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Jobs Up in Majority of Metro Areas in December

Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Metropolitan Area	December 2023*	December 2022**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	3.8%	2.9%	0.9
Carbondale-Marion	4.2%	3.5%	0.7
Champaign-Urbana	4.0%	3.1%	0.9
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	3.9%	4.2%	-0.3
Danville	5.4%	4.4%	1.0
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	3.9%	3.6%	0.3
Decatur	5.7%	4.5%	1.2
Elgin	5.1%	4.0%	1.1
Kankakee	5.9%	4.7%	1.2
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.8%	3.7%	1.1
Peoria	4.8%	3.9%	0.9
Rockford	5.9%	4.6%	1.3
Springfield	3.9%	3.4%	0.5
St. Louis (IL-Section)	4.0%	3.2%	0.8
Illinois Statewide	4.2%	4.0%	0.2

* Preliminary | ** Revised

SPRINGFIELD – Over-the-year, total nonfarm jobs increased in eight metropolitan areas, decreased in five and was unchanged in one for the year ending December 2023, according to data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (DES). Over-the-year, the unemployment rate increased in thirteen metropolitan areas and decreased in one.

“We are pleased to see continued positive economic trends across Illinois,” said Deputy Governor Andy Manar. “IDES remains committed to sustaining a viable workforce ecosystem in which jobseekers and employers remain engaged and connected.”

The metro areas that had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Danville MSA (+1.8%, +500) and the Springfield MSA (+1.7%, +1,900). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago Metro were up +0.8% or +31,600. The metro areas with the largest over-the-year percentage decreases in total nonfarm jobs were the Kankakee MSA (-1.6%, -700) and the Decatur MSA (-1.4%, -700). Peoria MSA saw no change in total nonfarm jobs. The industries that saw job growth in a

majority of metro areas included: Education and Health Services (eleven areas); Leisure and Hospitality and Government (ten areas each); Mining and Construction (nine areas); and Other Services (eight areas).

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate increases were the Rockford MSA (+1.3 points to 5.9%), the Decatur MSA (+1.2 points to 5.7%), and the Kankakee MSA (+1.2 points to 5.9%). The unemployment rate fell in the Chicago Metro (-0.3 point to 3.9%).

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) - December 2023

Metropolitan Area	December 2023*	December 2022**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	97,900	98,100	-200
Carbondale-Marion MSA	59,300	58,500	800
Champaign-Urbana MSA	120,500	120,200	300
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,835,900	3,804,300	31,600
Danville MSA	27,700	27,200	500
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	185,300	184,300	1,000
Decatur MSA	48,200	48,900	-700
Elgin Metro Division	268,300	264,600	3,700
Kankakee MSA	43,000	43,700	-700
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	419,900	421,600	-1,700
Peoria MSA	172,200	172,200	0
Rockford MSA	148,100	149,600	-1,500
Springfield MSA	111,500	109,600	1,900
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	244,400	241,600	2,800
Illinois Statewide	6,181,600	6,125,300	56,300

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