

# Illinois Job Index



## Illinois Coalition for Jobs, Growth & Prosperity

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**For the October 2008 Illinois Job Index, the Coalition issued a negative rating. The nation continued with a negative growth for the ninth consecutive month. RMW also posted a negative growth.**

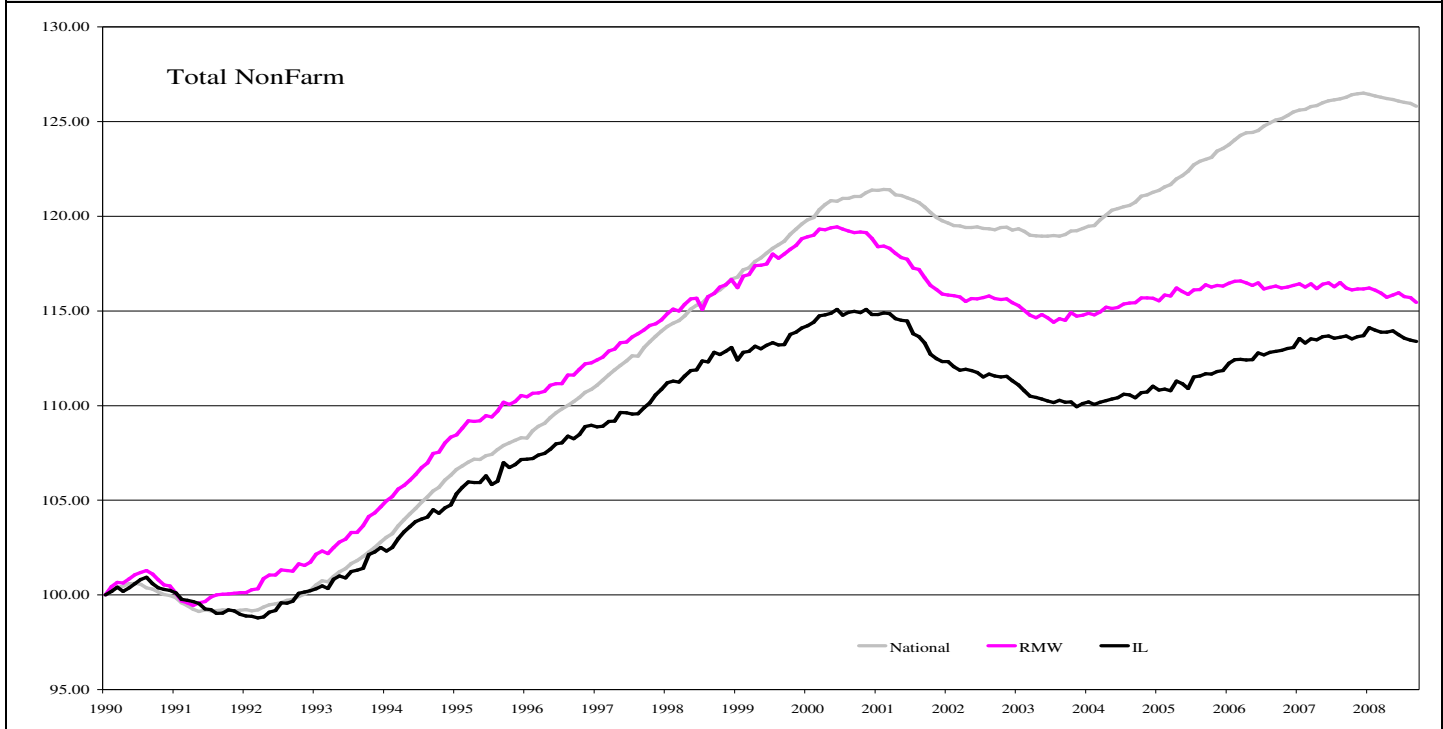
The Illinois Coalition for Jobs, Growth & Prosperity publishes the monthly Illinois Job Index and MSA Report as tools for elected officials, policy leaders and the public. We can better understand the Illinois economy and business climate by comparing and measuring Illinois employment growth rates against 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.

↓	<b>October 2008 Negative</b>	<b>Aug 2008 – Sep 2008</b>		<b>Last 12 months</b>		
		<b>Total non-farm employment</b>	<b>Growth Rate %</b>	<b>Number of Jobs</b>	<b>Growth Rate%</b>	<b>Number of Jobs</b>
		Nation	<b>-0.12</b>	<b>-159,000</b>	<b>-0.38</b>	<b>-519,000</b>
		RMW	<b>-0.22</b>	<b>-44,600</b>	<b>-0.66</b>	<b>-131,900</b>
Illinois	<b>-0.06</b>	<b>-3,700</b>	<b>-0.25</b>	<b>-14,900</b>		

### Talking Points

<b>Illinois Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In September 2008, Illinois lost 3,700 jobs at a rate of -0.06%, compare to the revised loss of 5,200 in August.</li> <li>▪ Illinois has posted negative job changes for six times in 2008, and the state has lost 15,800 jobs since January, 2008.</li> <li>▪ By the end of September, Illinois averaged a monthly growth of -0.03% in 2008, which is smaller than both the average growth rate for 2007 of 0.05%, and the average growth rate in recent recovery period for Illinois since early 2004 of 0.07%.</li> <li>▪ Illinois, RMW, and the nation all lost jobs for the third consecutive month.</li> <li>▪ Over the last 12 months, Illinois payroll growth was -0.25%, better than the negative -0.38% growth of the nation. RMW continued with a negative rating of -0.66% for thirteen months in a row.</li> <li>▪ Illinois has lost -1,756 jobs on average per month in 2008 so far, compared to 2,742 job increase per month in 2007.</li> <li>▪ Through September 2008, the cumulative job growth for the nation, Illinois and RMW compared to January 1900 stood at 25.81%, 13.39%, and 15.45%, respectively.</li> </ul>
<b>Nation Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The nation lost 159,000 jobs in September, an amount larger than the forecast by economists of a loss of 105,000 jobs.</li> <li>▪ The nation has posted net job losses for nine consecutive months. The net job loss for 2008 is 760,000 so far.</li> <li>▪ The nation lost -519,000 jobs at -0.38% over last 12-month period.</li> <li>▪ While through September the nation posted negative growth for ninth months in a row with average growth rate -0.06%, the average growth rate for 2007 was 0.07% and the average for the recent recovery period for the nation since September 2003 was 0.12%.</li> </ul>

## Total non-farm Employment growth rate Jan 1990 – Sep 2008



### Total no-farm Employment and Employment Index

	September 2008 Number of Jobs	Current Index to Jan 1990	Previous Peak Index to Jan 1990	Changes in Jobs since Jan 1990	Changes in Jobs since Pervious Peak
<b>Nation</b>	137,318,000	125.81	121.45 (Feb-2001)	28,167,000	4,788,000
<b>RMW</b>	19,724,200	115.45	119.44 (Jun-2000)	2,639,000	-682,900
<b>Illinois</b>	5,970,700	113.39	115.08 (Nov-2000)	705,100	-88,700

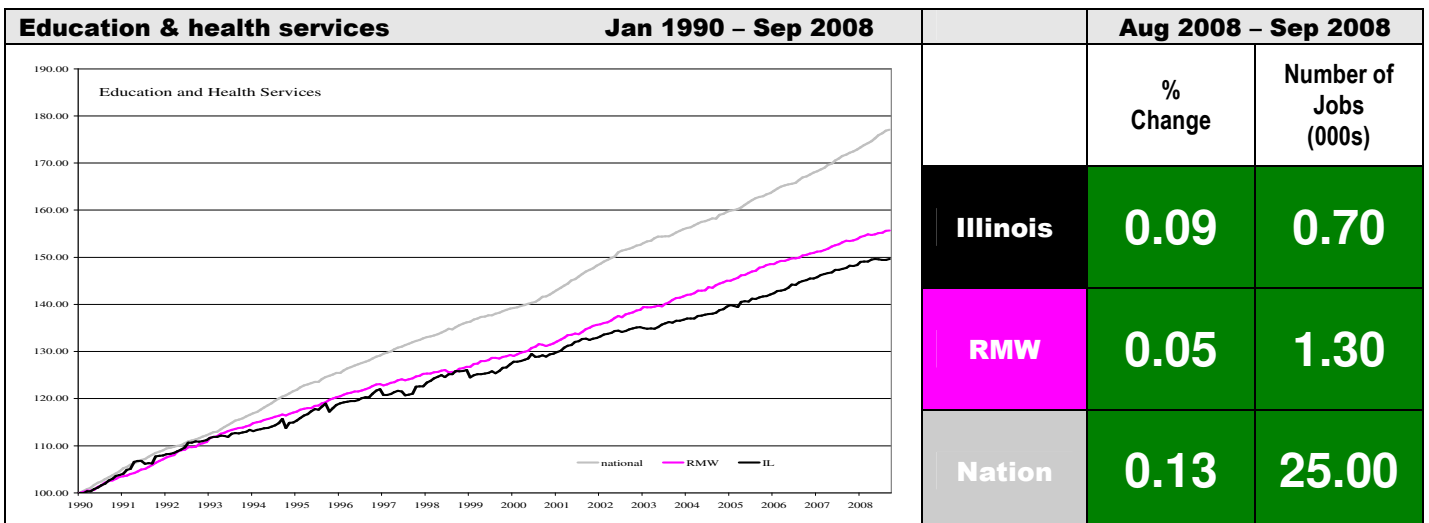
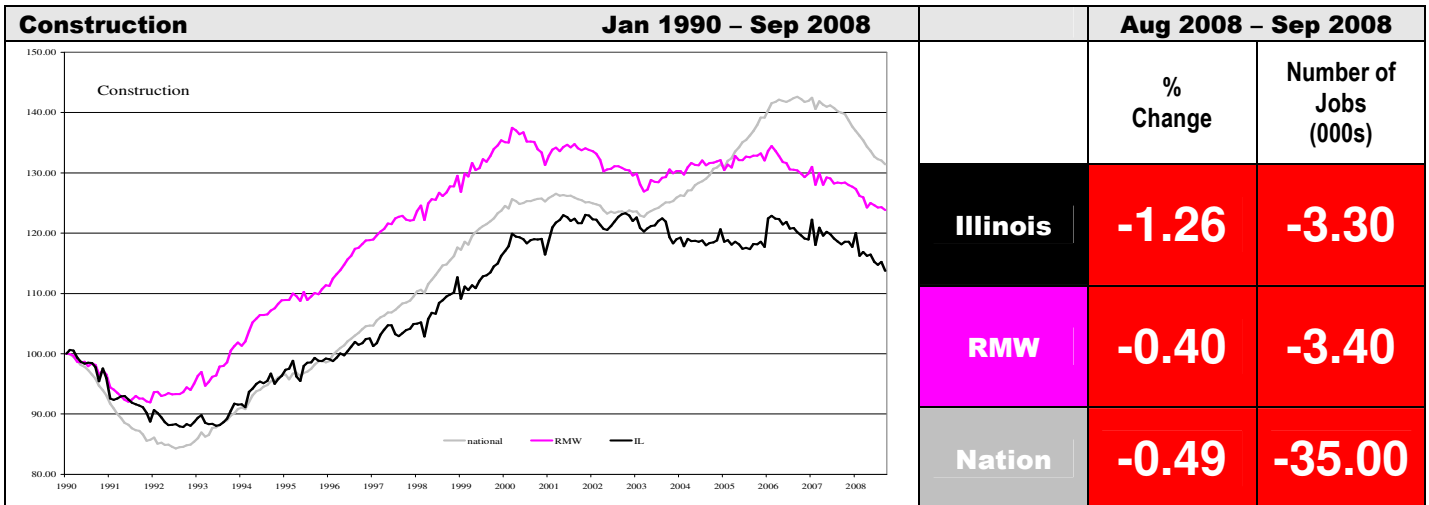
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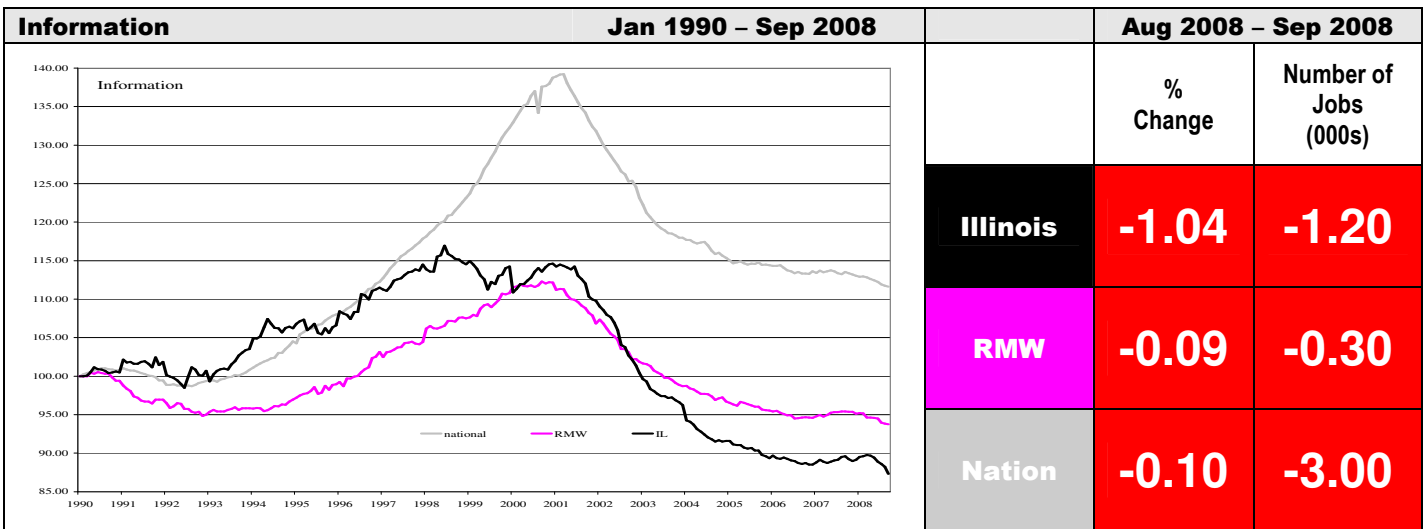
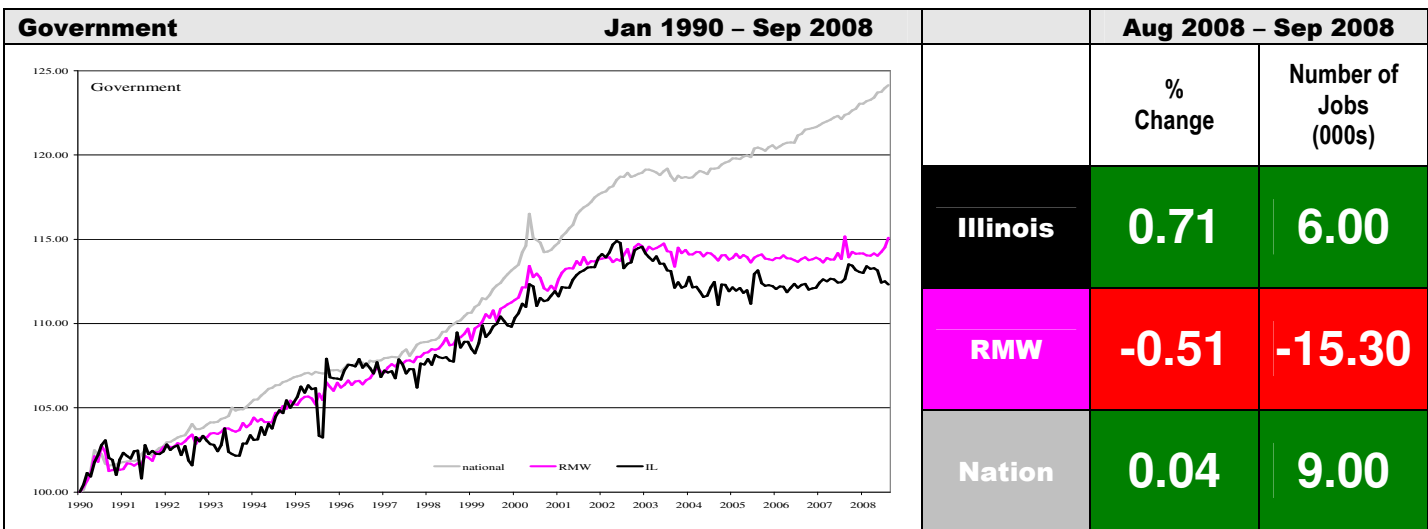
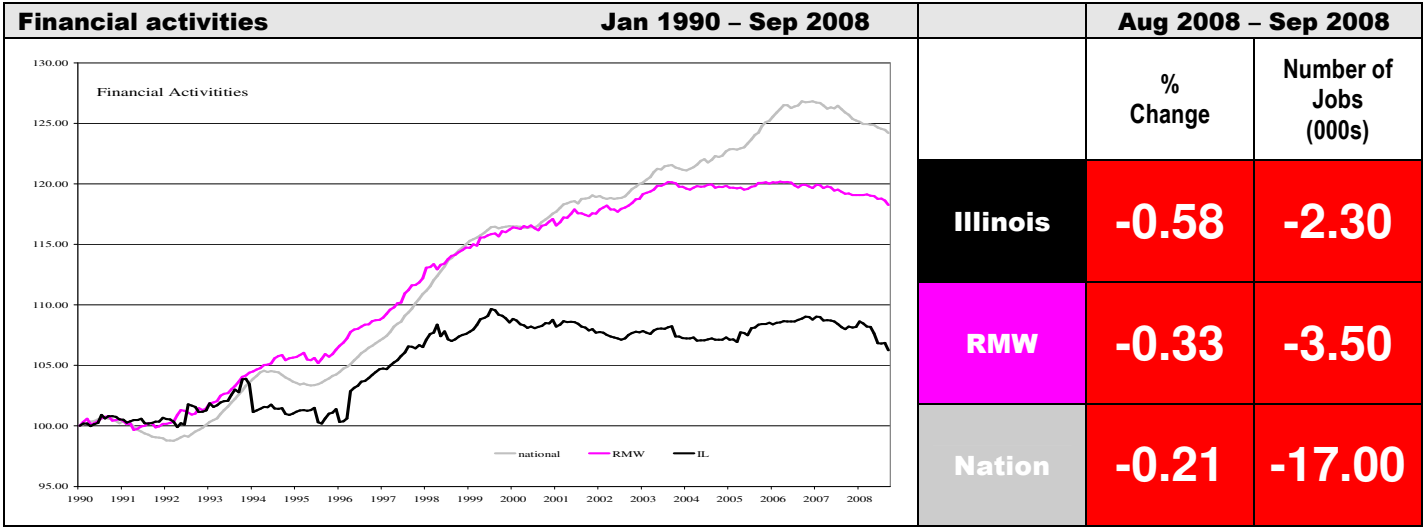
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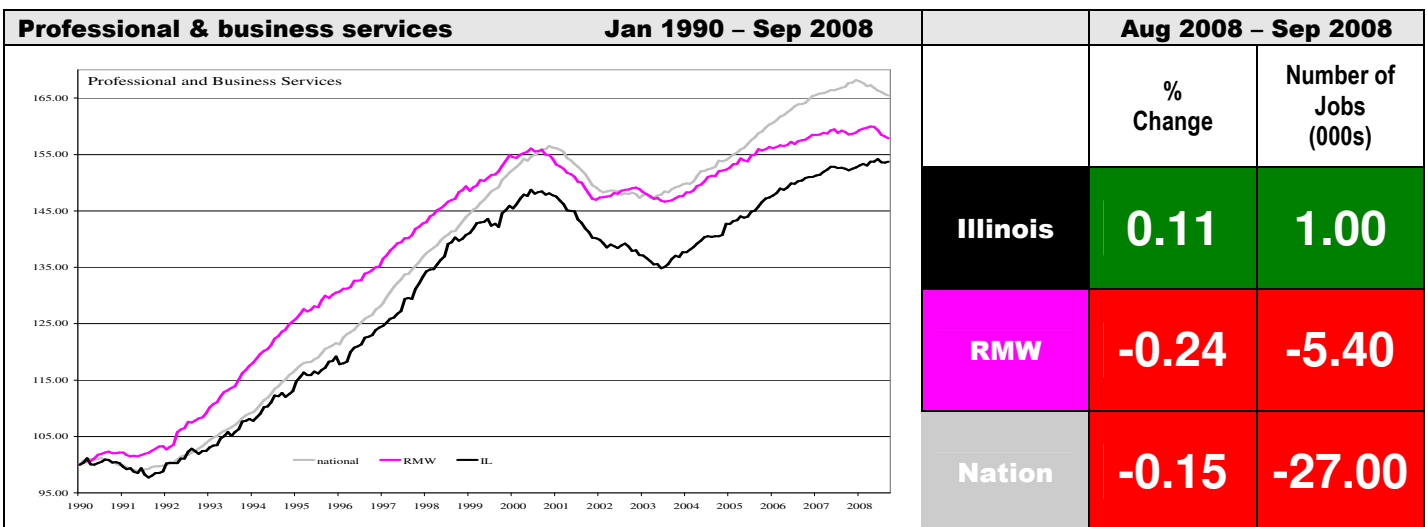
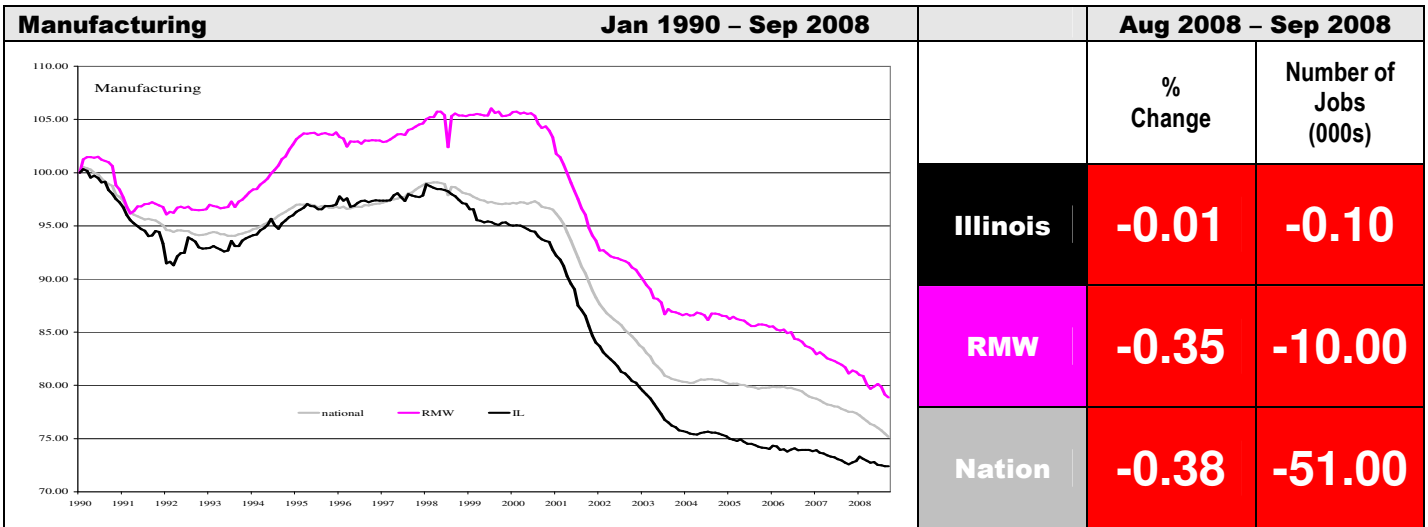
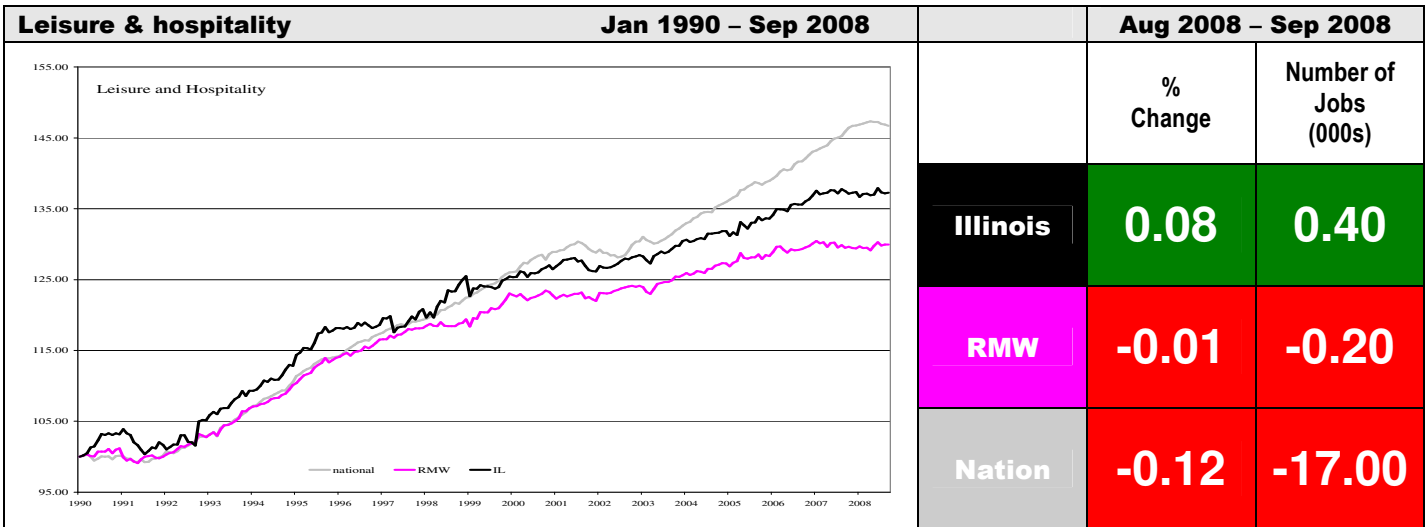
Monthly growth rates	Aug 2008 – Sep 2008			Jan 1990 – Sep 2008					
	Illinois vs. RMW	Illinois vs. Nation	Midwest vs. Nation	Illinois				RMW	Nation
				vs. RMW	vs. Nation	Number of Jobs	Rate %	Rate %	Rate %
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	31,300	13.76	23.82	31.41
Education & health	+	-	-	-	-	262,400	49.59	55.67	77.09
Financial activities	-	-	-	-	-	23,300	6.25	18.26	24.23
Government	+	+	-	-	-	98,900	13.12	14.50	24.19
Information	-	-	-	-	-	-16,600	-12.71	-6.25	11.61
Leisure & hospitality	+	+	+	+	-	143,900	37.28	29.94	46.70
Manufacturing	+	+	+	-	-	-255,000	-27.61	-21.13	-24.83
Professional & business services	+	+	+	-	-	306,800	53.75	57.85	64.47
Trade, transportation & utilities (TTU)	-	-	+	-	-	65,000	5.66	8.96	15.70
Other Services	-	-	-	+	-	53,600	26.10	21.28	31.01

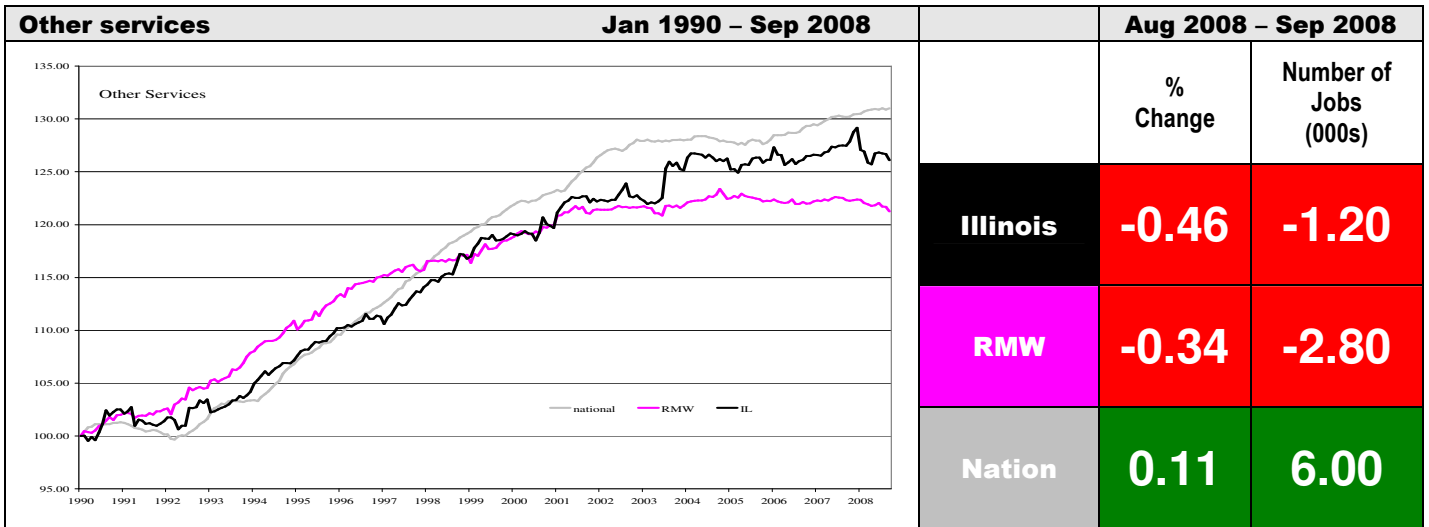
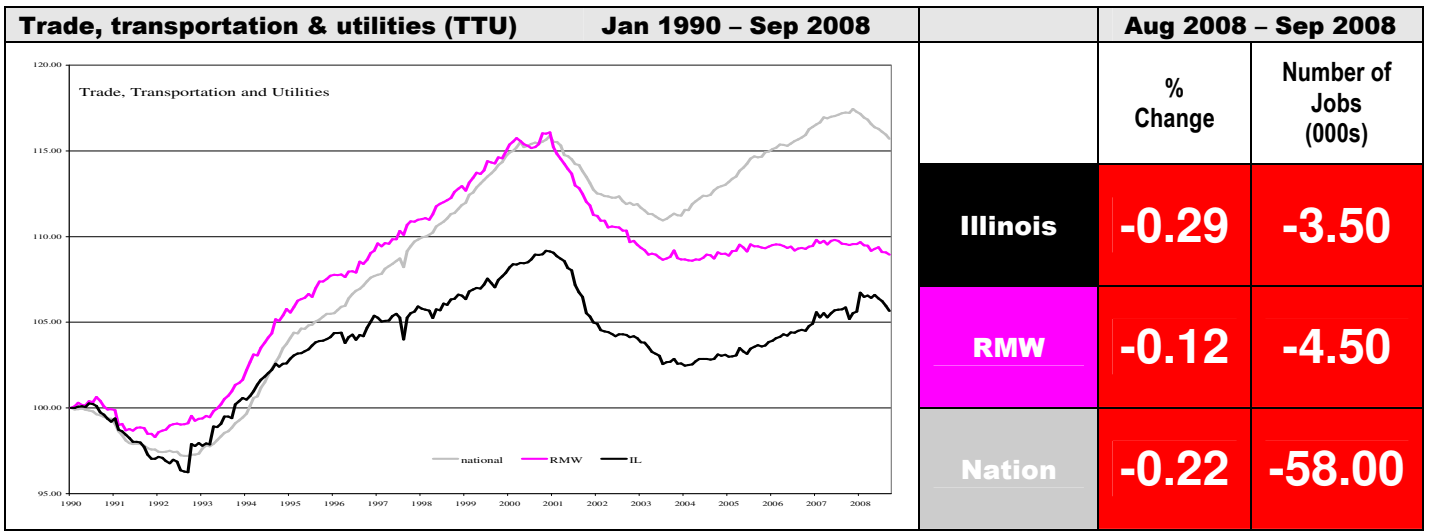
## Sector notes

- Illinois posted a job decline of -0.06% in September 2008. Four sectors recorded net gains, while the rest six sectors faced net losses. Compared to August, performance gains were recorded for Government (-0.15% to 0.71%), Leisure and Hospitality (-0.11% to 0.08%), and Professional Business Services (-0.03% to 0.11%), whereas Construction (0.38% to -1.26%), Information (-0.43% and -1.04%), and Financial Activities (0.05% to -0.58%) faced major losses in performance.
- In September, notable gains at the national level were recorded for the following sectors:
  - Education and Health Services: 25,000 (0.13%)
  - Government: 9,000 (0.04%)
  - Other Services: 6,000 (0.11%)
- Major losses at the national level in September were:
  - Trade, transportation & utilities: -58,000 (-0.22%)
  - Manufacturing: -51,000 (-0.38%)
  - Construction: -35,000 (-0.49%)
- For Illinois, the following sectors are notable in terms of job gains:
  - Government: 6,000 (0.71%)
  - Professional Business Services: 1,000 (0.11%)
  - Education and Health Services: 700 (0.09%)
- Following are the major sectors that lost jobs in September:
  - Trade, transportation & utilities: -3,500 (-0.29%)
  - Construction: -3,300 (-1.26%)
  - Financial Activities: -2,300 (-0.58%)
- For Illinois, in terms of 12-months aggregated account, Construction, Manufacturing, Financial activities, Information, Government, Other Services, Trade, transportation & utilities, and Leisure and Hospitality, recorded net losses. Education & health services and Professional & business services were the only two positive 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.