%	3.7%	0.5
St. Louis (IL-Section)	4.3%	3.6%	0.7
Illinois Statewide	4.5%	4.2%	0.3

* Preliminary | ** Revised

SPRINGFIELD – Over-the-year, total nonfarm jobs increased in eleven metropolitan areas and decreased in three for the year ending October 2023, according to data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (DES). Over-the-year, the unemployment rate increased in thirteen metropolitan areas and decreased in one.

“With consistent gains in payroll jobs, jobseekers and employers continue to find new opportunities to land their next jobs and fill open positions,” said **Deputy Governor Andy Manar**. “Further investments in workforce development throughout the state, coupled with the employment resources provided by IDES and its partners, continue to provide a strong foundation for the Illinois labor market.”

The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Danville MSA (+3.0%, +800), the Elgin Metro Division (+2.2%, +5,900), and the Springfield MSA (+1.6%, +1,800). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago Metro were up +0.7% or +26,200. Total nonfarm jobs were down in

the Kankakee MSA (-1.1%, -500), the Decatur MSA (-0.8%, -400), and the Rockford MSA (-0.8%, -1,200). Industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included: Government (thirteen areas); Education and Health Services and Leisure and Hospitality (eleven areas each); and Other Services (nine areas).

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate increases were the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL MSA (+1.5 percentage points to 4.9%), the Decatur MSA (+1.2 percentage points to 6.1%), and the Rockford MSA (+1.2 points to 6.1%). The Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metropolitan Division unemployment rate fell -0.1 point to 4.4%.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) - October 2023

Metropolitan Area	October 2023*	October 2022**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	99,000	98,600	400
Carbondale-Marion MSA	59,300	58,900	400
Champaign-Urbana MSA	124,200	122,900	1,300
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,841,000	3,814,800	26,200
Danville MSA	27,800	27,000	800
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	186,800	186,100	700
Decatur MSA	48,700	49,100	-400
Elgin Metro Division	270,500	264,600	5,900
Kankakee MSA	43,300	43,800	-500
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	423,000	421,900	1,100
Peoria MSA	173,300	172,100	1,200
Rockford MSA	147,500	148,700	-1,200
Springfield MSA	111,200	109,400	1,800
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	242,500	240,500	2,000
Illinois Statewide	6,205,900	6,141,700	64,200

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

Labor Market Area	Oct 2023	Oct 2022	Over-the-Year Change
Carbondale-Marion MSA	4.4 %	3.8 %	0.6
Jackson County	4.4 %	3.8 %	0.6
Williamson County	4.3 %	3.9 %	0.4
Surrounding Counties			
Alexander County	6.4 %	5.8 %	0.6
Franklin County	5.6 %	4.9 %	0.7
Johnson County	5.5 %	4.8 %	0.7
Massac County	4.8 %	4.8 %	0.0
Perry County	5.3 %	4.5 %	0.8
Pulaski County	7.4 %	6.3 %	1.1
Randolph County	4.0 %	3.3 %	0.7
Union County	5.2 %	4.3 %	0.9
Harrisburg Area			
Gallatin County	5.5 %	4.8 %	0.7
Hamilton County	3.8 %	3.0 %	0.8
Hardin County	5.0 %	4.4 %	0.6
Pope County	3.8 %	4.0 %	-0.2
Saline County	5.0 %	4.6 %	0.4
White County	4.0 %	3.7 %	0.3
Olney - Mt. Carmel Area			
Edwards County	5.3 %	4.0 %	1.3
Lawrence County	5.8 %	4.7 %	1.1
Richland County	4.2 %	3.5 %	0.7
Wabash County	3.4 %	3.0 %	0.4
Wayne County	4.5 %	3.5 %	1.0
Other Areas			
LWIA 23	4.1 %	3.5 %	0.6
LWIA 24	4.3 %	3.6 %	0.7
LWIA 25	4.7 %	4.1 %	0.6
LWIA 26	4.7 %	4.2 %	0.5
Southern EDR	4.7 %	4.1 %	0.6

Southern Illinois Highlights

Carbondale – Marion Area

The October 2023 unemployment rate was 4.4 percent. This was a +0.6 percentage point increase from the October 2022 rate of 3.8 percent. Total nonfarm employment increased by +400 jobs in October 2023 compared to October a year ago. Government payrolls increased over-the-year (+200).

Surrounding Counties

Total nonfarm payrolls increased by +350 jobs in October 2023 compared to a year ago.

Employment rose in Leisure and Hospitality (+250), Government (+200), Educational and Health Services (+75), Construction (+50) and Financial Activities (+25).

No change in employment was reported in the Information, Natural Resources and Mining or Manufacturing industries.

Payrolls declined in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-125), Professional and Business Services (-50), and Other Services (-25).

Harrisburg Area

Total nonfarm employment increased by +300 jobs in October 2023 compared to October 2022.

Employment gains were posted in Government (+175), Financial Activities (+75), Educational and Health Services (+50), Natural Resources and Mining (+50), Information (+25), Manufacturing (+25) and Other Services (+25).

No change was recorded in Leisure and Hospitality or in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities payrolls.

Employment declined over-the-year in Construction (-25) and Professional and Business Services (-25).

Olney – Mt. Carmel Area

Total nonfarm employment increased by +350 jobs in October 2023 compared to October 2022.

Payrolls increased in Government (+200), Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+125), Educational and Health Services (+75), Leisure and Hospitality (+50), Other Services (+50) and Professional and Business Services (+25).

Payrolls were unchanged in Financial Activities, Information, and Construction over-the-year. Payroll employment decreased in the Manufacturing (-125) and Natural Resources and Mining (-25) industries.

Note: Monthly 2022 unemployment rates and total nonfarm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February and March 2023, 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.

Disclaimer: The data contained in the metro area employment numbers press releases are not seasonally adjusted, and therefore are subject to seasonal fluctuations due to factors such as changes in weather, harvests, major holidays, and school schedules. Current monthly metro data should be compared to the same month from prior years (January 2023 data compared to January 2022 data) as data for these months have similar seasonal patterns. Comparisons should not be made to data for the immediate previous month or other previous non-matching months, as any changes in the data within these time periods may be the result of seasonal fluctuations and not economic factors.