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Jobs up in Eight Metro Areas

Unemployment rate up in most metros

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	March 2019	March 2018	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	4.9%	4.2%	0.7
Carbondale-Marion	5.1%	4.9%	0.2
Champaign-Urbana	4.8%	4.2%	0.6
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	3.6%	3.9%	-0.3
Danville	6.3%	6.3%	0.0
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	4.9%	4.5%	0.4
Decatur	6.3%	5.6%	0.7
Elgin	6.1%	5.2%	0.9
Kankakee	6.5%	5.8%	0.7
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	5.5%	4.9%	0.6
Peoria	5.9%	5.4%	0.5
Rockford	6.6%	5.5%	1.1
Springfield	5.1%	4.3%	0.8
St. Louis (IL-Section)	5.0%	4.5%	0.5
Illinois Statewide	4.5%	4.3%	0.2

** Data subject to revision.*

CHICAGO– The number of nonfarm jobs increased in eight Illinois metropolitan areas and decreased in six, 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 unemployment rates increased over-the-year in March in twelve Illinois metropolitan areas, decreased in one, and was unchanged in one.

“We continue to see solid job growth taking hold in most metro areas,” said Deputy Governor Dan Hynes. “As more people enter the labor market to work or seek employment, this administration is committed to giving Illinois workers the training they need for the jobs of today’s economy.”

Illinois businesses added jobs in eight metro areas, with the largest percentage increases in: Carbondale-Marion (+3.0%, +1,700), Kankakee (+1.8%, +800), Peoria (+1.6%, +2,800) and Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights (+0.8% or +29,500).

The metro areas showing the largest over-the-year decrease in

total nonfarm jobs were Bloomington (-1.7%, -1,600), Danville (-1.1%, -300) and Champaign-Urbana (-0.5%, -600).

The industry sectors recording job growth in the majority of metro areas included Manufacturing (9 of 14), Professional and Business Services (9 of 14), and Government (8 of 14).

Not seasonally adjusted data compares March 2019 with March 2018. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 4.5 percent in March 2019 and stood at 12.2 percent at its peak in this economic cycle in January 2010. Nationally, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.9 percent in March 2019 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) – March 2019

Metropolitan Area	March 2019*	March 2018**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	91,700	93,300	-1,600
Carbondale-Marion MSA	59,100	57,400	1,700
Champaign-Urbana MSA	111,900	112,500	-600
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,761,400	3,731,900	29,500
Danville MSA	27,500	27,800	-300
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	185,100	183,800	1,300
Decatur MSA	51,100	51,300	-200
Elgin Metro Division	260,400	258,100	2,300
Kankakee MSA	46,000	45,200	800
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	417,900	411,800	6,100
Peoria MSA	174,300	171,500	2,800
Rockford MSA	151,900	151,400	500
Springfield MSA	112,900	113,300	-400
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	239,700	240,400	-700
Illinois Statewide	6,087,000	6,046,800	40,200

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

Labor Market Area	Mar. 2019	Mar. 2018	Over-the- Year Change
Champaign-Urbana MSA	4.8%	4.2%	0.6%
Champaign County	4.7%	4.1%	0.6%
Ford County	5.9%	4.7%	1.2%
Piatt County	4.8%	4.3%	0.5%
Danville MSA	6.3%	6.3%	0.0%
Vermillion County	6.3%	6.3%	0.0%
Cities			
Champaign City	4.4%	3.9%	0.5%
Urbana City	4.6%	3.9%	0.7%
Danville City	6.4%	6.4%	0.0%
Counties			
Clark County	6.2%	5.3%	0.9%
Coles County	5.1%	4.6%	0.5%
DeWitt County	6.0%	5.1%	0.9%
Douglas County	4.5%	4.3%	0.2%
Edgar County	5.5%	4.5%	1.0%
Iroquois County	5.5%	4.9%	0.6%
McLean County	4.8%	4.1%	0.7%
Macon County	6.3%	5.6%	0.7%
Moultrie County	4.0%	3.7%	0.3%
Sangamon County	5.1%	4.3%	0.8%
Shelby County	5.0%	4.4%	0.6%
Other Areas			
LWA 17	4.9%	4.2%	0.7%
LWA 18	6.3%	6.3%	0.0%
East Central EDR	5.1%	4.6%	0.5%

East Central Illinois Highlights

Help Wanted

Area employers advertised for 5,700 positions in March and approximately 78 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 need more workers than the help wanted advertising indicates because some industries, such as Construction, typically do not post advertised job openings.

Champaign-Urbana MSA

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.8 percent in March 2019 from 4.2 percent in March 2018.

Non-farm employment decreased (-600) in comparison with last March.

Employment gains over the year were posted in Government (+500), Other Services (+100), and Financial Activities (+100).

Declines were reported in Education & Health Services (-600), Wholesale Trade (-300), Manufacturing (-200), Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities (-100), and Information (-100).

Danville MSA

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 6.3 percent over the year.

Job gains were reported in Retail Trade (+200), Professional & Business Services (+100), and Wholesale Trade (+100).

A decline in the number of jobs was reported in Mining & Construction (-100).

Note: Monthly 2018 unemployment rates and total nonfarm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February and March 2019, as required by the U.S. 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.

LWA— Local Workforce Area 17 is composed of Champaign, Ford, Iroquois and Piatt Counties.

LWA— Local Workforce Area 18 is composed of Vermillion County.

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