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Unemployment Rates Down in All 14 Metro Areas, Jobs Up in Most Areas in January

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	January 2023*	January 2022**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	3.7%	4.3%	-0.6
Carbondale-Marion	4.3%	5.4%	-1.1
Champaign-Urbana	3.8%	4.4%	-0.6
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	4.7%	5.2%	-0.5
Danville	5.7%	6.2%	-0.5
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	4.5%	4.9%	-0.4
Decatur	5.4%	7.0%	-1.6
Elgin	5.3%	6.0%	-0.7
Kankakee	6.1%	6.9%	-0.8
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.7%	5.3%	-0.6
Peoria	5.0%	5.9%	-0.9
Rockford	5.8%	8.3%	-2.5
Springfield	4.3%	5.2%	-0.9
St. Louis (IL-Section)	3.9%	4.7%	-0.8
Illinois Statewide	4.7%	5.4%	-0.7

* Preliminary | ** Revised

SPRINGFIELD – The unemployment rate decreased in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas in January according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Jobs were up in all metro areas except one.

“Metro areas throughout the state continue to experience consistent job growth across industry sectors,” said **Deputy Governor Andy Manar**. “As new jobs are added statewide and across industries, jobseekers and employers are encouraged to take advantage of the services and resources IDES offers in connecting workers and employers.”

The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Peoria MSA (4.2%, +6,900), the Springfield MSA (+3.6%, +3,800) and the Rockford MSA (+3.5%, +4,900). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago Metropolitan Division were up +2.7% or +99,300. Total nonfarm jobs were down slightly in the Illinois section of the St. Louis MSA (-0.3%, -800). Industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included: Leisure and Hospitality (fourteen areas); Mining and Construction and Education and Health Services (thirteen areas each); Other Services (twelve areas); Manufacturing, Wholesale Trade and Transportation,

Warehousing and Utilities (eleven areas each); and Government (nine areas).

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate decreases were in the Rockford MSA (-2.5 points to 5.8%), the Decatur MSA (-1.6 points to 5.4%), and the Carbondale-Marion MSA (-1.1 points to 4.3%). The Chicago Metropolitan Division unemployment rate decreased -0.5 point to 4.7%. The unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in 98 counties, increased in 3 and was unchanged in 1.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – January 2023

Metropolitan Area	January 2023*	January 2022**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	95,400	92,500	2,900
Carbondale-Marion MSA	56,500	54,800	1,700
Champaign-Urbana MSA	119,100	116,300	2,800
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,729,600	3,630,300	99,300
Danville MSA	26,600	26,200	400
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	179,800	177,600	2,200
Decatur MSA	48,200	47,400	800
Elgin Metro Division	256,000	249,200	6,800
Kankakee MSA	42,700	41,800	900
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	411,300	401,500	9,800
Peoria MSA	170,000	163,100	6,900
Rockford MSA	146,300	141,400	4,900
Springfield MSA	108,300	104,500	3,800
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	232,700	233,500	-800
Illinois Statewide	5,997,000	5,837,800	159,200

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