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Jobs up in Most Metro Areas *Unemployment rate up as job growth continues*

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	April 2019	April 2018	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	4.0%	3.5%	0.5
Carbondale-Marion	4.2%	4.2%	0.0
Champaign-Urbana	4.1%	3.6%	0.5
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	3.6%	3.6%	0.0
Danville	5.3%	5.4%	-0.1
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	3.9%	3.8%	0.1
Decatur	5.5%	4.9%	0.6
Elgin	4.7%	4.2%	0.5
Kankakee	5.3%	4.8%	0.5
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.2%	3.8%	0.4
Peoria	4.8%	4.6%	0.2
Rockford	5.4%	4.6%	0.8
Springfield	4.2%	3.6%	0.6
St. Louis (IL-Section)	4.2%	3.9%	0.3
Illinois Statewide	4.0%	3.8%	0.2

** Data subject to revision.*

CHICAGO– The number of nonfarm jobs increased in ten Illinois metropolitan areas, remained the same in one and decreased in three, according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Data also show unemployment rates increased over-the-year in April in eleven Illinois metropolitan areas, decreased in one, and was unchanged in two.

“Job growth remains strong in most areas of the state, which is encouraging more Illinoisans to enter the labor force,” said Deputy Governor Dan Hynes. “This administration is working to continue this growth by providing workers with the training they need and restoring fiscal responsibility in state government.”

Illinois businesses added jobs in ten metro areas, with the largest percentage increases in: Carbondale-Marion (+2.6%, +1,500), Peoria (+2.0%, +3,400), Lake-Kenosha (+1.8%, +7,700), and Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights (+1.6%, +58,300). The metro areas showing the largest over-the-year decrease in total nonfarm jobs were Bloomington (-1.1%, -1,000), Danville (-0.4%, -100) and the Illinois section of St. Louis (-0.3%, -800).

The industry sectors recording job growth in the majority of metro areas included Manufacturing (11 of 14), Leisure and Hospitality (11 of 14), Mining and Construction (10 of 14), Government (9 of 14) and Education and Health Services (8 of 14).

Not seasonally adjusted data compares April 2019 with April 2018. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 4.0 percent in April 2019 and stood at 12.2 percent at its peak in this economic cycle in January 2010. Nationally, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.3 percent in April 2019 and 10.6 percent in January 2010 at its peak. The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and looking for work and is not tied to collecting unemployment insurance benefits.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – April 2019

Metropolitan Area	April 2019*	April 2018**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	93,000	94,000	-1,000
Carbondale-Marion MSA	59,800	58,300	1,500
Champaign-Urbana MSA	113,700	113,700	0
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,799,700	3,741,400	58,300
Danville MSA	27,800	27,900	-100
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	187,800	185,500	2,300
Decatur MSA	51,800	51,600	200
Elgin Metro Division	264,500	260,000	4,500
Kankakee MSA	46,300	45,800	500
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	426,000	418,300	7,700
Peoria MSA	176,700	173,300	3,400
Rockford MSA	154,200	151,900	2,300
Springfield MSA	115,200	114,100	1,100
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	241,000	241,800	-800
Illinois Statewide	6,159,100	6,078,500	80,600

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