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## Jobs Up, Unemployment Down in Majority of Metro Areas in August

### Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Metropolitan Area	August 2024*	August 2023**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	4.8%	4.6%	0.2
Carbondale-Marion	5.0%	5.0%	0.0
Champaign-Urbana	4.8%	5.1%	-0.3
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	5.7%	5.0%	0.7
Danville	6.9%	6.8%	0.1
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	4.9%	4.4%	0.5
Decatur	6.3%	6.8%	-0.5
Elgin	5.3%	5.4%	-0.1
Kankakee	6.0%	6.3%	-0.3
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.7%	5.0%	-0.3
Peoria	5.4%	5.5%	-0.1
Rockford	6.0%	7.0%	-1.0
Springfield	4.6%	4.8%	-0.2
St. Louis (IL-Section)	4.6%	4.9%	-0.3
Illinois Statewide	5.5%	5.1%	0.4

\* 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 August 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 nine areas, increased in four, and was unchanged in one.

“Stable, consistent job growth across the state continues to position jobseekers and employers to leverage new and developing opportunities,” said Deputy Governor Andy Manar. “IDES and its essential workforce partners are working throughout the state to offer critical employment services to enthusiastic jobseekers.”

The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Champaign-Urbana MSA (+4.7%, +5,400), the Carbondale-Marion MSA (+1.6%, +900), the Bloomington MSA (+0.7%, +700), and the Illinois section of the St. Louis MSA (+0.7%, +1,600). The metro areas which posted the largest over-the-year decreases in total nonfarm

jobs were the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL MSA (-1.4%, -2,600), the Elgin Metro Division (-0.9%, -2,300), and the Peoria MSA (-0.6%, -1,100). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metropolitan Division were almost unchanged (0.0%, -1,200). The Decatur MSA had no change in total nonfarm jobs.

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate decreases were the Rockford MSA (-1.0 percentage point to 6.0%), and the Decatur MSA (-0.5 percentage point to 6.3%). The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate increases were the Chicago Metro Division (+0.7 point to 5.7%), the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL MSA (+0.5 point to 4.9%), and the Bloomington MSA (+0.2 point to 4.8%). There was no unemployment rate change in the Carbondale-Marion MSA.

### Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – August 2024

Metropolitan Area	August 2024*	August 2023**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	99,000	98,300	700
Carbondale-Marion MSA	58,200	57,300	900
Champaign-Urbana MSA	121,100	115,700	5,400
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,839,200	3,840,400	-1,200
Danville MSA	26,600	26,500	100
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	179,700	182,300	-2,600
Decatur MSA	47,900	47,900	0
Elgin Metro Division	261,300	263,600	-2,300
Kankakee MSA	43,100	43,000	100
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	423,200	424,900	-1,700
Peoria MSA	170,900	172,000	-1,100
Rockford MSA	146,500	146,200	300
Springfield MSA	109,900	109,200	700
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	241,600	240,000	1,600
Illinois Statewide	6,162,800	6,127,200	35,600

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