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## Jobs Up in Eight Metros; Down in Six Areas

*Average Unemployment Rate in Illinois Metro Areas Higher than Midwest*

### Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	June 2016	June 2015	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	5.4%	5.0%	0.4
Carbondale-Marion	6.1%	6.1%	0.0
Champaign-Urbana	5.3%	5.4%	-0.1
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	6.2%	6.1%	0.1
Danville	7.1%	7.0%	0.1
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	5.6%	5.3%	0.3
Decatur	6.8%	7.1%	-0.3
Elgin	5.2%	5.5%	-0.3
Kankakee	6.1%	6.6%	-0.5
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.9%	5.1%	-0.2
Peoria	6.3%	6.2%	0.1
Rockford	6.3%	6.6%	-0.3
Springfield	4.7%	5.0%	-0.3
St. Louis (IL-Section)	5.7%	6.0%	-0.3
Illinois Statewide	6.0%	6.0%	0.0

*\* Data subject to revision.*

**CHICAGO**—Eight of Illinois’ 14 metropolitan (metro) areas experienced decreases in their over-the-year unemployment rate and eight 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).

“One metropolitan area losing jobs is one too many,” said IDES Director Jeff Mays. “While we boost our efforts to help employers connect with qualified candidates, we also need effective policies in place to realize robust job growth in Illinois.”

Illinois businesses added jobs in eight metro areas, in which the largest increases were seen in: Lake-Kenosha (+2.4 percent, +10,000), Rockford (+2.0 percent, +3,100), and Springfield (+1.8 percent, +2,000). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division increased (+1.2 percent or +43,700). Illinois businesses lost jobs in six metro areas including the Quad Cities (-2.9 percent, -5,500), Bloomington (-1.6 percent, -1,500), and Peoria (-1.3 percent, -2,400). The industry sectors recording job growth in the majority of metro areas were:

Education and Health Services (11 of 14), Leisure and Hospitality (11 of 14), Retail Trade (10 of 14), and Professional and Business Services (nine of 14).

Not seasonally adjusted data compares June 2016 with June 2015. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 6.0 percent in June 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 5.1 percent in June 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) – June 2016

Metropolitan Area	June 2016*	June 2015**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	92,300	93,800	-1,500
Carbondale-Marion MSA	55,300	55,600	-300
Champaign-Urbana MSA	106,700	105,500	1,200
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,737,800	3,694,100	43,700
Danville MSA	29,500	29,400	100
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	181,400	186,900	-5,500
Decatur MSA	51,400	51,700	-300
Elgin Metro Division	262,900	258,400	4,500
Kankakee MSA	44,900	45,000	-100
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	425,200	415,200	10,000
Peoria MSA	178,400	180,800	-2,400
Rockford MSA	157,300	154,200	3,100
Springfield MSA	115,200	113,200	2,000
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	236,500	234,800	1,700
Illinois Statewide	6,056,300	6,016,600	39,700

*\*Preliminary \*\*Revised*

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

	<b>Jun- 16</b>	<b>Jun- 15</b>	<b>Over the Year Change</b>
<b>Rockford MSA</b>			
Boone County	6.0%	6.1%	-0.1
Winnebago County	6.4%	6.7%	-0.3
<b>Cities</b>			
Belvidere City	7.0%	7.2%	-0.2
Freeport City	6.6%	6.9%	-0.3
Rockford City	6.7%	6.5%	0.2
<b>Counties</b>			
Bureau County	5.8%	5.8%	0.0
Carroll County	4.9%	5.1%	-0.2
DeKalb County	5.2%	5.5%	-0.3
Henry County	5.8%	5.7%	0.1
JoDaviess County	4.6%	4.7%	-0.1
Kane County	5.2%	5.5%	-0.3
Lee County	5.0%	5.2%	-0.2
McHenry County	5.4%	5.5%	-0.1
Ogle County	5.4%	5.8%	-0.4
Stephenson County	5.4%	6.4%	-1.0
Whiteside County	5.9%	6.2%	-0.3

**Stephenson County**

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 5.4 percent in June 2016 from 6.4 percent in June 2015. The last time the June rate was equal to or lower than the current rate was in 2007 when it was 4.9 percent. For the month of June 2016, the number of people unemployed in the labor force was 1,200.

Total nonfarm employment increased by +125 compared to a year ago. Construction (+100), Professional-Business Services (+75), and Government (+75) added the most jobs from June 2015. The Financial Activities (-100) and Manufacturing (-75) sectors recorded the largest employment declines compared to one year ago.

**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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**Rockford MSA Highlights**

**Help Wanted**

Area employers advertised for 5,100 positions in June and approximately 87 percent sought full-time employment, according to Help Wanted OnLine data compiled by the Conference Board. It 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 advertise job openings.

**Rockford MSA**

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 6.3 percent in June 2016 from 6.6 percent in June 2015 as the number of people employed and unemployed in the labor force increased from a year ago. The last time the June rate was equal to or lower than the current rate was in 2007 when it was 5.5 percent. For the month of June 2016, the estimated number of people unemployed in the labor force was 10,800.

Total nonfarm employment increased +3,100 compared to June 2015. Professional-Business Services (+2,400), Retail Trade (+800), Educational-Health Services (+400), and Leisure-Hospitality (+400) sectors led other local industries in payroll gains. Information (-300), Construction (-200), Manufacturing (-200), and Transportation-Warehousing-Utilities (-200) industries recorded declines compared to one year ago.

**Ogle County**

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 5.4 percent in June 2016 from 5.8 percent in June 2015. The last time the June rate was equal to or lower than the current rate was in 2007 when it was 5.1 percent. For the month of June 2016, the number of people unemployed in the labor force was 1,450.

Total nonfarm employment increased +300 compared to June 2015. Manufacturing (+100), Financial Activities (+75), and Leisure-Hospitality (+50) sectors added the most jobs over the year. The Construction (-50) sector recorded the largest employment decline compared to one year ago.