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Jobs Up in Most Metro Areas, Unemployment Rates Mixed in April

Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Metropolitan Area	April 2023*	April 2022**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	3.4%	3.4%	0.0
Carbondale-Marion	3.9%	4.1%	-0.2
Champaign-Urbana	3.6%	3.6%	0.0
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	3.2%	4.3%	-1.1
Danville	5.0%	4.9%	0.1
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	3.5%	3.3%	0.2
Decatur	5.5%	5.6%	-0.1
Elgin	4.6%	4.5%	0.1
Kankakee	5.4%	5.2%	0.2
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.3%	4.0%	0.3
Peoria	4.5%	4.5%	0.0
Rockford	6.2%	6.0%	0.2
Springfield	3.7%	4.1%	-0.4
St. Louis (IL-Section)	3.7%	3.8%	-0.1
Illinois Statewide	3.7%	4.3%	-0.6

* Preliminary | ** Revised

SPRINGFIELD – The unemployment rate increased in six metropolitan areas, decreased in five, and was unchanged in three for the year ending April 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, total nonfarm jobs increased in thirteen metropolitan areas and was unchanged in one.

“Today’s data provides further evidence that stable and consistent job growth continues to expand in metro areas and industry sectors throughout the state,” said **Deputy Governor Andy Manar**. “As new jobs are created, new opportunities become available for those looking to reenter the workforce or shift to another career field.”

The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Champaign-Urbana MSA (+2.7%, +3,200), the Peoria MSA (+2.4%, +4,100), and the Elgin Metro (+2.4%, +6,200). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago Metro Division were up +1.6% or +59,800. The Carbondale-Marion MSA saw no change in total nonfarm jobs. Industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included: Education and Health

Services (thirteen areas); Leisure and Hospitality, Other Services and Government (twelve areas each); Manufacturing, Wholesale Trade and Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (nine areas each); and Mining and Construction (eight areas).

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate increases were the Lake-Kenosha County IL-WI Metro (+0.3 point to 4.3%), followed by the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL MSA (+0.2 point to 3.5%), the Kankakee MSA (+0.2 point to 5.4%) and the Rockford MSA (+0.2 point to 6.2%). The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate decreases were the Chicago Metro Division (-1.1 percentage points to 3.2%), a record low unemployment rate for the month of April, followed by the Springfield MSA (-0.4 point to 3.7%) and the Carbondale-Marion MSA (-0.2 point to 3.9%). The unemployment rate was unchanged in the Bloomington MSA (3.4%), the Champaign-Urbana MSA (3.6%) and the Peoria MSA (4.5%).

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Metropolitan Area	April 2023*	April 2022**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	98,200	96,800	1,400
Carbondale-Marion MSA	58,100	58,100	0
Champaign-Urbana MSA	123,300	120,100	3,200
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,776,500	3,716,700	59,800
Danville MSA	27,100	26,700	400
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	183,400	181,600	1,800
Decatur MSA	48,400	47,700	700
Elgin Metro Division	264,200	258,000	6,200
Kankakee MSA	43,100	43,000	100
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	416,700	412,800	3,900
Peoria MSA	171,900	167,800	4,100
Rockford MSA	145,700	144,900	800
Springfield MSA	109,200	107,200	2,000
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	240,100	239,500	600
Illinois Statewide	6,103,700	5,989,900	113,800

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