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Unemployment Rate Up Slightly in most Metros

Jobs increase in ten metros

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	Oct. 2018	Oct. 2017	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	4.1%	3.6%	0.5
Carbondale-Marion	4.6%	4.1%	0.5
Champaign-Urbana	4.3%	3.8%	0.5
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	3.9%	4.8%	-0.9
Danville	5.5%	5.6%	-0.1
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	3.9%	3.8%	0.1
Decatur	5.3%	4.8%	0.5
Elgin	4.4%	3.9%	0.5
Kankakee	4.6%	4.4%	0.2
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	3.9%	3.6%	0.3
Peoria	4.8%	4.5%	0.3
Rockford	5.2%	4.7%	0.5
Springfield	4.1%	3.8%	0.3
St. Louis (IL-Section)	4.4%	4.1%	0.3
Illinois Statewide	4.2%	4.5%	-0.3

** Data subject to revision.*

CHICAGO—Unemployment rates increased over-the-year in October in twelve of Illinois’s metropolitan areas and decreased in two, according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Data also show nonfarm jobs increased in ten of the metropolitan areas.

“The unemployment rate increased over the year in most metro areas across the state,” said IDES Director Jeff Mays. “The increases were mostly due to more people reentering the job market and not immediately securing a job.”

Illinois businesses added jobs in ten metro areas, with the largest increases in: Kankakee (+5.7 percent, +2,700), the Quad Cities (+2.0 percent, + 3,700), and Lake (+1.8 percent, +7,400). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division increased (+0.8 percent or +29,400). Illinois businesses lost jobs in three metro areas: Carbondale-Marion (-0.7 percent, -400), Springfield (-0.4 percent, -400), and Peoria (-0.1 percent, -100). Bloomington was unchanged.

The industry sectors recording job growth in the majority of metro areas included Manufacturing (11 of 14), Professional and Business Services (11 of 14), Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (9 of 14), Education and Health Services (9 of 14), Mining and Construction (8 of 14), and Wholesale Trade (8 of 14).

Not seasonally adjusted data compares October 2018 with October 2017. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 4.2 percent in October 2018 and stood at 12.2 percent at its peak in this economic cycle in January 2010. Nationally, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.5 percent in October 2018 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) – October 2018

Metropolitan Area	October 2018*	October 2017**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	95,500	95,500	0
Carbondale-Marion MSA	58,200	58,600	-400
Champaign-Urbana MSA	114,700	113,500	1,200
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,818,400	3,789,000	29,400
Danville MSA	28,500	28,300	200
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	189,700	186,000	3,700
Decatur MSA	52,400	51,700	700
Elgin Metro Division	266,100	262,800	3,300
Kankakee MSA	50,200	47,500	2,700
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	428,500	421,100	7,400
Peoria MSA	173,300	173,400	-100
Rockford MSA	153,600	152,400	1,200
Springfield MSA	112,500	112,900	-400
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	244,000	242,200	1,800
Illinois Statewide	6,207,000	6,147,900	59,100

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