

# **Jersey Is 4.0 Percent, Madison County 4.1 Percent: Area Unemployment Rates Remain Low In February**

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SPRINGFIELD – Area unemployment figures continued to show a low mark for the month of February 2022 compared to February 2021.

Jersey County had the lowest unemployment rate in the region in February at 4.0 percent compared to 5.6 percent last year at this time. Madison County recorded a 4.1

percent mark compared to 5.8 percent a year ago; Macoupin County was 4.3 percent compared to 5.8 in February 2021; Greene County was at 4.5 percent compared to 5.9 percent in 2021; and Calhoun was 4.7 percent compared to 5.8 percent a year ago.

Edwardsville was down to a remarkable 2.7 percent unemployment rate for February 2022, compared to 4.2 percent a year ago. Alton dropped to 5.1 percent from 8.2 percent in February 2021. Granite City was at 4.2 percent from 7.2 percent a year ago; and O'Fallon recorded a 4.2 percent unemployment mark compared to 5.5 percent in 2021.

The unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas in February for the eleventh 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 metro areas.

“We are encouraged by Illinois’ sustained growth across the economy,” said Deputy Governor Andy Manar.

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

<b>Metropolitan Area</b>	<b>February 2022*</b>	<b>February 2021**</b>	<b>Over-the-Year Change</b>
Bloomington	3.9%	5.6%	-1.7
Carbondale-Marion	4.7%	6.6%	-1.9
Champaign-Urbana	3.8%	5.7%	-1.9
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	4.9%	7.5%	-2.6
Danville	6.0%	7.7%	-1.7
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	4.6%	6.8%	-2.2

Decatur	7.1%	9.1%	-2.0
Elgin	5.6%	7.6%	-2.0
Kankakee	6.5%	8.1%	-1.6
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.9%	6.6%	-1.7
Peoria	5.6%	7.5%	-1.9
Rockford	7.9%	10.4%	-2.5
Springfield	4.8%	6.7%	-1.9
St. Louis (IL-Section)	4.4%	6.2%	-1.8
Illinois Statewide	5.0%	7.3%	-2.3

*\* Preliminary I \*\* Revised*

### **Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – February 2022**

<b>Metropolitan Area</b>	<b>FebruaryFebruaryOver-the- Year</b>		
	<b>2022*</b>	<b>2021**</b>	<b>Change</b>
Bloomington MSA	92,400	86,400	6,000

Carbondale-Marion MSA	57,100	54,800	2,300
Champaign-Urbana MSA	116,000	112,300	3,700
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,659,600	3,472,800	186,800
Danville MSA	25,700	25,200	500
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	178,800	171,500	7,300
Decatur MSA	47,700	46,100	1,600
Elgin Metro Division	249,500	234,800	14,700
Kankakee MSA	41,900	41,800	100
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	406,400	396,400	10,000
Peoria MSA	162,800	158,400	4,400
Rockford MSA	141,700	135,800	5,900
Springfield MSA	106,700	101,300	5,400
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	231,800	228,900	2,900
Illinois Statewide	5,885,500	5,626,400	259,100

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

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

**Labor Market Area   Feb 2022Feb 2021Over the Year Change**

**St. Louis (IL-Section)4.4 %    6.2 %    -1.8**

Bond County            4.4 %    5.9 %    -1.5

Calhoun County        4.7 %    6.7 %    -2.0

Clinton County        3.3 %    4.7 %    -1.4

Jersey County         4.0 %    5.6 %    -1.6

Macoupin County      4.3 %    5.8 %    -1.5

Madison County       4.1 %    5.8 %    -1.7

Monroe County        2.8 %    4.0 %    -1.2

St. Clair County       5.1 %    7.3 %    -2.2

**Cities**

Alton City              5.1 %    8.2 %    -3.1

Belleville City	5.4 %	7.7 %	-2.3
Collinsville City	4.9 %	6.3 %	-1.4
East St. Louis City	6.9 %	11.8 %	-4.9
Edwardsville City	2.7 %	4.2 %	-1.5
Granite City	4.2 %	7.2 %	-3.0
O'Fallon City	4.2 %	5.5 %	-1.3

### **Counties**

Greene County	4.5 %	5.9 %	-1.4
Randolph County	3.8 %	5.3 %	-1.5
Washington County	2.4 %	3.7 %	-1.3

### **Other Areas**

LWIA 21	4.6 %	6.1 %	-1.5
LWIA 22	4.1 %	5.8 %	-1.7
LWIA 24	4.5 %	6.3 %	-1.8

Southwestern EDR     4.3 %     6.1 %     -1.8

## **Metro East Highlights**

The February 2022 unemployment rate for the Illinois Section of the St. Louis Metropolitan Statistical Area was 4.4 percent. The over-the-year rate decreased -1.8 percentage points from the February 2021 rate of 6.2 percent. The data is not seasonally adjusted.

The labor force decreased by -2,025 in February 2022 to 333,195 from 335,220 in February 2021. The number of employed individuals increased by +4,151 to 318,642 in February 2022 from 314,491 in February 2021. There were 14,553 unemployed people in the labor force in February 2022. This is a decrease of -6,176 compared to the 20,729 unemployed in February 2021.

The number of total nonfarm jobs in February 2022 was 231,800 compared to 228,900 in February 2021, which is an increase of +2,900.

Payrolls increased in Leisure and Hospitality (+2,600), Mining and Construction (+800), Government (+600), Manufacturing (+400), Other Services (+300), Educational and Health Services (+100), and Professional and Business Services (+100). No employment changes were reported in Information or Wholesale Trade.

Employment declined in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-1,100), Retail Trade (-600), and Financial Activities (-300).

***Note:** Monthly 2021 unemployment rates and total nonfarm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February and March 2022, 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.*