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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
<b>Mattoon - Charleston Area</b>			
Clark County	6.1%	5.5%	0.6
Coles County	6.5%	5.9%	0.6
Cumberland County	5.4%	4.6%	0.8
Douglas County	4.6%	4.3%	0.3
Edgar County	5.8%	5.6%	0.2
Moultrie County	4.6%	4.0%	0.6
Shelby County	5.7%	5.3%	0.4
<b>Effingham Area</b>			
Clay County	7.2%	6.2%	1.0
Crawford County	6.2%	5.4%	0.8
Effingham County	4.6%	4.4%	0.2
Fayette County	6.2%	5.8%	0.4
Jasper County	6.2%	5.6%	0.6
<b>Centralia - Mt. Vernon Area</b>			
Clinton County	4.3%	4.1%	0.2
Hamilton County	6.0%	4.7%	1.3
Jefferson County	6.5%	6.3%	0.2
Marion County	6.5%	6.1%	0.4
Washington County	3.9%	3.6%	0.3
Wayne County	8.5%	6.8%	1.7

**South Central Illinois Highlights**

Unemployment increased throughout South Central Illinois when compared with one year ago. Stable labor market conditions prevailed in the first five months of 2016. The data is not seasonally adjusted.

Over the year, employment advances were reported in Transportation and Health Services in South Central Illinois. Payroll gains also occurred in Manufacturing and Professional-Business Services. Seasonal employment expansions occurred in Construction, Retail Trade, Recreation, and Agriculture. Mining, Information, and Government employment declined during the past year.

Employment opportunities were advertised in Transportation, Health Care, and Office and Administrative Support in the spring of 2016. Job openings also were reported in Sales, Management, Food Preparation, and Production occupations. Workers were needed in Computer Services, Engineering, Finance, and Installation, Maintenance, and Repair. Building and Ground Maintenance workers were also in demand.

The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and seeking employment. A person who exhausts benefits, or is ineligible, still will be reflected in the unemployment rate if they actively seek work.

**Note:**

- Monthly 2015 unemployment rates and total non-farm 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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