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Statewide Payroll Jobs Up, Small Increase in Unemployment Rate Up in June

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) announced today that the unemployment rate rose +0.1 percentage point to 7.2 percent, while nonfarm payrolls increased +12,500 in June, based on preliminary data provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and released by IDES. The May monthly change in payrolls was revised from the preliminary report, from -7,900 to +4,300 jobs. The May preliminary unemployment rate was unchanged from the preliminary report, remaining at 7.1 percent.

The June payroll jobs estimate and unemployment rate reflects activity for the week including the 12th. The BLS has published [FAQs](#) for the June payroll jobs and the unemployment rate.

In June, the three industry sectors with the largest over-the-month gains in employment were: Leisure and Hospitality (+10,700), Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+3,400), and Construction (+2,100). The industry sectors that reported the largest monthly payroll declines were: Professional and Business Services (-3,700), Manufacturing (-2,500) and Information (-200).

“With the state fully reopening last month, today’s data is promising, and indicative of the larger national recovery process from the economic impacts of a year-plus long pandemic,” said **Senior Advisor Andy Manar**. “IDES continues to support claimants while providing tools and resources to jobseekers who are eager to reengage with the workforce as industries grow and more jobs become available.”

“Through Governor Pritzker’s Restore Illinois plan, we have laid the groundwork for a long-term economic recovery by fostering conditions that are safe for residents to commute, access childcare and return to work,” said **DCEO Acting Director Sylvia Garcia**. “While Illinois has seen incredible progress in restoring jobs and businesses over the past several months, we know that additional economic relief will be essential as we seek to build back stronger from the pandemic. In the coming weeks, the State will begin deploying additional funds made possible by ARPA as part of our ongoing efforts to reach the hardest hit small businesses and communities with economic assistance.”

The state’s unemployment rate was +1.3 percentage points higher than the national unemployment rate reported for June, which was 5.9 percent, up +0.1 percentage point from the previous month. The Illinois unemployment rate was down -7.0 percentage points from a year ago when it was at 14.2 percent.

Compared to a year ago, nonfarm payroll employment increased by +310,100 jobs, with gains across most major industries. The industry groups with the largest jobs increases were: Leisure and Hospitality (+118,900), Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+61,600) and Professional and Business Services (+47,500). The industry groups with jobs losses were: Manufacturing (-6,500), Mining (-200) and Financial Activities (-100). In June, total nonfarm payrolls were up +5.7 percent over-the-year in both Illinois and the nation.

The number of unemployed workers was up from the prior month, a +1.4 percent increase to 443,500, and was down -50.9 percent over the same month for the prior year. The labor force was up +0.4 percent over-the-month and was down -2.7 percent over-the-year. The unemployment rate identifies those individuals who are out of work and seeking employment. An individual who exhausts or is ineligible for benefits is still reflected in the unemployment rate if they actively seek work.

In May 2020, Governor Pritzker launched [Get Hired Illinois](#), a new one-stop-shop website to help connect job seekers with hiring employers in real time. The site features virtual job fairs, no-cost virtual training, and includes [Illinois Job Link \(IJL\)](#), the state’s largest job search engine, which recently showed 37,692 posted resumes with 127,884 available jobs.



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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

	Jun-21	May-21	Jun-20	3-month Moving Average	Over-the- Month Change	Over-the- Year Change
Illinois	7.2%	7.1%	14.2%	7.1%	0.1	-7.0
U.S.	5.9%	5.8%	11.1%	5.9%	0.1	-5.2

Illinois Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs – by Major Industry

	Jun-21 Current *	May-21 Prior month**	Jun-20 Year Ago	Over the Month	Over the Year	3-month Moving Avg	Change from Previous 3-month Moving Avg
IL - Total Nonfarm	5,745,100	5,732,600	5,435,000	12,500	310,100	5,735,300	6,100
IL - Mining	6,400	6,500	6,600	-100	-200	6,500	0
IL - Construction	223,700	221,600	211,800	2,100	11,900	224,100	300
IL - Manufacturing	540,900	543,400	547,400	-2,500	-6,500	541,500	-2,500
IL - Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,185,500	1,182,100	1,123,900	3,400	61,600	1,182,200	1,200
IL - Information	85,800	86,000	85,600	-200	200	86,000	-100
IL - Financial Activities	400,600	400,500	400,700	100	-100	401,000	-400
IL - Professional and Business Services	904,800	908,500	857,300	-3,700	47,500	907,300	-3,400
IL - Educational and Health Services	891,300	891,300	867,500	0	23,800	890,600	0
IL - Leisure and Hospitality	485,500	474,800	366,600	10,700	118,900	475,000	10,000
IL - Other Services	238,900	238,100	224,000	800	14,900	238,300	1,000
IL - Government	781,700	779,800	743,600	1,900	38,100	782,900	100

* Preliminary
**Final

- 1976-2020 seasonally adjusted labor force data for Illinois, and all other states, have been revised as required by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The monthly historical revisions to state labor force estimates reflect new national benchmark controls, state working-age population controls, seasonal factors, as well as updated total nonfarm jobs and unemployment benefits claims inputs. Illinois labor force data were also smoothed to eliminate large monthly changes as a result of volatility in the monthly Current Population Survey (CPS) and national benchmarking. For these reasons, the comments and tables citing unemployment rates in previous news releases/materials may no longer be valid.
- Monthly seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for Illinois and the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metropolitan Division are available [here](#).
- Monthly 2016-2020 seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment data for Illinois have been revised. To control for potential survey error, the estimates are benchmarked annually to universal counts derived primarily from unemployment insurance tax reports.
- Not seasonally adjusted jobs data with industry detail are available [here](#). “Other Services” include activities in three broad categories: personal and laundry; repair and maintenance; and religious, grant making, civic and professional organizations. Seasonally adjusted data for subsectors within industries are not available.

About the Department of Employment Security

The Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) provides vital employment services to Illinois workers, employers, and job seekers with resources including [Job Fairs](#) and [Illinois Job Link](#), analyzes and disseminates actionable [Labor Market Information](#), and administers the [Unemployment Insurance Program](#). To see the full range of services provided by IDES, and for the latest news concerning the department, visit IDES.Illinois.gov.

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