

# Labor Force

## 2016 Unemployment Data

Month	Total Labor Force	# Employed	# Unem- ployed	Rate
November	56,418	53,816	2,602	4.6%
October	56,488	53,777	2,711	4.8%
September	56,155	53,324	2,831	5.0%
August	56,607	53,760	2,847	5.0%
July	57,029	54,137	2,892	5.1%
June	56,168	53,242	2,926	5.2%
May	55,915	52,943	2,972	5.3%
April	55,587	52,435	3,152	5.7%
March	55,744	52,153	3,591	6.4%
February	55,455	51,707	3,748	6.8%
January	55,518	51,561	3,957	7.1%
<b>2016 Average</b>	<b>56,099</b>	<b>52,987</b>	<b>3,112</b>	<b>5.5%</b>

## 2015 Unemployment Data

December	55,968	52,756	3,212	5.7%
November	56,946	53,569	3,377	5.9%
October	56,488	53,499	2,989	5.3%
September	55,919	53,227	2,692	4.8%
August	55,777	52,935	2,842	5.1%
July	56,466	53,408	3,058	5.4%
June	55,644	52,881	2,763	5.0%
May	54,721	52,126	2,595	4.7%
April	53,715	51,236	2,479	4.6%
March	53,429	50,454	2,975	5.6%
February	53,512	50,353	3,159	5.9%
January	53,390	49,988	3,402	6.4%
<b>2015 Average</b>	<b>55,165</b>	<b>52,203</b>	<b>2,962</b>	<b>5.4%</b>

## 2014 Unemployment Data\*

December	59,091	56,198	2,893	4.9%
November	58,968	56,093	2,875	4.9%
October	59,169	56,105	3,064	5.2%
September	58,482	55,524	2,958	5.1%
August	58,687	55,494	3,193	5.4%
July	59,515	55,887	3,628	6.1%
June	59,326	55,550	3,776	6.4%
May	58,419	54,681	3,738	6.4%
April	58,414	54,434	3,980	6.8%
March	59,412	54,801	4,611	7.8%
February	59,291	54,144	5,147	8.7%
January	59,006	54,079	4,927	8.3%
<b>2014 Average</b>	<b>58,950</b>	<b>55,249</b>	<b>3,733</b>	<b>6.3%</b>

Source: IDES, Economic Information & Analysis Division.

\*Totals vary from 2014 numbers due to a change in methodology from IDES. For more information about the changes please visit: <http://www.ides.illinois.gov/LMI/ILMR/LAUS2015Redesign.pdf>