


Illinois Job Index

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For the January 2010 Illinois Job Index, a negative rating continues. Nation lost jobs as well. However, RMW and Illinois have much bigger job loss rates than the nation.

The monthly Illinois Job Index and MSA Report are issued monthly as tools for elected officials, policy leaders and the public. The objective is to enhance the understanding of 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.

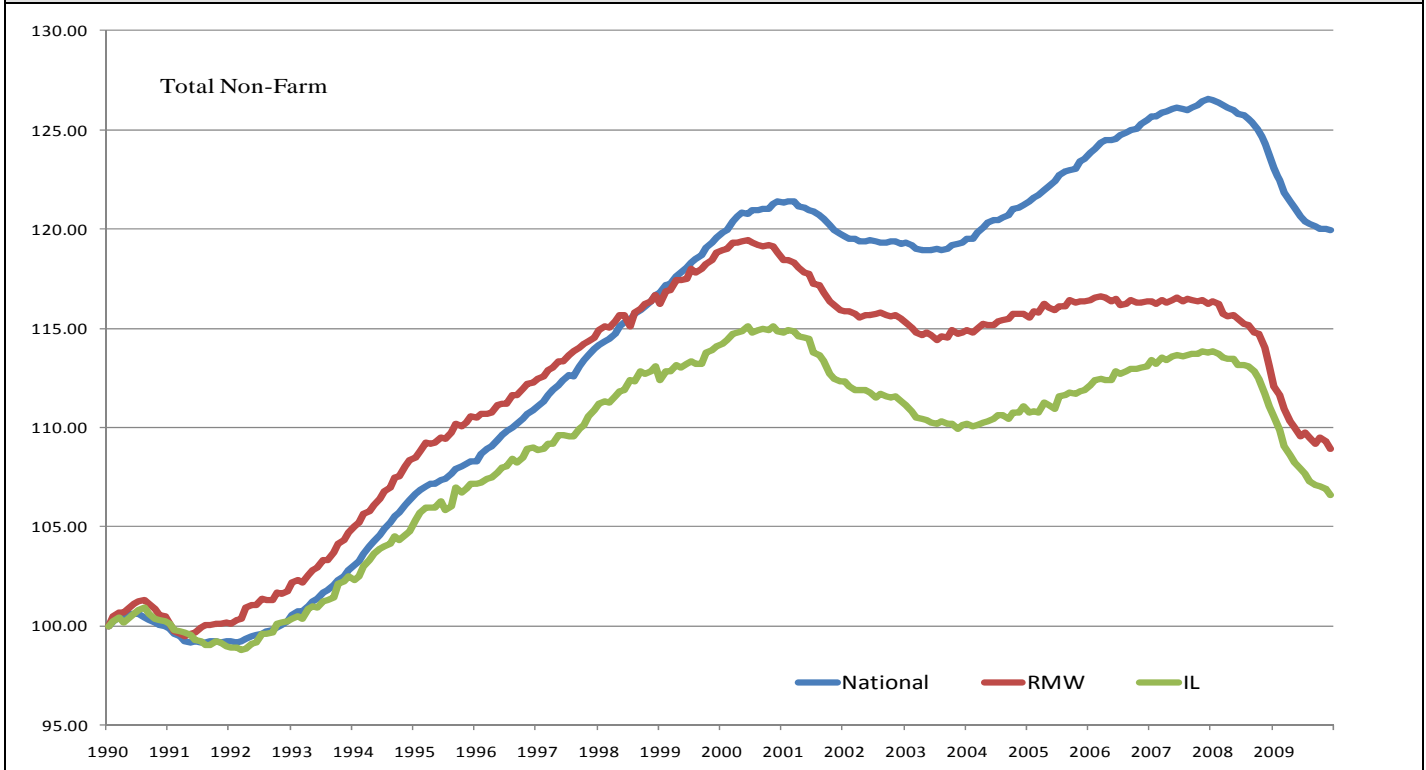
	Jan 2010 Negative		Nov 2009–Dec 2009		Last 12 months		Dec 2009
		Total non-farm employment	Growth Rate %	Number of Jobs	Growth Rate%	Number of Jobs	Shadow U.R. *
		Nation	-0.06	-85,000	-3.08	-4,164,000	12.7%
		RMW	-0.38	-70,700	-3.72	-718,300	14.9%
Illinois	-0.29	-16,300	-4.06	-237,300	13.6%		

*REAL has estimated a *shadow unemployment rate*; this is calculated as the unemployment rate that would be observed if labor force participation rates matched the average for the 15-year period from 1990 to 2004.

Talking Points

Illinois Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Illinois lost 16,300 jobs at a rate of -0.29% in December 2009, compared to a revised 8,200 job loss in November. ▪ In December 2009, the Nation cut 85,000 jobs at a rate of -0.06%, compared with a 4,000 job gain in November. These two months are much better than the average 347,000 jobs loss per month for the year 2009. ▪ RMW shed 70,700 jobs in December after a revised 25,900 job loss in November. ▪ Since the beginning of the recession in Dec 2007, Illinois has posted negative job changes 24 times, and the state has lost 381,500 jobs in this recession. ▪ Through 2008, Illinois lost -11,800 jobs at a rate of -0.20% on average per month. However, the average monthly loss 2009 was -19,800 jobs at a rate of -0.34%. ▪ Five sectors in Illinois have employment levels in this month that are lower than January 1990 - Manufacturing, Information, Construction, Trade, transportation & utilities, and Financial activities. ▪ Over the last 12 months, Illinois shed 237,300 jobs at a rate -4.06%. ▪ Through December 2009, the cumulative job growth for Illinois, RMW and the Nation compared to January 1990 stood at 6.58%, 8.90%, and 19.93%, respectively. ▪ The shadow unemployment rates for the Illinois, RMW and the Nation were 13.6%, 14.9% and 12.7%, compared to official unemployment rates of 11.1%, 10.7% and 10.0%.
Nation Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The nation lost 85,000 jobs in December, compared to a revised 4,000 job gain last month. This number was much worse than an expected close to zero change in December. ▪ Since the last employment peak in December 2007, the nation has lost 7,242,000 jobs. However, for RMW and Illinois, they have not yet recovered from their respective peaks in 2000. ▪ Since December 2007, the nation has posted monthly negative growth for 23 months with average monthly growth rate -0.21%; the average growth rate for 2007 was 0.07%.

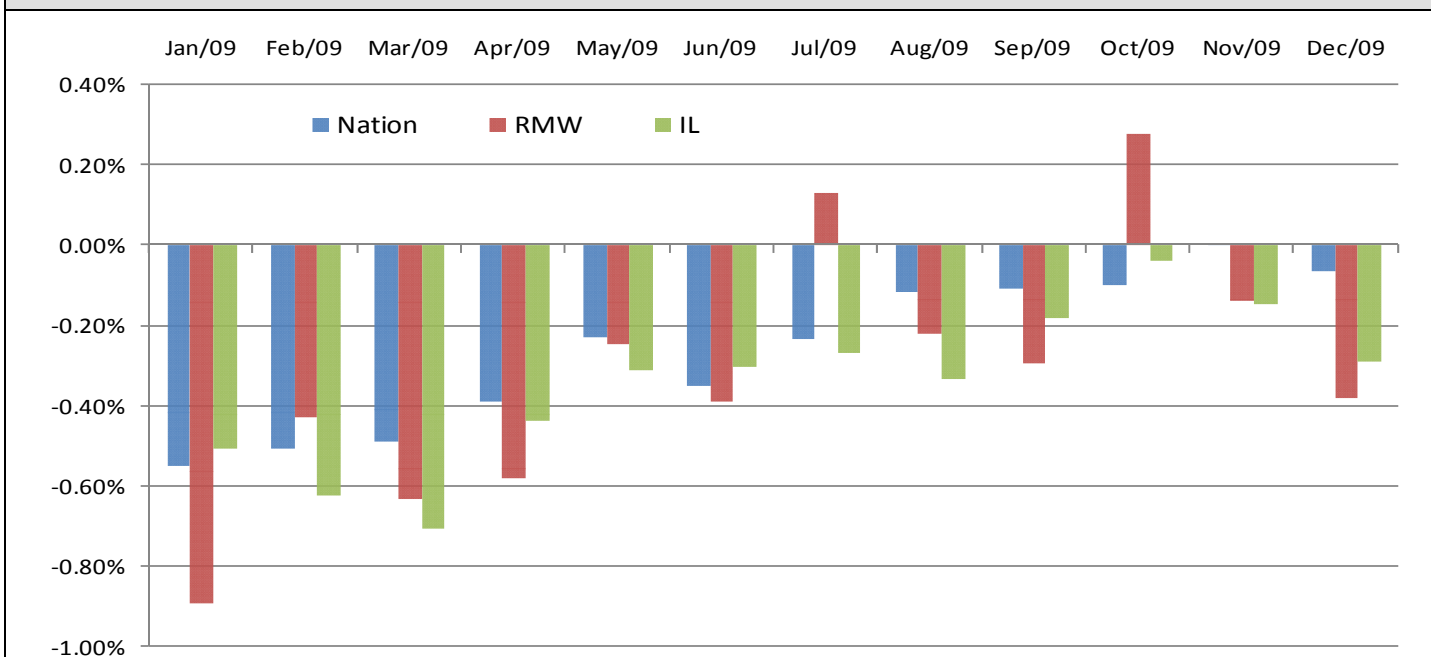
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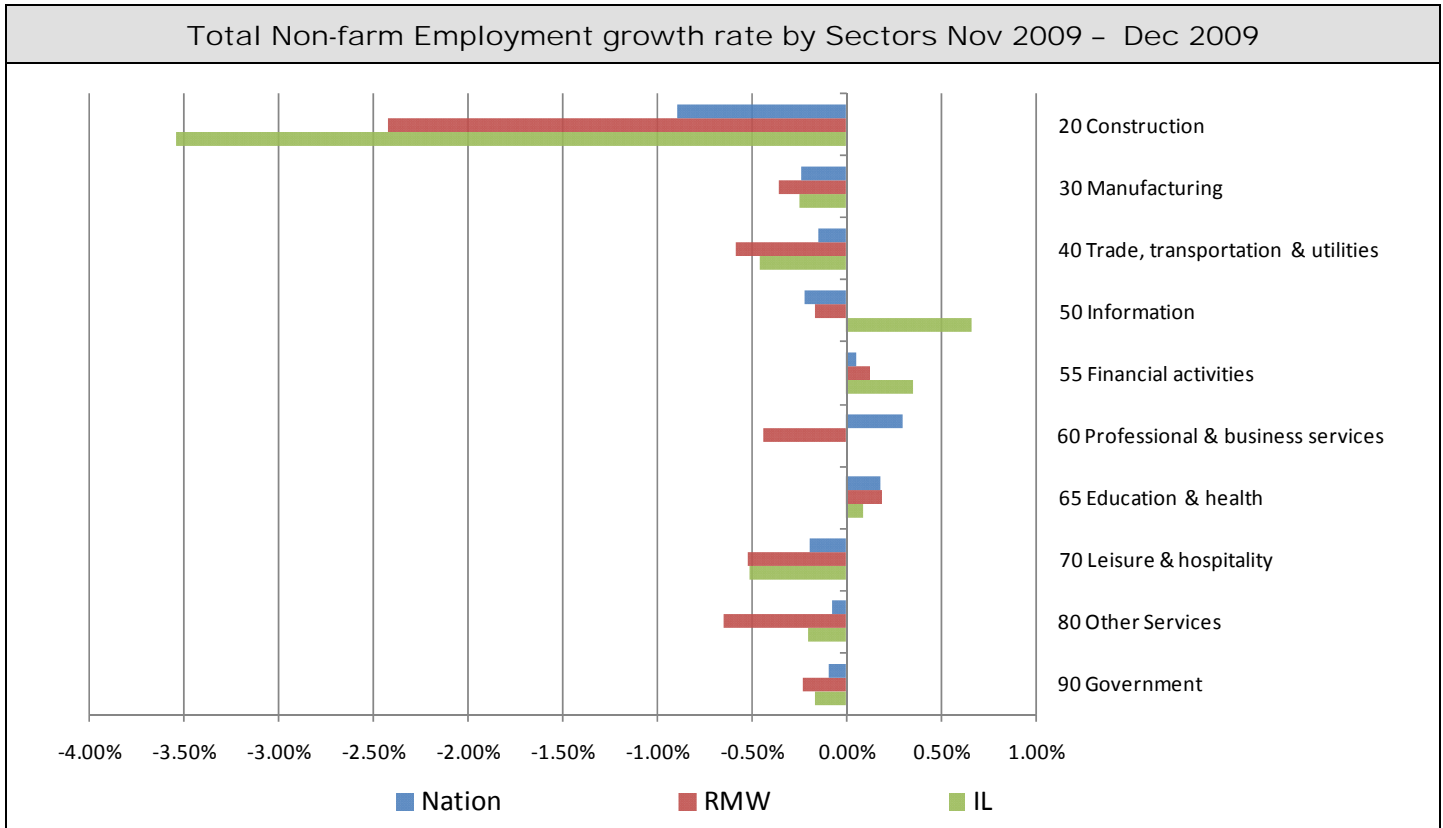
Total Non-farm Employment and Employment Index

	Dec 2009 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
Nation	130,910,000	119.93	126.57 (Dec-2007)	21,759,000	-7,242,000
RMW	18,603,600	108.90	119.44 (Jun-2000)	1,520,600	-1,803,000
Illinois	5,612,200	106.58	115.08 (Nov-2000)	346,600	-447,200

Last 12 months Total Non-farm Employment growth rate Jan 2009 - Dec 2009

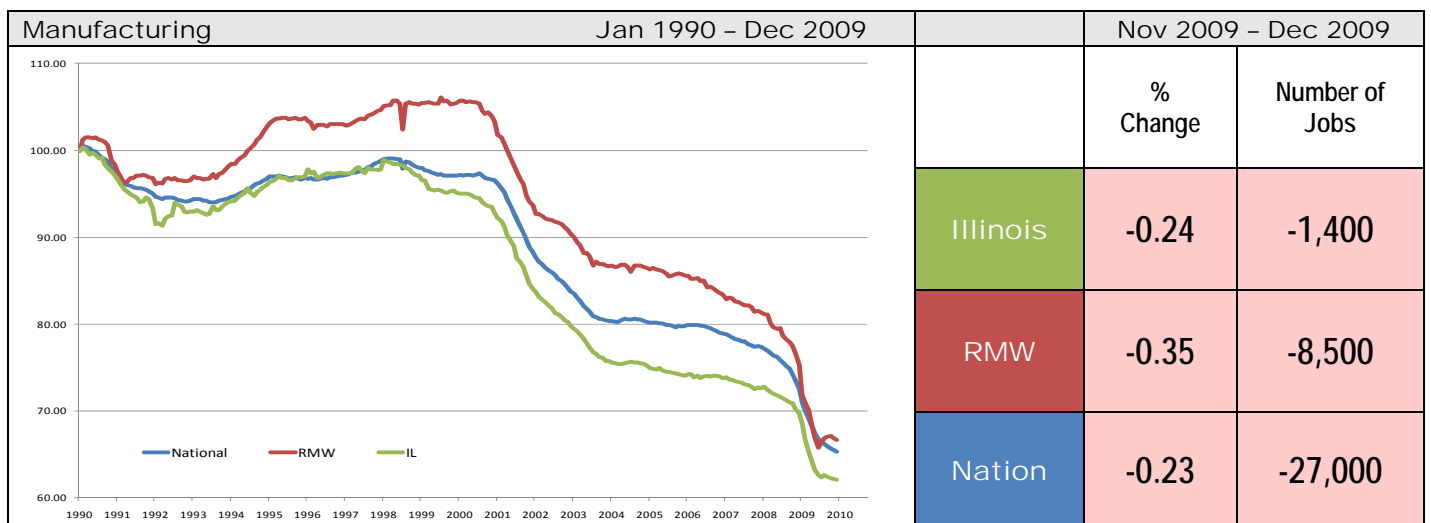
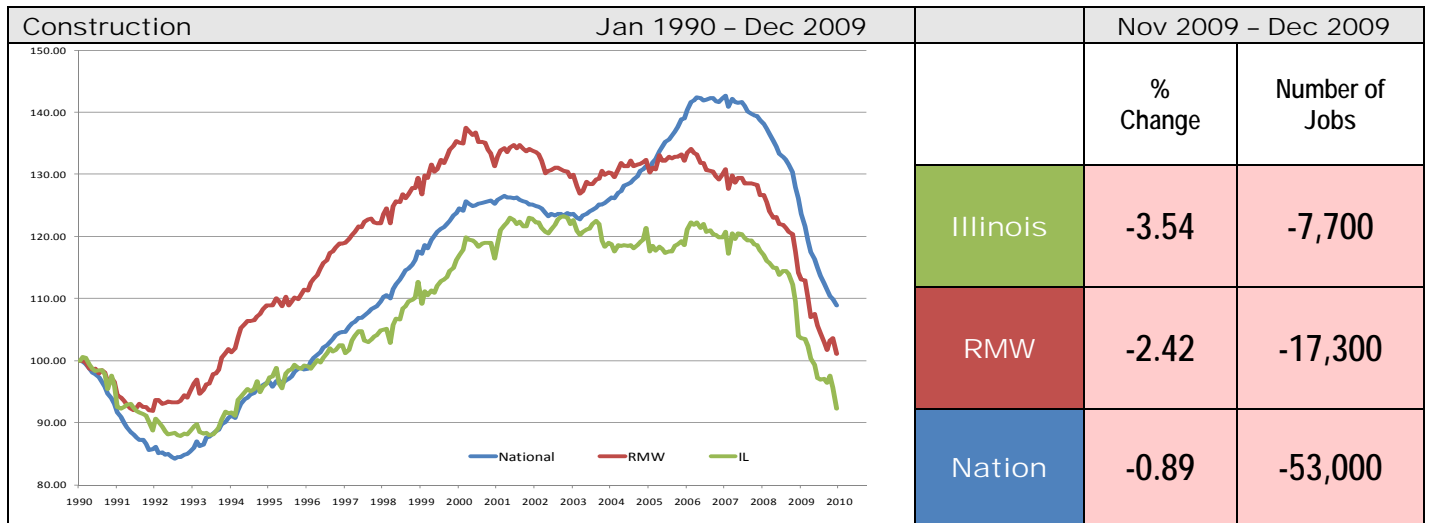


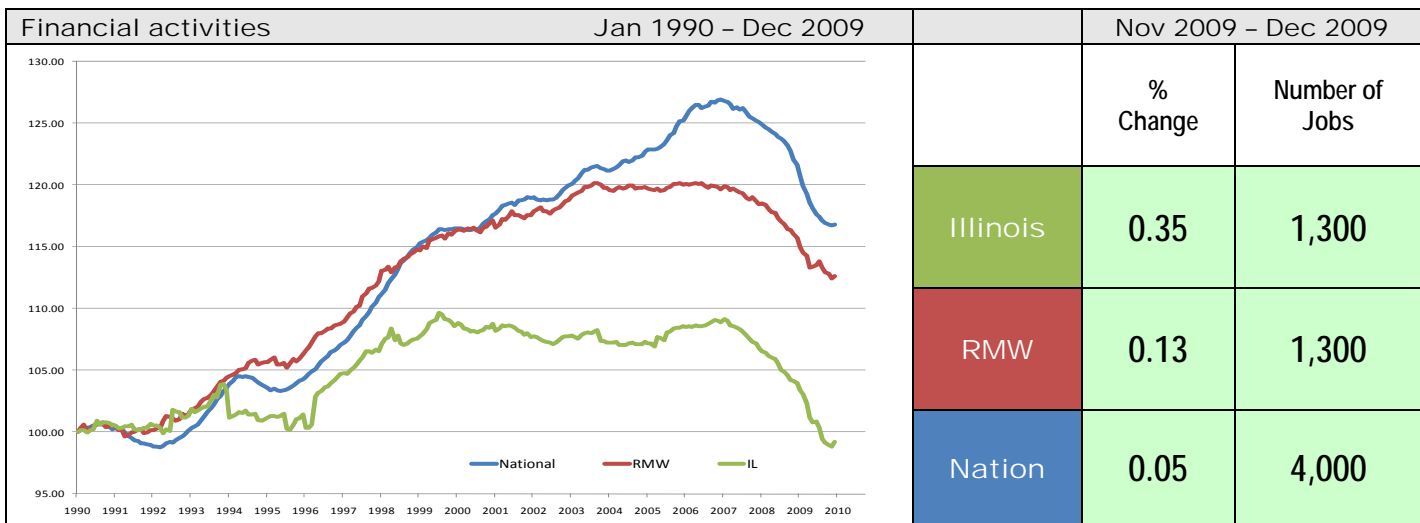
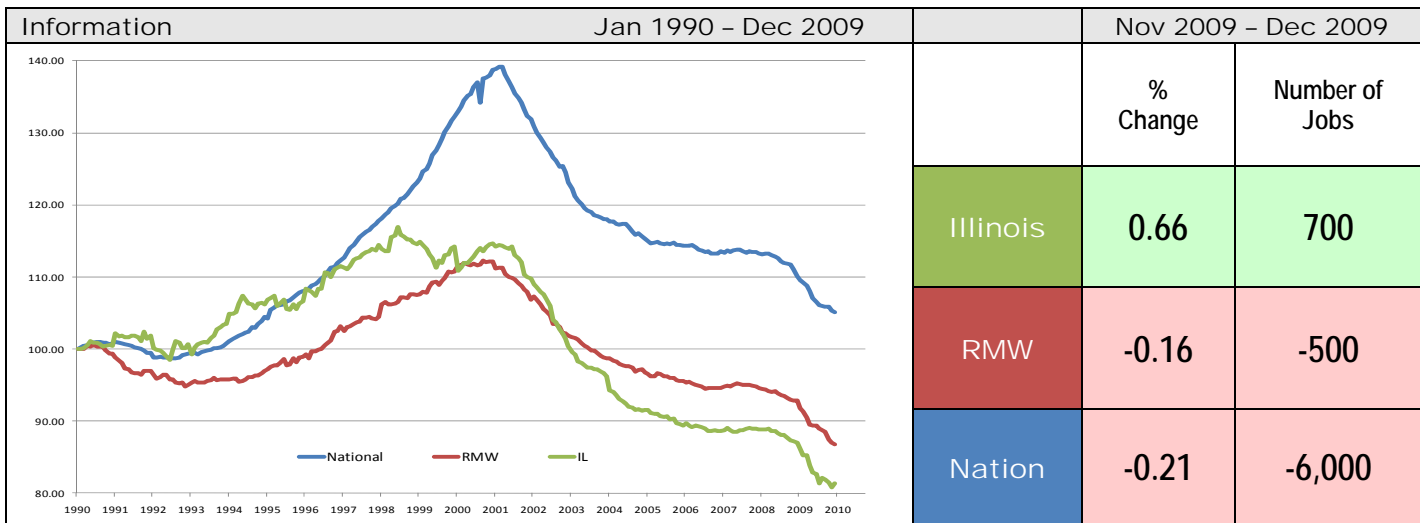
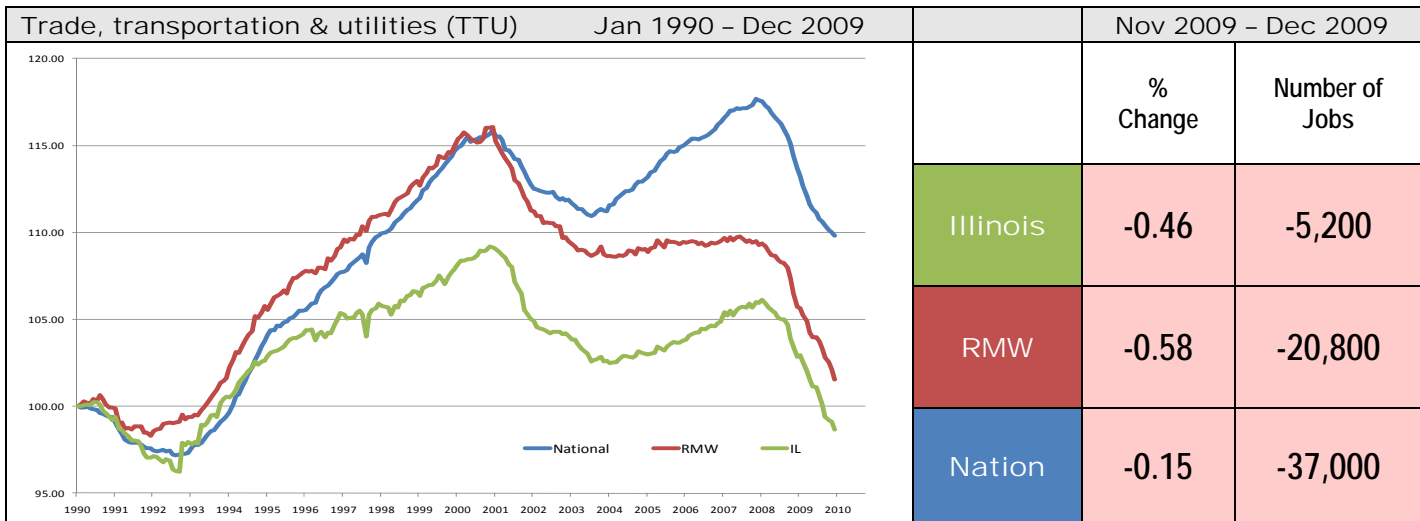
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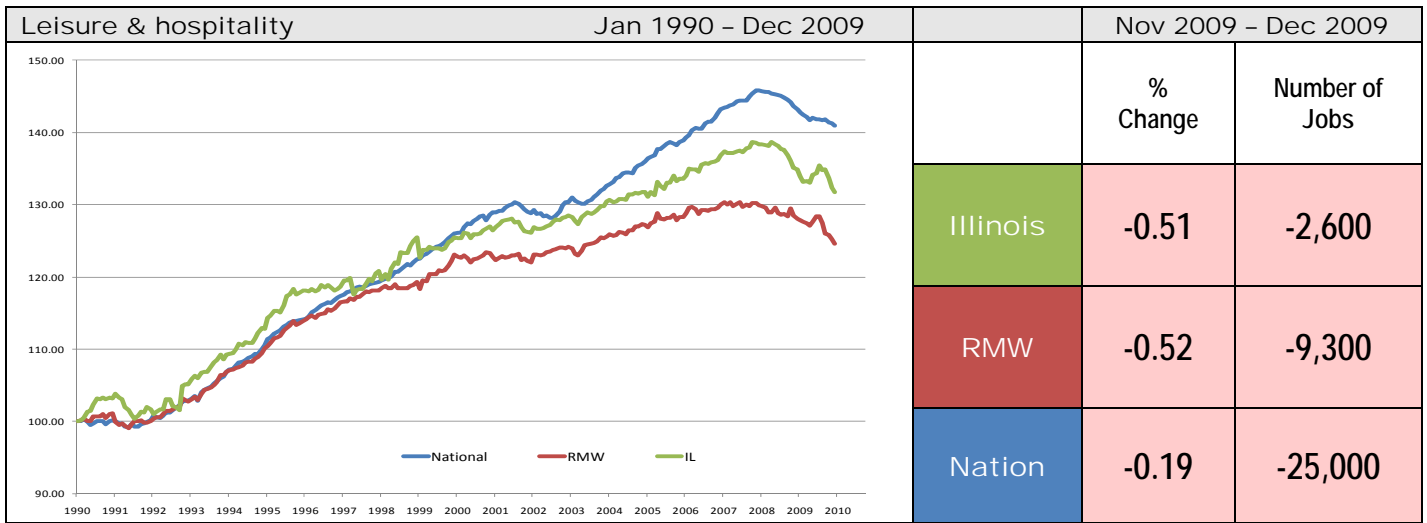
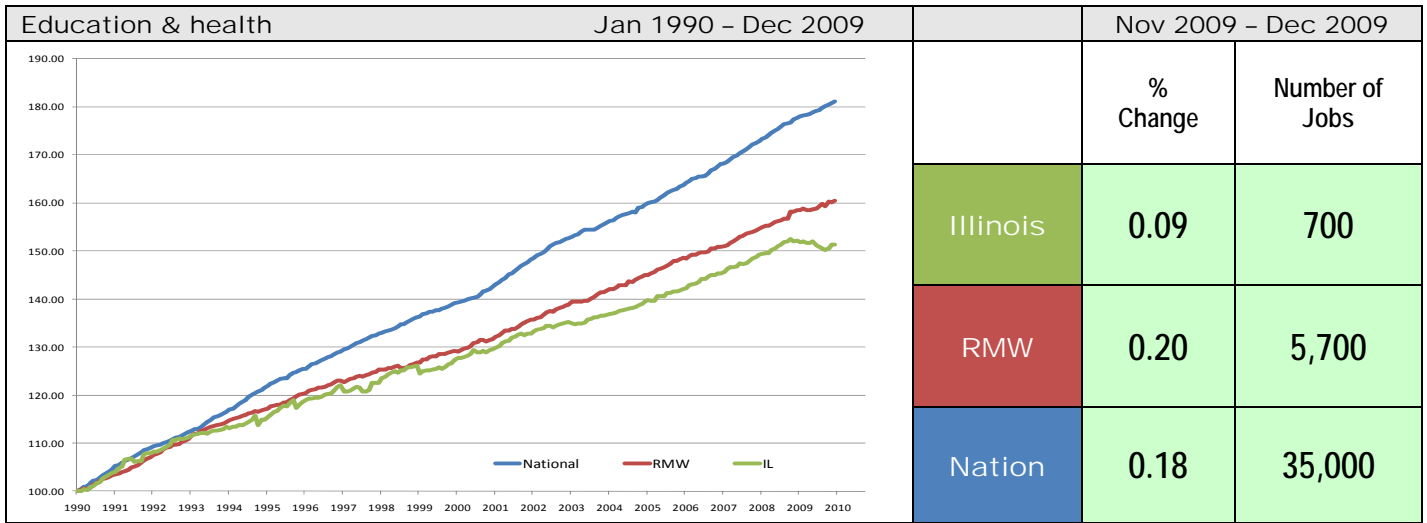
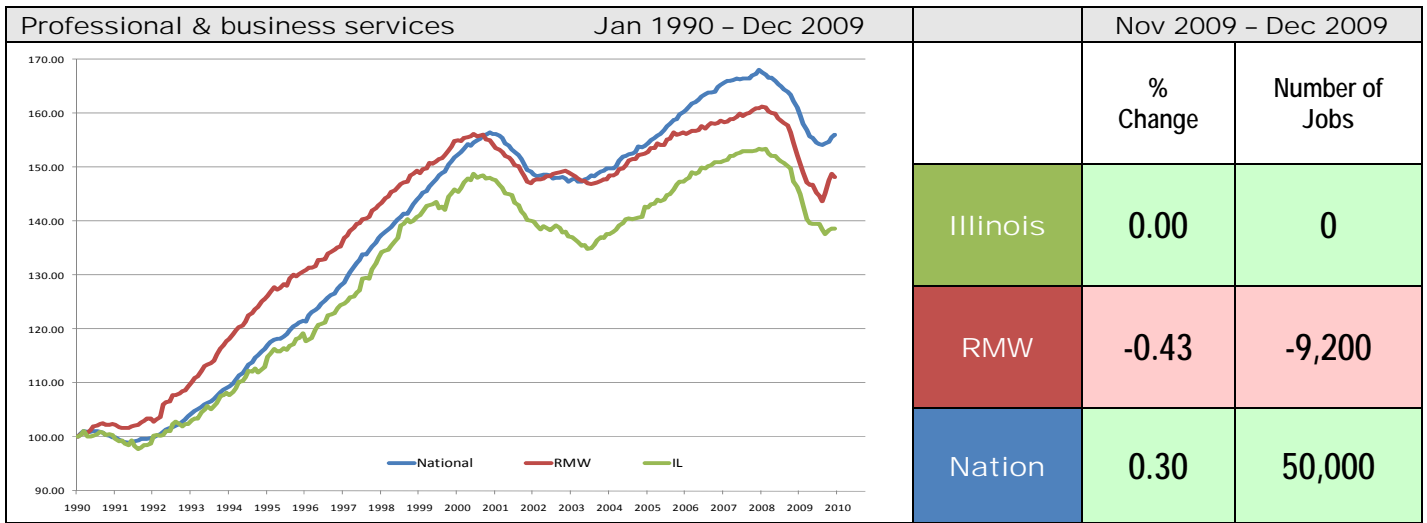


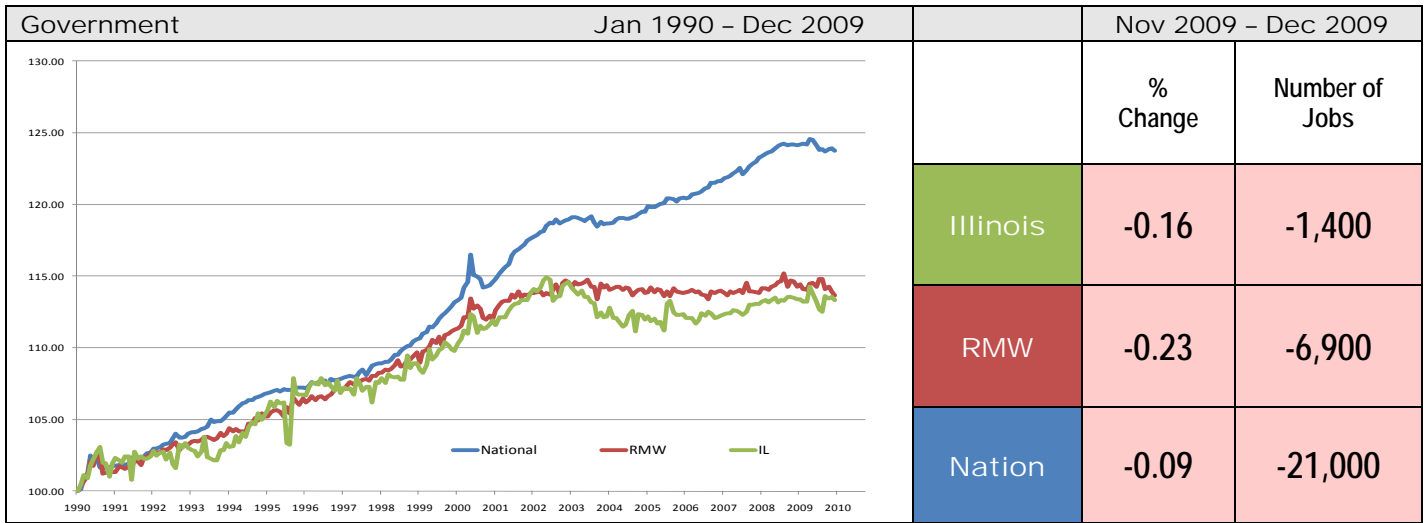
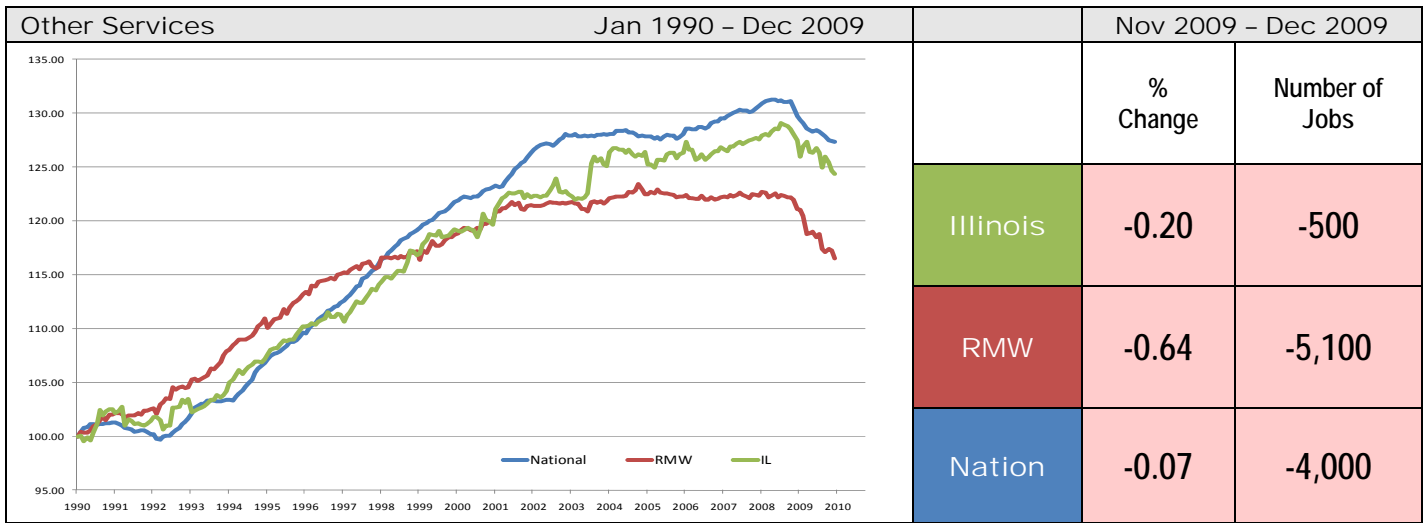
Sector notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Illinois posted a job decline of -0.29% in December 2009. Five out of ten sectors recorded net losses. Compared to November 2009, relative performance gains were recorded for Information (-0.85% to 0.66%), Financial activities (-0.14% to 0.35%), and other services (-0.62% to -0.20%), whereas Construction (-1.94% to -3.54%), Trade transportation & utilities (-0.11% to -0.66%) and Education and health Services (0.46% to 0.09%), faced major losses in performance. ▪ In December at the national level, two sectors added jobs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Professional and business services: 50,000 (0.30%) ○ Education and Health Services: 35,000 (0.18%) ○ Financial activities: 4,000 (0.05%) ▪ Major losses at the national level in December were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Construction: -53,000 (-0.89%) ○ Trade transportation & utilities: -37,000 (-0.15%) ○ Manufacturing: -27,000 (-0.23%) ▪ For Illinois, three sectors posted job gains in December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Financial activities: 1,300 (0.35%) ○ Education and Health Services: 700 (0.09%) ○ Information: 700 (0.66%) ▪ Following are the major sectors that lost jobs in December for Illinois: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Construction: -7,700 (-3.54%) ○ Trade transportation & utilities: -5,200 (-0.46%) ○ Leisure & hospitality: -2,600 (-0.51%) ▪ For Illinois, five sectors have employment below 1990 levels. They are Manufacturing with -350,700 fewer jobs, Information down -24,400 jobs, Construction down -17,600 jobs, Trade transportation & utilities down -15,500 jobs, and Financial activities down -3,000 jobs, than their 1990 employment levels, respectively.
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Total Non-farm Employment growth rate by sector Jan 1990 - Dec 2009						
	Illinois				RMW	Nation
	vs. RMW	vs. Nation	Number of Jobs	Rate %	Rate %	Rate %
Construction	-	-	-17,600	-7.74	1.13	8.95
Manufacturing	-	-	-350,700	-37.97	-33.39	-34.66
Trade, transportation & utilities (TTU)	-	-	-15,500	-1.35	1.54	9.82
Information	-	-	-24,400	-18.68	-13.17	5.09
Financial activities	-	-	-3,000	-0.80	12.61	16.80
Professional & business services	-	-	220,100	38.56	48.18	56.00
Education & health	-	-	272,100	51.43	60.49	81.15
Leisure & hospitality	+	-	122,700	31.79	24.61	40.97
Other Services	+	-	50,100	24.39	16.51	27.32
Government	-	-	100,700	13.36	13.67	23.78









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