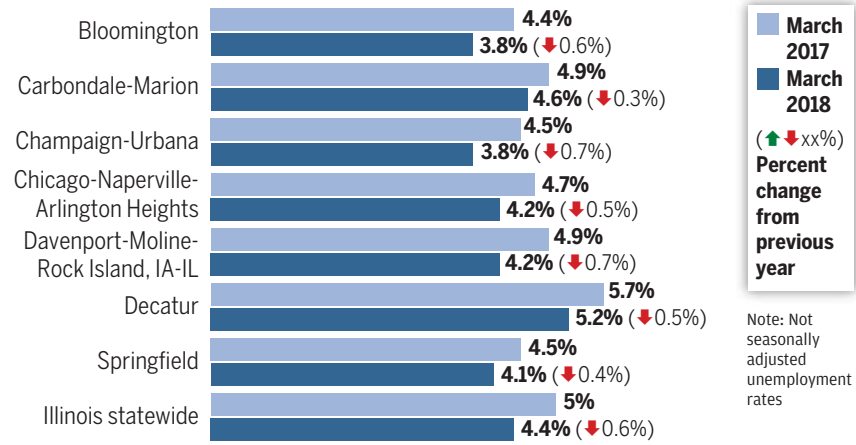


## How unemployment numbers compare

The Illinois Department of Employment Security on Thursday released data showing improved jobless numbers. The statewide unemployment rate stood at 4.4 percent in March, the most recent period available.



Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security

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