

Illinois Job Index:

MSA Report

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NOTE: The US Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Illinois Department of Employment Security changed the way national and state employment data are coordinated to be more consistent. As a result, there have been some significant changes in estimates for Illinois over the past year.

As a companion to the May 2009 Illinois Job Index that reports a **negative** rating, this MSA Report provides a localized picture on Illinois job growth and allows for comparisons between local economies, Illinois, the Nation and the Rest of the Midwest.

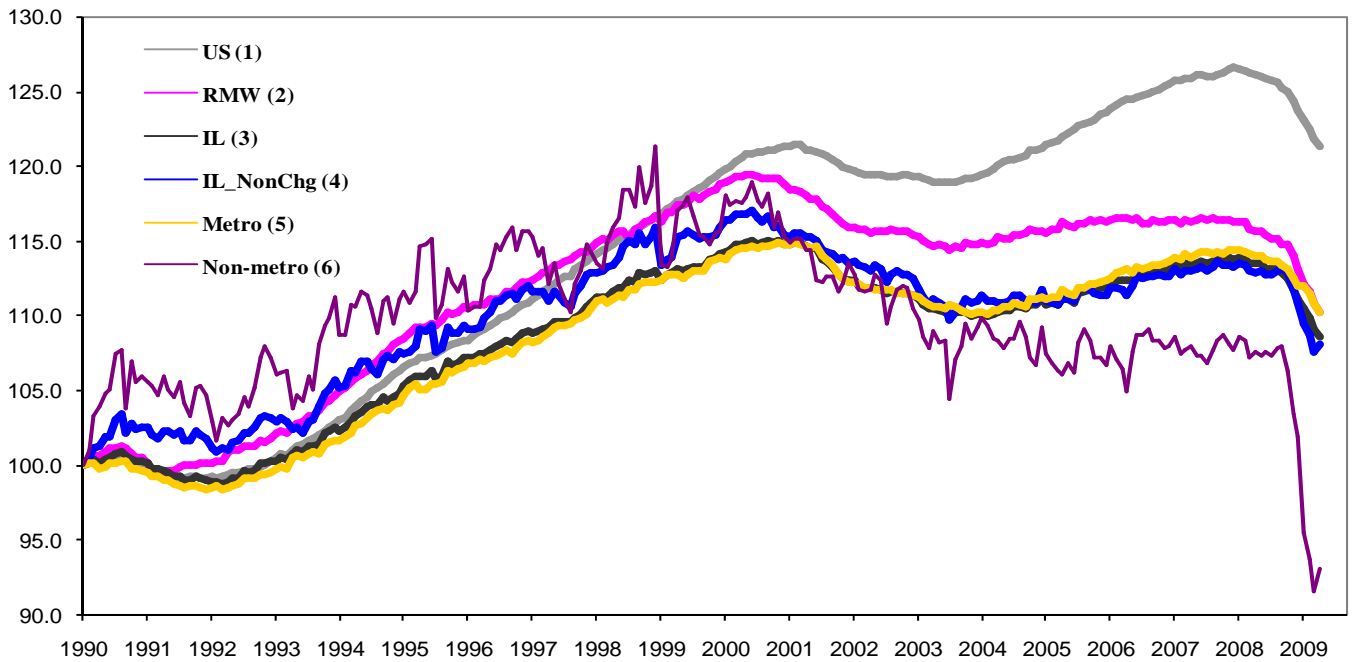
May 2009	Total non-farm employment	April 2009 Number of Jobs	Mar 2009 – Apr 2009		Last 12 months	
			Growth Rate (%)	Number of Jobs	Growth Rate (%)	Number of Jobs
	Nation	132,414,000	-0.41	-539,000	-3.81	-5,240,000
	Rest of Midwest (RMW)	18,840,900	-0.57	-107,400	-4.58	-905,100
	Illinois	5,719,800	-0.40	-23,100	-4.27	-255,400
	Illinois Metro	5,278,000	-0.57	-30,100	-3.41	-186,600
	Illinois non-Metro (Rural)	441,800	1.61	7,000	-13.48	-68,800
	Illinois Chicago (Upstate)	4,089,800	-0.73	-30,200	-4.28	-182,700
	Illinois non-Chicago	1,630,000	0.44	7,100	-4.27	-72,700

The monthly Illinois Job Index and MSA Report are provided 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. The MSA data (unless noted) were seasonally adjusted to be consistent with state totals.

Talking Points

<p>State, Downstate & Metro</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Illinois lost 23,100 jobs at a rate of -0.40% in April, compared to a revised loss of 40,700 jobs in March. Illinois has lost 234,700 jobs since the financial crisis developed in September, 2007 The major geographic divisions, Chicago-Downstate or Metro-Non-metro have mixed performance in April. Eight out of ten Metro areas lost jobs this month, while only Metro-East and Kankakee added jobs. Illinois Non-metro added 7,000 jobs at 1.61% this month, compared to a revised 10,200 job loss in March. In contrast, Metro posted a loss of -0.57%, shedding 30,100 jobs, compared to a revised 30,500 job loss in the previous month. Chicago lost 30,200 jobs at -0.73% in April, compared to a revised 25,200 job loss last month. Downstate, on the other hand, added 7,100 jobs at 0.44 %, compared to a revised 15,500 job loss in March. Over the last 12-month period, Illinois recorded a -4.27% decline by shedding 255,400 jobs. In terms of the 12-month aggregated account, Metro registered a negative -3.41% growth by shedding 187,600 jobs whereas Non-Metro lost 68,800 jobs at -13.48%. Chicago lost 182,700 jobs at -4.28% whereas Downstate lost 72,700 jobs at -4.72%.
<p>MSA page (2-4)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Illinois Metro posted a negative growth rate of -0.57% by shedding 30,100 jobs in April. Within the MSAs, eight areas posted negative growth, while two areas posted positive growth. In terms of growth performance, two MSAs posted a net improvement from March to April, two were unchanged, and six declined. The two MSAs posting net gains in April are Metro-East with 3,100 jobs at 1.30% and Kankakee with 200 jobs at 0.39%. Over the last 12-month period, Metro-East grew the fastest at 2.85% by adding 6,700 jobs, followed by Champaign-Urbana-Rantoul at 1.32% by adding 1,500 jobs. Of the seven MSAs that posted negative growth rates, Chicago had the biggest loss of 182,700 jobs at -4.28%.

Total non-farm Employment growth Jan 1990 – Apr 2009



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State, Downstate & Metro

- While the average growth for Illinois' 1990 to 2008 was 0.04%, the average for 2008 is -0.20%, which is worse than the performance during the 2000-2001 downturn.
- Over the last 12-month period, the average growth rate for Metro was -0.29% and for Non-metro it was -1.18%.
- In contrast to the aggregate trend since January 1990, Illinois performed better than the RMW in terms of yearly aggregated trend both in 2007 and 2008. The 2009 average is also in favor of Illinois.
- Downstate registered a -0.63% average growth rate in 2009 compared to an average gain of 0.04% in 2006 and 0.10% growth in 2007.

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Total non-farm employment Seasonally adjusted unless noted*	Apr 2009 Number of Jobs	Mar 2009 – Apr 2009			Last 12 months	
		Growth compared to Illinois	Growth Rate %	Number Of Jobs	Growth Rate %	Number of Jobs
Bloomington-Normal (B-N)	91,400	+	-0.09	-100	0.33	300
Champaign-Urbana (C-U-R)	114,700	+	-0.39	-400	1.32	1,500
Chicago	4,089,800	-	-0.73	-30,200	-4.28	-182,700
Davenport-Rock Island-Moline (D-R-M)	189,000	+	-0.16	-300	-0.68	-1,300
Decatur	53,600	-	-0.91	-500	-2.48	-1,400
Kankakee	43,200	+	0.39	200	-3.27	-1,500
Peoria	187,100	+	-0.11	-200	-0.92	-1,700
Rockford	155,600	+	-0.31	-500	-2.88	-4,600
Springfield	110,300	-	-1.09	-1,200	-1.73	-1,900
Metro-East	243,400	+	1.30	3,100	2.85	6,700
Illinois			-0.40	-23,100	-4.27	-255,400

MSA League Tables*: Non-farm Employment Growth Rate

Monthly growth:

Rank	March 2009	April 2009	Rank	Change**
1	Metro-East (-0.02%)	Metro-East (1.3%)	1	← (0)
2	Bloomington-Normal (-0.23%)	Kankakee (0.39%)	2	↑ (+8)
3	Champaign-Urbana-Rantoul (-0.3%)	Bloomington-Normal (-0.09%)	3	↓ (-1)
4	Rockford (-0.32%)	Peoria (-0.11%)	4	↑ (+3)
5	Davenport-Rock Island-Moline (-0.48%)	Davenport-Rock Island-Moline (-0.16%)	5	← (0)
6	Chicago (-0.61%)	Rockford (-0.31%)	6	↓ (-2)
7	Peoria (-0.64%)	Champaign-Urbana-Rantoul (-0.39%)	7	↓ (-4)
8	Decatur (-0.64%)	Chicago(-0.73%)	8	↓ (-2)
9	Springfield (-0.93%)	Decatur(-0.91%)	9	↓ (-1)
10	Kankakee (-1.56%)	Springfield (-1.09%)	10	↓ (-1)

Growth over last 12-months:

Rank	March 2009	April 2009	Rank	Change**
1	Champaign-Urbana-Rantoul (1.96%)	Metro-East (2.85%)	1	↑ (+1)
2	Metro-East (0.48%)	Champaign-Urbana-Rantoul (1.32%)	2	↓ (-1)
3	Bloomington-Normal (0.46%)	Bloomington-Normal (0.33%)	3	← (0)
4	Davenport-Rock Island-Moline (-0.47%)	Davenport-Rock Island-Moline (-0.68%)	4	← (0)
5	Springfield (-0.61%)	Peoria (-0.92%)	5	↑ (+1)
6	Peoria (-1.03%)	Springfield (-1.73%)	6	↓ (-1)
7	Decatur (-1.94%)	Decatur(-2.48%)	7	← (0)
8	Rockford (-2.64%)	Rockford (-2.88%)	8	← (0)
9	Chicago (-3.57%)	Kankakee(-3.27%)	9	↑ (+1)
10	Kankakee (-4.03%)	Chicago (-4.28%)	10	↓ (-1)

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MSA League Tables

- The most remarkable upward move in April is by Kankakee (10th to 2nd), which moved up by 8 spots.
- Peoria (7th to 4th) also gained in rank from last month.
- Champaign-Urbana-Rantoul (3rd to 7th) experienced a deep fall this month.
- Bloomington-Normal (2nd to 3rd), Rockford (4th to 6th), Chicago (6th to 8th), Decatur (8th to 9th), and Springfield (9th to 10th) as well experienced falls in April.
- Metro-East and Davenport-Rock Island-Moline kept the same ranks this month.
- In the 12 months growth league table, upward moves were recorded for Metro-East (2nd to 1st), Peoria (6th to 4th), and Kankakee(10th to 9th).
- Champaign-Urbana-Rantoul (1st to 2nd), Springfield (5th to 6th), and Chicago (9th to 10th) experienced falls in April.
- Metro-East is on top, while Chicago replaced Kankakee in last place

*MSA League Tables are based on revised employment data. For instances of equal growth rate for multiple MSAs ranks are decided based on change of growth rate from previous month.

**Changes indicate change in rank position compared to previous month and correspond to the MSA at the right column. Rise is indicated by a '↑' and decline by a '↓' and for an unchanged position a '←' is used. Figures in parenthesis indicate relative rank change from previous month.

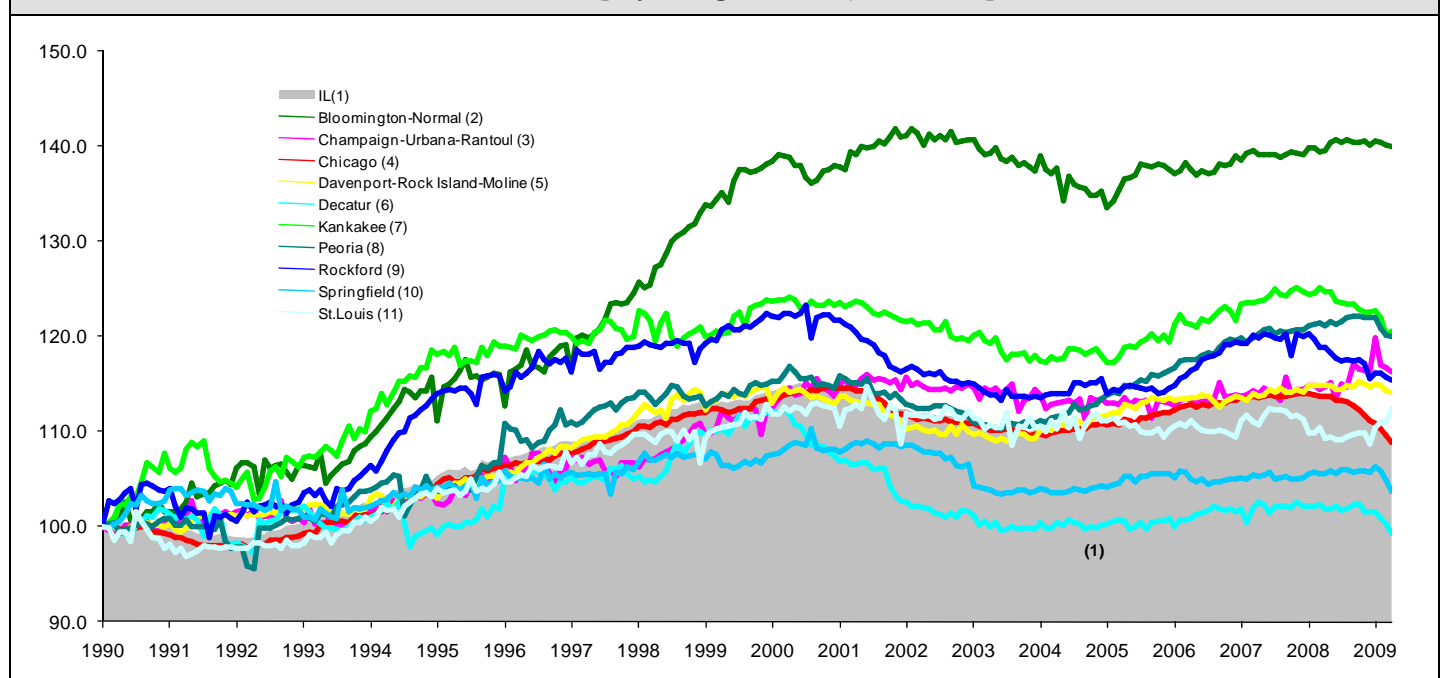
Shaded area on above chart represents Illinois growth.

April 2009 MSA Employment by sectors (000s) *

Market Area	Construction	Manufacturing	Trade, transportation & utilities	Information	Financial activities	Professional & business services	Education & health	Leisure & hospitality	Other Services	Government
Bloomington-Normal	3.02	5.53	13.88	1.00	12.18	17.46	9.60	9.97	3.31	15.53
Champaign-Urbana	4.60	9.69	18.77	2.24	4.64	8.28	13.32	10.71	3.39	38.98
Chicago	163.11	396.99	836.07	83.85	292.49	674.54	563.35	363.25	186.69	526.83
Davenport-Rock Island-Moline	9.20	25.94	39.28	3.11	8.43	24.26	25.24	18.27	7.38	27.74
Decatur	3.85	11.17	11.04	0.79	2.02	3.10	8.22	4.74	2.71	5.98
Kankakee	1.68	4.83	10.66	0.50	1.90	3.05	8.14	3.64	1.91	6.84
Peoria	9.24	29.39	34.68	2.50	8.79	22.45	32.43	18.00	7.88	21.54
Rockford	6.89	30.32	29.40	2.19	6.56	18.02	22.93	12.42	9.46	17.35
Springfield	4.69	3.36	17.56	2.43	7.46	10.55	17.34	10.25	6.59	30.15

* The Illinois Department of Employment Security does not collect sector employment data for Metro-East

Total non-farm Employment growth rate Jan 1990 – Apr 2009



MSA DESCRIPTION: **Bloomington-Normal (B-N):** McLean Co. **Champaign-Urbana (C-U-R):** Champaign Co., Ford Co. & Piatt Co. **Chicago:** Cook Co. IL, DeKalb Co. IL, DuPage Co. IL, Grundy Co. IL, Kane Co. IL, Kendall Co. IL, Lake Co. IL, McHenry Co. IL, Will Co. IL & Kenosha Co. WI **Davenport-Moline-Rock Island (D-R-M):** Henry Co. IL, Mercer Co. IL, Rock Island Co. IL & Scott Co. IA **Decatur:** Macon Co. **Kankakee:** Kankakee Co. **Metro-East:** Bond Co., Calhoun Co., Clinton Co., Jersey Co., Macoupin Co., Madison Co., Monroe Co. & St. Clair Co. **Peoria-Pekin (Peoria):** Marshall Co., Peoria Co., Stark Co., Tazewell Co. & Woodford Co. **Rockford:** Boone Co. & Winnebago Co. **Springfield:** Menard Co. & Sangamon Co.

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