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Jobs Up in Most Metro Areas in November

Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Metropolitan Area	November 2023*	November 2022**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	3.4%	3.2%	0.2
Carbondale-Marion	3.7%	3.8%	-0.1
Champaign-Urbana	3.5%	3.3%	0.2
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	4.3%	4.4%	-0.1
Danville	4.8%	4.6%	0.2
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	3.7%	3.5%	0.2
Decatur	5.1%	4.8%	0.3
Elgin	4.1%	3.8%	0.3
Kankakee	4.9%	4.8%	0.1
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	3.9%	3.5%	0.4
Peoria	4.1%	4.0%	0.1
Rockford	5.2%	4.8%	0.4
Springfield	3.5%	3.6%	-0.1
St. Louis (IL-Section)	3.7%	3.5%	0.2
Illinois Statewide	4.2%	4.2%	0.0

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SPRINGFIELD – Over-the-year, total nonfarm jobs increased in ten metropolitan areas and decreased in four for the year ending November 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 eleven metropolitan areas and decreased in three.

"Further job growth continues to expand throughout every corner of the state across a variety of industry sectors, creating new opportunities for workers," **said Deputy Governor Andy Manar**. "IDES and its workforce partners are committed to assisting both employers and jobseekers with available resources to find the right fit for their workforce and employment needs."

The metro areas that had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Danville MSA (+3.0%, +800), the Springfield MSA (+1.5%, +1,700), and the Carbondale-Marion MSA (+1.5%, +900). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago-Metro were up +0.9% or +34,500. The metro areas with the largest over-the-year percentage decreases in total nonfarm jobs were the Decatur MSA (-1.4%, -700), the Rockford MSA (-1.1%, -1,600), and the Kankakee MSA (-0.7%, -300). Industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included: Government (twelve areas); Education and Health Services (ten areas); and Leisure and Hospitality (nine areas).

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate increases were the Lake County IL-WI Metro (+0.4 point to 3.9%), the Rockford MSA (+0.4 point to 5.2%), the Decatur MSA (+0.3 point to 5.1%), and the Elgin Metro (+0.3 point to 4.1%). The unemployment rate fell in the Carbondale-Marion MSA (-0.1 point to 3.7%), the Chicago Metro (-0.1 point to 4.3%), and the Springfield MSA (-0.1 point to 3.5%)

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) - November 2023

Metropolitan Area	November 2023*	November 2022**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	99,200	99,100	100
Carbondale-Marion MSA	59,700	58,800	900
Champaign-Urbana MSA	124,700	123,900	800
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,853,700	3,819,200	34,500
Danville MSA	27,900	27,100	800
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	186,700	185,700	1,000
Decatur MSA	48,300	49,000	-700
Elgin Metro Division	269,400	266,700	2,700
Kankakee MSA	43,200	43,500	-300
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	422,100	420,800	1,300
Peoria MSA	172,600	172,900	-300
Rockford MSA	148,000	149,600	-1,600
Springfield MSA	111,800	110,100	1,700
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	243,200	241,000	2,200
Illinois Statewide	6,218,300	6,158,000	60,300

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

Labor Market Area	Nov 2023	Nov 2022	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA			
De Witt County	3.7 %	3.7 %	0.0
McLean County	3.3 %	3.1 %	0.2
Peoria MSA			
Marshall County	4.3 %	4.2 %	0.1
Peoria County	4.5 %	4.4 %	0.1
Stark County	4.4 %	4.6 %	-0.2
Tazewell County	3.7 %	3.6 %	0.1
Woodford County	3.4 %	3.2 %	0.2
Ottawa-Streator Area	**4.6 %**	**4.2 %**	**0.4**
Bureau County	4.7 %	3.9 %	0.8
LaSalle County	4.6 %	4.3 %	0.3
Putnam County	4.4 %	3.9 %	0.5
Galesburg Area			
Knox County	4.6 %	4.8 %	-0.2
Cities			
Bloomington City	3.5 %	3.2 %	0.3
Galesburg City	5.1 %	5.2 %	-0.1
Normal Town	3.3 %	3.0 %	0.3
Pekin City	4.1 %	4.0 %	0.1
Peoria City	4.9 %	4.6 %	0.3
Counties & Areas			
Fulton County	4.2 %	4.4 %	-0.2
Hancock County	3.3 %	3.5 %	-0.2
Henderson County	2.8 %	3.5 %	-0.7
Henry County	3.8 %	3.8 %	0.0
Livingston County	3.4 %	3.6 %	-0.2
Logan County	4.0 %	4.2 %	-0.2
Mason County	3.9 %	4.2 %	-0.3
Warren County	3.6 %	3.5 %	0.1
LWIA 14	3.5 %	3.7 %	-0.2

Central Illinois Highlights

Bloomington MSA: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 3.4 percent in November 2023 was a +0.2 percentage point increase from the November 2022 level of 3.2 percent.

Over-the-year, nonfarm payroll employment increased by +100. Largest declines were reported in Construction-Mining (-300), Professional Business Services (-300), Financial Activities (-100) and Information (-100). Retail Trade (+400), Government (+300), Manufacturing (+100) and Educational-Health Services (+100) had the largest payroll gains over-the-year.

Peoria MSA: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.1 percent in November 2023 from 4.0 percent in November 2022.

Over-the-year, nonfarm payroll employment decreased by -300. The largest declines were reported in Professional-Business Services (-700), Transportation-Warehousing-Utilities (-300), Information (-100), Educational-Health Services (-100) and Financial Activities (-100). Government (+400), Retail Trade (+300), Other Services (+100), Construction-Mining (+100) and Wholesale Trade (+100) had payroll gains over-the-year.

Ottawa-Streator Area: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.6 percent in November 2023 from 4.2 percent in November 2022. Over-the-year, nonfarm payrolls decreased by -550. Educational-Health Services (-625) and Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-150) posted the largest declines. Leisure-Hospitality (+150) and Manufacturing (+100) had the largest payroll gains over-the-year.

Galesburg Area–Knox County: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.6 percent in November 2023 from 4.8 percent in November 2022. Over-the-year, nonfarm payrolls decreased by -100. The largest employment declines were reported in the Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-125) and Leisure-Hospitality (-50) sectors from a year ago. The Government (+75), Construction (+50) and Financial Activities (+50) sectors had the only payroll gains over-the-year.

Pontiac Area-Livingston County: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 3.4 percent in November 2023 from 3.6 percent in November 2022.

Over-the-year, nonfarm payrolls increased by +200. Educational-Health Services (-75) posted the largest decline from a year ago. Manufacturing (+125) and Government (+75) had the largest payroll gains over-the-year.

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.