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Jobs Up in All Metro Areas for First Time Since May 2000

Unemployment rate down or unchanged in thirteen Metros

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	July 2019	July 2018	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	4.1%	4.6%	-0.5
Carbondale-Marion	4.2%	5.2%	-1.0
Champaign-Urbana	4.2%	4.9%	-0.7
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	4.1%	4.1%	0.0
Danville	5.4%	6.6%	-1.2
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	3.9%	3.9%	0.0
Decatur	5.4%	6.0%	-0.6
Elgin	4.2%	4.8%	-0.6
Kankakee	4.6%	5.3%	-0.7
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	3.8%	4.2%	-0.4
Peoria	4.5%	5.1%	-0.6
Rockford	6.5%	5.4%	1.1
Springfield	3.9%	4.3%	-0.4
St. Louis (IL-Section)	4.2%	5.0%	-0.8
Illinois Statewide	4.2%	4.5%	-0.3

* Data subject to revision.

CHICAGO– The number of nonfarm jobs increased in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas in July, 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 shows the unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in July in eleven Illinois metropolitan areas, increased in one and was unchanged in two.

“We are thrilled to announce that jobs grew in every metro area for the first time since May 2000 and this administration will continue to build on our momentum with policies that invest in our future,” said Deputy Governor Dan Hynes. “That’s why Governor Pritzker worked hard to pass a balanced budget that makes historic investments in education and a bipartisan capital bill that will help grow our economy for years to come.”

Illinois businesses added jobs in all fourteen metro areas, with the largest percentage increases in: Carbondale-Marion (+2.3%, +1,300), Lake - Kenosha (+2.3%, +9,900), Danville

(+2.2%, +600), and Rockford (+2.0%, +3,000). The Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights metro division was up (+1.3% or +47,700). The industry sectors recording job growth in the majority of metro areas included Leisure and Hospitality (13 of 14), Mining and Construction (10 of 14), Government (9 of 14), Manufacturing (8 of 14), Professional and Business Services (8 of 14) and Education and Health Services (8 of 14).

Not seasonally adjusted data compares July 2019 with July 2018. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 4.2 percent in July 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 4.0 percent in July 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) – July 2019

Metropolitan Area	July 2019*	July 2018**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	89,900	89,700	200
Carbondale-Marion MSA	58,100	56,800	1,300
Champaign-Urbana MSA	108,200	106,500	1,700
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,859,400	3,811,700	47,700
Danville MSA	27,500	26,900	600
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	187,800	186,800	1,000
Decatur MSA	52,300	51,600	700
Elgin Metro Division	270,000	265,200	4,800
Kankakee MSA	46,000	45,900	100
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	439,000	429,100	9,900
Peoria MSA	176,700	176,200	500
Rockford MSA	155,900	152,900	3,000
Springfield MSA	115,900	114,400	1,500
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	240,300	237,400	2,900
Illinois Statewide	6,210,200	6,132,100	78,100

*Preliminary **Revised

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