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Job Growth Continues in Most Metro Areas

Unemployment rate up in thirteen metros

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	Jan. 2019	Jan. 2018	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	5.5%	4.6%	0.9
Carbondale-Marion	5.9%	5.2%	0.7
Champaign-Urbana	5.5%	4.7%	0.8
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	4.4%	4.9%	-0.5
Danville	7.0%	6.8%	0.2
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	5.5%	5.1%	0.4
Decatur	6.9%	5.9%	1.0
Elgin	6.6%	5.4%	1.2
Kankakee	7.5%	6.2%	1.3
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	5.8%	5.0%	0.8
Peoria	6.7%	5.9%	0.8
Rockford	7.1%	5.8%	1.3
Springfield	5.7%	4.8%	0.9
St. Louis (IL-Section)	5.7%	5.0%	0.7
Illinois Statewide	5.3%	5.1%	0.2

** Data subject to revision.*

CHICAGO—Unemployment rates increased over-the-year in January in thirteen of Illinois’s metropolitan areas, and decreased in one, 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 show nonfarm jobs increased in eleven of the metropolitan areas.

“It’s encouraging to see that payrolls continue to increase in most metro areas across the state” said Deputy Governor Dan Hynes. “Industries like educational and health services, trade, transportation, and manufacturing are seeing strong growth and we look forward to continuing to build on that foundation.”

Illinois businesses added jobs in eleven metro areas, with the largest percentage increases in: Lake-Kenosha (+2.8%, +11,500), Peoria (+2.6%, +4,400) and Carbondale-Marion (+2.2%, +1,200). The metro areas showing an over-the-year decrease in total nonfarm jobs were Danville (-2.2%, -600), Bloomington (-1.8%, -1,600) and the Illinois section of the St. Louis MSA (-0.6%, -1,400).

The industry sectors recording job growth in the majority of metro areas included Manufacturing (11 of 14), Professional and Business Services (10 of 14), Mining and Construction (9 of 14), Leisure and Hospitality (9 of 14), Financial Activities (8 of 14) and Education and Health Services (8 of 14).

Not seasonally adjusted data compares January 2019 with January 2018. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 5.3 percent in January 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 4.4 percent in January 2019 and 10.6 percent in January 2010 at its peak. The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and looking for work and is not tied to collecting unemployment insurance benefits.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – January 2019

Metropolitan Area	January 2019*	January 2018**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	88,800	90,400	-1,600
Carbondale-Marion MSA	56,600	55,400	1,200
Champaign-Urbana MSA	108,800	108,500	300
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,743,300	3,686,900	56,400
Danville MSA	27,000	27,600	-600
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	184,000	181,800	2,200
Decatur MSA	50,800	50,700	100
Elgin Metro Division	257,500	254,100	3,400
Kankakee MSA	45,200	44,600	600
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	418,500	407,000	11,500
Peoria MSA	172,900	168,500	4,400
Rockford MSA	152,300	150,000	2,300
Springfield MSA	112,300	111,600	700
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	235,100	236,500	-1,400
Illinois Statewide	6,035,800	5,962,600	73,200

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