

# Illinois Employment Situation Summary

## National Employment Data

- The U.S. economy added 253,000 jobs in April, and the United States has seen 27 consecutive months of job growth under President Biden.
- Since President Biden came into office, the United States has added 12.7 million jobs, and at 3.4%, the unemployment remains near 50-year lows.
- In April, the unemployment rate was a record-low 4.7% for Black workers, 4.4% for Hispanic workers, 3.1% for white workers, 2.8% for Asian workers, and 7.5% (not seasonally adjusted) for American Indian and Alaska Native workers

# State Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 440,800 jobs have been created in Illinois.
- In the month of April, 8,500 jobs were created in Illinois.

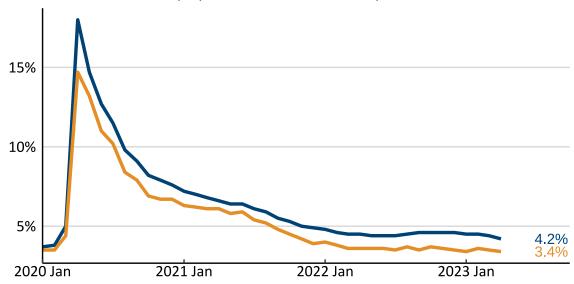
Sector	Change in Total Jobs in April	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January 2021
Total Nonfarm	8,500	99%	440,800
Manufacturing	3,000	82%	18,000
Construction	2,700	125%	15,100
Education and Health Services	2,700	110%	60,500
Professional and Business Services	700	136%	62,700
Retail Trade	-100	96%	9,000
Leisure and Hospitality	-700	88%	169,600
Government	-900	75%	40,300

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



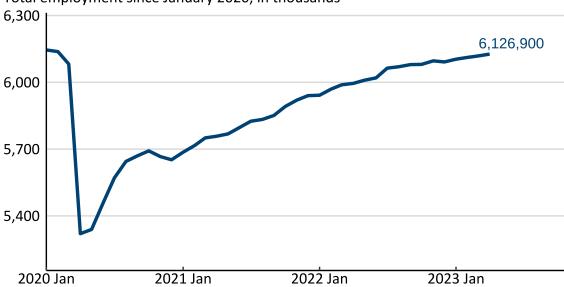
Seasonally Adjusted

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



#### **Illinois Jobs Recovery**

Total employment since January 2020, in thousands



Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Seasonally Adjusted Source: BLS/IL Department of Employment Security

