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## Jobs Up in Most Metro Areas in July

### Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Metropolitan Area	July 2023*	July 2022**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	4.6%	3.7%	0.9
Carbondale-Marion	5.1%	4.2%	0.9
Champaign-Urbana	5.0%	4.0%	1.0
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	4.0%	5.1%	-1.1
Danville	6.6%	4.9%	1.7
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	4.4%	3.7%	0.7
Decatur	6.9%	5.5%	1.4
Elgin	5.3%	4.1%	1.2
Kankakee	6.1%	4.7%	1.4
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.9%	3.7%	1.2
Peoria	5.5%	4.3%	1.2
Rockford	6.8%	5.2%	1.6
Springfield	4.8%	4.0%	0.8
St. Louis (IL-Section)	4.9%	3.9%	1.0
Illinois Statewide	4.5%	4.7%	-0.2

\* Preliminary | \*\* Revised

**SPRINGFIELD** – Over-the-year, total nonfarm jobs increased in thirteen metropolitan areas and decreased in one for the year ending July 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 increased in thirteen metropolitan areas and decreased in one.

“We’re encouraged to see continued and consecutive job growth across the state, giving Illinois workers the ability to take advantage of expanded labor market opportunities,” said Deputy Governor Andy Manar. “IDES continues to collaborate with its workforce partners, providing vital resources to bridge jobseekers with employers.”

The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Danville MSA (+2.6%, +700), the Elgin Metro Division (+2.4%, +6,200), the Champaign-Urbana MSA (+2.1%, +2,400), and the Springfield MSA (+2.1%, +2,300). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago-Metro Division were up +1.3% or +50,900. Total nonfarm jobs were down slightly in the Kankakee MSA (-0.5%, -200). Industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included: Leisure and Hospitality

(twelve areas); Education and Health Services and Government (eleven areas each).

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate increases were the Danville MSA (+1.7 points to 6.6%), the Rockford MSA (+1.6 points to 6.8%), the Decatur MSA (+1.4 points to 6.9%), and the Kankakee MSA (+1.4 points to 6.1%). The only metro area with an unemployment rate decrease was the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metropolitan Division (-1.1 percentage points to 4.0%). The Chicago Metro Division unemployment rate tied 2019 for a record low in the month of July.

### Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Metropolitan Area	July 2023*	July 2022**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	96,100	94,600	1,500
Carbondale-Marion MSA	57,500	56,900	600
Champaign-Urbana MSA	116,000	113,600	2,400
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,850,500	3,799,600	50,900
Danville MSA	27,600	26,900	700
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	184,700	182,900	1,800
Decatur MSA	48,300	47,900	400
Elgin Metro Division	266,000	259,800	6,200
Kankakee MSA	42,700	42,900	-200
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	426,800	423,600	3,200
Peoria MSA	172,100	169,100	3,000
Rockford MSA	147,100	147,000	100
Springfield MSA	109,500	107,200	2,300
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	237,200	236,000	1,200
Illinois Statewide	6,171,600	6,073,000	98,600

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