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Unemployment Rates Down for the Eighth Consecutive Month, Jobs Up in All Metro Areas

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	November 2021*	November 2020**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	3.4%	4.8%	-1.4
Carbondale-Marion	4.0%	5.4%	-1.4
Champaign-Urbana	3.3%	4.7%	-1.4
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	4.8%	8.9%	-4.1
Danville	4.9%	6.4%	-1.5
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	3.7%	5.3%	-1.6
Decatur	6.1%	8.1%	-2.0
Elgin	4.3%	6.3%	-2.0
Kankakee	5.0%	6.6%	-1.6
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	3.5%	5.6%	-2.1
Peoria	4.6%	6.3%	-1.7
Rockford	6.5%	7.4%	-0.9
Springfield	4.2%	6.1%	-1.9
St. Louis (IL-Section)	3.8%	5.3%	-1.5
Illinois Statewide	4.5%	7.6%	-3.1

* Preliminary | ** Revised

SPRINGFIELD – The unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas in November for the eighth 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 all fourteen metropolitan areas.

“November’s continued positive growth is another encouraging sign for our strengthening economy,” **said Deputy Governor Andy Manar.** “As we look towards the new year, Illinois is committed to building on this momentum, to ensure workers and businesses continue to thrive across the state.”

Over-the-year, total nonfarm jobs increased in all fourteen metropolitan areas. The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Carbondale-Marion MSA (+4.6%, +2,600), the Chicago-Metropolitan Division (+4.0%, +141,000), the Champaign-Urbana MSA (+3.8%, +4,400) and the Kankakee MSA (+3.8%, +1,600). The industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included: Leisure &

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

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate decreases were the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metropolitan Division (-4.1 points to 4.8%), Lake County-Kenosha County, IL-WI Metropolitan Division (-2.1 points to 3.5%), the Decatur MSA (-2.0 points to 6.1%) and the Elgin Metropolitan Division (-2.0 points to 4.3%). The unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in all 102 counties.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – November 2021

Metropolitan Area	November 2021*	November 2020**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	89,600	88,500	1,100
Carbondale-Marion MSA	59,300	56,700	2,600
Champaign-Urbana MSA	121,100	116,700	4,400
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,648,200	3,507,200	141,000
Danville MSA	26,900	26,300	600
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	178,800	176,500	2,300
Decatur MSA	48,500	47,000	1,500
Elgin Metro Division	249,400	241,100	8,300
Kankakee MSA	44,100	42,500	1,600
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	410,400	401,200	9,200
Peoria MSA	164,600	162,100	2,500
Rockford MSA	143,300	139,300	4,000
Springfield MSA	104,200	102,800	1,400
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	234,400	231,500	2,900
Illinois Statewide	5,938,900	5,704,500	234,400

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