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Unemployment Rates Down for the Tenth Consecutive Month, Jobs Up in Most Metro Areas

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	January 2022*	January 2021**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	4.1%	6.4%	-2.3
Carbondale-Marion	5.1%	6.9%	-1.8
Champaign-Urbana	4.4%	6.3%	-1.9
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	5.1%	7.9%	-2.8
Danville	6.3%	8.2%	-1.9
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	5.3%	7.4%	-2.1
Decatur	7.4%	10.1%	-2.7
Elgin	5.9%	8.3%	-2.4
Kankakee	6.8%	8.7%	-1.9
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	5.1%	7.1%	-2.0
Peoria	5.9%	8.2%	-2.3
Rockford	8.7%	11.1%	-2.4
Springfield	5.1%	7.6%	-2.5
St. Louis (IL-Section)	4.7%	6.7%	-2.0
Illinois Statewide	5.3%	7.8%	-2.5
* Preliminary ** Revised			

SPRINGFIELD – The unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas in January for the tenth consecutive month 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 twelve metro areas, and were unchanged in one, and down in another.

“Today’s data reflects Illinois’ increasingly strong economy,” said **Deputy Governor Andy Manar**. “Continued job growth across multiple regions and industries is a sign of more progress. We look forward to sustaining this work in the months ahead, by connecting employers and job seekers with more resources and opportunities.”

The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Bloomington MSA (+7.9%, +6,700), the Elgin MSA (+6.0%, +14,000), the Chicago Metro Division (+5.6%, +193,800) and the Springfield MSA (+5.6%, +5,600). Total nonfarm jobs were down slightly in the Champaign-Urbana MSA (-0.2%, -200) and unchanged in the

Kankakee MSA. The industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included: Leisure & Hospitality (fourteen areas); Wholesale Trade and Other Services (twelve areas each); Government (eleven areas); Professional & Business Services (ten areas); and Manufacturing and Education & Health Services (nine areas each).

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate decreases were the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metropolitan Division (-2.8 points to 5.1%), the Decatur MSA (-2.7 points to 7.4%) and the Springfield MSA (-2.5 points to 5.1%). The unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in all 102 counties for the third straight month.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – January 2022

Metropolitan Area	January 2022*	January 2021**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	91,500	84,800	6,700
Carbondale-Marion MSA	55,700	53,800	1,900
Champaign-Urbana MSA	109,700	109,900	-200
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,637,500	3,443,700	193,800
Danville MSA	25,500	25,300	200
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	176,900	171,000	5,900
Decatur MSA	47,400	45,300	2,100
Elgin Metro Division	246,500	232,500	14,000
Kankakee MSA	41,600	41,600	0
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	405,800	393,400	12,400
Peoria MSA	162,000	157,400	4,600
Rockford MSA	141,000	135,600	5,400
Springfield MSA	105,800	100,200	5,600
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	230,500	227,000	3,500
Illinois Statewide	5,846,000	5,579,700	266,300
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