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Jobs Up, Unemployment Down in Majority of Metro Areas in September

Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Metropolitan Area	September 2024*	September 2023**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	4.3%	4.0%	0.3
Carbondale-Marion	4.5%	4.5%	0.0
Champaign-Urbana	4.1%	4.3%	-0.2
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	5.2%	4.6%	0.6
Danville	6.3%	5.9%	0.4
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	5.4%	4.8%	0.6
Decatur	5.9%	6.2%	-0.3
Elgin	4.7%	4.8%	-0.1
Kankakee	5.5%	5.8%	-0.3
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.2%	4.5%	-0.3
Peoria	5.0%	4.9%	0.1
Rockford	5.4%	6.3%	-0.9
Springfield	4.3%	4.4%	-0.1
St. Louis (IL-Section)	4.2%	4.4%	-0.2
Illinois Statewide	5.0%	4.7%	0.3

* Preliminary | ** Revised

SPRINGFIELD – Over-the-year, total nonfarm jobs increased in nine metropolitan areas and decreased in five for the year ending September 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 decreased in eight areas, increased in five, and was unchanged in one.

“An expanding labor market and job growth across the state continues to instill drive and motivation in workers and jobseekers searching for new employment opportunities,” said **Deputy Governor Andy Manar**. “IDES remains a critical workforce resource providing essential employment and reemployment services to match individuals with the right employers eager to take advantage of the growing economy.”

The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Carbondale-Marion MSA (+1.9%, +1,100), the Champaign-Urbana MSA (+1.0%, +1,300), and the Springfield MSA (+1.0%, +1,100). The metro areas which posted the largest over-the-year decreases in total nonfarm jobs were the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL MSA (-1.3%, -2,300), the Danville MSA (-1.1%, -300), and the Peoria MSA (-1.1%, -1,900). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago

Metropolitan Division were almost unchanged (0.0%, -700). Industries that saw job growth in most of the metro areas included Government (twelve areas) and Other Services (eleven areas).

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate decreases were the Rockford MSA (-0.9 percentage point to 5.4%), the Decatur MSA (-0.3 percentage point to 5.9%), the Kankakee MSA (-0.3 percentage point to 5.5%) and the Lake County-Kenosha County, IL-WI Metro (-0.3 point to 4.2%). The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate increases were the Chicago Metro (+0.6 point to 5.2%), the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL MSA (+0.6 point to 5.4%), and the Danville MSA (+0.4 point to 6.3%). There was no unemployment rate change in the Carbondale-Marion MSA.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – September 2024

Metropolitan Area	September 2024*	September 2023**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	99,900	100,800	-900
Carbondale-Marion MSA	59,700	58,600	1,100
Champaign-Urbana MSA	126,300	125,000	1,300
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,834,400	3,835,100	-700
Danville MSA	26,700	27,000	-300
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	181,400	183,700	-2,300
Decatur MSA	48,200	48,000	200
Elgin Metro Division	266,800	266,600	200
Kankakee MSA	43,500	43,300	200
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	423,400	423,200	200
Peoria MSA	170,400	172,300	-1,900
Rockford MSA	147,300	146,000	1,300
Springfield MSA	108,900	107,800	1,100
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	244,200	242,600	1,600
Illinois Statewide	6,202,100	6,149,100	53,000

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