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## Private Sector Jobs Up 122,900 Since Recovery Began *Manufacturing Jobs Increase Across State Compared to Last Year*

### Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	Jan. 2012*	Jan. 2011
Bloomington-Normal	8.2%	7.7%
Champaign-Urbana	9.3%	9.0%
Chicago-Joliet-Naperville	9.6%	9.9%
Danville	11.6%	11.6%
Davenport-Moline-Rock Isl.	8.8%	8.7%
Decatur	11.5%	11.6%
Kankakee-Bradley	13.2%	13.4%
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	10.4%	10.6%
Peoria	9.4%	9.8%
Rockford	13.5%	14.1%
Springfield	8.8%	8.3%
St. Louis (IL-Section)	10.7%	10.2%

\* Data subject to revision.

**CHICAGO** – January unemployment rates dropped in five metro areas, increased in four and essentially were unchanged in three compared to last year, according to preliminary data released today by the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). The not seasonally adjusted data compares January 2012 to January 2011. The largest declines were in: Rockford (-0.6 point to 13.5 percent), Peoria (-0.4 point to 9.4 percent), and Chicago-Joliet-Naperville (-0.3 point to 9.6 percent). Over the year, payroll increased in eight of 12 metros, fell in three and was unchanged in one. The largest increases were in Kankakee-Bradley (+2.9 percent, +1,200 jobs), Metro East (+2.4 percent, +5,500), and Rockford (+2.3 percent, +3,200). Employment also increased in Chicago-Joliet-Naperville (+1.0 percent, +35,700). Sectors increasing in the most metros were Manufacturing, and Education and Health Services (10 of 12).

“The encouraging news is that job growth continues throughout most of our state,” IDES Director Jay Rowell said. “However, job growth also encourages people to enter the workforce and to look for work, which will slow the decline of the unemployment rate itself.”

Not seasonally adjusted data compares the current month to the same month of the previous year. The January 2012 not seasonally adjusted Illinois unemployment rate was 9.9 percent and 12.3 percent at its peak in this economic cycle in January 2010. Nationally, the unemployment rate was 8.8 percent in January and 10.6 percent in January 2010 at its peak. The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and looking for work and is not tied to collecting unemployment insurance benefits. Illinois has added +122,900 new private sector jobs since January 2010.

### Total Non-farm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – January 2012

Metropolitan Area	January 2012*	January 2011**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington-Normal MSA	86,700	88,200	-1,500
Champaign-Urbana MSA	100,400	103,000	-2,600
Chicago-Joliet-Naperville Metro Div.	3,592,800	3,557,100	35,700
Danville MSA	28,700	28,700	0
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	173,900	176,500	-2,600
Decatur MSA	51,400	50,900	500
Kankakee-Bradley MSA	42,600	41,400	1,200
Lake County-Kenosha County Metro Div.	368,100	366,200	1,900
Peoria MSA	178,900	176,200	2,700
Rockford MSA	144,100	140,900	3,200
Springfield MSA	110,100	109,200	900
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	233,000	227,500	5,500

\*Preliminary \*\*Revised

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