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Chicago Metro Unemployment Rate Rises

Manufacturing Loses Jobs in 12 of 14 Metro Areas

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	Oct. 2016	Oct. 2015	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	4.8%	5.0%	-0.2
Carbondale-Marion	5.4%	6.0%	-0.6
Champaign-Urbana	4.8%	5.3%	-0.5
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	5.7%	5.3%	0.4
Danville	6.6%	7.2%	-0.6
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	5.4%	5.7%	-0.3
Decatur	6.2%	7.0%	-0.8
Elgin	4.9%	5.6%	-0.7
Kankakee	5.8%	6.7%	-0.9
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.6%	5.2%	-0.6
Peoria	5.9%	6.9%	-1.0
Rockford	6.0%	7.1%	-1.1
Springfield	4.5%	5.3%	-0.8
St. Louis (IL-Section)	5.2%	6.1%	-0.9
Illinois Statewide	5.5%	5.6%	-0.1

** Data subject to revision.*

CHICAGO– Thirteen of (14) Illinois’ metropolitan (metro) areas experienced decreases in their over-the-year unemployment rates 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). The unemployment rate increased only in the Chicago metro area.

“Overall the year over year unemployment rate increase is disappointing, but not unexpected given Illinois’ lackluster rate of economic recovery since 2011,” said IDES Director Jeff Mays. “Each of the six counties in the Chicago metro division saw their unemployment rate increase, while 94 of the remaining 96 counties in the state saw their rates decline.”

Illinois businesses added jobs in eight metro areas, in which the largest increases were seen in: Elgin Metropolitan Division (+2.0%, +5,100), the Kankakee MSA (+1.5%, +700) and the Champaign-Urbana MSA (+1.4%, +1,600). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division increased +0.6% or +23,800. Illinois businesses lost jobs in five metro areas

including Carbondale-Marion MSA (-2.2%, -1,300), the Decatur MSA (-1.9%, -1,000) and the Bloomington MSA (-1.3%, -1,300). The industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas were Retail Trade (10 areas), Educational and Health Services (8 areas), Leisure and Hospitality (8 areas) and total Government (8 areas). Manufacturing saw decreases in 12 areas.

Not seasonally adjusted data compares October 2016 with October 2015. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 5.5 percent in October 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 4.7 percent in October 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) – October 2016

Metropolitan Area	Oct. 2016*	Oct. 2015**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	95,100	96,400	-1,300
Carbondale-Marion MSA	58,200	59,500	-1,300
Champaign-Urbana MSA	113,600	112,000	1,600
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,732,200	3,708,400	23,800
Danville MSA	29,400	29,400	0
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	181,500	182,800	-1,300
Decatur MSA	51,400	52,400	-1,000
Elgin Metro Division	266,000	260,900	5,100
Kankakee MSA	46,200	45,500	700
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	416,600	412,600	4,000
Peoria MSA	177,600	179,300	-1,700
Rockford MSA	155,800	153,800	2,000
Springfield MSA	116,100	115,000	1,100
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	239,100	237,600	1,500
Illinois Statewide	6,090,000	6,059,300	30,700

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

	Oct. 2016	Oct. 2015	Over- the-Year Change
Decatur MSA			
Macon County	6.2%	7.0%	-0.8
Springfield MSA			
Menard County	4.2%	4.7%	- 0.5
Sangamon County	4.5%	5.4%	-0.9
Cities			
Decatur City	6.9%	7.8%	-0.9
Quincy City	4.9%	5.7%	-0.8
Springfield City	4.8%	5.7%	-0.9
Counties			
Adams County	4.6%	5.3%	-0.7
Brown County	2.9%	3.6%	-0.7
Calhoun County	5.6%	6.5%	-0.9
Cass County	4.8%	5.7%	-0.9
Christian County	5.7%	6.7%	-1.0
DeWitt County	5.1%	5.3%	-0.2
Greene County	5.0%	6.0%	-1.0
Jersey County	5.2%	6.1%	-0.9
Logan County	5.3%	5.4%	-0.1
McDonough County	5.5%	6.2%	-0.7
Macoupin County	5.2%	6.3%	-1.1
Montgomery County	6.3%	7.6%	-1.3
Morgan County	4.4%	5.0%	-0.6
Moultrie County	4.3%	4.6%	-0.3
Piatt County	4.5%	5.1%	-0.6
Pike County	4.4%	4.9%	-0.5
Schuyler County	4.6%	5.6%	-1.0
Scott County	4.4%	4.9%	-0.5
Shelby County	5.7%	6.1%	-0.4
Other Areas			
LWA 19	6.0%	6.8%	-0.8
LWA 20	4.7%	5.5%	-0.8
LWA 21	5.2%	6.1%	-0.9
Central EDR	5.1%	5.9%	-0.8

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 6,300 positions in October and approximately 83 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 not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 6.2 percent in October 2016 from 7.0 percent in October 2015. There were an estimated 3,100 unemployed people in the labor force in October 2016.

The total number of nonfarm jobs in the Decatur metro area declined by (-1,000) compared to one year ago. Payrolls increased in Leisure and Hospitality (+200), Educational and Health Services (+100), Wholesale Trade (+100), and Health Care and Social Assistance (+100). Declines were reported in Construction and Mining (-600), Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (-300), Professional and Business Services (-300), Manufacturing (-100), and Government (-100). All other major industry sectors were stable compared to last year.

Springfield MSA

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.5 percent in October 2016 from 5.3 percent in October 2015. There were an estimated 5,100 unemployed people in the labor force in October 2016. The rate was the lowest of all metro areas in the state and remains below the comparable state rate and the national rate. The data is not seasonally adjusted.

The Springfield metro area nonfarm job total increased by (+1,100) compared to a year ago. Payroll increases were reported in Retail Trade (+900), Government (+400), Other Services (+300), and Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (+300). Declines were reported in Professional and Business Services (-300), Manufacturing (-200), Leisure and Hospitality (-100), Educational and Health Services (-100), Health Care and Social Assistance (-100), and Financial Activities (-100). All other major industry sectors were little changed compared to last year.