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Jobs Up in Majority of Metro Areas in May

Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Metropolitan Area	May 2024*	May 2023**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	4.2%	3.6%	0.6
Carbondale-Marion	4.6%	4.2%	0.4
Champaign-Urbana	4.2%	3.8%	0.4
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	4.8%	3.7%	1.1
Danville	5.6%	5.5%	0.1
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	4.4%	4.2%	0.2
Decatur	5.8%	5.8%	0.0
Elgin	4.9%	4.5%	0.4
Kankakee	5.6%	5.3%	0.3
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.5%	4.3%	0.2
Peoria	5.0%	4.6%	0.4
Rockford	5.6%	6.2%	-0.6
Springfield	4.2%	3.9%	0.3
St. Louis (IL-Section)	4.3%	3.9%	0.4
Illinois Statewide	4.8%	4.0%	0.8

* Preliminary | ** Revised

SPRINGFIELD – Over-the-year, total nonfarm jobs increased in ten metropolitan areas and decreased in four for the year ending May 2024, 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 twelve metropolitan areas, decreased in one and was unchanged in one.

“Steady, consistent job growth continues to benefit workers and employers in every corner of the state,” said **Deputy Governor Andy Manar**. “Investing in a strong, viable workforce ecosystem which remains advantageous to our diverse labor force continues to be a top priority.”

The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Champaign-Urbana MSA (+2.5%, +3,100), the Bloomington MSA (+1.7%, +1,700), and the Elgin Metro (+1.7%, +4,500). In the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metropolitan Division, total nonfarm jobs were up +0.1% or +4,900. The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year decreases in total nonfarm jobs were the Springfield MSA (-2.0%, -2,200), the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL MSA (-1.5%, -2,700) and the Decatur MSA (-1.0%, -500). Industries that saw job growth in a

majority of metro areas included: Government (twelve areas); Private Education and Health Services and Other Services (eleven areas each); Wholesale Trade (ten areas); and Manufacturing (eight areas).

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate increases were the Chicago Metro Division (+1.1 points to 4.8%), and the Bloomington MSA (+0.6 point to 4.2%). The unemployment rate decreased in the Rockford MSA (-0.6 point to 5.6%) and was unchanged in the Decatur MSA.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – May 2024

Metropolitan Area	May 2024*	May 2023**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	99,700	98,000	1,700
Carbondale-Marion MSA	58,100	57,400	700
Champaign-Urbana MSA	125,800	122,700	3,100
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,822,200	3,817,300	4,900
Danville MSA	27,000	26,900	100
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	181,400	184,100	-2,700
Decatur MSA	47,700	48,200	-500
Elgin Metro Division	268,900	264,400	4,500
Kankakee MSA	43,500	43,000	500
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	423,300	420,800	2,500
Peoria MSA	171,500	171,600	-100
Rockford MSA	146,000	145,700	300
Springfield MSA	108,000	110,200	-2,200
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	244,500	242,600	1,900
Illinois Statewide	6,173,600	6,127,100	46,500

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