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Unemployment Rate Down in All Fourteen Metro Areas, Jobs Up in Eleven

Record Lows in October for Two Metros, 16 Counties

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	Oct 2019*	Oct 2018**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	3.5%	4.3%	-0.8
Carbondale-Marion	3.7%	4.7%	-1.0
Champaign-Urbana	3.5%	4.5%	-1.0
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	3.4%	3.6%	-0.2
Danville	4.9%	5.9%	-1.0
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	3.8%	4.0%	-0.2
Decatur	4.8%	5.5%	-0.7
Elgin	3.7%	4.6%	-0.9
Kankakee	4.3%	5.1%	-0.8
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	3.5%	4.0%	-0.5
Peoria	4.2%	4.9%	-0.7
Rockford	5.0%	5.4%	-0.4
Springfield	3.5%	4.2%	-0.7
St. Louis (IL-Section)	3.7%	4.6%	-0.9
Illinois Statewide	3.6%	4.1%	-0.5

* Preliminary | **Revised

SPRINGFIELD – The unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in October in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas, 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 eleven Illinois metropolitan areas, decreased in two, and was unchanged in one.

“Communities in every corner of the state have experienced sustained job growth throughout this year. By passing the bipartisan Rebuild Illinois capital plan and legislation like the minimum wage increase, Governor Pritzker is ensuring the state’s economy continues to thrive,” said Deputy Governor Dan Hynes.

Illinois businesses added jobs in eleven metro areas, with the largest percentage increases in: Champaign-Urbana (+2.8%, +3,200), Carbondale-Marion (+2.5%, +1,500), Kankakee (+1.5%, +700) and Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI (+1.5%, +6,400).

The Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights metro division was up (+0.6%, +22,500). Total nonfarm jobs were down in Peoria (-0.8%, -1,500) and Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL (-0.1%, -100).

The industry sectors recording job growth in the majority of metro areas included Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (9 of 14), Education and Health Services (9 of 14), Government (9 of 14), and Leisure and Hospitality (8 of 14).

Not seasonally adjusted data compares October 2019 with October 2018. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 3.6 percent in October 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 3.3 percent in October 2019 and 10.6 percent in January 2010, at its peak. The unemployment rate identifies those individuals who are out of work and seeking employment.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – October 2019

Metropolitan Area	Oct 2019*	Oct 2018**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	94,000	93,600	400
Carbondale-Marion MSA	61,100	59,600	1,500
Champaign-Urbana MSA	116,100	112,900	3,200
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,850,300	3,827,800	22,500
Danville MSA	27,800	27,800	0
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	188,300	188,400	-100
Decatur MSA	52,900	52,300	600
Elgin Metro Division	270,400	267,400	3,000
Kankakee MSA	47,500	46,800	700
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	435,500	429,100	6,400
Peoria MSA	176,300	177,800	-1,500
Rockford MSA	155,500	154,400	1,100
Springfield MSA	116,600	115,200	1,400
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	246,000	244,000	2,000
Illinois Statewide	6,251,900	6,197,800	54,100

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

Labor Market Area	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2018	Over-the- Year Change
Bloomington MSA			
DeWitt County	3.5%	5.1%	-1.6
McLean County	3.5%	4.2%	-0.7
Peoria MSA			
Marshall County	4.1%	4.7%	-0.6
Peoria County	4.6%	5.4%	-0.8
Stark County	4.6%	5.7%	-1.1
Tazewell County	3.9%	4.6%	-0.7
Woodford County	3.2%	4.0%	-0.8
Ottawa-Streator Area			
Bureau County	3.9%	4.8%	-0.9
LaSalle County	4.2%	5.3%	-1.1
Putnam County	3.5%	4.9%	-1.4
Galesburg Area			
Knox County	4.7%	5.4%	-0.7
Warren County	3.6%	4.2%	-0.6
Cities			
Bloomington City	3.5%	4.3%	-0.8
Galesburg City	5.0%	6.0%	-1.0
Normal City	3.6%	4.4%	-0.8
Pekin City	4.5%	5.2%	-0.7
Peoria City	5.0%	5.7%	-0.7
Counties			
Fulton County	4.8%	5.7%	-0.9
Henderson County	3.5%	4.8%	-1.3
Henry County	4.3%	5.1%	-0.8
Livingston County	3.6%	4.3%	-0.7
Logan County	4.0%	4.7%	-0.7
Mason County	4.6%	5.5%	-0.9

Central Illinois Highlights

Bloomington MSA: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 3.5 percent in October 2019 from 4.3 per cent in October 2018. There were an estimated 3,350 unemployed people in the labor force in October 2019.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased by (+400) compared to one year ago. Job gains were reported in Leisure & Hospitality (+500), Retail Trade (+200), Government (+100), Educational & Health Services (+100), and Financial Activities (+100). Declines were reported in

Manufacturing (-400), Other Services (-100), and Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities (-100). All other major industry sectors were little changed compared to a year ago.

Peoria MSA: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.2 percent in October 2019 from 4.9 percent in October 2018. There were an estimated 7,600 unemployed people in the labor force in October 2019.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment decreased by (-1,500) compared to one year ago. Job gains were reported in Educational & Health Services (+800), Government (+100), Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities (+100), and Wholesale Trade (+100). Declines were reported in Professional & Business Services (-900), Leisure & Hospitality (-800), Manufacturing (-500), Retail Trade (-200), Construction (-100), and Financial Activities (-100). All other major industry sectors were stable compared to last year.

Ottawa-Streator Area: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.1 percent in October 2019 from 5.2 percent in October 2018. There were an estimated 3,200 unemployed people in the labor force in October 2019. Over the year, nonfarm payrolls increased by (+650) compared to a year ago. The largest gains occurred in Government (+225), Construction (+75), Leisure & Hospitality (+75), Educational & Health Services (+75), and Other Services (+50). Declines were reported in Financial Activities (-75) and Professional & Business Services (-50). All other major industry sectors were stable compared to last year.

Galesburg Area: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.7 percent in October 2019 from 5.4 percent in October 2018. Nonfarm payroll employment decreased by (-300). The largest gain occurred in Educational & Health Services (+125). Declines were reported in Leisure & Hospitality (-100), Information (-50), Financial Activities (-25), and Professional & Business Services (-25) from a year ago.

Pontiac Area: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 3.6 percent in October 2019 from 4.3 percent in October 2018. Nonfarm payroll employment decreased by (-225) compared to one year ago. Job gains were reported in Leisure & Hospitality (+50) and Government (+25). Declines were reported in Information (-150), Educational & Health Services (-50), and Construction (-25) from a 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.