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

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	March 2023*	March 2022**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	3.4%	3.8%	-0.4
Carbondale-Marion	4.0%	4.6%	-0.6
Champaign-Urbana	3.6%	3.9%	-0.3
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	4.1%	4.4%	-0.3
Danville	5.4%	5.4%	0.0
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	4.1%	4.1%	0.0
Decatur	6.1%	6.2%	-0.1
Elgin	5.3%	5.4%	-0.1
Kankakee	5.8%	5.9%	-0.1
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	5.0%	4.8%	0.2
Peoria	4.7%	5.1%	-0.4
Rockford	6.7%	7.8%	-1.1
Springfield	3.9%	4.5%	-0.6
St. Louis (IL-Section)	3.6%	4.0%	-0.4
Illinois Statewide	4.3%	4.7%	-0.4

* Preliminary | ** Revised

SPRINGFIELD – The unemployment rate decreased in eleven areas, increased in one area and was unchanged in two for the year ending March 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, total nonfarm jobs increased in all fourteen metropolitan areas.

“Over the last 24 consecutive months, job growth has remained consistent throughout industry sectors in metro areas across the state,” said **Deputy Governor Andy Manar**. “Newly created jobs position jobseekers and employers statewide to fill opportunities for career growth and professional expansion.”

The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Peoria MSA (+3.9%, +6,400), the Champaign-Urbana MSA (+3.4%, +4,000), and the Bloomington MSA (+3.1%, +2,900). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago Metro were up +1.6% or +60,100. Industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included: Education and Health Services (fourteen areas); Leisure and Hospitality (thirteen areas); Wholesale Trade and Government (twelve areas each);

Manufacturing and Other Services (eleven areas each); Mining and Construction and Transportation, Utilities and Warehousing (nine areas).

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate decreases were the Rockford MSA (-1.1 points to 6.7%), the Carbondale-Marion MSA (-0.6 point to 4.0%), and the Springfield MSA (-0.6 point to 3.9%). The Chicago Metro Division unemployment rate fell -0.3 point to 4.1%. The unemployment rate increased in the Lake County-Kenosha County IL-WI Metropolitan Division (+0.2 point to 5.0%). The unemployment rate was unchanged in the Danville MSA (5.4%) and the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL MSA (4.1%).

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – March 2023

Metropolitan Area	March 2023*	March 2022**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	97,500	94,600	2,900
Carbondale-Marion MSA	58,200	56,900	1,300
Champaign-Urbana MSA	122,200	118,200	4,000
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,743,600	3,683,500	60,100
Danville MSA	26,900	26,600	300
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	181,900	180,900	1,000
Decatur MSA	48,300	47,400	900
Elgin Metro Division	260,600	255,600	5,000
Kankakee MSA	43,100	42,500	600
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	411,000	407,800	3,200
Peoria MSA	171,900	165,500	6,400
Rockford MSA	146,600	143,800	2,800
Springfield MSA	108,900	106,600	2,300
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	237,700	236,900	800
Illinois Statewide	6,046,900	5,929,600	117,300

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