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Unemployment Rates Down and Jobs Up in All 14 Metro Areas

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	September 2022*	September 2021**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	3.4%	3.9%	-0.5
Carbondale-Marion	3.9%	4.9%	-1.0
Champaign-Urbana	3.5%	4.2%	-0.7
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	4.7%	5.3%	-0.6
Danville	5.0%	5.8%	-0.8
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	3.4%	4.4%	-1.0
Decatur	5.7%	7.0%	-1.3
Elgin	4.1%	4.9%	-0.8
Kankakee	5.1%	5.7%	-0.6
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	3.6%	4.2%	-0.6
Peoria	4.4%	5.1%	-0.7
Rockford	5.9%	7.7%	-1.8
Springfield	3.8%	4.8%	-1.0
St. Louis (IL-Section)	3.8%	4.5%	-0.7
Illinois Statewide	4.4%	5.1%	-0.7

* Preliminary | ** Revised

SPRINGFIELD – For the fourth straight month, the unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas in September according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Jobs increased in all metros.

“Illinois continues to see steady job growth throughout the state,” said **Deputy Governor Andy Manar**. “As unemployment insurance claims remain at record lows, the state labor market is ripe with opportunity for every type of jobseeker.”

The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Chicago Metro (+4.7%, +169,900), the Rockford MSA (+4.4%, +6,100), the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL MSA (+3.9%, +7,000) and the Lake County-Kenosha County, IL-WI Metropolitan Division (+3.9% +16,000). Industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included: Mining and Construction and Manufacturing (fourteen areas each);

Leisure and Hospitality (thirteen areas); Other Services (twelve areas); Wholesale Trade (eleven areas); Professional and Business Services, Education and Health Services, and Government (ten areas each); and Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (eight areas).

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate decreases were the Rockford MSA (-1.8 points to 5.9%) and the Decatur MSA (-1.3 points to 5.7%). The unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in 92 counties, increased in 5, and was unchanged in 5.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – September 2022

Metropolitan Area	September 2022*	September 2021**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	94,200	91,800	2,400
Carbondale-Marion MSA	57,800	56,100	1,700
Champaign-Urbana MSA	117,600	116,000	1,600
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,803,000	3,633,100	169,900
Danville MSA	26,300	25,700	600
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	186,400	179,400	7,000
Decatur MSA	48,900	48,000	900
Elgin Metro Division	255,900	248,000	7,900
Kankakee MSA	43,000	42,000	1,000
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	426,100	410,100	16,000
Peoria MSA	168,900	164,600	4,300
Rockford MSA	146,000	139,900	6,100
Springfield MSA	109,600	105,800	3,800
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	239,400	237,800	1,600
Illinois Statewide	6,109,400	5,871,700	237,700

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

Labor Market Area	Sep 2022	Sep 2021	Over the Year Change
Bloomington MSA			
De Witt County	3.6 %	4.0 %	-0.4
McLean County	3.4 %	3.9 %	-0.5
Peoria MSA			
Marshall County	4.0 %	4.4 %	-0.4
Peoria County	5.2 %	6.3 %	-1.1
Stark County	3.9 %	4.4 %	-0.5
Tazewell County	3.6 %	4.2 %	-0.6
Woodford County	3.0 %	3.3 %	-0.3
Ottawa-Streator Area	4.3 %	4.6 %	-0.3
Bureau County	3.8 %	4.0 %	-0.2
LaSalle County	4.5 %	4.8 %	-0.3
Putnam County	4.1 %	4.1 %	0.0
Galesburg Area			
Knox County	5.0 %	5.6 %	-0.6
Cities			
Bloomington City	3.5 %	4.5 %	-1.0
Galesburg City	5.6 %	6.3 %	-0.7
Normal Town	3.3 %	3.6 %	-0.3
Pekin City	3.9 %	4.9 %	-1.0
Peoria City	5.7 %	7.4 %	-1.7
Counties & Areas			
Fulton County	4.3 %	4.6 %	-0.3
Hancock County	3.4 %	3.4 %	0.0
Henderson County	3.2 %	3.2 %	0.0
Henry County	3.6 %	3.9 %	-0.3
Livingston County	3.5 %	4.2 %	-0.7
Logan County	3.8 %	4.1 %	-0.3
Mason County	4.2 %	4.4 %	-0.2
Warren County	3.5 %	4.0 %	-0.5
LWIA 14	3.6 %	3.9 %	-0.3

Central Illinois Highlights

Bloomington MSA: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 3.4 percent in September 2022 from 3.9 percent in September 2021.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased by +2,400. Educational-Health Services (+500), Government (+500), Retail Trade (+400), Construction (+300), and Leisure-Hospitality (+300) had the largest payroll gains over the year. No sectors had employment declines from a year ago.

Peoria MSA: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.4 percent in September 2022 from 5.1 percent in September 2021.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased by +4,300. The largest declines were reported in Retail Trade (-200) and Information (-100). Manufacturing (+1,200), Professional-Business Services (+1,000), Government (+700), and Construction (+600) had the largest payroll gains over the year.

Ottawa-Streator Area: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.3 percent in September 2022 from 4.6 percent in September 2021. Over the year, nonfarm payrolls decreased by -300. Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-250) and Educational-Health Services (-125) posted the largest declines. Leisure-Hospitality (+100) and Government (+100) had payroll gains over the year.

Galesburg Area-Knox County: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 5.0 percent in September 2022 from 5.6 percent in September 2021. Over the year, nonfarm payrolls decreased by -75. The largest employment declines were reported in Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-100) and Educational-Health Services (-75) sectors from a year ago. Government (+50) had the largest payroll gains over the year.

Pontiac Area-Livingston County: The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 3.5 percent in September 2022 from 4.2 percent in September 2021.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment increased by +75. Educational-Health Services (-100) posted the largest declines from a year ago. Manufacturing (+75) and Trade-Transportation-Utilities (+75) had the largest payroll gains over the year.

Note: Monthly 2021 unemployment rates and total nonfarm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February and March 2022, 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. The official monthly unemployment rate series for metro areas, counties and most cities begins in 1990. The official monthly nonfarm jobs series for metro areas begins in 1990 and for non-metropolitan counties it begins in 1999.

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