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July Local Unemployment Falls in Seven Metros

Chicago Adds +69,800 Jobs; Payrolls up in Champaign

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	July 2013*	July 2012
Bloomington-Normal	7.8%	7.7%
Champaign-Urbana	8.9%	9.1%
Chicago-Joliet-Naperville	9.7%	9.4%
Danville	11.8%	10.6%
Davenport-Moline-Rock Isl.	6.9%	7.1%
Decatur	13.2%	11.3%
Kankakee-Bradley	11.2%	11.3%
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	8.4%	8.8%
Peoria	9.4%	8.0%
Rockford	11.4%	11.7%
Springfield	8.0%	8.1%
St. Louis (IL-Section)	8.6%	9.6%

** Data subject to revision.*

CHICAGO – July local unemployment rates fell in seven of 12 metro areas, according to preliminary data released today by the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Not seasonally adjusted data compares July 2013 to July 2012. Largest decreases: Metro East (-1.0 point to 8.6 percent), Lake County (-0.4 to 8.4 percent) and Rockford (-0.3 to 11.4 percent). Largest increases: Decatur (+1.9 points to 13.2 percent), Peoria (+1.4 to 9.4 percent), Danville (+1.2 to 11.8 percent) and Chicago-Joliet-Naperville (+0.3 to 9.7 percent).

Jobs increased in four metros and declined in eight. Largest increases: Champaign-Urbana (+2.4 percent, +2,400), Chicago-Joliet-Naperville (+1.9 percent, +69,800), and Kankakee-Bradley (+0.5 percent, +200). Industry sectors increasing in the most metros: Leisure and Hospitality (eight of 12) and Educational and Health Services (seven of 12).

"Chicago and suburban job growth are drawing more people to look for work. Weaker manufacturing touched Downstate," IDES Director Jay Rowell said.

Not seasonally adjusted data compares the current month to the same month of the previous year. The July 2013 not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 9.6 percent and 12.2 percent at its peak in this economic cycle in January 2010. Nationally, the unemployment rate was 7.7 percent in July 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. Historically, the state unemployment rate is higher than the national rate.

Total Non-farm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – July 2013

Metropolitan Area	July 2013*	July 2012**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington-Normal MSA	88,600	89,100	-500
Champaign-Urbana MSA	103,400	101,000	2,400
Chicago-Joliet-Naperville Metro Div.	3,799,000	3,729,200	69,800
Danville MSA	29,200	29,600	-400
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	185,900	185,600	300
Decatur MSA	50,100	52,200	-2,100
Kankakee-Bradley MSA	43,500	43,300	200
Lake County-Kenosha County Metro Div.	392,400	392,700	-300
Peoria MSA	182,500	186,300	-3,800
Rockford MSA	148,700	149,500	-800
Springfield MSA	111,100	111,300	-200
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	227,900	230,200	-2,300

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