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Job Growth Increases in Most Metro Areas But Still Below National Growth Rate

Unemployment rate drops in all metro areas

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	June 2017	June 2016	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	4.4%	5.3%	-0.9
Carbondale-Marion	5.2%	5.8%	-0.6
Champaign-Urbana	4.8%	5.3%	-0.5
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	5.1%	6.2%	-1.1
Danville	6.8%	7.0%	-0.2
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	4.5%	5.4%	-0.9
Decatur	5.9%	6.6%	-0.7
Elgin	4.8%	5.2%	-0.4
Kankakee	5.4%	6.0%	-0.6
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.3%	4.9%	-0.6
Peoria	5.5%	6.2%	-0.7
Rockford	5.8%	6.3%	-0.5
Springfield	4.3%	4.6%	-0.3
St. Louis (IL-Section)	5.0%	5.7%	-0.7
Illinois Statewide	5.0%	6.0%	-1.0

** Data subject to revision.*

CHICAGO—Unemployment rates decreased over-the-year in June in all of Illinois’s metropolitan areas and all but two counties, according to data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Illinois Dept. of Employment Security (IDES).

Data also show more nonfarm jobs in eleven of the metropolitan areas while one was unchanged and two reported declines.

“We gained jobs but at about half the rate than the rest of the country,” said IDES Director Jeff Mays. “Although the unemployment rates are lower compared to last year, the labor force continues to shrink in most metro areas across the state.”

Illinois businesses added jobs in eleven metro areas, with the largest increases in: Bloomington (+3.4 percent, +3,100), Lake (+2.8 percent, +11,700), and Kankakee (+2.7 percent, +1,200). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division increased (+1.1 percent or +39,600). Illinois businesses lost jobs in two metro areas: Danville (-0.7 percent, -200) and Rockford (-0.1 percent, -200).

The industry sectors recording job growth in the majority of metro areas included Professional and Business Services (11 of 14), Leisure and Hospitality (10 of 14), Government (10 of 14), and Mining and Construction (nine of 14).

Not seasonally adjusted data compares June 2017 with June 2016. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 5.0 percent in June 2017 and stood at 12.2 percent at its peak in this economic cycle in January 2010. Nationally, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.5 percent in June 2017 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 2017

Metropolitan Area	June 2017*	June 2016**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	94,500	91,400	3,100
Carbondale-Marion MSA	57,000	55,700	1,300
Champaign-Urbana MSA	106,000	105,600	400
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,780,000	3,740,400	39,600
Danville MSA	28,300	28,500	-200
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	185,200	184,400	800
Decatur MSA	51,500	51,500	0
Elgin Metro Division	257,800	256,300	1,500
Kankakee MSA	45,700	44,500	1,200
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	429,300	417,600	11,700
Peoria MSA	177,500	176,100	1,400
Rockford MSA	153,100	153,300	-200
Springfield MSA	116,700	114,700	2,000
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	237,800	236,500	1,300
Illinois Statewide	6,101,100	6,044,500	56,600

*Preliminary **Revised

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