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Unemployment Rates Increase in Most Metro Areas

Jobs up in half the Metros

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	May 2016	May 2015	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	5.2%	4.5%	0.7
Carbondale-Marion	6.1%	5.6%	0.5
Champaign-Urbana	5.1%	4.8%	0.3
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	5.5%	5.9%	-0.4
Danville	7.3%	6.5%	0.8
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	5.4%	5.2%	0.2
Decatur	6.8%	6.5%	0.3
Elgin	5.3%	5.2%	0.1
Kankakee	6.5%	6.3%	0.2
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.9%	4.9%	0.0
Peoria	6.5%	5.8%	0.7
Rockford	6.6%	6.3%	0.3
Springfield	4.8%	4.8%	0.0
St. Louis (IL-Section)	5.8%	5.6%	0.2
Illinois Statewide	5.6%	5.7%	-0.1

** Data subject to revision.*

CHICAGO—A majority of Illinois’ metropolitan (metro) areas experienced increases in their over-the-year unemployment rate and half of the metro areas had increases in nonfarm jobs, according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES).

“While some metro areas saw job growth, too many didn’t,” said IDES Director Jeff Mays. “Key structural reforms can help the state grow more jobs as we sharpen our efforts to help unemployed job-seekers get back to work.”

Illinois businesses added jobs in seven metro areas, in which the largest increases were seen in: Lake-Kenosha (+2.2 percent, +9,000), Rockford (+1.6 percent, +2,400), and Elgin (+1.2 percent, +3,000). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division increased (+1.3 percent or +45,900). Illinois businesses lost jobs in seven metro areas including Bloomington (-2.9 percent, -2,800), Carbondale-Marion (-1.6 percent, -900), and the Quad Cities (-1.5 percent, -2,700). The industry sectors recording job growth in the majority of metro areas

were: Education and Health Services (12 of 14), Retail Trade (10 of 14), Leisure and Hospitality (nine of 14), and Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (eight of 14).

Not seasonally adjusted data compares May 2016 with May 2015. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 5.6 percent in May 2016 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 May 2016 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) – May 2016

Metropolitan Area	May 2016*	May 2015**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	94,200	97,000	-2,800
Carbondale-Marion MSA	56,400	57,300	-900
Champaign-Urbana MSA	110,700	110,500	200
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,715,500	3,669,600	45,900
Danville MSA	29,300	29,700	-400
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	182,800	185,500	-2,700
Decatur MSA	51,400	51,700	-300
Elgin Metro Division	260,700	257,700	3,000
Kankakee MSA	44,600	45,100	-500
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	416,900	407,900	9,000
Peoria MSA	178,300	180,400	-2,100
Rockford MSA	155,800	153,400	2,400
Springfield MSA	114,700	113,700	1,000
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	239,200	238,100	1,100
Illinois Statewide	6,035,400	6,001,900	33,500

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**Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates
(percent) for Local Counties and Areas**

	May 2016	May 2015	Over- the-Year Change
Decatur MSA			
Macon County	6.8%	6.5%	0.3
Springfield MSA			
Menard County	4.6%	4.3%	0.3
Sangamon County	4.8%	4.8%	0.0
Cities			
Decatur City	7.5%	7.3%	0.2
Springfield City	5.1%	5.1%	0.0
Counties			
Adams County	4.8%	4.6%	0.2
Brown County	3.6%	3.4%	0.2
Calhoun County	5.9%	5.9%	0.0
Cass County	5.2%	5.3%	-0.1
Christian County	5.9%	6.0%	-0.1
DeWitt County	5.8%	5.0%	0.8
Douglas County	4.6%	4.3%	0.3
Greene County	5.8%	5.5%	0.3
Jersey County	5.8%	5.8%	0.0
Logan County	5.2%	5.0%	0.2
Macoupin County	6.1%	5.8%	0.3
Montgomery County	7.1%	7.1%	0.0
Morgan County	4.7%	4.5%	0.2
Moultrie County	4.6%	4.0%	0.6
Piatt County	4.8%	4.5%	0.3
Pike County	4.7%	4.6%	0.1
Schuyler County	5.2%	5.1%	0.1
Scott County	4.9%	5.1%	-0.2
Shelby County	5.7%	5.3%	0.4
Other Areas			
LWA 19	6.6%	6.3%	0.3
LWA 20	5.0%	4.9%	0.1
LWA 21	5.8%	5.6%	0.2
Central EDR	5.5%	5.4%	0.1

Note:

Monthly 2015 unemployment rates and total nonfarm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February and March 2016, as required by the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Comments and tables distributed for prior metro area news releases should be discarded as any records or historical analysis previously cited may no longer be valid.

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Central Illinois Highlights

Help Wanted

Area employers advertised for 6,100 positions in May and approximately 85 percent sought full-time employment, according to Help Wanted OnLine data compiled by the Conference Board, which is a global, independent business membership and research association. Employers actually need more workers than the help wanted advertising indicates because some industries, such as Construction, typically do not post advertised job openings.

Decatur MSA

The May 2016 not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 6.8 percent from 6.5 percent in May 2015. There were an estimated 3,400 unemployed people in the labor force in May 2016.

The total number of nonfarm jobs in the Decatur metro area declined by -300 compared to one year ago. Payrolls increased in Educational and Health Services (+300), Leisure and Hospitality (+100), Wholesale Trade (+100), and Financial Activities (+100). Declines were reported in Construction (-300), Manufacturing (-200), Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (-200), and Other Services (-100). All other major industry sectors were unchanged compared to one year ago.

Springfield MSA

The unemployment rate remained stable at 4.8 percent from May 2016 to May 2015. There were an estimated 5,400 unemployed people in the labor force in May 2016. The rate remains below the comparable state rate of 5.6 percent. The data is not seasonally adjusted.

The Springfield metro area nonfarm job total increased by +1,000 compared to a year ago. Payroll increases were reported in Health Care and Social Assistance (+700), Professional and Business Services (+600), Government (+300), Leisure and Hospitality (+300), Wholesale Trade (+100), and Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (+100). Declines were reported in Retail Trade (-400), Manufacturing (-200), Financial Activities (-100), and Information (-100). All other major industry sectors were little changed compared to last year.