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

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	October 2020*	October 2019**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	4.1%	3.4%	0.7
Carbondale-Marion	4.6%	3.7%	0.9
Champaign-Urbana	4.1%	3.4%	0.7
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	7.8%	3.2%	4.6
Danville	5.6%	4.7%	0.9
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	4.6%	3.8%	0.8
Decatur	6.7%	4.9%	1.8
Elgin	5.3%	3.7%	1.6
Kankakee	5.2%	4.2%	1.0
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	5.1%	3.5%	1.6
Peoria	5.5%	4.2%	1.3
Rockford	6.4%	5.0%	1.4
Springfield	5.0%	3.5%	1.5
St. Louis (IL-Section)	4.7%	3.7%	1.0
Illinois Statewide	6.5%	3.5%	3.0

* Preliminary | ** Revised

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

“As the state works to mitigate the spread of Covid-19 and protect residents from this deadly virus, IDES will continue to provide services to claimants, job-seekers, and employers as fast as possible,” said Deputy Governor Dan Hynes. “We also need the federal government to take action. Every metro area and its claimants will be impacted by the expiration

of the federal CARES Act unemployment programs in just a few short weeks and IDES and the Pritzker administration will continue to call on the federal government to provide claimant stability through the end of this pandemic.”

The number of nonfarm jobs decreased in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas. Total nonfarm jobs were down in Peoria (-9.8%, -16,800), Elgin (-9.1%, -24,200) and Rockford (-8.2%, -12,400). In Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, jobs were down 7.2% (-275,700). No industry sector saw job gains in a majority of metro areas.

Not seasonally adjusted data compares October 2020 with October 2019. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois unemployment rate was 6.5 percent in October 2020. Nationally, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.6 percent in October 2020. The unemployment rate identifies those individuals who are out of work and seeking employment.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – October 2020

Metropolitan Area	October 2020*	October 2019**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	88,200	94,100	-5,900
Carbondale-Marion MSA	56,600	58,800	-2,200
Champaign-Urbana MSA	115,300	118,700	-3,400
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,560,500	3,836,200	-275,700
Danville MSA	26,400	27,400	-1,000
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	177,600	189,000	-11,400
Decatur MSA	46,600	50,600	-4,000
Elgin Metro Division	240,400	264,600	-24,200
Kankakee MSA	44,900	46,900	-2,000
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	394,200	423,100	-28,900
Peoria MSA	154,800	171,600	-16,800
Rockford MSA	138,600	151,000	-12,400
Springfield MSA	103,900	110,400	-6,500
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	233,900	244,200	-10,300
Illinois Statewide	5,766,900	6,178,900	-412,000

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