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Unemployment Rates Down, Jobs Up in Nearly All Metros in March

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	March 2022*	March 2021**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	3.7%	5.2%	-1.5
Carbondale-Marion	4.5%	6.3%	-1.8
Champaign-Urbana	3.8%	5.3%	-1.5
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	4.5%	6.8%	-2.3
Danville	5.6%	7.3%	-1.7
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	4.3%	6.3%	-2.0
Decatur	6.8%	8.9%	-2.1
Elgin	5.4%	7.3%	-1.9
Kankakee	6.0%	7.7%	-1.7
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.8%	6.3%	-1.5
Peoria	5.3%	7.0%	-1.7
Rockford	8.5%	8.3%	0.2
Springfield	4.5%	6.4%	-1.9
St. Louis (IL-Section)	4.1%	5.8%	-1.7
Illinois Statewide	4.7%	6.7%	-2.0

* Preliminary | ** Revised

SPRINGFIELD – The unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in thirteen Illinois metropolitan areas and increased in one in March 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 with the exception of one.

“Illinois’ economy continues on a positive trajectory,” said **Deputy Governor Andy Manar**. “We stand ready to support job seekers and employers with innovative resources to connect across the state.”

The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Bloomington MSA (+6.6%, +5,800), the Chicago Metropolitan Division (+5.1%, +177,600), and the Elgin Metro (+5.0%, +11,900). Total nonfarm jobs were down slightly in Kankakee MSA (-0.5%, -200). Industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included: Leisure & Hospitality (fourteen areas); Government (thirteen areas); Wholesale Trade (twelve areas); Manufacturing, Professional & Business Services, and Other Services (ten areas each); Mining & Construction, and Education & Health Services

(eight areas each).

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate decreases were the Chicago Metropolitan Division (-2.3 points to 4.5%), the Decatur MSA (-2.1 points to 6.8%) and the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL MSA (-2.0 points to 4.3%). The unemployment rate increased in the Rockford MSA +0.2 point to 8.5%. The unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in 101 counties and increased in one.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – March 2022

Metropolitan Area	March 2022*	March 2021**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	93,100	87,300	5,800
Carbondale-Marion MSA	57,400	55,600	1,800
Champaign-Urbana MSA	116,400	113,600	2,800
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,685,200	3,507,600	177,600
Danville MSA	25,900	25,600	300
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	179,500	174,700	4,800
Decatur MSA	47,800	46,600	1,200
Elgin Metro Division	249,700	237,800	11,900
Kankakee MSA	42,400	42,600	-200
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	410,300	398,400	11,900
Peoria MSA	163,800	160,000	3,800
Rockford MSA	142,300	138,000	4,300
Springfield MSA	107,100	103,000	4,100
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	234,600	233,100	1,500
Illinois Statewide	5,931,100	5,689,900	241,200

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