

Illinois Employment Situation Summary

National Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 5,583,000 jobs have been created nationwide, an average of 620,000 created each month.
- In the month of October, the latest for which national data are available, 531,000 jobs were created and the unemployment rate dropped to 4.6%, reaching a new pandemic-era low.
- The unemployment rate went down for adult men (4.3%). The unemployment rates among adult women (4.4%), white workers (4.0%), Asian workers (4.2%), Hispanic workers (5.9%) and Black workers (7.9%) remained stable.

State Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 195,600 jobs have been created in Illinois.
- In the month of October, the latest for which state-level data are available, 40,900 jobs were created in Illinois.

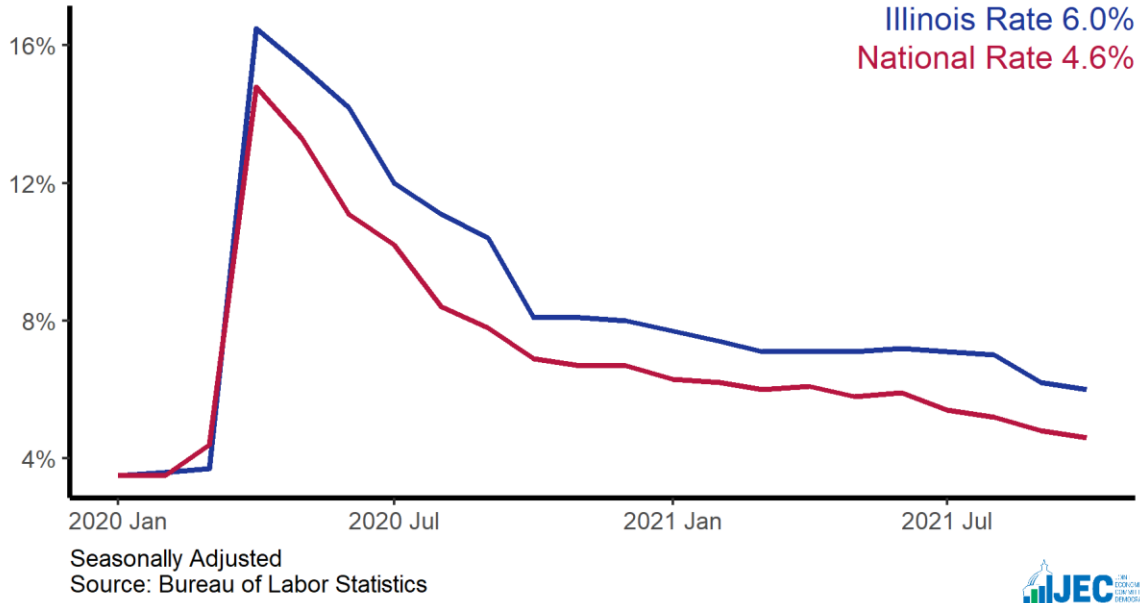
Sector	Change in Total Jobs in October	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January
Total Nonfarm, Illinois	40,900	65%	195,600
Professional and Business Services, Illinois	17,700	82%	16,900
Leisure and Hospitality, Illinois	8,400	64%	110,300
Retail Trade, Illinois	2,100	84%	1,100
Manufacturing, Illinois	1,100	43%	7,200
Government, Illinois	600	50%	10,100
Construction, Illinois	600	102%	9,900
Education and Health Services, Illinois	-500	44%	7,800

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Note: Positive change reflects net job creation. "Recovered" refers to the share of jobs recovered since the pandemic low point as a share of jobs lost during the pandemic. Jobs lost during the pandemic are measured as the difference between the number of jobs in the industry in February 2020 and the number at the "low point" of the pandemic--the month with the fewest people employed in a given industry. The month of the low point varies by industry.

Illinois Unemployment Rate

State and national unemployment rates, since January 2020



Illinois Jobs Recovery

Total employment since January 2020, in thousands

