

# Unemployment Rates Rise In All Metro Areas As COVID-19 Impacts Entire State

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**SPRINGFIELD** –The number of nonfarm jobs decreased over-the-year in April in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas, with six metro areas at record low payrolls, 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 shows that the unemployment rate increased over-the-year in all metro areas to record highs for the month of April as the COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact local areas across the state. The official, BLS approved, sub-state unemployment rate and nonfarm jobs series begins in 1990. Data reported prior to 1990 are not directly comparable due to updates in methodology.

“With every corner of our nation impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is time for the federal government to provide state and local governments with additional relief,” said Deputy Governor Dan Hynes. “Our administration is focused on helping small businesses rebuild and ensuring working families recover as communities across the state begin safely reopening their economies next week.”

Data shows the number of nonfarm jobs decreased in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas. Total nonfarm jobs were down in Peoria (-17.9%, -30,500), Decatur (-17.6%, -9,000) and Rockford (-15.6%, -23,600). Jobs were down -12.8% (-483,200) in Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights. Job losses occurred across all industries and there were no industry sectors that recorded job growth in a majority of metro areas.

Not seasonally adjusted data compares April 2020 with April 2019. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 16.9 percent in April 2020, a record high for the month of April, dating back to 1976. Nationally, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 14.4 percent in April 2020, also a record high, dating back to 1948. The unemployment rate identifies those individuals who are out of work and seeking employment.

### **Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates**

<b>Metropolitan Area</b>	<b>April 2020*</b>	<b>April 2019**</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Change</b>
Bloomington	12.8%	3.3%	9.5
Carbondale-Marion	17.1%	3.4%	13.7
Champaign-Urbana	10.9%	3.3%	7.6
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	17.6%	3.5%	14.1
Danville	17.2%	4.3%	12.9

Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	15.2%	3.6%	11.6
Decatur	16.2%	4.5%	11.7
Elgin	16.6%	3.9%	12.7
Kankakee	15.9%	4.4%	11.5
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	15.1%	3.7%	11.4
Peoria	17.8%	4.1%	13.7
Rockford	22.4%	4.5%	17.9
Springfield	14.2%	3.5%	10.7
St. Louis (IL-Section)	15.1%	3.5%	11.6
Illinois Statewide	16.9%	3.6%	13.3

*\* Preliminary I \*\* Revised*

### **Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – April 2020**

<b>Metropolitan Area</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Over-the-Year</b>
	<b>2020*</b>	<b>2019**</b>	<b>Change</b>

Bloomington MSA	82,600	94,700	-12,100
Carbondale-Marion MSA	52,200	59,300	-7,100
Champaign-Urbana MSA	108,000	117,300	-9,300
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,284,200	3,767,400	-483,200
Danville MSA	24,100	27,400	-3,300
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	165,400	186,600	-21,200
Decatur MSA	42,100	51,100	-9,000
Elgin Metro Division	223,900	262,100	-38,200
Kankakee MSA	41,800	45,700	-3,900
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	365,100	419,000	-53,900
Peoria MSA	140,200	170,700	-30,500
Rockford MSA	127,500	151,100	-23,600
Springfield MSA	97,500	110,000	-12,500
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	226,200	241,900	-15,700

Illinois Statewide

5,293,2006,102,100-808,900

***\*Preliminary / \*\*Revised***

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

**Labor Market Area   Apr 2020   Apr 2019   Over the Year Change**

**St. Louis (IL-Section)   15.1 %   3.5 %   11.6**

Bond County   12.7 %   3.4 %   9.3

Calhoun County   17.2 %   4.3 %   12.9

Clinton County   13.7 %   2.6 %   11.1

Jersey County   15.5 %   3.9 %   11.6

Macoupin County   13.9 %   3.7 %   10.2

Madison County   14.9 %   3.4 %   11.5

Monroe County   12.6 %   2.6 %   10.0

St. Clair County   16.1 %   3.8 %   12.3

**Cities**

Alton City	18.7 %	4.7 %	14.0
Belleville City	17.2 %	3.8 %	13.4
Collinsville City	17.2 %	3.4 %	13.8
East St. Louis City	17.5 %	6.7 %	10.8
Edwardsville City	11.4 %	2.8 %	8.6
Granite City	16.0 %	4.1 %	11.9
O'Fallon City	16.0 %	3.2 %	12.8

## Counties

Greene County	11.7 %	3.7 %	8.0
Randolph County	16.1 %	3.0 %	13.1
Washington County	17.5 %	2.2 %	15.3

## Other Areas

LWIA 21	13.0 %	3.7 %	9.3
LWIA 22	14.8 %	3.4 %	11.4

LWIA 24	15.6 %	3.4 %	12.2
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Southwestern EDR	15.2 %	3.4 %	11.8
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## **Metro East Highlights**

The April 2020 unemployment rate for the Illinois Section of the St. Louis Metropolitan Statistical Area was 15.1 percent, an increase of +11.6 percentage points from the April 2019 rate of 3.5 percent. This is the highest April unemployment rate on record for the Illinois section of the St. Louis MSA. The data is not seasonally adjusted.

The labor force decreased by -30,846 to 313,280 in April 2020 from 344,126 in April 2019. The number of employed individuals decreased by -66,005 to 266,110 in April 2020 from 332,115 in April 2019. In April 2020, there were 47,170 unemployed people in the labor force. This is an increase of +35,159 compared to the April 2019 total unemployed, 12,011.

Nonfarm payrolls decreased in April 2020 by -15,850, a record decline compared to one year ago.

Employment increased in Government (+300), and Natural Resources and Mining (+25).

Decreases in employment over the year included Leisure and Hospitality (-6,675), Manufacturing (-3,200), Educational and Health Services (-2,400), Other Services (-1,500), Professional and Business Services (-850), Financial Activities (-475), Construction (-425), Trade, Transportation and Utilities (-350), and Information (-250).

**Note:** Monthly 2019 unemployment rates and total nonfarm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February and March 2020, 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. The official monthly unemployment rate series for metro areas, counties and most cities begins in 1990. The official monthly nonfarm jobs series for metro areas begins in 1990 and for non-metropolitan counties it begins in 1999.