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Statewide Unemployment Rate Continues to Decline, Payrolls Increase in June

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) announced today that the unemployment rate fell -0.7 percentage point to 14.6 percent, while nonfarm payrolls added +142,800 jobs in June, a record monthly increase, based on preliminary data provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and released by IDES. The May monthly change in payrolls was revised downward from the preliminary report, from +62,200 to +59,600 jobs. The May unemployment rate was revised upward from the preliminary report, from 15.2 percent to 15.3 percent.

The June payroll jobs estimate and unemployment rate reflects activity for the week including the 12th. The BLS has published [FAQs](#) for the June payroll jobs and the unemployment rate.

The state's unemployment rate was +3.5 percentage points higher than the national unemployment rate reported for June, which was 11.1 percent, down -2.2 percentage points from the previous month. The Illinois unemployment rate was up +10.6 percentage points from a year ago when it was 4.0 percent.

In June, the three industry sectors with the largest over-the-month gains in employment were: Leisure and Hospitality (+58,700), Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+40,800) and Education and Health Services (+24,600). The industry sectors with the largest payroll declines were: Government (-19,000), Financial Activities (-1,700) and Mining (-800).

“Safely and deliberately reopening our economy amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic remains a top priority for the administration. Governor Pritzker’s recently announced mitigation plan to prevent a resurgence of cases in Illinois not only aims to keep residents safe and healthy, but to also ensure our economy can continue on its path to recovery,” said Deputy Governor Dan Hynes. “We remain committed to providing tools for recovery to working families and small businesses as we navigate through the state’s reopening plan.”

"Today's report shows that while Illinois has started to see positive indicators of a turnaround in unemployment and a return in jobs, we still have more work to do," said Michael Negron, Acting Director of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. "To get our economy back on track, the Pritzker administration is redoubling our commitment to programs that will help residents, small businesses, and communities hit hardest by the economic burdens of COVID-19. While the duration of the crisis cannot be known, the State importantly continues to prioritize public health and mitigation of the virus that will help enable a faster economic recovery, and help more Illinoisans return to work."

Compared to a year ago, nonfarm payroll employment decreased by -598,300 jobs, with losses across all major industries. The industry groups with the largest jobs decreases were: Leisure and Hospitality (-221,800), Professional and Business Services (-88,100) and Government (-69,000). Illinois nonfarm payrolls were down -9.8 percent over-the-year as compared to the nation's -8.6 percent over-the-year decline in June.

The number of unemployed workers fell from the prior month, a -2.1 percent decrease to 946,400 but was up +266.3 percent over the same month for the prior year. The labor force was up +2.9 percent over-the-month and +0.7 percent over-the-year. The unemployment rate identifies those individuals who are out of work and seeking employment. An individual who exhausts or is ineligible for benefits is still reflected in the unemployment rate if they actively seek work.

In May, Governor Pritzker launched [Get Hired Illinois](#), a new one-stop-shop website to help connect job seekers with hiring employers in real time. The site features virtual job fairs, no-cost virtual training, and includes [Illinois Job Link](#) (IJL), the state's largest job search engine, which recently showed 125,383 posted resumes with 63,563 available jobs.



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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

	Jun-20	May-20	Jun-19	3-month Moving Average	Over-the- Month Change	Over-the- Year Change
Illinois	14.6%	15.3%	4.0%	15.7%	-0.7	10.6
U.S.	11.1%	13.3%	3.7%	13.0%	-2.2	7.4

Illinois Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs – by Major Industry

	Jun-20 Current *	May-20 Prior month**	Jun-19 Year Ago	Over the Month	Over the Year	3-month Moving Avg	Change from Previous 3-month Moving Avg
IL - Total Nonfarm	5,524,700	5,381,900	6,123,000	142,800	-598,300	5,409,600	-178,800
IL - Mining	6,900	7,700	8,200	-800	-1,300	7,300	-300
IL - Construction	213,300	211,700	228,600	1,600	-15,300	208,400	-3,400
IL - Manufacturing	555,600	537,800	586,200	17,800	-30,600	539,300	-6,100
IL - Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,144,000	1,103,200	1,205,800	40,800	-61,800	1,115,900	-17,300
IL - Information	88,100	88,300	95,100	-200	-7,000	88,500	-2,500
IL - Financial Activities	399,700	401,400	411,000	-1,700	-11,300	401,200	-3,600
IL - Professional and Business Services	861,000	851,700	949,100	9,300	-88,100	849,500	-20,100
IL - Educational and Health Services	878,400	853,800	936,900	24,600	-58,500	863,000	-22,400
IL - Leisure and Hospitality	400,300	341,600	622,100	58,700	-221,800	349,300	-65,400
IL - Other Services	222,000	210,300	255,600	11,700	-33,600	213,100	-11,000
IL - Government	755,400	774,400	824,400	-19,000	-69,000	774,200	-26,700

* Preliminary
**Final

- 2015-2019 seasonally adjusted labor force data for Illinois, and all other states, have been revised as required by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The monthly historical revisions to state labor force estimates reflect new national benchmark controls, state working-age population controls, seasonal factors, as well as updated total nonfarm jobs and unemployment benefits claims inputs. Illinois labor force data were also smoothed to eliminate large monthly changes as a result of volatility in the monthly Census Population Survey (CPS) and national benchmarking. For these reasons, the comments and tables citing unemployment rates in previous news releases/materials may no longer be valid.
- Monthly seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for Illinois and the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metropolitan Division are available [here](#).
- Monthly 2011-2019 seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment data for Illinois have been revised. To control for potential survey error, the estimates are benchmarked annually to universal counts derived primarily from unemployment insurance tax reports.
- Not seasonally adjusted jobs data with industry detail are available [here](#). “Other Services” include activities in three broad categories: personal and laundry; repair and maintenance; and religious, grant making, civic and professional organizations. Seasonally adjusted data for subsectors within industries are not available.

About the Department of Employment Security

The Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) provides vital employment services to Illinois workers, employers, and job seekers with resources including [Job Fairs](#) and [Illinois Job Link](#), analyzes and disseminates actionable [Labor Market Information](#), and administers the [Unemployment Insurance Program](#). To see the full range of services provided by IDES, and for the latest news concerning the department, visit IDES.Illinois.gov.

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