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Jobs Up in Majority of Metro Areas in January

Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Metropolitan Area	January 2024*	January 2023**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	4.4%	3.9%	0.5
Carbondale-Marion	5.1%	4.6%	0.5
Champaign-Urbana	4.6%	4.0%	0.6
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	4.5%	4.4%	0.1
Danville	6.6%	6.0%	0.6
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	5.2%	4.7%	0.5
Decatur	6.8%	5.7%	1.1
Elgin	6.5%	5.5%	1.0
Kankakee	7.5%	6.4%	1.1
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	5.9%	5.0%	0.9
Peoria	6.2%	5.4%	0.8
Rockford	7.3%	6.2%	1.1
Springfield	5.1%	4.5%	0.6
St. Louis (IL-Section)	4.7%	4.1%	0.6
Illinois Statewide	5.1%	4.7%	0.4

* Preliminary | ** Revised

SPRINGFIELD – Over-the-year, total nonfarm jobs increased in eight metropolitan areas, decreased in five and was unchanged in one for the year ending January 2024, 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 all fourteen metropolitan areas.

“As payrolls continue to grow across industries throughout the state, jobseekers are encouraged to take advantage of new and expanded employment opportunities,” said **Deputy Governor Andy Manar**. “IDES and its workforce partners are uniquely positioned to assist with employment searches and to match workers with employers to ensure they find the best fit for their needs.”

The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Bloomington MSA (+3.8%, +3,600), the Champaign-Urbana MSA (+2.1%, +2,500) and the Carbondale-Marion MSA (+1.4%, +800). The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage decreases were the Springfield MSA (-2.7%, -2,900), the

Decatur MSA (-2.5%, -1,200), and the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL MSA (-1.4%, -2,500). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago Metro Division were down -0.3% or -11,000. Industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included: Education and Health Services and Government (twelve areas each); and Financial Activities (eight areas).

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate increases were in Decatur MSA (+1.1 points to 6.8%), the Kankakee MSA (+1.1 points to 7.5%), and the Rockford MSA (+1.1 points to 7.3%). The Chicago Metro Division unemployment rate increased +0.1 point to 4.5%.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – January 2024

Metropolitan Area	January 2024*	January 2023**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	98,100	94,500	3,600
Carbondale-Marion MSA	56,700	55,900	800
Champaign-Urbana MSA	120,100	117,600	2,500
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,735,200	3,746,200	-11,000
Danville MSA	26,400	26,400	0
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	178,000	180,500	-2,500
Decatur MSA	46,700	47,900	-1,200
Elgin Metro Division	258,100	256,200	1,900
Kankakee MSA	42,300	42,200	100
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	413,300	409,100	4,200
Peoria MSA	167,500	166,100	1,400
Rockford MSA	143,400	143,500	-100
Springfield MSA	105,600	108,500	-2,900
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	237,200	236,200	1,000
Illinois Statewide	5,984,400	5,995,000	-10,600

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

Labor Market Area	Jan 2024	Jan 2023	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA			
De Witt County	5.1 %	5.0 %	0.1
McLean County	4.3 %	3.8 %	0.5
Peoria MSA			
Marshall County	6.3 %	6.0 %	0.3
Peoria County	6.7 %	5.8 %	0.9
Stark County	7.7 %	7.4 %	0.3
Tazewell County	5.8 %	5.0 %	0.8
Woodford County	5.0 %	4.4 %	0.6
Ottawa-Streator Area	7.6 %	6.3 %	1.3
Bureau County	7.5 %	5.8 %	1.7
LaSalle County	7.6 %	6.5 %	1.1
Putnam County	8.0 %	6.9 %	1.1
Galesburg Area			
Knox County	6.6 %	6.0 %	0.6
Cities			
Bloomington City	4.5 %	4.0 %	0.5
Galesburg City	6.5 %	5.7 %	0.8
Normal Town	3.8 %	3.4 %	0.4
Pekin City	6.7 %	5.6 %	1.1
Peoria City	6.8 %	5.6 %	1.2
Counties & Areas			
Fulton County	6.7 %	6.1 %	0.6
Hancock County	4.9 %	4.5 %	0.4
Henderson County	4.9 %	5.3 %	-0.4
Henry County	6.1 %	5.2 %	0.9
Livingston County	5.4 %	4.5 %	0.9
Logan County	5.5 %	4.9 %	0.6
Mason County	6.6 %	6.1 %	0.5
Warren County	4.9 %	4.4 %	0.5
LWIA 14	5.1 %	4.6 %	0.5

Central Illinois Highlights

Bloomington MSA: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.4 percent in January 2024 from 3.9 percent in January 2023.

Over-the-year, nonfarm employment increased by +3,600. Nonfarm payroll declines were reported in Professional Business Services (-500), Financial Activities (-200), Retail Trade (-100) and Leisure-Hospitality (-100). Government (+2,500), Manufacturing (+1,500), Educational-Health Services (+400) and Wholesale Trade (+100) had payroll gains over-the-year.

Peoria MSA: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 6.2 percent in January 2024 from 5.4 percent in January 2023.

Over-the-year, nonfarm payroll employment increased by +1,400. Declines were reported in Professional-Business Services (-500), Transportation-Warehousing-Utilities (-300), Leisure-Hospitality (-200), Information (-100) and Mining-Construction (-100). Educational-Health Services (+900), Government (+900), Manufacturing (+300), Other Services (+200), Wholesale Trade (+100), Financial Activities (+100) and Retail Trade (+100) had payroll gains over-the-year.

Ottawa-Streator Area: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 7.6 percent in January 2024 from 6.3 percent in January 2023. Over-the-year, nonfarm payrolls decreased by -1,800. Educational-Health Services (-1,025), Professional-Business Services (-400) and Manufacturing (-225) posted the largest declines. Government (+225) and Trade-Transportation-Utilities (+175) had the only payroll gains over-the-year.

Galesburg Area-Knox County: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 6.6 percent in January 2024 from 6.0 percent in January 2023. Over-the-year, nonfarm payrolls increased by +500. The largest employment declines were reported in the Financial Activities (-200) and Leisure-Hospitality (-75) sectors from a year ago. The Educational-Health Services (+525), Professional-Business Services (+200) and Government (+50) sectors had the only payroll gains over-the-year.

Pontiac Area-Livingston County: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 5.4 percent in January 2024 from 4.5 percent in January 2023. Over-the-year, nonfarm payrolls increased by +400. Educational-Health Services (-75) and Other Services (-25) posted the only declines from a year ago. Trade-Transportation-Utilities (+225) and Manufacturing (+150) had the largest payroll gains over-the-year.

Note: Monthly 2023 unemployment rates and total nonfarm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February and March 2024, 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 2024 data compared to January 2023 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.