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Jobs Up Across Nearly All 14 Metro Areas in February

Metro Area Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Metropolitan Area	February 2023*	February 2022**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	4.0%	4.0%	0.0
Carbondale-Marion	4.5%	4.7%	-0.2
Champaign-Urbana	4.1%	4.1%	0.0
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	4.1%	5.0%	-0.9
Danville	6.0%	5.8%	0.2
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	4.6%	4.3%	0.3
Decatur	5.9%	6.5%	-0.6
Elgin	5.9%	5.6%	0.3
Kankakee	6.5%	6.4%	0.1
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	5.4%	5.0%	0.4
Peoria	5.4%	5.5%	-0.1
Rockford	6.3%	7.1%	-0.8
Springfield	4.6%	4.9%	-0.3
St. Louis (IL-Section)	4.1%	4.3%	-0.2
Illinois Statewide	4.5%	5.1%	-0.6

* Preliminary | ** Revised

SPRINGFIELD – Total nonfarm jobs increased in thirteen metropolitan areas and decreased in one for the year ending February 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 decreased in seven areas, increased in five areas and was unchanged in two.

“Today’s data is further indication that job growth continues to trend in the right direction with expansion throughout every corner of the state across sectors,” said **Deputy Governor Andy Manar**. “Job expansion creates new and growing career opportunities for jobseekers and the demand for employers to invest in and retain the talented and diverse Illinois labor force.”

The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Bloomington MSA (+4.8%, +4,500), the Peoria MSA (3.9%, +6,400), and the Champaign-Urbana MSA (+3.4%, +4,000). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago Metropolitan Division were up +2.1% or +77,500. Total nonfarm jobs were down in the Illinois section of the St. Louis MSA (-0.4%, -1,000). Industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included: Mining and Construction and Leisure and Hospitality (fourteen areas each); Education and Health Services, Other Services and Government (thirteen areas

each); Manufacturing and Wholesale Trade (eleven areas each); Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (ten areas).

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate decreases were in the Chicago Metropolitan Division (-0.9 point to 4.1%), the Rockford MSA (-0.8 point to 6.3%), and the Decatur MSA (-0.6 point to 5.9%). The largest unemployment rate increases were in the Lake County-Kenosha County Metro (+0.4 point to 5.4%), the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL MSA (+0.3%, +4.6%) and the Elgin Metro (+0.3 point to 5.9%). The unemployment rate was unchanged in the Bloomington MSA (4.0%) and the Champaign-Urbana MSA (4.1%).

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Metropolitan Area	February 2023*	February 2022**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	98,000	93,500	4,500
Carbondale-Marion MSA	58,000	56,700	1,300
Champaign-Urbana MSA	122,000	118,000	4,000
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,730,300	3,652,800	77,500
Danville MSA	26,900	26,400	500
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	181,100	179,300	1,800
Decatur MSA	48,500	47,600	900
Elgin Metro Division	260,400	253,200	7,200
Kankakee MSA	43,000	42,100	900
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	407,300	404,700	2,600
Peoria MSA	170,900	164,500	6,400
Rockford MSA	146,500	143,300	3,200
Springfield MSA	108,600	106,000	2,600
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	234,300	235,300	-1,000
Illinois Statewide	6,026,500	5,881,500	145,000

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