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Unemployment Drops as State Adds 600 Jobs

Illinois Up 105,600 Jobs Since Recovery; Leads Midwest in Growth

CHICAGO – The November unemployment rate fell to 10 percent as the state added 600 jobs, according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). The data is seasonally adjusted. The decline from 10.1 percent occurs as Illinois has added jobs in eight of the past 11 months.

“Illinois’ economy continues to take small, positive steps despite the pressure of an uneven national recovery,” IDES Director Jay Rowell said. “Illinois has recorded job growth in eight of 11 months. We have averaged nearly 6,000 new jobs each month this year. And we continue to lead the Midwest in job growth since the recovery began. This is progress that people can see. Illinois’ economy is moving in the right direction.”

Illinois has added +62,300 jobs so far this year and +105,600 jobs since January 2010 when job growth returned to Illinois after 23 consecutive months of declines. That represents a 1.9 percent job growth, compared to the nation’s 1.9 percent. Since January 2010, leading growth sectors in Illinois are Professional and Business Services (+53,800); Educational and Health Services (+38,100); Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+22,600); and Manufacturing (+18,200). Government has lost the most jobs since January 2010, down -13,600.

In November 2011, unemployed individuals decreased for the first time since April, down -8,100 (-1.2 percent) to 660,600. Total unemployed has declined -79,500 (-10.7 percent) since January 2010 when the state unemployment rate peaked at 11.2 percent. The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and seeking employment. A person who exhausts benefits, or is ineligible, still will be reflected in the unemployment rate if they actively seek work.

The IDES supports economic stability by administering unemployment benefits, collecting business contributions to fund those benefits, connecting employers with qualified job seekers, and providing economic information to assist career planning and economic development. It does so through nearly 60 offices, including Illinois workNet centers. 1398**11

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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

	November 2011	October 2011	November 2010	3-Month Moving Avg.
Illinois	10.0%	10.1%	9.4%*	10.0%
U.S.	8.6%	9.0%	9.8%*	8.9%

* Revised

Illinois Seasonally Adjusted Non-farm Jobs – by Major Industry

Industry Title	November 2011*	October 2011**	November 2010**	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change	3-Month Moving Avg.	Change from Previous 3-Month Mov. Avg.
Total Nonfarm	5,686,100	5,685,500	5,629,000	600	57,100	5,676,700	8,700
Mining	9,600	9,300	9,400	300	200	9,500	0
Construction	199,400	201,100	197,200	-1,700	2,200	200,600	-1,900
Manufacturing	571,400	571,500	560,600	-100	10,800	570,800	300
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	1,141,400	1,142,300	1,127,200	-900	14,200	1,140,200	2,200
Information	96,800	97,400	101,400	-600	-4,600	96,600	-200
Financial Activities	356,800	358,100	359,400	-1,300	-2,600	356,900	-100
Professional and Business Services	834,100	830,500	805,700	3,600	28,400	828,000	5,000
Educational and Health Services	859,800	859,500	844,600	300	15,200	858,100	3,400
Leisure and Hospitality	522,300	521,700	518,100	600	4,200	521,000	1,100
Other Services	251,700	251,800	253,100	-100	-1,400	252,400	-700
Government	842,800	842,300	852,300	500	-9,500	842,700	-200

* Preliminary ** Revised

Notes:

- Illinois monthly labor force, unemployed and unemployment rates for years 2006-2010 have been revised as required by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. In February of each year, monthly labor force data for all states are revised to reflect updated Census population controls, seasonal factors, non-farm jobs and unemployment insurance claims inputs. Data were also smoothed to eliminate large monthly changes as a result of volatility in the monthly household (CPS) survey. Comments and tables distributed in prior Illinois unemployment rate news release materials should be discarded because any analysis, including records, previously cited might no longer be valid.
- Seasonally adjusted employment data for subsectors within industries are not available. For not seasonally adjusted jobs data with greater industry detail, go to <http://lmi.ides.state.il.us/cesfiles/cescurrent.htm>.
- “Other Services” includes a wide range of activities in three broad categories: Personal and laundry; repair and maintenance; and religious, grant making, civic and professional organizations.
- Monthly seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for Illinois and the Chicago-Naperville-Joliet Metropolitan Division are available at: <http://lmi.ides.state.il.us/laus/icmaur.htm>.

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