

Edwardsville Unemployment Rate 2.3 Percent, Alton Is 4.8 Percent, Madison County 3.3 Percent

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SPRINGFIELD – Area unemployment rates stayed low in the month of December 2021 in the latest statistics.

Edwardsville's unemployment rate was a remarkable 2.3 percent, the lowest in the area.

Madison County's unemployment rate stood at 3.3 percent, while Jersey was 3.1 percent, Macoupin County was 3.3 percent, and Calhoun and Greene County 3.4 percent. St. Clair County stood at 4.2 percent.

Alton has a 4.8 percent unemployment rate for December 2021, much better than 8.9 percent in December 2020.

Statewide the unemployment rate was 4.3 percent in December 2021, compared to 7.9 percent in 2020.

The unemployment rate decreased over the year in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas in December for the ninth 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 thirteen metro areas and down in one.

“We are pleased to see continued positive economic trends across Illinois,” said Deputy Governor Andy Manar.

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	December 2021*	December 2020**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	3.3%	5.9%	-2.6
Carbondale-Marion	3.8%	6.1%	-2.3
Champaign-Urbana	3.2%	5.6%	-2.4
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	4.5%	8.7%	-4.2
Danville	4.6%	7.3%	-2.7

Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	3.7%	6.1%	-2.4
Decatur	5.7%	9.2%	-3.5
Elgin	4.4%	7.3%	-2.9
Kankakee	4.9%	7.5%	-2.6
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	3.7%	6.5%	-2.8
Peoria	4.4%	7.4%	-3.0
Rockford	6.3%	8.2%	-1.9
Springfield	3.9%	7.3%	-3.4
St. Louis (IL-Section)	3.5%	6.1%	-2.6
Illinois Statewide	4.3%	7.9%	-3.6

** Preliminary I ** Revised*

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – December 2021

Metropolitan Area	December	December	Over-the-Year
	2021*	2020**	Change

Bloomington MSA	87,300	87,900	-600
Carbondale-Marion MSA	59,100	55,800	3,300
Champaign-Urbana MSA	119,500	115,100	4,400
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,654,900	3,490,900	164,000
Danville MSA	26,800	26,100	700
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	182,000	175,800	6,200
Decatur MSA	48,400	46,600	1,800
Elgin Metro Division	248,300	238,800	9,500
Kankakee MSA	44,400	42,000	2,400
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	409,400	395,700	13,700
Peoria MSA	164,600	159,000	5,600
Rockford MSA	145,200	138,600	6,600
Springfield MSA	103,900	100,900	3,000

Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	234,200	231,100	3,100
Illinois Statewide	5,937,000	5,675,100	261,900
<i>*Preliminary / **Revised</i>			

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

Labor Market Area Dec 2021Dec 2020Over the Year Change

St. Louis (IL-Section)3.5 % 6.1 % -2.6

Bond County 3.2 % 5.1 % -1.9

Calhoun County 3.4 % 6.0 % -2.6

Clinton County 2.4 % 4.2 % -1.8

Jersey County 3.1 % 5.9 % -2.8

Macoupin County 3.3 % 5.6 % -2.3

Madison County 3.3 % 6.0 % -2.7

Monroe County 2.1 % 3.9 % -1.8

St. Clair County 4.2 % 6.9 % -2.7

Cities

Alton City	4.8 %	8.9 %	-4.1
Belleville City	4.7 %	7.4 %	-2.7
Collinsville City	3.6 %	6.7 %	-3.1
East St. Louis City	6.9 %	11.1 %	-4.2
Edwardsville City	2.3 %	4.6 %	-2.3
Granite City	4.0 %	7.1 %	-3.1
O'Fallon City	3.4 %	5.8 %	-2.4

Counties

Greene County	3.4 %	5.5 %	-2.1
Randolph County	3.0 %	5.2 %	-2.2
Washington County	2.1 %	3.4 %	-1.3

Other Areas

LWIA 21	3.6 %	5.8 %	-2.2
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LWIA 22	3.3 %	6.0 %	-2.7
LWIA 24	3.6 %	6.0 %	-2.4
Southwestern EDR	3.5 %	6.0 %	-2.5

Metro East Highlights

The December 2021 unemployment rate for the Illinois Section of the St. Louis Metropolitan Statistical Area was 3.5 percent. The over-the-year rate decreased -2.6 percentage points from the December 2020 rate of 6.1 percent. The data is not seasonally adjusted.

The labor force decreased by -1,316 in December 2021 to 327,699 from 329,015 in December 2020. The number of employed individuals increased by +7,120 to 316,109 in December 2021 from 308,989 in December 2020. In December 2021, there were 11,590 unemployed people in the labor force. This is a decrease of -8,436 compared to the 20,026 unemployed in December 2020.

The number of total nonfarm jobs in December 2021 was 234,200 compared to 231,100 in December 2020, which is an increase of +3,100.

Payrolls increased in Government (+1,800), Leisure and Hospitality (+700), Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (+700), Educational and Health Services (+400), Other Services (+200), and Wholesale Trade (+100). No change was reported in Information or Professional and Business Services.

Employment declined in Financial Activities (-300), Retail Trade (-300), Mining and Construction (-100), and Manufacturing (-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.*