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## Jobs Growth Up, Unchanged in Most Metro Areas in June

### Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Metropolitan Area	June 2024*	June 2023**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	5.3%	4.2%	1.1
Carbondale-Marion	5.8%	4.7%	1.1
Champaign-Urbana	5.4%	4.6%	0.8
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	6.4%	4.7%	1.7
Danville	7.5%	5.9%	1.6
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	5.0%	4.4%	0.6
Decatur	7.2%	6.2%	1.0
Elgin	5.9%	4.9%	1.0
Kankakee	6.5%	5.6%	0.9
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	5.2%	4.6%	0.6
Peoria	6.0%	5.0%	1.0
Rockford	6.7%	6.2%	0.5
Springfield	5.2%	4.4%	0.8
St. Louis (IL-Section)	5.3%	4.4%	0.9
Illinois Statewide	6.1%	4.8%	1.3

\* Preliminary | \*\* Revised

**SPRINGFIELD** – Over-the-year, total nonfarm jobs increased in five metropolitan areas, decreased in six, and was unchanged or nearly unchanged in three for the year ending June 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.

“The Illinois labor market continues to see sufficient payroll jobs expansion across various industries around the state, positioning jobseekers and employers with further opportunities for career growth,” said **Deputy Governor Andy Manar**. “Illinois is proud of its world-class labor force and remains committed to investing in the growth of its strength and diversity.”

The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Champaign-Urbana MSA (+1.5%, +1,700), the Carbondale-Marion MSA (+1.4%, +800), and the Bloomington MSA (+0.9%, +900). The metro areas

which had the largest over-the-year percentage decreases in total nonfarm jobs were the Decatur MSA (-1.4%, -700), the Springfield MSA (-1.4%, -1,500), and the Rockford MSA (-1.3%, -1,900). The Danville MSA and the Illinois section of St. Louis MSA each had change in total nonfarm jobs, while the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metropolitan Division saw almost no change in total nonfarm jobs.

Industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included Government (nine areas) and Private Education and Health Services (eight areas).

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate increases were the Chicago Metro Division (+1.7 points to 6.4%), the Danville MSA (+1.6 points to 7.5%), followed by the Bloomington MSA (+1.1 points to 5.3%) and the Carbondale Marion MSA (+1.1 points to 5.8%).

### Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – June 2024

Metropolitan Area	June 2024*	June 2023**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	97,800	96,900	900
Carbondale-Marion MSA	57,400	56,600	800
Champaign-Urbana MSA	118,700	117,000	1,700
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,866,500	3,868,100	-1,600
Danville MSA	26,900	26,900	0
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	182,500	184,500	-2,000
Decatur MSA	47,800	48,500	-700
Elgin Metro Division	268,000	266,700	1,300
Kankakee MSA	43,600	43,400	200
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	429,800	430,200	-400
Peoria MSA	172,200	173,700	-1,500
Rockford MSA	146,200	148,100	-1,900
Springfield MSA	108,900	110,400	-1,500
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	243,500	243,500	0
Illinois Statewide	6,212,200	6,190,900	21,300

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

Labor Market Area	Jun 2024	Jun 2023	Over-the-Year Change
<b>Carbondale MSA</b>	<b>5.8 %</b>	<b>4.7 %</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Jackson County	5.8 %	4.8 %	1.0
Williamson County	5.7 %	4.6 %	1.1
<b>Surrounding Counties</b>			
Alexander County	8.5 %	7.1 %	1.4
Franklin County	6.9 %	5.8 %	1.1
Johnson County	7.4 %	6.0 %	1.4
Massac County	6.5 %	5.9 %	0.6
Perry County	6.5 %	5.5 %	1.0
Pulaski County	9.3 %	8.4 %	0.9
Randolph County	5.2 %	4.3 %	0.9
Union County	5.9 %	5.4 %	0.5
<b>Harrisburg Area</b>			
Gallatin County	6.3 %	6.1 %	0.2
Hamilton County	4.5 %	4.0 %	0.5
Hardin County	8.2 %	6.2 %	2.0
Pope County	5.5 %	4.1 %	1.4
Saline County	6.2 %	5.4 %	0.8
White County	5.1 %	4.2 %	0.9
<b>Olney - Mt. Carmel Area</b>			
Edwards County	5.3 %	5.0 %	0.3
Lawrence County	6.7 %	5.4 %	1.3
Richland County	5.2 %	4.7 %	0.5
Wabash County	4.5 %	3.7 %	0.8
Wayne County	5.6 %	4.8 %	0.8
<b>Other Areas</b>			
LWIA 23	5.3 %	4.4 %	0.9
LWIA 24	5.2 %	4.4 %	0.8
LWIA 25	6.0 %	5.0 %	1.0
LWIA 26	6.0 %	5.2 %	0.8
Southern EDR	6.0 %	5.1 %	0.9

**Southern Illinois Highlights**

**Carbondale – Marion Area**

The June 2024 unemployment rate was 5.8 percent. This was a +1.1 percentage points increase from the June 2023 rate of 4.7 percent. Employers in the region added +800 jobs year-over-year, including an increase in Government (+200) payrolls.

**Surrounding Counties**

Total nonfarm payrolls decreased by -225 jobs in June 2024 compared to a year ago.

Employment rose among Natural Resources-Mining (+75), Government (+25), Leisure-Hospitality (+25) and Information (+25) sector employers.

Employer payrolls were unchanged in the Professional-Business Services and Other Services sectors. Payrolls declined among employers in Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-150), Private Education-Health Services (-100), Construction (-50), Financial Activities (-25) and Manufacturing (-25).

**Harrisburg Area**

Total nonfarm employment increased by +325 jobs in June 2024 compared to June 2023.

Employment gains were posted by employers in Private Education-Health Services (+200), Government (+125), Natural Resources-Mining (+75), Financial Activities (+75) and Information (+25).

No change was recorded in payrolls in the Professional-Business Services, Leisure-Hospitality or Manufacturing sectors.

Employment declined among employers in Construction (-75), Other Services (-50) and Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-25).

**Olney – Mt. Carmel Area**

Total nonfarm payrolls contracted by -75 jobs in June 2024 compared to June 2023.

Payrolls increased among employers in the Private Education-Health Services (+75), Other Services (+25), Natural Resources-Mining (+25) and Government (+25) sectors.

Payroll employment was unchanged for employers in Leisure-Hospitality, Information and Trade-Transportation-Utilities.

In the region, employers in the Manufacturing (-150), Construction (-50), Profession-Business Services (-25) and Financial Activities (-25) sectors had a lower number of employees in June 2024 than in June 2023.

**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.