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Unemployment Rates Down for the Seventh Consecutive Month, Jobs Up in All Metro Areas

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	October 2021*	October 2020**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	3.7%	4.9%	-1.2
Carbondale-Marion	4.2%	5.6%	-1.4
Champaign-Urbana	3.6%	4.8%	-1.2
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	5.4%	8.8%	-3.4
Danville	5.1%	6.7%	-1.6
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	3.9%	5.5%	-1.6
Decatur	6.1%	7.9%	-1.8
Elgin	4.5%	6.4%	-1.9
Kankakee	5.0%	6.5%	-1.5
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	3.8%	5.7%	-1.9
Peoria	4.7%	6.3%	-1.6
Rockford	7.1%	7.5%	-0.4
Springfield	4.3%	6.1%	-1.8
St. Louis (IL-Section)	4.0%	5.7%	-1.7
Illinois Statewide	5.0%	7.5%	-2.5

* Preliminary | ** Revised

SPRINGFIELD – The unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas in October for the seventh consecutive month according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Jobs were up in all fourteen metropolitan areas.

“The Illinois economy and job market has seen continued positive growth for more than half the year across all corners of the state,” said **Deputy Governor Andy Manar**. “While we continue to wade through the pandemic recovery period, the Pritzker administration and IDES remain focused on providing more opportunities for people looking to reengage with the workforce.”

Over-the-year, total nonfarm jobs increased in all fourteen metropolitan areas. The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Carbondale-Marion MSA (+4.4%, +2,500), the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division (+3.4%, +119,600) and the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL MSA (+3.2%, +5,700). The industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included: Leisure and Hospitality (fourteen areas); Transportation,

Warehousing and Public Utilities (thirteen areas); Wholesale Trade, Other Services and Government (eleven areas each); Manufacturing (nine areas); Mining and Construction, Professional and Business Services and Education and Health Services (eight areas each).

Over-the-year, the unemployment rate decreased in all 14 metropolitan areas. The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate decreases were the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division (-3.4 points to 5.4%), the Elgin Metro Division (-1.9 points to 4.5%) and the Lake County-Kenosha County, IL-WI Metro Division (-1.9 points to 3.8%). The unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in 101 of 102 counties and increased in one.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – October 2021

Metropolitan Area	October 2021*	October 2020**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	89,100	89,000	100
Carbondale-Marion MSA	58,800	56,300	2,500
Champaign-Urbana MSA	120,300	117,300	3,000
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,639,400	3,519,800	119,600
Danville MSA	26,600	26,200	400
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	182,200	176,500	5,700
Decatur MSA	48,500	47,100	1,400
Elgin Metro Division	248,200	241,500	6,700
Kankakee MSA	43,900	42,700	1,200
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	409,400	402,100	7,300
Peoria MSA	164,600	162,800	1,800
Rockford MSA	140,300	140,100	200
Springfield MSA	104,500	102,300	2,200
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	233,800	230,500	3,300
Illinois Statewide	5,918,200	5,725,100	193,100

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