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## Unemployment Rate Down in All Fourteen Metro Areas, Jobs Up in Ten *Record Lows in December for Three Metros, 33 Counties*

### Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	December 2019*	December 2018**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	3.4%	4.7%	-1.3
Carbondale-Marion	3.7%	5.2%	-1.5
Champaign-Urbana	3.3%	4.6%	-1.3
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	2.8%	3.6%	-0.8
Danville	5.3%	6.7%	-1.4
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	4.5%	4.7%	-0.2
Decatur	5.1%	6.3%	-1.2
Elgin	4.4%	5.8%	-1.4
Kankakee	5.4%	6.4%	-1.0
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.0%	5.0%	-1.0
Peoria	4.6%	5.8%	-1.2
Rockford	5.8%	6.4%	-0.6
Springfield	3.6%	5.0%	-1.4
St. Louis (IL-Section)	3.7%	5.1%	-1.4
Illinois Statewide	3.5%	4.4%	-0.9

\* Preliminary | \*\*Revised

**SPRINGFIELD** – The unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in December in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas, 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 ten Illinois metropolitan areas, decreased in three, and was unchanged in one.

“Under Governor Pritzker’s leadership, we now have the lowest unemployment rate in state history with the most jobs on record,” said Deputy Governor Dan Hynes. “The governor is committed to building on this progress by attracting new businesses to Illinois, putting people to work on our infrastructure and creating opportunities for communities that

have been left behind for too long.”

Illinois businesses added jobs in ten metro areas, with the largest percentage increases in: Champaign (+3.4%, +3,800), Carbondale (+1.9%, +1,100) and Decatur (+1.3%, +700). Total nonfarm jobs were down in Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL (-1.3%, -2,500), Peoria (-1.1%, -2,000) and Rockford (-1.0%, -1,500).

The industry sectors recording job growth in the majority of metro areas included Education and Health Services (10 of 14), Government (10 of 14) and Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (8 of 14).

Not seasonally adjusted data compares December 2019 with December 2018. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 3.5 percent in December 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 3.4 percent in December 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) – December 2019

Metropolitan Area	December 2019*	December 2018**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	92,600	92,200	400
Carbondale-Marion MSA	59,700	58,600	1,100
Champaign-Urbana MSA	115,800	112,000	3,800
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,857,100	3,826,800	30,300
Danville MSA	27,600	27,600	0
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	186,100	188,600	-2,500
Decatur MSA	52,700	52,000	700
Elgin Metro Division	268,300	265,800	2,500
Kankakee MSA	47,300	46,900	400
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	431,200	428,800	2,400
Peoria MSA	174,400	176,400	-2,000
Rockford MSA	153,300	154,800	-1,500
Springfield MSA	115,800	115,100	700
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	245,600	242,600	3,000
Illinois Statewide	6,228,000	6,183,800	44,200

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