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## Unemployment Rate Down in Thirteen Metro Areas *Record Lows in January for Four Metros, 52 Counties*

### Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	January 2020*	January 2019**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	3.4%	5.2%	-1.8
Carbondale-Marion	3.9%	5.6%	-1.7
Champaign-Urbana	3.4%	5.2%	-1.8
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	3.6%	4.7%	-1.1
Danville	4.9%	6.6%	-1.7
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	4.7%	5.4%	-0.7
Decatur	5.1%	6.7%	-1.6
Elgin	4.7%	6.3%	-1.6
Kankakee	5.4%	7.1%	-1.7
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.4%	5.6%	-1.2
Peoria	5.0%	6.5%	-1.5
Rockford	8.0%	6.8%	1.2
Springfield	3.8%	5.5%	-1.7
St. Louis (IL-Section)	3.8%	5.5%	-1.7
Illinois Statewide	4.0%	5.3%	-1.3

\* Preliminary | \*\* Revised

**SPRINGFIELD** – The unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in January 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 four Illinois metropolitan areas and decreased in ten.

“This administration has spent the past year strengthening our state’s economy by raising workers’ wages, investing in our schools, and securing a much-needed bipartisan capital plan,” said Deputy Governor Dan Hynes. “As we enter this period of uncertainty, we remain committed to

supporting working families.”

Illinois businesses added jobs in four metro areas, with the largest percentage increases in Champaign-Urbana (+1.9%, +2,000), Kankakee (+1.3%, +600) and Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights (+1.0%, +36,400). Total nonfarm jobs were down in Rockford (-4.2%, -6,300), Peoria (-1.9%, -3,200) and Lake-Kenosha (-1.6%, -6,500). The industry sectors recording job growth in the majority of metro areas included Education and Health Services (9 of 14).

Not seasonally adjusted data compares January 2020 with January 2019. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 4.0 percent in January 2020 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 January 2020 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) – January 2020

Metropolitan Area	January 2020*	January 2019**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	90,200	90,900	-700
Carbondale-Marion MSA	56,200	56,500	-300
Champaign-Urbana MSA	109,900	107,900	2,000
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,750,300	3,713,900	36,400
Danville MSA	26,800	27,000	-200
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	183,300	183,900	-600
Decatur MSA	49,300	50,000	-700
Elgin Metro Division	256,100	256,600	-500
Kankakee MSA	45,600	45,000	600
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	405,200	411,700	-6,500
Peoria MSA	165,000	168,200	-3,200
Rockford MSA	144,200	150,500	-6,300
Springfield MSA	106,900	108,000	-1,100
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	235,700	235,200	500
Illinois Statewide	6,000,500	5,991,400	9,100

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