



# Unemployment Remains Down In Edwardsville/Alton, Plus Same In Area Counties In November 2021

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SPRINGFIELD – Edwardsville's and Alton's unemployment rates both dipped to respectable levels in November 2021. Edwardsville posted a 2.2 percent unemployment rate in November 2021 compared to 4.3 percent at the same time in 2020 and Alton had a 5.5 percent rate compared to 7.8 percent a year ago.

Jersey County had a 3.6 percent unemployment rate in November 2021 compared to 4.7 percent a year ago, Macoupin County's unemployment rate was 3.5 percent compared to 4.3 percent a year ago; Madison County's unemployment rate was 3.6 percent compared to 5.1 percent a year ago. Greene County's November unemployment rate was 4.6 percent compared to 4.9 percent a year ago. Calhoun's rate was 3.5 percent compared to 4.3 percent at the same time a year ago.

East St. Louis' unemployment rate remains high at 8.5 percent for November 2021.



The unemployment rate decreased over the year in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas in November for the eighth consecutive month according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Jobs were up in all fourteen metropolitan areas.

“November’s continued positive growth is another encouraging sign for our strengthening economy,” said Deputy Governor Andy Manar. “As we look towards the new year, Illinois is committed to building on this momentum, to ensure workers and businesses continue to thrive across the state.”

Over-the-year, total nonfarm jobs increased in all fourteen metropolitan areas. The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Carbondale-Marion MSA (+4.6%, +2,600), the Chicago-Metropolitan Division (+4.0%, +141,000), the Champaign-Urbana MSA (+3.8%, +4,400) and the Kankakee MSA (+3.8%, +1,600). The industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included: Leisure & Hospitality (fourteen areas); Other Services and Government (twelve areas each); Wholesale Trade and Transportation, Warehousing & Public Utilities (eleven areas each); Professional & Business Services (ten areas); Mining and Construction (nine areas); Manufacturing and Education & Health Services (eight areas each).

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate decreases were the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metropolitan Division (-4.1 points to 4.8%), Lake County-Kenosha County, IL-WI Metropolitan Division (-2.1 points to 3.5%), the Decatur MSA (-2.0 points to 6.1%), and the Elgin Metropolitan Division (-2.0 points to 4.3%). The unemployment rate decreased over the year in all 102 counties.

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

<b>Metropolitan Area</b>	<b>November 2021*</b>	<b>November 2020**</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Change</b>
Bloomington	3.4%	4.8%	-1.4
Carbondale-Marion	4.0%	5.4%	-1.4
Champaign-Urbana	3.3%	4.7%	-1.4
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	4.8%	8.9%	-4.1
Danville	4.9%	6.4%	-1.5
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	3.7%	5.3%	-1.6

Decatur	6.1%	8.1%	-2.0
Elgin	4.3%	6.3%	-2.0
Kankakee	5.0%	6.6%	-1.6
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	3.5%	5.6%	-2.1
Peoria	4.6%	6.3%	-1.7
Rockford	6.5%	7.4%	-0.9
Springfield	4.2%	6.1%	-1.9
St. Louis (IL-Section)	3.8%	5.3%	-1.5
Illinois Statewide	4.5%	7.6%	-3.1

*\* Preliminary I \*\* Revised*

### **Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – November 2021**

<b>Metropolitan Area</b>	<b>November</b>		<b>Over-the-</b>
	<b>2021*</b>	<b>2020**</b>	<b>Year</b>
			<b>Change</b>
Bloomington MSA	89,600	88,500	1,100

Carbondale-Marion MSA	59,300	56,700	2,600
Champaign-Urbana MSA	121,100	116,700	4,400
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,648,200	3,507,200	141,000
Danville MSA	26,900	26,300	600
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	178,800	176,500	2,300
Decatur MSA	48,500	47,000	1,500
Elgin Metro Division	249,400	241,100	8,300
Kankakee MSA	44,100	42,500	1,600
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	410,400	401,200	9,200
Peoria MSA	164,600	162,100	2,500
Rockford MSA	143,300	139,300	4,000
Springfield MSA	104,200	102,800	1,400
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	234,400	231,500	2,900
Illinois Statewide	5,938,900	5,704,500	234,400

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

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

**Labor Market Area   Nov 2021   Nov 2020   Over the Year Change**

**St. Louis (IL-Section)   3.8 %   5.3 %   -1.5**

Bond County   3.6 %   4.4 %   -0.8

Calhoun County   3.5 %   4.3 %   -0.8

Clinton County   2.5 %   3.6 %   -1.1

Jersey County   3.1 %   4.7 %   -1.6

Macoupin County   3.5 %   4.3 %   -0.8

Madison County   3.6 %   5.1 %   -1.5

Monroe County   2.2 %   3.3 %   -1.1

St. Clair County   4.6 %   6.4 %   -1.8

**Cities**

Alton City	5.5 %	7.8 %	-2.3
Belleville City	5.2 %	7.4 %	-2.2
Collinsville City	3.9 %	5.1 %	-1.2
East St. Louis City	8.5 %	11.1 %	-2.6
Edwardsville City	2.4 %	4.3 %	-1.9
Granite City	4.6 %	6.8 %	-2.2
O'Fallon City	3.2 %	4.9 %	-1.7

## Counties

Greene County	3.4 %	4.9 %	-1.5
Randolph County	3.2 %	4.4 %	-1.2
Washington County	2.3 %	2.7 %	-0.4

## Other Areas

LWIA 21	3.6 %	4.7 %	-1.1
LWIA 22	3.6 %	5.1 %	-1.5

LWIA 24	3.9 %	5.5 %	-1.6
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Southwestern EDR	3.8 %	5.3 %	-1.5
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## **Metro East Highlights**

The November 2021 unemployment rate for the Illinois Section of the St. Louis Metropolitan Statistical Area was 3.8 percent. The over-the-year rate decreased -1.5 percentage points from the November 2020 rate of 5.3 percent. The data is not seasonally adjusted.

The labor force increased by +3,463 in November 2021 to 335,226 from 331,763 in November 2020. The number of employed individuals increased by +8,357 to 322,452 in November 2021 from 314,095 in November 2020. In November 2021, there were 12,774 unemployed people in the labor force. This is a decrease of -4,894 compared to the 17,668 unemployed in November 2020.

The number of total nonfarm jobs in November 2021 was 234,400 compared to 231,500 in November 2020, which is an increase of +2,900.

Payrolls increased in Government (+1,800), Leisure and Hospitality (+600), Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (+600), Educational and Health Services (+400), Other Services (+300), and Wholesale Trade (+100). No change was reported in Manufacturing.

Employment declined in Financial Activities (-300), Retail Trade (-300), Information (-100), and Mining and Construction (-100), and Professional and Business Services (-100).

**Note:** Monthly 2020 unemployment rates and total nonfarm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February and March 2021, 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.