

COVID-19 Pandemic Sends Unemployment Rising Upward In Area Counties, Cities

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SPRINGFIELD - Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, unemployment rates in June 2020 around the region climbed upward.

The most recent unemployment rate for Madison County was 12.2 percent for June 2020 compared to 4.0 percent in June 2019.

East St. Louis had the highest unemployment rate in major cities around the Metro East with a mark of 19.9 percent in June 2020 compared to 7.4 percent in June 2019. Alton had a 16.0 percent unemployment rate in June 2020, compared to 5.9 percent in June 2019; Granite City's rate was 14.6 percent, Collinsville at 13.5 percent, O'Fallon was at 12.2 percent and Edwardsville at 9.6 percent in June 2020 compared to 3.0 percent in June 2019.

Jersey posted a 11.5 percent unemployment mark in June 2020, compared to 4.5 percent in June 2019, while Macoupin County had a rate of 10.3 percent. Greene County had the lowest rate of any county in the Riverbender.com region with a mark of 8.9 percent.

Metro East Highlights

The June 2020 unemployment rate for the Illinois Section of the St. Louis Metropolitan Statistical Area was 12.3 percent. This was the highest June unemployment rate on record. The over-the-year rate increased +8.2 percentage points from the June 2019 rate of 4.1 percent. The data is not seasonally adjusted.

The labor force declined by -1,507 to 346,382 in June 2020 from 347,889 in June 2019. The number of employed individuals decreased by -30,051 to 303,616 in June 2020 from 333,667 in June 2019. In June 2020, there were 42,766 unemployed people in the labor force. This is a decline of 28,554 compared to the June 2019 total unemployed, 14,222.

Compared to June 2019, nonfarm payrolls decreased by -15,175.

Payrolls increased in Government (+600), Construction (+75), and Natural Resources and Mining (+50).

Employment declined in Leisure and Hospitality (-5,975), Educational and Health Services (-3,375), Manufacturing (-2,950), Other Services (-1,575), Professional and Business Services (-900), Financial Activities (-475), Trade, Transportation and Utilities (-400), and Information (-275).

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.

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	June 2020*	June 2019**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	10.6%	3.8%	6.8
Carbondale-Marion	12.3%	4.1%	8.2
Champaign-Urbana	10.2%	3.9%	6.3
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	16.4%	4.1%	12.3
Danville	12.3%	4.8%	7.5
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	11.1%	3.9%	7.2
Decatur	14.4%	5.2%	9.2
Elgin	13.1%	4.0%	9.1
Kankakee	12.0%	4.4%	7.6
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	11.2%	3.7%	7.5
Peoria	13.5%	4.3%	9.2
Rockford	16.0%	5.5%	10.5
Springfield	11.8%	3.8%	8.0

St. Louis (IL-Section)	12.3%	4.1%	8.2
Illinois Statewide	14.6%	4.1%	10.5

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Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – June 2020

Metropolitan Area	June	June	Over-the- Year
	2020*	2019**	Change
Bloomington MSA	82,100	91,300	-9,200
Carbondale-Marion MSA	52,500	56,300	-3,800
Champaign-Urbana MSA	102,900	109,500	-6,600
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,475,200	3,841,500	-366,300
Danville MSA	26,000	27,400	-1,400
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	176,800	189,200	-12,400
Decatur MSA	45,300	51,100	-5,800
Elgin Metro Division	231,600	265,000	-33,400

Kankakee MSA	44,300	46,700	-2,400
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	384,600	432,000	-47,400
Peoria MSA	150,000	172,800	-22,800
Rockford MSA	134,900	152,300	-17,400
Springfield MSA	101,500	111,600	-10,100
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	225,400	240,500	-15,100
Illinois Statewide	5,586,500	6,183,800	-597,300

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

Labor Market Area Jun 2020 Jun 2019 Over the Year Change

St. Louis (IL-Section) 12.3 % 4.1 % 8.2

Bond County 10.8 % 3.6 % 7.2

Calhoun County 12.2 % 5.6 % 6.6

Clinton County 8.7 % 2.9 % 5.8

Jersey County	11.5 %	4.5 %	7.0
Macoupin County	10.3 %	4.0 %	6.3
Madison County	12.2 %	4.0 %	8.2
Monroe County	9.0 %	3.0 %	6.0
St. Clair County	14.1 %	4.5 %	9.6

Cities

Alton City	16.0 %	5.9 %	10.1
Belleville City	15.9 %	4.6 %	11.3
Collinsville City	13.5 %	4.0 %	9.5
East St. Louis City	19.9 %	7.4 %	12.5
Edwardsville City	9.6 %	3.0 %	6.6
Granite City	14.6 %	4.8 %	9.8
O'Fallon City	12.2 %	3.7 %	8.5

Counties

Greene County	8.9 %	4.2 %	4.7
Randolph County	9.8 %	3.5 %	6.3
Washington County	7.2 %	2.4 %	4.8
Other Areas			
LWIA 21	10.1 %	4.0 %	6.1
LWIA 22	12.1 %	4.1 %	8.0
LWIA 24	12.4 %	4.0 %	8.4
Southwestern EDR	12.2 %	4.0 %	8.2