

Illinois Job Index



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For the July 2007 Illinois Job Index, the Coalition issued a Negative rating. While the Nation also had a negative growth for the first time four years, RMW managed to maintain a positive rating.

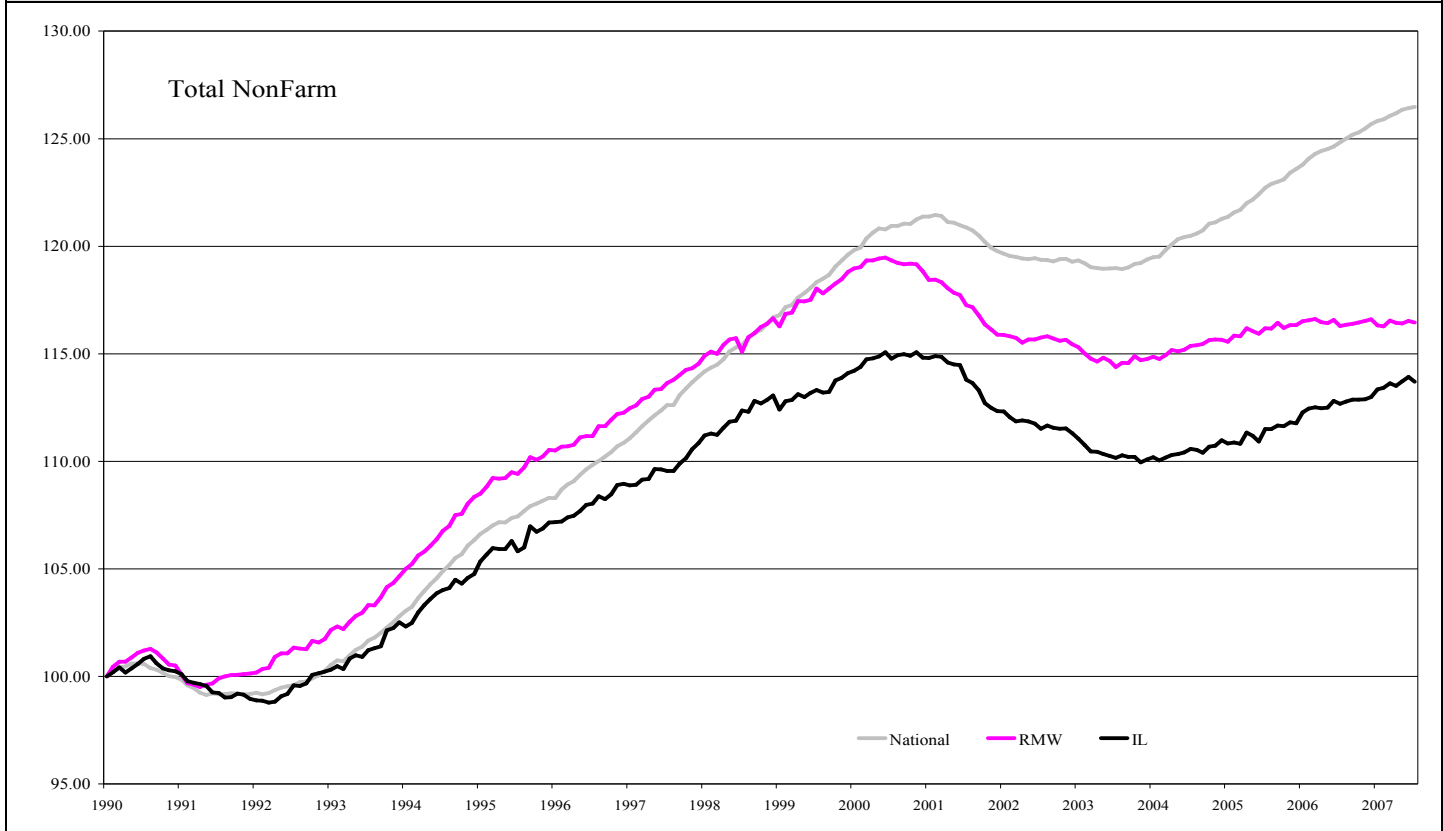
The Illinois Coalition for Jobs, Growth & Prosperity publishes the monthly Illinois Job Index and MSA Report as tools for elected officials, policy leaders and the public. We can better understand the Illinois economy and business climate by comparing and measuring Illinois employment growth rates against those of the Rest of the Midwest (RMW: Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin) and the Nation. Data and analysis is provided by the Illinois Economic Observatory / Regional Economics Applications Laboratory, University of Illinois.

↓	September 2007 Negative		Jun 2007 – Aug 2007		Last 12 months	
		Total non-farm employment	Growth Rate %	Number of Jobs	Growth Rate%	Number of Jobs
		Nation	-0.003	- 4,000	+1.17	+1,599,000
		RMW	+0.14	+27,700	+0.24	+47,300
Illinois	- 0.02	- 900	+0.79	+46,900		

Talking Points

Illinois Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Illinois recorded a negative rating for second consecutive month by losing 900 jobs at -0.02% in August. This is the third negative rating for Illinois in 2007. Compared to a revised 12,600 job loss in July this is however, a significant improvement. ▪ By the end of August, Illinois averages a 0.08% monthly growth in 2007 which just equals the average growth rate in the recent recovery period for Illinois since early 2004. ▪ By losing at -0.02%, Illinois lagged behind the Nation and RMW for a second consecutive month. ▪ Over the last 12-months, Illinois added 0.79% new jobs, slower than the 1.17% growth of the Nation but faster than the 0.24% growth of the RMW. Since July, RMW has returned to a positive rating in the last 12-months. ▪ In 2007, Illinois has created 4,550 jobs each month on average, slower than the 5,342 average for 2006. ▪ Job growth for the Nation, Illinois and RMW compared to January 1990 stood at 26.47%, 13.68% and 16.62% respectively.
Nation Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Nation experienced a net loss of 4,000 jobs in August. This is for the first time in the last four years that the Nation had a negative rating in job creation. (August 2003, however, was the last time that the Nation had a negative monthly job growth). ▪ The 4,000 job loss in August compared to a revised 68,000 gain in June represents a significant drop in performance. This turns out to be a stark contradiction to economists' prediction of 110,000 increase in August. ▪ Over the last 12-month period, the Nation has added 1,599,000 new jobs at 1.17%. This is the smallest gain recorded since July 2004. ▪ By the end of July, the average job growth rate in the US in 2007 came down to 0.08%, far below the average since September 2003 when the country started to recover from the recent recession at an average monthly rate of 0.14%. ▪ The average monthly gain in 2007 until August of 108,750 is much below the average monthly gain of 188,600 in the previous year.

Total non-farm Employment growth rate Jan 1990 – Aug 2007

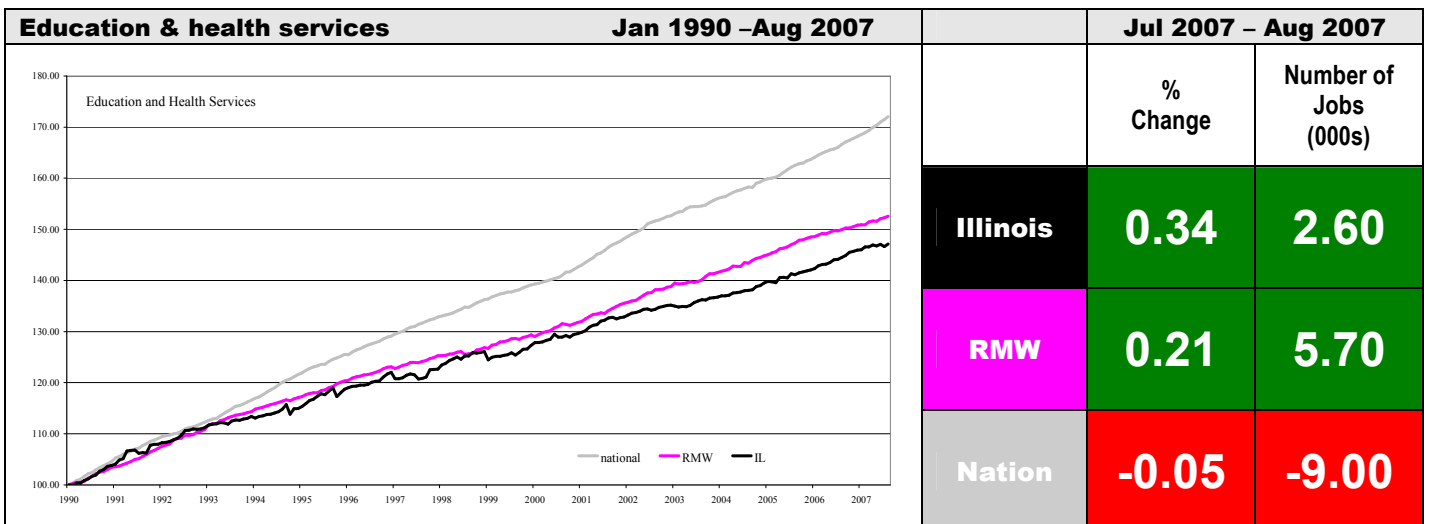
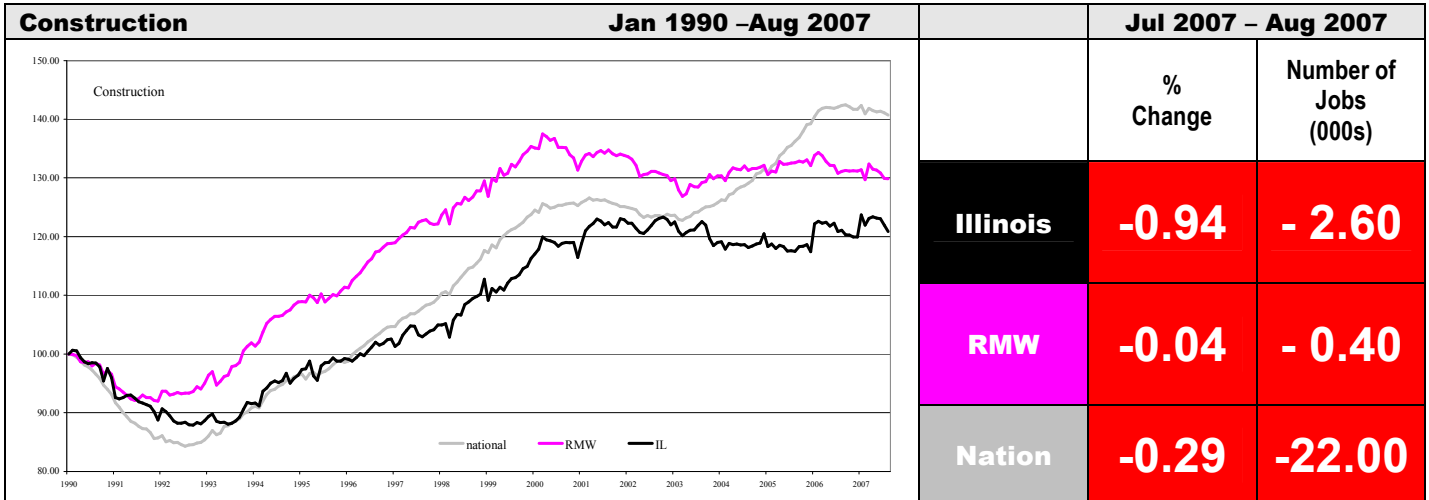


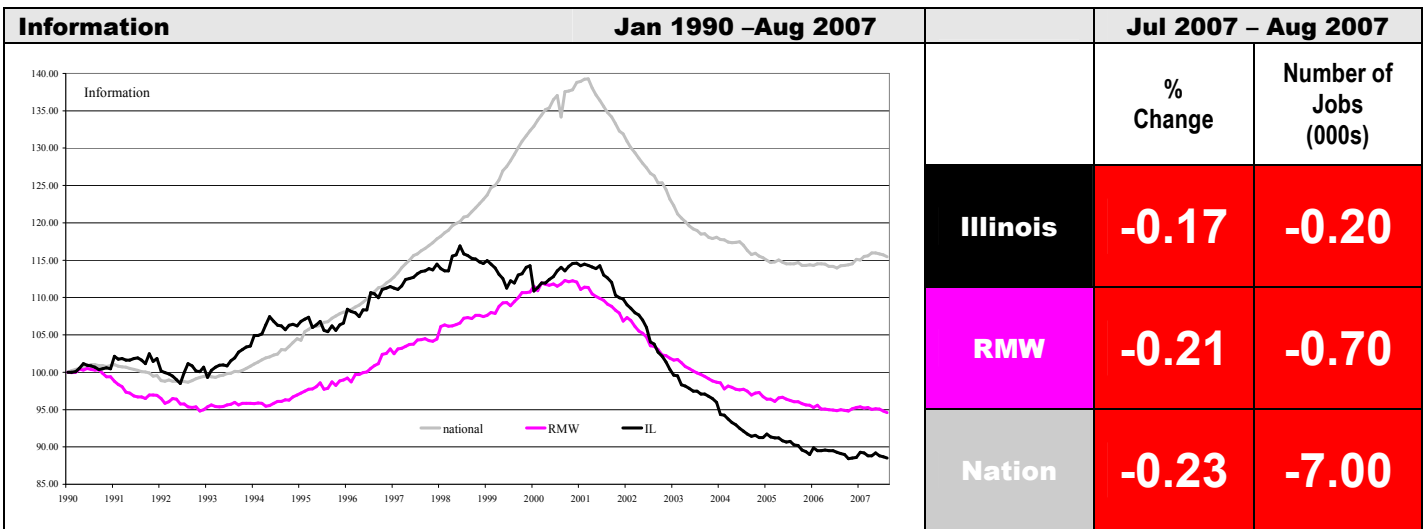
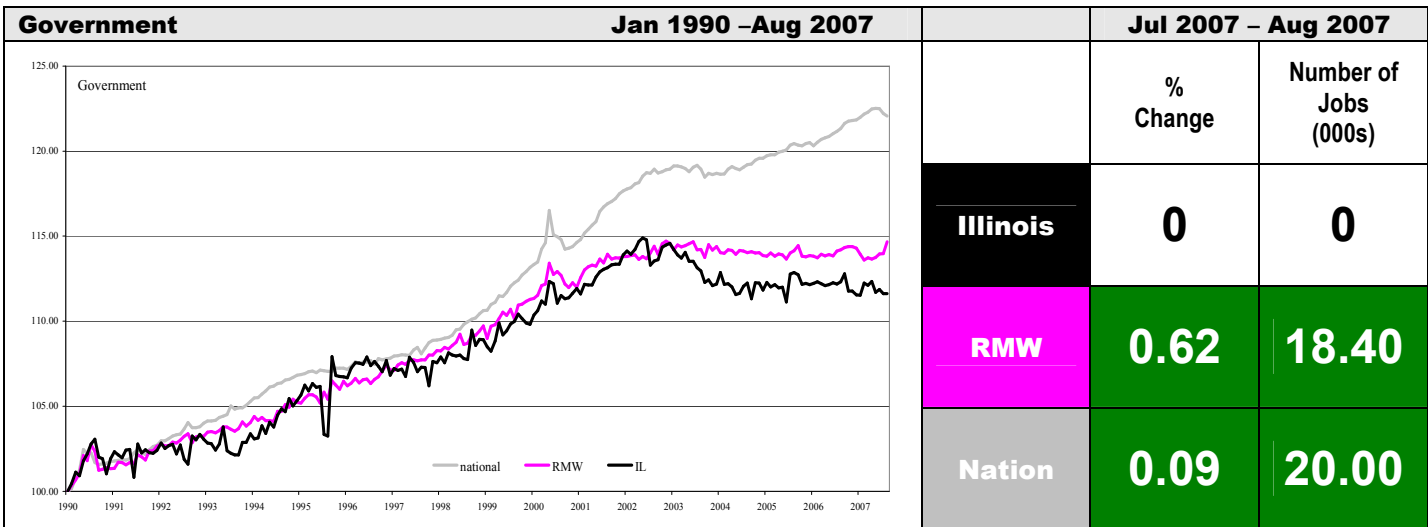
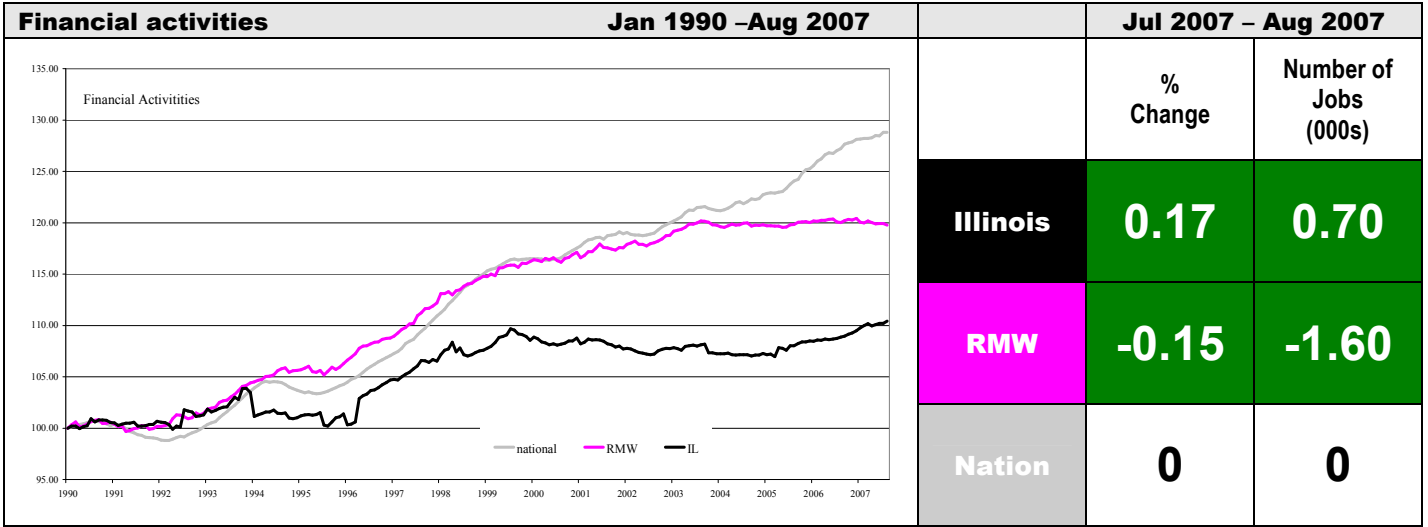
By employment sector:

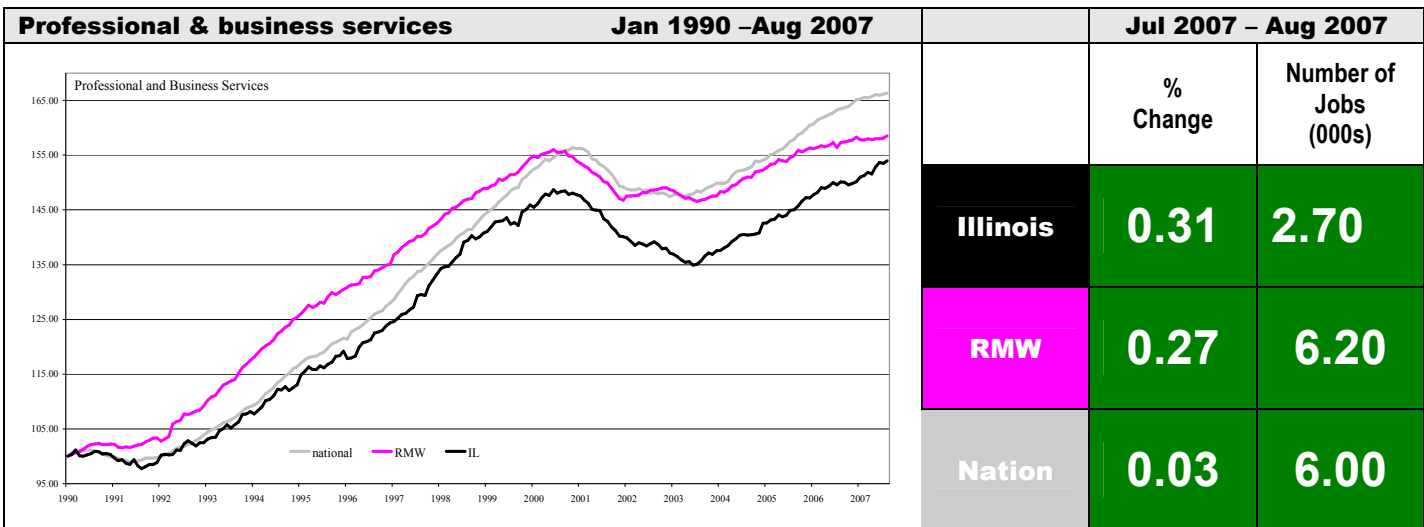
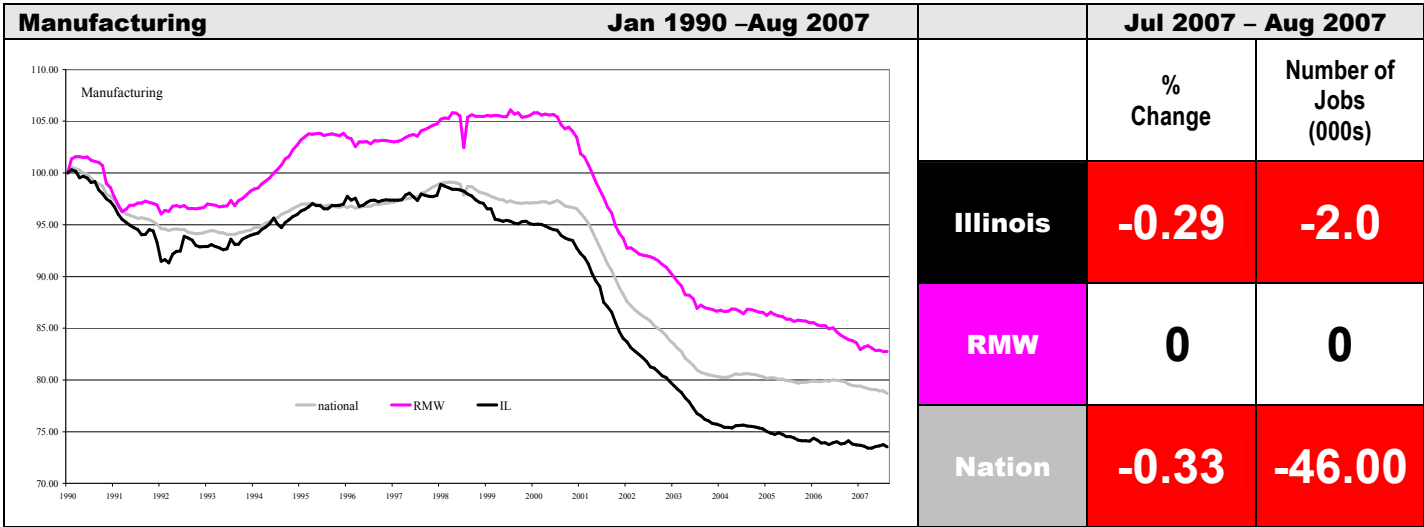
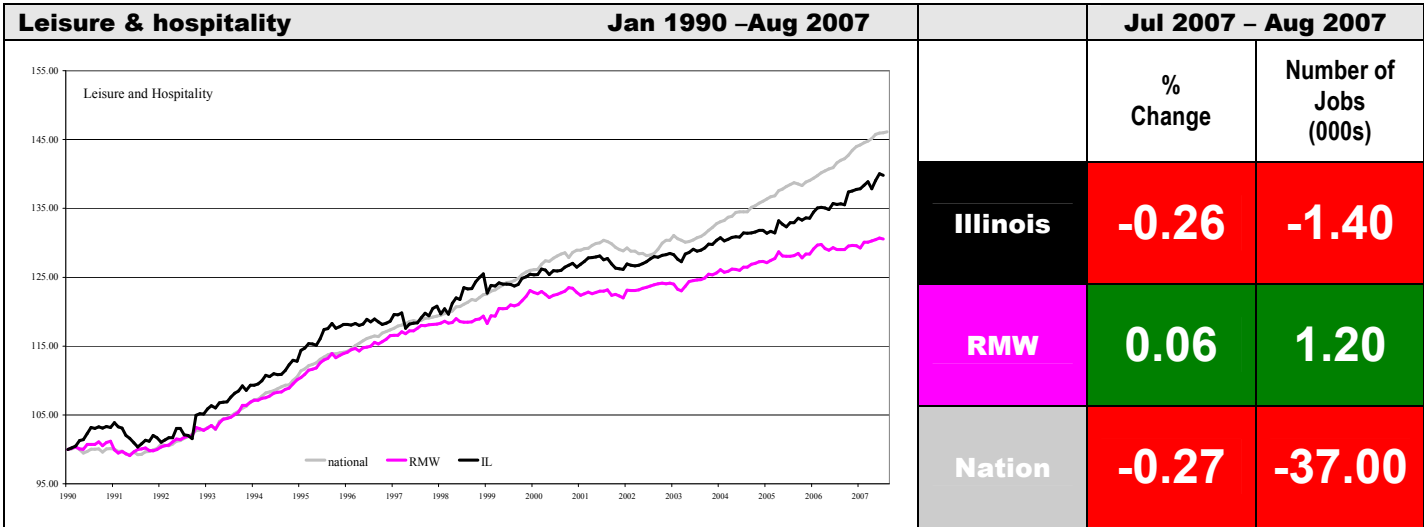
Total non-farm Employment growth rate by sector									
Monthly growth rates	Jul 2007 – Aug 2007			Jan 1990 – Aug 2007					
	Illinois vs. RMW	Illinois vs. Nation	Midwest vs. Nation	Illinois				RMW	Nation
				vs. RMW	vs. Nation	Number of Jobs	Rate %	Rate %	Rate %
Construction	-	-	+	-	-	47,400	20.48	29.87	40.70
Education & health	+	+	+	-	-	249,300	47.12	52.55	72.04
Financial activities	+	+	-	-	-	38,800	10.41	19.76	28.80
Government	-	-	-	-	-	87,600	11.62	14.68	20.05
Information	+	+	+	-	-	-15,000	-11.49	-5.38	15.43
Leisure & hospitality	-	+	+	+	-	152,200	39.43	30.60	46.09
Manufacturing	-	+	+	-	-	-244,400	-26.46	-17.25	-21.31
Professional & business services	+	+	+	-	-	308,200	53.99	58.54	66.28
Trade, transportation & utilities (TTU)	-	-	-	-	-	50,100	4.36	9.59	16.58
Other Services	+	+	+	+	-	51,100	26.34	22.64	30.09

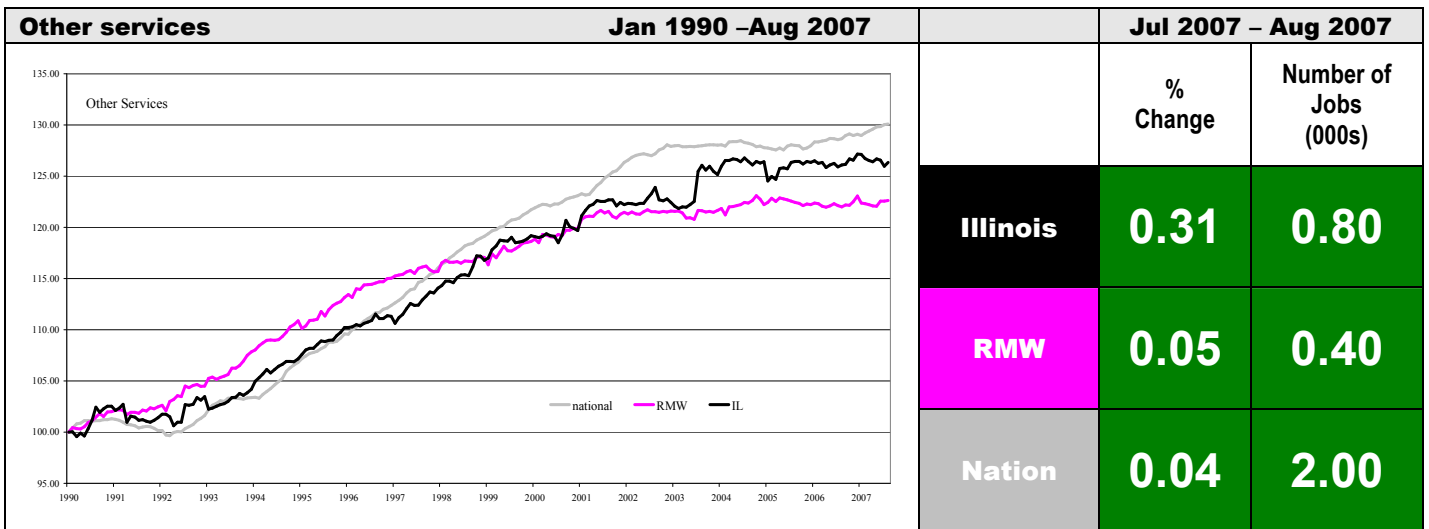
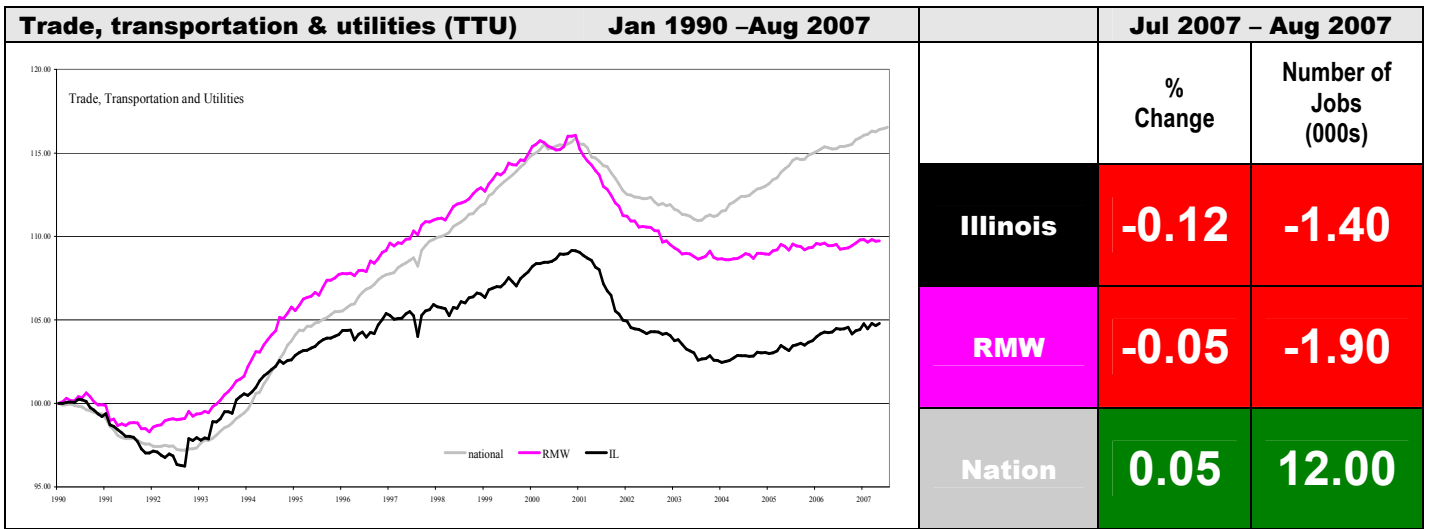
Sector notes

- The overall 0.02% loss in Illinois payroll in August was contributed by various economic sectors. Four sectors recorded net gains, five net losses and one made a zero growth. Compared to July remarkable gain in performance was recorded for Other Services (-0.50% to 0.31%) and Education and Health Services (-0.28% to 0.34%) whereas Manufacturing, Leisure and Hospitality and Construction faced declines.
- In the midst of the net loss in August, the following sectors made major contributions to Nation's payroll:
 - Government: 20,000 (0.09%)
 - Trade, Transportation and Utilities: 12,000 (0.05%)
 - Professional and Business Services: 6,000 (0.03%)
- Among the losing sectors at the national level, the following were prominent:
 - Manufacturing: 46,000 (-0.33%)
 - Leisure and Hospitality: 37,000 (-0.27%)
 - Construction: 22,000 (-0.29%)
- As for Illinois Payroll, the following sectors are notable in terms of job gain:
 - Professional and Business Services: 2,700 (0.31%)
 - Education and Health Services: 2,600 (0.34%)
 - Financial Activities: 700 (0.17%)
- Following Illinois sectors lost most of the jobs:
 - Construction: 2,600 (-0.94%)
 - Manufacturing: 2,000 (-0.29%)
 - Leisure and Hospitality: 1,400 (-0.26%)
- As of August, Construction, Manufacturing, Trade Transportation and Utilities, Information and Government registered net loss in 12-month aggregated account while other sectors maintained a positive rating. Professional and Business Services, Education and Health Services and Leisure and Hospitality remain the major contributors.









ABOUT: The Illinois Coalition for Jobs, Growth & Prosperity is a not-for-profit 501-c-4 organization. Coalition founding members include the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, the Illinois Business Roundtable, the Illinois Civil Justice League, the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, and the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce. Established to provide Illinois voters with information about government-related issues that have a direct effect on jobs, the Coalition represents firms employing more than a million Illinois workers.