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Unemployment Rates Up, Jobs Down in All Metro Areas as Illinois Moves into Phase 4 of the Reopen Illinois Plan

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	May 2020*	May 2019**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	10.9%	3.2%	7.7
Carbondale-Marion	15.0%	3.4%	11.6
Champaign-Urbana	10.0%	3.2%	6.8
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	15.4%	3.3%	12.1
Danville	14.8%	4.2%	10.6
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	14.1%	3.5%	10.6
Decatur	14.8%	4.3%	10.5
Elgin	14.7%	3.5%	11.2
Kankakee	13.3%	4.0%	9.3
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	12.9%	3.3%	9.6
Peoria	15.2%	3.8%	11.4
Rockford	19.3%	5.1%	14.2
Springfield	13.0%	3.3%	9.7
St. Louis (IL-Section)	13.3%	3.4%	9.9
Illinois Statewide	14.7%	3.5%	11.2

* Preliminary | ** Revised

SPRINGFIELD –The number of nonfarm jobs decreased over-the-year in May in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas, with six metro areas at record low payrolls, 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 that the unemployment rate increased over-the-year in all metro areas to record highs for the month of May. The official, BLS-approved sub-state unemployment rate and nonfarm jobs series begins in 1990. Data reported prior to 1990 are not directly comparable due to updates in methodology.

“Illinois’ transition into Phase 4 of the Reopen Illinois Plan is another positive step toward the recovery of our state and local economies,” said Deputy Governor Dan Hynes. “We will continue to closely monitor the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and make necessary adjustments to ensure the health and safety of our citizens while continuing to provide families and small businesses the resources they need for recovery.”

Data shows the number of nonfarm jobs decreased in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas. Total nonfarm jobs were down in Peoria (-16.7%, -28,800), Decatur (-14.7%, -7,600) and Elgin (-14.5%, -38,500). Jobs were down -12.0% (-455,200) in Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights. Job losses occurred across all industries and there were no industry sectors that recorded job growth in a majority of metro areas.

Not seasonally adjusted data compares May 2020 with May 2019. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 14.7 percent in May 2020, a record high for the month of May, dating back to 1976. Nationally, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 13.0 percent in May 2020, also a record high, dating back to 1948. The unemployment rate identifies those individuals who are out of work and seeking employment.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – May 2020

Metropolitan Area	May 2020*	May 2019**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	83,000	92,900	-9,900
Carbondale-Marion MSA	52,500	58,100	-5,600
Champaign-Urbana MSA	105,200	115,400	-10,200
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,351,900	3,807,100	-455,200
Danville MSA	25,000	27,300	-2,300
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	168,600	188,800	-20,200
Decatur MSA	44,000	51,600	-7,600
Elgin Metro Division	226,500	265,000	-38,500
Kankakee MSA	43,400	45,800	-2,400
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	373,700	424,800	-51,100
Peoria MSA	143,800	172,600	-28,800
Rockford MSA	131,000	151,100	-20,100
Springfield MSA	97,700	111,000	-13,300
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	227,200	243,300	-16,100
Illinois Statewide	5,419,700	6,158,200	-738,500

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