



# News Release

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## Unemployment Rate Falls in Most Areas Compared to Last Year *Payrolls up in Champaign and Rockford; Chicago Adds 60,700 Jobs*

### Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	June 2013*	June 2012
Bloomington-Normal	7.5%	7.6%
Champaign-Urbana	8.7%	9.1%
Chicago-Joliet-Naperville	10.3%	9.6%
Danville	11.1%	10.0%
Davenport-Moline-Rock Isl.	6.8%	7.2%
Decatur	12.5%	10.9%
Kankakee-Bradley	10.9%	11.0%
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	8.2%	8.7%
Peoria	8.8%	7.9%
Rockford	11.0%	11.5%
Springfield	7.5%	7.8%
St. Louis (IL-Section)	8.2%	9.0%

*\* Data subject to revision.*

**CHICAGO** – June local unemployment rates fell in eight of 12 metro areas, according to preliminary data released today by the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Not seasonally adjusted data compares June 2013 to June 2012. Largest decreases: Metro East (-0.8 point to 8.2 percent), Lake County (-0.5 to 8.2 percent), Rockford (-0.5 to 11 percent), and Champaign-Urbana (-0.4 to 8.7 percent). Largest increases: Decatur (+1.6 points to 12.5 percent), Danville (+1.1 to 11.1 percent), Peoria (+0.9 to 8.8 percent), and Chicago-Joliet-Naperville Metropolitan Division (+0.7 to 10.3 percent).

Jobs increased in five metros and declined in seven. Largest increases: Champaign-Urbana (+1.8 percent, +1,800), Chicago-Joliet-Naperville (+1.6 percent, +60,700), and Rockford (+0.7 percent, +1,100). Industry sectors increasing in the most metros: Educational and Health Services (nine of 12), Financial Activities (eight of 12), and Leisure and Hospitality (seven of 12).

“Consumer confidence must grow resilient to uncertain global and national news before monthly economic growth will consistently occur in all corners of our state,” IDES Director Jay Rowell said. “However, we are encouraged by the continued job growth in our larger regions.”

Not seasonally adjusted data compares the current month to the same month of the previous year. The June 2013 not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 9.8 percent and 12.2 percent at its peak in this economic cycle in January 2010. Nationally, the unemployment rate was 7.8 percent in June 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. Historically, the state unemployment rate is higher than the national rate. 779\*\*13

### Total Non-farm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – June 2013

Metropolitan Area	June 2013*	June 2012**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington-Normal MSA	89,100	90,400	-1,300
Champaign-Urbana MSA	102,400	100,600	1,800
Chicago-Joliet-Naperville Metro Div.	3,803,700	3,743,000	60,700
Danville MSA	29,200	30,100	-900
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	186,600	186,400	200
Decatur MSA	50,600	52,900	-2,300
Kankakee-Bradley MSA	43,900	44,000	-100
Lake County-Kenosha County Metro Div.	398,800	398,400	400
Peoria MSA	183,800	187,400	-3,600
Rockford MSA	149,800	148,700	1,100





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Springfield MSA	112,400	112,600	-200
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	230,500	231,400	-900
	<i>*Preliminary</i>	<i>**Revised</i>	

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

<b>Labor Market Areas</b>	<b>Jun-13</b>	<b>Jun-12</b>
<b>Bloomington-Normal</b>		
McLean County	7.5 %	7.6 %
<b>Peoria MSA</b>		
Marshall County	7.0 %	7.5 %
Peoria County	9.4 %	8.4 %
Stark County	10.3 %	8.8 %
Tazewell County	8.5 %	7.6 %
Woodford County	7.5 %	6.4 %
<b>Ottawa-Streator Area</b>		
Bureau County	8.6 %	9.2 %
LaSalle County	10.8 %	11.2 %
Putnam County	9.9 %	9.3 %
<b>Galesburg Area</b>		
Knox County	8.4 %	8.4 %
Warren County	8.4 %	8.5 %
<b>Cities</b>		
Bloomington City	7.5 %	7.6 %
Galesburg City	8.8 %	8.9 %
Normal City	8.1 %	8.3 %
Pekin City	9.9 %	9.2 %
Peoria City	9.8 %	9.0 %
<b>Counties</b>		
DeWitt County	8.1 %	8.1 %
Fulton County	10.4 %	9.9 %
Henderson County	7.0 %	7.0 %
Henry County	7.4 %	7.4 %
Livingston County	8.6 %	8.6 %
Logan County	8.5 %	8.5 %
Mason County	10.8 %	10.9 %

Historically, the Illinois unemployment rate is higher than the national rate. Only six times since January 2000 has the state rate been lower than the national rate. The data is seasonally adjusted and includes times of both economic expansion and contraction. Generally, this trend holds for the 10 largest industrial states in the country, which includes Illinois.

**Note:**

- Monthly 2012 unemployment rates and total non-farm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February 2013, 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.

**Central Illinois Highlights**

**Bloomington-Normal MSA:**

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 7.5 percent in June 2013 from 7.6 percent in June 2012. The last time the June rate was equal to or lower was in 2011 when it was also 7.5 percent. This was the fourth consecutive month the rate was equal to or below the same month last year.

Non-farm payroll employment decreased -1,300 from one year ago. Jobs were added in Leisure-Hospitality (+400) and Financial Activities (+300). Declines occurred in Government (-1,200) and Professional-Business Services (-1,000).

**Peoria MSA:**

Temporary layoffs in manufacturing helped push the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate to 8.8 percent in June 2013 from 7.9 percent in June 2012.

Non-farm payroll employment decreased -3,600 from the previous June. The largest job gains occurred in Educational-Health Services (+1,500) and Wholesale Trade (+200). Manufacturing was down -2,300 largely due to temporary layoffs. Professional-Business Services (-1,300) also was lower than a year ago.

**Ottawa-Streator Area:**

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 10.3 percent in June 2013 from 10.7 percent in June 2012. The last time the June rate was equal to or lower was in 2008 when it was 7.5 percent. This was the third month in a row the rate was equal to or below the same month last year.

The non-farm payroll job total was unchanged from last year. Among the sectors, jobs were added in Other Services (+175), Transportation-Warehousing-Utilities (+175), Professional-Business Services (+100) and Construction (+100). Retail Trade (-300) had the largest drop.

**Pontiac Area:**

The June 2013 not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 8.6 percent was unchanged from the previous June.

Non-farm payroll employment decreased -200 with a gain in Transportation-Warehousing-Utilities (+50) and declines in Manufacturing (-100) and Government (-100)



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