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Unemployment Rate Down in Thirteen Metro Areas, Jobs Up in Nine *Record Lows in November for Four Metros, 36 Counties*

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	Nov 2019*	Nov 2018**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	3.1%	4.1%	-1.0
Carbondale-Marion	3.4%	4.6%	-1.2
Champaign-Urbana	3.1%	4.3%	-1.2
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	3.1%	3.3%	-0.2
Danville	4.6%	5.8%	-1.2
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	3.9%	3.7%	0.2
Decatur	4.5%	5.5%	-1.0
Elgin	3.6%	4.7%	-1.1
Kankakee	4.6%	5.2%	-0.6
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	3.4%	4.0%	-0.6
Peoria	4.0%	4.8%	-0.8
Rockford	5.1%	9.4%	-4.3
Springfield	3.2%	4.2%	-1.0
St. Louis (IL-Section)	3.4%	4.5%	-1.1
Illinois Statewide	3.4%	4.0%	-0.6

* Preliminary | **Revised

SPRINGFIELD – The unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in November in thirteen Illinois metropolitan areas and increased in one, 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 number of nonfarm jobs increased in nine Illinois metropolitan areas, decreased in four, and was unchanged in one.

“As job growth continues to be strong throughout the state, Governor Pritzker will continue to build on the momentum of the past year to expand long-term economic success,” said Deputy Governor Dan Hynes. “Illinois’ bipartisan balanced budget and the historic Rebuild Illinois infrastructure plan are making critical investments and creating an economy that works for

everyone.”

Illinois businesses added jobs in nine metro areas, with the largest percentage increases in: Champaign-Urbana (+3.4%, +3,800), Carbondale-Marion (+2.5%, +1,500) Decatur (+1.5%, +800), and Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights (+24,200 or +0.6%). Total nonfarm jobs were down in Peoria (-1.7%, -3,100), Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL (-1.2%, -2,300) and Danville (-0.4%, -100).

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

Not seasonally adjusted data compares November 2019 with November 2018. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 3.4 percent in November 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 November 2019 and 10.6 percent in January 2010, at its peak. The unemployment rate identifies those individuals who are out of work and seeking employment.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – November 2019

Metropolitan Area	Nov 2019*	Nov 2018**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	93,500	93,500	0
Carbondale-Marion MSA	61,300	59,800	1,500
Champaign-Urbana MSA	116,400	112,600	3,800
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,861,500	3,837,300	24,200
Danville MSA	27,700	27,800	-100
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	186,900	189,200	-2,300
Decatur MSA	53,100	52,300	800
Elgin Metro Division	270,100	269,100	1,000
Kankakee MSA	47,300	47,200	100
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	432,400	429,600	2,800
Peoria MSA	175,100	178,200	-3,100
Rockford MSA	154,600	155,000	-400
Springfield MSA	116,500	115,500	1,000
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	246,000	243,200	2,800
Illinois Statewide	6,243,400	6,205,900	37,500

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