Monthly Labor Force Statistics for Economic Development Regions

December 2021 – Not Seasonally Adjusted

IL Dept. of Employment Security, Economic Information & Analysis Division

**Illinois**
- Labor Force: 6,320,577
- Employment: 6,046,500
- Unemployment: 274,077
- Unemployment Rate: 4.3%

### Regions

- **Central**
  - Labor Force: 240,735
  - Employment: 230,777
  - Unemployment: 9,958
  - Unemployment Rate: 4.1%

- **East Central**
  - Labor Force: 179,623
  - Employment: 173,471
  - Unemployment: 6,152
  - Unemployment Rate: 3.4%

- **North Central**
  - Labor Force: 287,466
  - Employment: 275,937
  - Unemployment: 11,529
  - Unemployment Rate: 4.0%

- **Northeast**
  - Labor Force: 4,479,621
  - Employment: 4,279,193
  - Unemployment: 200,428
  - Unemployment Rate: 4.5%

- **Northern Stateline**
  - Labor Force: 201,990
  - Employment: 190,119
  - Unemployment: 11,871
  - Unemployment Rate: 5.9%

- **Northwest**
  - Labor Force: 225,723
  - Employment: 217,030
  - Unemployment: 8,693
  - Unemployment Rate: 3.9%

- **Southeastern**
  - Labor Force: 126,636
  - Employment: 122,217
  - Unemployment: 4,419
  - Unemployment Rate: 3.5%

- **Southern**
  - Labor Force: 156,688
  - Employment: 150,306
  - Unemployment: 6,382
  - Unemployment Rate: 4.1%

- **Southwestern**
  - Labor Force: 328,950
  - Employment: 317,469
  - Unemployment: 11,481
  - Unemployment Rate: 3.5%

- **West Central**
  - Labor Force: 93,139
  - Employment: 89,976
  - Unemployment: 3,163
  - Unemployment Rate: 3.4%