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Regional Economies Improve Across Illinois Year-Over-Year Increases Slow for Fourth Consecutive Month

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	Apr. 2010*	Apr. 2009
Bloomington-Normal	7.9%	6.4%
Champaign-Urbana	8.8%	6.8%
Chicago-Joliet-Naperville	10.7%	9.8%
Danville	12.7%	10.2%
Davenport-Moline-Rock Isl.	9.2%	7.1%
Decatur	12.8%	10.0%
Kankakee-Bradley	13.6%	10.9%
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	11.1%	8.9%
Peoria	10.9%	9.7%
Rockford	16.3%	13.0%
Springfield	8.4%	6.3%
St. Louis (IL-Section)	9.9%	8.7%

* Data subject to revision.

CHICAGO – Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates were above previous-year levels in all 12 metro areas for the 35th consecutive month in April, according to data released today by the Illinois Department of Employment Security. However, the increases have been consistently smaller in each of the four most recent months. That is significant because it challenges the previous trend of expanding monthly year-over-year increases throughout the national recession. The largest increases for April 2010 compared to April 2009 were: Rockford (+3.3 points to 16.3 percent); Decatur (+2.8 points to 12.8 percent); and Kankakee-Bradley (+2.7 points to 13.6 percent). Total payroll jobs decreased over-the-year in 11 of the 12 metro areas. The largest over-the-year percentage decreases in total non-farm jobs were Decatur (-4.5 percent, -2,400); Lake-Kenosha (-3.5 percent, -13,200); and Chicago-Joliet-Naperville (-2.3 percent, -84,500). Not seasonally adjusted figures compare the current month with same month of the previous year and should not be compared to seasonally

adjusted figures. The April 2010 not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 10.8 percent in Illinois and 9.5 percent in the United States. The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and looking for a job regardless if they are eligible for unemployment insurance. A person not collecting unemployment benefits still will be reflected in the unemployment rate if they continue to look for work.

“Four consecutive months of smaller increases in this rate is encouraging because it offers another measure that indicates this national recession might be nearing an end,” IDES Director Maureen O’Donnell said. “Knowing that unemployment rates look to the past, and knowing that Illinois has added more than 51,000 jobs so far this year, suggests that we are closer to escaping the pressure that the Great Recession has exerted on our local job markets.”

Total Non-farm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – April 2010

Metropolitan Area	April 2010*	April 2009**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington-Normal MSA	89,700	90,400	-700
Champaign-Urbana MSA	111,400	112,800	-1,400
Chicago-Joliet-Naperville Metro Div.	3,566,100	3,650,600	-84,500
Danville MSA	29,200	29,700	-500
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	176,800	180,400	-3,600
Decatur MSA	51,200	53,600	-2,400
Kankakee-Bradley MSA	43,000	42,900	100
Lake County-Kenosha County Metro Div.	367,500	380,700	-13,200
Peoria MSA	175,500	179,400	-3,900
Rockford MSA	142,700	145,800	-3,100
Springfield MSA	109,000	110,400	-1,400
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	233,100	237,800	-4,700

*Preliminary **Revised

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FOR THE STATE, METRO AREAS, COUNTIES, AND CITIES
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

<u>STATE, U.S. AND METROPOLITAN AREAS</u>	Jun-10	May-10	Jun-09	Change Over the Month	Change Over the Year
ILLINOIS	10.6	10.0	10.5	0.6	0.1
UNITED STATES	9.6	9.3	9.7	0.3	-0.1
BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL MSA	8.0	6.9	7.3	1.1	0.7
CHAMPAIGN-URBANA MSA	9.5	7.8	8.7	1.7	0.8
CHICAGO-JOLIET-NAPERVILLE, IL METROPOLITAN DIVISION	10.6	10.4	10.9	0.2	-0.3
LAKE COUNTY-KENOSHA COUNTY IL-WI METROPOLITAN DIVISION	10.3	9.5	9.6	0.8	0.7
CHICAGO-JOLIET-NAPERVILLE, IL-IN-WI MSA	10.6	10.3	10.8	0.3	-0.2
DANVILLE MSA	12.3	11.1	11.5	1.2	0.8
DAVENPORT-MOLINE-ROCK ISLAND, IA-IL MSA, IL PART	9.3	8.8	8.9	0.5	0.4
DAVENPORT-MOLINE-ROCK ISLAND, IA-IL MSA	8.4	7.9	8.0	0.5	0.4
DECATUR MSA	12.2	11.0	11.7	1.2	0.5
KANKAKEE-BRADLEY MSA	12.6	11.7	11.5	0.9	1.1
PEORIA MSA	10.3	9.3	10.3	1.0	0.0
ROCKFORD MSA	14.8	13.9	15.2	0.9	-0.4
SPRINGFIELD MSA	8.2	7.1	7.3	1.1	0.9
ST. LOUIS, MO-IL MSA, IL PART	10.2	9.0	10.2	1.2	0.0