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Unemployment Down in All 12 Metro Areas for July *Chicago Metro Achieves 13 Consecutive Months of Year-over-Year Job Growth, Continued Gains in Champaign, Springfield*

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	July 2025*	July 2024**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	4.1%	4.6%	-0.5
Champaign-Urbana	4.4%	5.0%	-0.6
Chicago-Naperville-Schaumburg	5.1%	6.0%	-0.9
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island (IL Section)	5.0%	5.3%	-0.3
Decatur	5.9%	6.6%	-0.7
Elgin	4.4%	5.1%	-0.7
Kankakee	5.1%	5.9%	-0.8
Lake	4.3%	5.0%	-0.7
Peoria	4.7%	5.2%	-0.5
Rockford	5.1%	5.9%	-0.8
Springfield	4.2%	4.8%	-0.6
St. Louis (IL Section)	4.2%	5.0%	-0.8
Illinois Statewide	4.8%	5.7%	-0.9

* Preliminary | ** Revised

SPRINGFIELD – For the second month in-a-row, the unemployment rate decreased in all twelve metro areas for the year ending July 2025, 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, total nonfarm jobs increased in five metropolitan areas, leading to consecutive months with year-over-year growth: Champaign (6 consecutive months); Chicago (13 consecutive months); Springfield (21 consecutive months).

“Illinois continues to showcase the resiliency of our economy, with unemployment declining across all twelve metro areas for the second month in a row and consecutive months of job gains in Champaign, Chicago, and Springfield,” said **Deputy Governor Andy Manar**. “The state remains committed to workforce development programs and resources that ensure communities across Illinois can fully benefit from them.”

The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Springfield MSA (+1.7%, +1,900), and a tie between the Champaign-Urbana MSA (+1.1%, +1,300) and the

Rockford MSA (+1.1%, +1,600). The Chicago-Metro Division also increased (+0.7%, +26,300). The metro areas which posted the largest over-the-year percentage decreases in total nonfarm jobs were the Peoria MSA (-1.7%, -2,900), the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA, IL Section (-1.5%, -1,300), and the Bloomington MSA (-1.3%, -1,200). Industries that saw job growth in the majority of the twelve metro areas included: Private Education and Health Services (twelve areas); Government (nine areas), and Mining and Construction (seven areas).

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate increases were the Chicago-Metropolitan Division (-0.9 point to 5.1%) and a tie between the Kankakee MSA (-0.8 point to 5.1%), the Rockford MSA (-0.8 point to 5.1%), and the St. Louis MSA, IL Section (-0.8 point to 4.2%).

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – July 2025

Metropolitan Area	July 2025*	July 2024**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	91,700	92,900	-1,200
Champaign-Urbana	116,100	114,800	1,300
Chicago-Naperville-Schaumburg	3,855,600	3,829,300	26,300
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island (IL Section)	85,600	86,900	-1,300
Decatur	47,200	47,400	-200
Elgin	293,600	296,100	-2,500
Kankakee	42,500	42,900	-400
Lake	354,200	352,000	2,200
Peoria	170,900	173,800	-2,900
Rockford	146,900	145,300	1,600
Springfield	111,600	109,700	1,900
St. Louis (IL Section)	239,700	240,100	-400
Illinois Statewide	6,185,000	6,168,500	16,500

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

**Chicago-Naperville-Schaumburg, IL Metro
Division**

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 5.1 percent in July 2025 from 6.0 percent in July 2024.

Total nonfarm employment increased +26,300 compared to July 2024. The Government (+12,000), Private Education-Health Services (+11,100), Leisure-Hospitality (+8,900), Construction (+5,000), Financial Activities (+3,000), Information (+2,100) and Transportation-Warehousing-Utilities (+1,600) sectors had payroll gains over-the-year. The Professional-Business Services (-7,400), Retail Trade (-5,000), Manufacturing (-3,700), Wholesale Trade (-800) and Other Services (-500) sectors had employment declines from a year ago.

Elgin, IL Metro Division

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.4 percent in July 2025 from 5.1 percent in July 2024.

Total nonfarm employment decreased -2,500 compared to July 2024. The Private Education-Health Services (+1,300), Government (+1,000), Construction (+300) and Transportation-Warehousing-Utilities (+100) sectors had payroll gains over-the-year. The Leisure-Hospitality (-3,400), Manufacturing (-1,100), Retail Trade (-300), Professional-Business Services (-200), Wholesale Trade (-100) and Other Services (-100) sectors had employment declines from a year ago.

Lake County, IL Metro Division

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.3 percent in July 2025 from 5.0 percent in July 2024.

Total nonfarm employment increased +2,200 compared to July 2024. The Leisure-Hospitality (+3,700), Private Education-Health Services (+2,000), Government (+800), Transportation-Warehousing-Utilities (+700), Information (+100) and Construction (+100) sectors had payroll gains over-the-year. The Professional-Business Services (-2,100), Financial Activities (-1,100), Retail Trade (-1,000), Other Services (-400), Manufacturing (-400) and Wholesale Trade (-200) sectors had employment declines from a year ago.

Labor Market Area	Jul 2025	Jul 2024	Over-the-Year Change
Chicago-Naperville-Schaumburg, IL Metro Division			
Cook County	5.3 %	6.3 %	-1.0
DuPage County	4.4 %	5.2 %	-0.8
Grundy County	4.8 %	6.0 %	-1.2
McHenry County	4.3 %	5.1 %	-0.8
Will County	4.8 %	5.8 %	-1.0
Elgin, IL Metro Division			
DeKalb County	4.5 %	5.1 %	-0.6
Kane County	4.4 %	5.1 %	-0.7
Kendall County	4.3 %	4.9 %	-0.6
Lake County, IL Metro Division			
Lake County	4.3 %	5.0 %	-0.7
Kankakee, IL MSA			
Kankakee County	5.1 %	5.9 %	-0.8
Cities			
Aurora City	4.7 %	5.4 %	-0.7
Chicago City	5.4 %	6.5 %	-1.1
Elgin City	4.6 %	5.4 %	-0.8
Joliet City	5.4 %	6.4 %	-1.0
Kankakee City	6.3 %	7.2 %	-0.9
Naperville City	4.5 %	5.3 %	-0.8

Kankakee, IL MSA

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 5.1 percent in July 2025 from 5.9 percent in July 2024.

Total nonfarm employment decreased -400 compared to July 2024. The Leisure-Hospitality (+100), Private Education-Health Services (+100) and Government (+100) sectors had payroll gains over-the-year. The Manufacturing (-300), Professional-Business Services (-100), Transportation-Warehousing-Utilities (-100), Retail Trade (-100) and Wholesale Trade (-100) sectors had employment declines from a year ago.

Note: Monthly 2024 unemployment rates and total nonfarm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February and March 2025, 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 2025 data compared to January 2024 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.