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Unemployment Rates Up, Jobs Down in All Fourteen Metro Areas in September Compared to Same Time Last Year

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	September 2020*	September 2019**	Over-the-Year
Bloomington	6.3%	3.5%	2.8
Carbondale-Marion	7.3%	3.6%	3.7
Champaign-Urbana	6.0%	3.3%	2.7
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	11.3%	3.2%	8.1
Danville	8.4%	4.7%	3.7
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	7.1%	3.9%	3.2
Decatur	10.1%	4.9%	5.2
Elgin	8.3%	3.6%	4.7
Kankakee	8.1%	4.1%	4.0
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	7.2%	3.4%	3.8
Peoria	8.5%	4.2%	4.3
Rockford	10.0%	5.2%	4.8
Springfield	7.7%	3.5%	4.2
St. Louis (IL-Section)	7.7%	3.7%	4.0
Illinois Statewide	9.8%	3.5%	6.3

* Preliminary | ** Revised

SPRINGFIELD – The number of nonfarm jobs decreased over-the-year in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas in September, with four metro areas at record low payrolls for that month, according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). The unemployment rate increased over-the-year in all metro areas and posted a record high for the month of September in one metro area. 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.

“As Illinois continues to make necessary adjustments and work through the COVID-19 mitigation plan, the Pritzker administration remains committed to providing unemployment benefits as a means of economic relief to claimants who are still in need of the Department’s services,” said Deputy Governor Dan Hynes. “We take our role in this pandemic seriously, and will continue to work with IDES to support working families and provide employment training and services to those who seek it.”

The number of nonfarm jobs decreased in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas. Total nonfarm jobs were down in Peoria (-10.5%, -17,900), Elgin (-8.8%, -23,200) and Lake-Kenosha (-7.6%, -32,000). In Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, jobs were down 7.2% (-274,200). No industry sector saw job gains in a majority of metro areas.

Not seasonally adjusted data compares September 2020 with September 2019. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 9.8 percent in September 2020 and the highest September unemployment rate since 2011, when it was also 9.8 percent. The official, BLS approved, statewide unemployment rate series begins in 1976. Nationally, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.7 percent in September 2020 and the highest September unemployment rate since 2011, when it was 8.8 percent. The unemployment rate identifies those individuals who are out of work and seeking employment.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – September 2020

Metropolitan Area	September 2020*	September 2019**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	87,900	93,000	-5,100
Carbondale-Marion MSA	55,500	58,500	-3,000
Champaign-Urbana MSA	113,300	116,200	-2,900
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,541,600	3,815,800	-274,200
Danville MSA	26,100	27,400	-1,300
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	174,600	187,900	-13,300
Decatur MSA	46,800	50,500	-3,700
Elgin Metro Division	239,400	262,600	-23,200
Kankakee MSA	44,600	46,400	-1,800
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	391,200	423,200	-32,000
Peoria MSA	153,300	171,200	-17,900
Rockford MSA	138,800	150,000	-11,200
Springfield MSA	103,700	109,700	-6,000
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	233,300	243,700	-10,400
Illinois Statewide	5,731,800	6,149,100	-417,300

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