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Unemployment Falls in All Metros for Seventh Consecutive Month *IllinoisJobLink.com Important Tool to Find Employment*

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	Oct. 2014*	Oct. 2013
Bloomington-Normal	5.9%	7.6%
Champaign-Urbana	6.3%	8.3%
Chicago-Joliet-Naperville	6.0%	8.5%
Danville	8.5%	12.5%
Davenport-Moline-Rock Isl.	6.3%	7.1%
Decatur	8.2%	12.4%
Kankakee-Bradley	7.8%	10.9%
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	6.1%	8.1%
Peoria	6.9%	9.6%
Rockford	8.4%	11.5%
Springfield	6.1%	7.8%
St. Louis (IL-Section)	5.9%	8.5%

* Data subject to revision.

CHICAGO – October unemployment rates fell in every metro area for the seventh consecutive month and most are at six or seven year lows, according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Illinois Department of Employment Security. The rate also fell in 101 counties and was unchanged in Mercer County.

“October’s data reflect a strengthening of local economies. In each area, more people describe themselves as working and employers in most metros report larger payrolls than one year ago,” IDES Director Jay Rowell said. “IllinoisJobLink.com remains an important tool to find employment, especially for those who typically did not need a resume.”

Illinois employers added jobs in seven metros: Champaign-Urbana (+1.5 percent, +1,600), Lake County-Kenosha County (+1.5 percent, +6,100), Danville (+1.0 percent, +300) and Chicago-Joliet-Naperville (+0.8 percent, +30,200). Industry sectors recording job growth in the majority

of metros were Mining and Construction (eight of 12) and education and Health Services (seven of 12).

Not seasonally adjusted data compare the current month to the same month of the previous year. The October 2014 not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 6.6 percent and 12.2 percent at its peak in this economic cycle in January 2010. Nationally, the unemployment rate was 5.8 percent in September and 10.6 percent in January 2010 at its peak. The rate identifies those who are out of work and looking for work. Historically, the state unemployment rate is higher than the national rate.

Total Non-farm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – October 2014

Metropolitan Area	October 2014*	October 2013**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington-Normal MSA	89,700	89,900	-200
Champaign-Urbana MSA	110,500	108,900	1,600
Chicago-Joliet-Naperville Metro Div.	3,849,200	3,819,000	30,200
Danville MSA	28,900	28,600	300
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	182,000	184,200	-2,200
Decatur MSA	51,500	51,800	-300
Kankakee-Bradley MSA	44,500	44,200	300
Lake County-Kenosha County Metro Div.	409,300	403,200	6,100
Peoria MSA	178,700	179,400	-700
Rockford MSA	148,800	147,800	1,000
Springfield MSA	111,600	111,300	300
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	229,500	230,400	-900

*Preliminary **Revised

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