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## Downstate Illinois Still Lagging in Job Growth *Unemployment Rates Continue Falling in All Metro Areas*

### Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	June 2015	June 2014	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	4.6%	5.8%	-1.2
Carbondale-Marion	5.7%	6.9%	-1.2
Champaign-Urbana	4.9%	6.2%	-1.3
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	6.3%	7.3%	-1.0
Danville	6.5%	8.5%	-2.0
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	5.0%	6.0%	-1.0
Decatur	6.6%	8.6%	-2.0
Elgin	5.0%	6.6%	-1.6
Kankakee	6.0%	7.9%	-1.9
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.7%	6.1%	-1.4
Peoria	5.7%	7.0%	-1.3
Rockford	6.1%	7.9%	-1.8
Springfield	4.6%	5.8%	-1.2
St. Louis (IL-Section)	5.5%	7.1%	-1.6
Illinois Statewide	5.9%	7.1%	-1.2

*\* Data subject to revision.*

**CHICAGO** – June was the 16<sup>th</sup> month in a row that unemployment rates fell in every metro area in Illinois compared to a year ago, but job growth is still slow downstate, according to preliminary data released today by the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Unemployment rates also fell in all of Illinois’s 102 counties for the 14<sup>th</sup> time in the last fifteen months. Not seasonally adjusted data compares June 2015 with June 2014.

Illinois businesses added jobs in eight metros. The largest increases were seen in: Elgin Metro Division (+1.9 percent, +4,900), Danville (+1.7 percent, +500) and Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division (+1.3 percent or +47,900). Decreases were seen in: Carbondale-Marion (-2.2 percent, -1,200), Peoria (-1.3 percent, -2,400) and Decatur (-1.0 percent, -500). The industry sectors recording job growth in the majority of metros were Retail Trade (nine of 14) Transportation, Warehousing and Public Utilities (nine of 14), Professional and Business Services (eight of 14), and Leisure and Hospitality (eight of 14).

“In looking at the metro data, collar counties gained more net jobs than the total statewide gain. Given the statewide gain of 44,500 jobs total, the rest of the state had a net loss,” IDES Director Jeff Mays said. “The need for a full statewide recovery remains.”

The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 5.9 percent in June 2015 and stood at 12.2 percent at its peak in this economic cycle in January 2010. Nationally, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.5 percent in June 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.

### Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – June 2015

Metropolitan Area	June 2015*	June 2014**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	93,800	93,300	500
Carbondale-Marion MSA	54,100	55,300	-1,200
Champaign-Urbana MSA	104,600	103,400	1,200
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Div.	3,667,600	3,619,700	47,900
Danville MSA	29,600	29,100	500
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL MSA	185,000	186,600	-1,600
Decatur MSA	50,700	51,200	-500
Elgin Metro Division	257,500	252,600	4,900
Kankakee MSA	44,900	44,500	400
Lake County-Kenosha County IL-WI Metro Div.	414,300	409,900	4,400
Peoria MSA	179,000	181,400	-2,400
Rockford MSA	153,500	152,000	1,500
Springfield MSA	112,700	112,900	-200
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	230,200	232,400	-2,200
Illinois Statewide	5,973,200	5,928,700	44,500

*\*Preliminary \*\*Revised*

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