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 April 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.

	Total non-farm employment	March 2009 Number of Jobs	Feb 2009 – Mar 2009		Last 12 months	
			Growth Rate (%)	Number of Jobs	Growth Rate (%)	Number of Jobs
April 2009	**Nation**	133,019,000	-0.50	-663,000	-3.48	-4,795,000
	Rest of Midwest (RMW)	18,949,700	-0.62	-118,600	-4.16	-822,900
	Illinois	5,744,000	-0.68	-39,600	-3.89	-232,600
	Illinois Metro	5,307,800	-0.61	-32,600	-2.88	-157,300
	Illinois non-Metro (Rural)	436,200	-1.57	-7,000	-14.73	-75,300
	Illinois Chicago (Upstate)	4,118,200	-0.69	-28,800	-3.56	-152,100
	Illinois non-Chicago	1,625,800	-0.66	-10,800	-4.72	-80,500

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

State, Downstate & Metro

- Illinois lost 39,600 jobs at a rate of -0.68% in March, compared to a revised loss of 36,300 jobs in February.
- Illinois has lost 210,500 jobs since the financial crisis developed in September.
- The major geographic divisions, Chicago-Downstate or Metro-Non-metro all lost jobs in March. Eight out of ten Metro areas lost jobs this month, while only Metro-East and Peoria added jobs.
- Illinois Non-metro lost 7,000 jobs at -1.57% in March, compared to a revised 12,600 job loss in February. At the same time, Metro posted a loss of -0.61%, cutting 32,600 jobs, compared to a revised 24,300 job loss in February.
- Chicago lost 28,800 jobs at -0.69% in March, compared to a revised 20,100 job loss last month. Downstate, at the same time, lost 10,800 jobs at -0.66%, compared to a revised 16,200 job loss in February.
- Over the last 12-month period, Illinois recorded a -3.89% decline by shedding 232,600 jobs.
- In terms of the 12-month aggregated account, Metro registered a negative -2.88% growth by shedding 157,500 jobs whereas Non-Metro lost 75,300 jobs at -14.73%. Chicago lost 152,100 jobs at -3.56% whereas Downstate lost 80,500 jobs at -4.72%.

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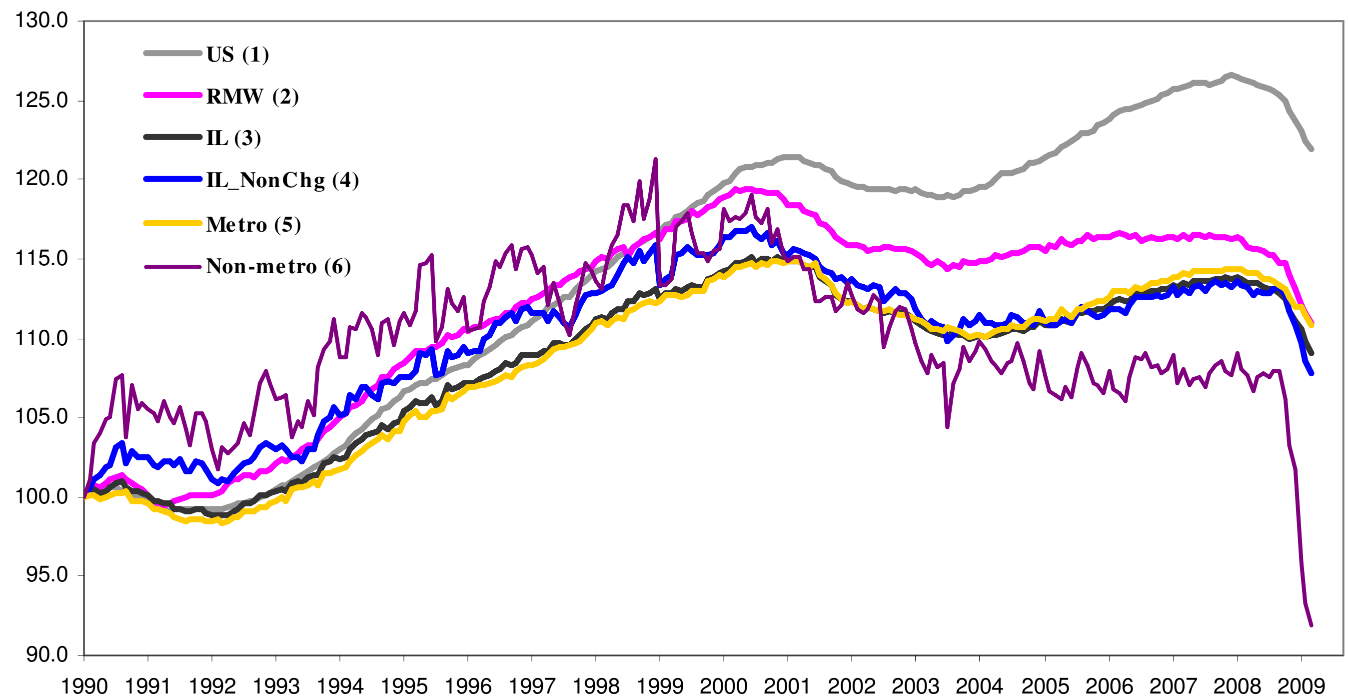
- Illinois Metro posted a negative growth rate of -0.61% by shedding 32,600 jobs in March. Within the MSAs, eight areas posted negative growth, while two areas posted positive growth.
- In terms of growth performance, four MSAs posted a net improvement from February to March, two were unchanged, and four declined.
- The two MSAs posting net gains in March are Metro-East with 200 jobs at 0.08% and Peoria with 100 jobs at 0.02%.
- Over the last 12-month period, Champaign-Urbana-Rantoul grew the fastest at 1.97% by adding 2,200 jobs, followed by Metro-East at 0.38% by adding 900 jobs. Of the six MSAs that posted negative growth rates, Chicago had the biggest loss of 152,500 jobs at -3.56%.

Total non-farm Employment growth Jan 1990 – Mar 2009



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- 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 -0.24% and for Non-metro it was -1.30%.
- 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 -0.92% 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*	Mar 2009 Number of Jobs	Feb 2009 – Mar 2009			Last 12 months	
Market Area		Growth compared to Illinois	Growth Rate %	Number Of Jobs	Growth Rate %	Number of Jobs
Bloomington-Normal (B-N)	91,500	+	-0.21	-200	0.47	400
Champaign-Urbana (C-U-R)	115,200	+	-0.29	-300	1.97	2,200
Chicago	4,118,200	-	-0.69	-28,800	-3.56	-152,500
Davenport-Rock Island-Moline (D-R-M)	189,300	+	-0.48	-900	-0.46	-900
Decatur	54,100	-	-0.81	-400	-1.94	-1,100
Kankakee	43,100	-	-1.62	-700	-4.02	-1,800
Peoria	189,100	+	0.02	100	0.00	0
Rockford	156,100	+	-0.31	-500	-2.63	-4,200
Springfield	111,500	-	-0.88	-1000	-0.61	-700
Metro-East	239,800	+	0.08	200	0.38	900
Illinois			-0.68	-39,600	-3.89	-232,600

MSA League Tables*: Non-farm Employment Growth Rate

Monthly growth:

Rank	February 2009	March 2009	Rank	Change**
1	Metro-East (0.29%)	Metro-East (0.08%)	1	⬅(0)
2	Rockford (-0.03%)	Peoria (0.02%)	2	⬆(+6)
3	Davenport-Rock Island-Moline (-0.04%)	Bloomington-Normal (-0.21%)	3	⬆(+1)
4	Bloomington-Normal (-0.12%)	Champaign-Urbana-Rantoul (-0.29%)	4	⬆(+6)
5	Springfield (-0.42%)	Rockford (-0.31%)	5	⬇(-3)
6	Kankakee (-0.46%)	Davenport-Rock Island-Moline (-0.48%)	6	⬇(-3)
7	Chicago (-0.48%)	Chicago (-0.69%)	7	⬅(0)
8	Peoria (-0.49%)	Decatur (-0.81%)	8	⬆(+1)
9	Decatur (-0.64%)	Springfield (-0.88%)	9	⬇(-4)
10	Champaign-Urbana-Rantoul (-2.3%)	Kankakee (-1.62%)	10	⬇(-4)

Growth over last 12-months:

Rank	February 2009	March 2009	Rank	Change**
1	Champaign-Urbana-Rantoul (1.94%)	Champaign-Urbana-Rantoul (1.97%)	1	⬅(0)
2	Metro-East (1.01%)	Bloomington-Normal (0.47%)	2	⬆(+1)
3	Bloomington-Normal (0.41%)	Metro-East (0.38%)	3	⬇(-1)
4	Springfield (0.19%)	Peoria (0%)	4	⬆(+2)
5	Davenport-Rock Island-Moline (0.04%)	Davenport-Rock Island-Moline (-0.46%)	5	⬅(0)
6	Peoria (-0.31%)	Springfield (-0.61%)	6	⬇(-2)
7	Decatur (-1.22%)	Decatur (-1.94%)	7	⬅(0)
8	Kankakee (-2.03%)	Rockford (-2.63%)	8	⬆(+1)
9	Rockford (-3.01%)	Chicago (-3.56%)	9	⬆(+1)
10	Chicago (-3.13%)	Kankakee (-4.02%)	10	⬇(-2)

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MSA League Tables

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

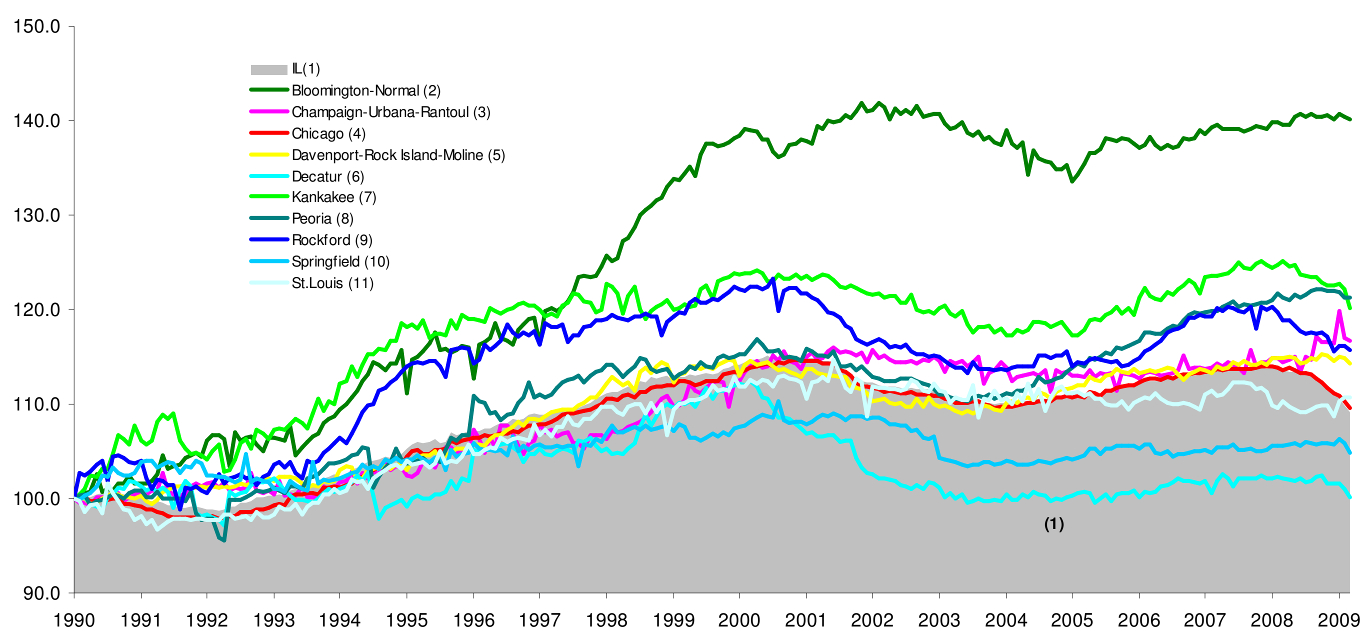
**Changes indicate change in rank position compared to previous month and correspond to the MSA at the right column. Rise is indicated by a '⬆' and decline by a '⬇' and for an unchanged position a '⬅' is used. Figures in parenthesis indicate relative rank change from previous month.

Shaded area on above chart represents Illinois growth.

March 2009 MSA Employment by sector (000s) *										
Market Area	Construc-tion	Manufac-turing	Trade, transporta tion & utilities	Informa-tion	Financial activities	Profession al & business services	Education & health	Leisure & hospitality	Other Services	Govern-ment
Bloomington-Normal	3.11	5.63	13.84	0.99	12.15	17.41	9.61	9.87	3.38	15.50
Champaign-Urbana	4.80	9.83	18.81	2.56	4.65	8.37	13.31	10.73	3.40	38.94
Chicago	169.03	403.32	838.06	85.41	295.82	680.00	564.56	366.44	185.91	526.35
Davenport-Rock Island-Moline	9.44	26.02	39.45	3.09	8.44	24.72	25.15	18.42	7.39	27.36
Decatur	3.90	11.29	11.11	0.79	2.13	3.15	8.21	4.80	2.81	5.92
Kankakee	1.68	4.96	10.70	0.51	1.92	2.99	8.09	3.70	1.94	6.65
Peoria	9.57	31.48	34.59	2.52	8.79	22.72	32.33	18.07	7.80	21.45
Rockford	6.99	30.46	29.53	2.16	6.65	18.21	22.84	12.43	9.45	17.08
Springfield	5.05	3.47	17.82	2.53	7.50	10.80	17.30	10.51	6.57	30.05

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

Total non-farm Employment growth rate Jan 1990 – Mar 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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