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Jobs Up in All Metros, Unemployment Rates Down in Most Areas in May

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	May 2022*	May 2021**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	4.1%	4.3%	-0.2
Carbondale-Marion	5.0%	5.2%	-0.2
Champaign-Urbana	4.3%	4.5%	-0.2
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	4.2%	6.8%	-2.6
Danville	6.1%	6.1%	0.0
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	3.8%	5.3%	-1.5
Decatur	7.1%	7.1%	0.0
Elgin	5.1%	5.4%	-0.3
Kankakee	6.2%	6.0%	0.2
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.3%	4.7%	-0.4
Peoria	5.5%	5.6%	-0.1
Rockford	8.3%	8.4%	-0.1
Springfield	4.7%	5.1%	-0.4
St. Louis (IL-Section)	4.6%	4.8%	-0.2
Illinois Statewide	4.5%	6.1%	-1.6

* Preliminary | ** Revised

SPRINGFIELD – The unemployment rate decreased in eleven Illinois metropolitan areas, increased in one and was unchanged in another in May 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.

“The Pritzker administration is encouraged by Illinois’ continued positive economic trajectory,” said **Deputy Governor Andy Manar**. “We remain committed to providing the resources needed to support and strengthen the state’s workforce.”

The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Chicago Metropolitan Division (+5.1%, +182,600), the Rockford MSA (+4.8%, +6,700), and the Bloomington MSA (+4.6%, +4,100). Industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included: Leisure & Hospitality (fourteen areas); Manufacturing and Other Services (thirteen areas each); Government (twelve areas); Professional & Business Services (eleven areas); Education & Health Services (ten areas); Mining and Construction and Transportation,

Warehousing and Utilities (nine areas each); and Wholesale Trade (eight areas).

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate decreases were the Chicago Metro Division (-2.6 points to 4.2%), the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL MSA (-1.5 points to 3.8%), the Lake County-Kenosha County, IL-WI Metro (-0.4 point to 4.3%) and the Springfield MSA (-0.4 point to 4.7%). The unemployment rate in the Kankakee MSA increased +0.2 point to 6.2%. The unemployment rate was unchanged in the Danville MSA and the Decatur MSA.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – May 2022

Metropolitan Area	May 2022*	May 2021**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	92,900	88,800	4,100
Carbondale-Marion MSA	56,600	55,000	1,600
Champaign-Urbana MSA	116,600	113,100	3,500
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,752,600	3,570,000	182,600
Danville MSA	26,100	25,800	300
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	185,700	178,300	7,400
Decatur MSA	48,900	47,700	1,200
Elgin Metro Division	255,200	244,200	11,000
Kankakee MSA	42,900	42,300	600
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	420,000	409,400	10,600
Peoria MSA	166,700	163,500	3,200
Rockford MSA	145,300	138,600	6,700
Springfield MSA	108,400	104,400	4,000
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	238,700	236,900	1,800
Illinois Statewide	6,042,800	5,794,000	248,800

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