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## Jobs up in Eight Metro Areas

### *Unemployment rate up in most metros*

#### Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	March 2019	March 2018	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	4.9%	4.2%	0.7
Carbondale-Marion	5.1%	4.9%	0.2
Champaign-Urbana	4.8%	4.2%	0.6
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	3.6%	3.9%	-0.3
Danville	6.3%	6.3%	0.0
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	4.9%	4.5%	0.4
Decatur	6.3%	5.6%	0.7
Elgin	6.1%	5.2%	0.9
Kankakee	6.5%	5.8%	0.7
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	5.5%	4.9%	0.6
Peoria	5.9%	5.4%	0.5
Rockford	6.6%	5.5%	1.1
Springfield	5.1%	4.3%	0.8
St. Louis (IL-Section)	5.0%	4.5%	0.5
Illinois Statewide	4.5%	4.3%	0.2

*\* Data subject to revision.*

**CHICAGO**– The number of nonfarm jobs increased in eight Illinois metropolitan areas and decreased in six, 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 March in twelve Illinois metropolitan areas, decreased in one, and was unchanged in one.

“We continue to see solid job growth taking hold in most metro areas,” said Deputy Governor Dan Hynes. “As more people enter the labor market to work or seek employment, this administration is committed to giving Illinois workers the training they need for the jobs of today’s economy.”

Illinois businesses added jobs in eight metro areas, with the largest percentage increases in: Carbondale-Marion (+3.0%, +1,700), Kankakee (+1.8%, +800), Peoria (+1.6%, +2,800) and Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights (+0.8% or +29,500). The metro areas showing the largest over-the-year decrease in

total nonfarm jobs were Bloomington (-1.7%, -1,600), Danville (-1.1%, -300) and Champaign-Urbana (-0.5%, -600).

The industry sectors recording job growth in the majority of metro areas included Manufacturing (9 of 14), Professional and Business Services (9 of 14), and Government (8 of 14).

Not seasonally adjusted data compares March 2019 with March 2018. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 4.5 percent in March 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 3.9 percent in March 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) – March 2019

Metropolitan Area	March 2019*	March 2018**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	91,700	93,300	-1,600
Carbondale-Marion MSA	59,100	57,400	1,700
Champaign-Urbana MSA	111,900	112,500	-600
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,761,400	3,731,900	29,500
Danville MSA	27,500	27,800	-300
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	185,100	183,800	1,300
Decatur MSA	51,100	51,300	-200
Elgin Metro Division	260,400	258,100	2,300
Kankakee MSA	46,000	45,200	800
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	417,900	411,800	6,100
Peoria MSA	174,300	171,500	2,800
Rockford MSA	151,900	151,400	500
Springfield MSA	112,900	113,300	-400
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	239,700	240,400	-700
Illinois Statewide	6,087,000	6,046,800	40,200

*\*Preliminary \*\*Revised*

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