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Unemployment Rates Down, Jobs Up in Every Metro Area Compared to May 2020

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	May 2021*	May 2020**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	4.2%	11.5%	-7.3
Carbondale-Marion	5.1%	16.1%	-11.0
Champaign-Urbana	4.3%	10.4%	-6.1
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	7.9%	15.8%	-7.9
Danville	5.8%	14.8%	-9.0
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	5.0%	14.0%	-9.0
Decatur	6.9%	15.2%	-8.3
Elgin	5.3%	15.6%	-10.3
Kankakee	5.8%	14.3%	-8.5
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.6%	13.3%	-8.7
Peoria	5.5%	15.4%	-9.9
Rockford	8.4%	20.3%	-11.9
Springfield	5.0%	14.1%	-9.1
St. Louis (IL-Section)	4.6%	14.0%	-9.4
Illinois Statewide	6.7%	15.3%	-8.6

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SPRINGFIELD – The number of nonfarm jobs increased over-the-year in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas 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). The unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in all metro areas.

“With reopening activities in full swing throughout the state, today’s numbers indicate Illinois is recovering from the hardest hit months of the pandemic a year ago,” said **Deputy Governor Dan Hynes**. “While IDES continues to support claimants and administer federal unemployment programs, the Department is committed to assisting individuals to reenter the workforce and matching employers with job-seekers.”

The number of nonfarm jobs increased in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas. The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Springfield MSA (+9.0%, +8,500), the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL MSA (+8.3%, +13,600), and the Champaign-Urbana MSA (+7.8%, +8,400). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago Metro Division rose by +7.3%, +241,400. The industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included: Retail Trade and Leisure & Hospitality (fourteen

areas each); Other Services and Government (twelve areas each); Mining and Construction (eleven areas); Manufacturing, Transportation, Warehousing and Public Utilities and Education & Health Services (ten areas each); and Wholesale Trade and Professional & Business Service (nine areas each).

Over-the-year, the unemployment rate decreased in all 14 metropolitan areas; the areas with the largest unemployment rate decreases were the Rockford MSA (-11.9 points to 8.4%), the Carbondale-Marion MSA (-11.0 points to 5.1%) and the Elgin Metropolitan Division (-10.3 points to 5.3%). The Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metropolitan Division unemployment rate fell -7.9 points to 7.9%. The unemployment rate also decreased over-the-year in all 102 counties.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) –May 2021

Metropolitan Area	May 2021*	May 2020**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	87,300	82,900	4,400
Carbondale-Marion MSA	54,300	51,100	3,200
Champaign-Urbana MSA	115,600	107,200	8,400
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,537,300	3,295,900	241,400
Danville MSA	26,500	24,900	1,600
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	178,000	164,400	13,600
Decatur MSA	47,800	45,000	2,800
Elgin Metro Division	242,100	225,500	16,600
Kankakee MSA	42,500	41,500	1,000
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	402,700	374,800	27,900
Peoria MSA	162,500	151,500	11,000
Rockford MSA	135,200	129,200	6,000
Springfield MSA	103,400	94,900	8,500
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	232,000	216,300	15,700
Illinois Statewide	5,760,300	5,362,600	397,700

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