

Memorandum

To: Mayor Daniel Biss

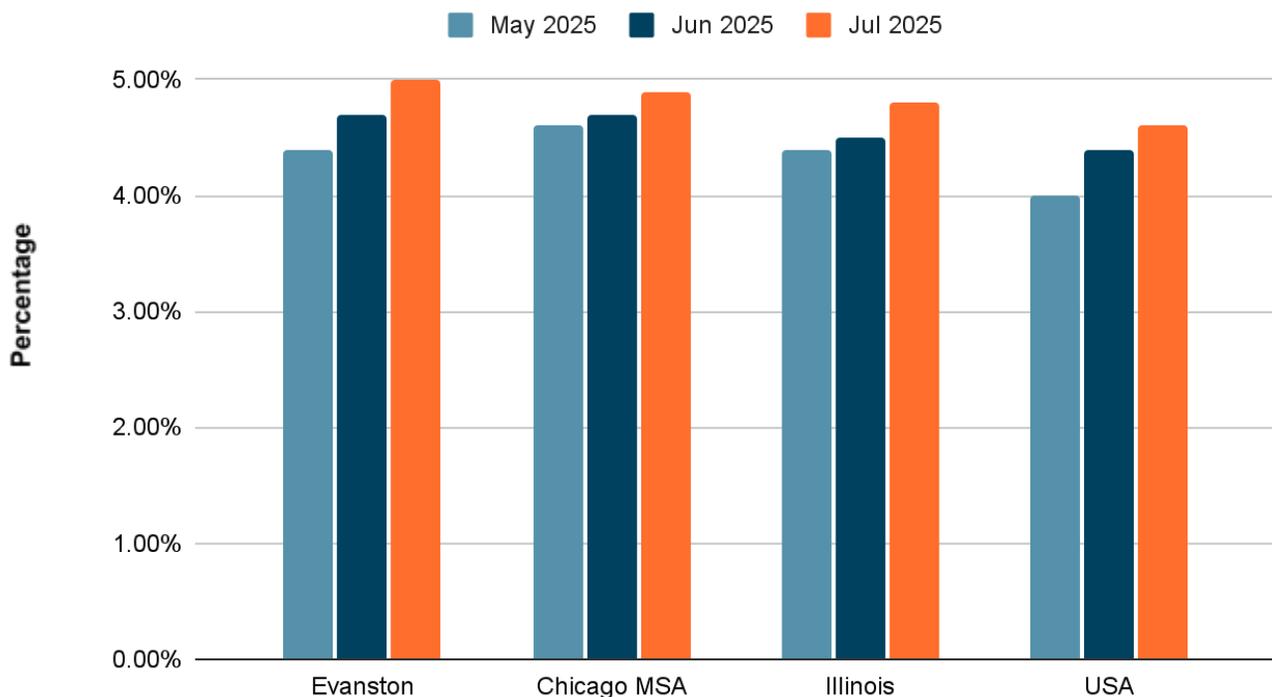
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Subject: Unemployment Trend Report for July, 2025
Date: September 2, 2025

Summary:

This memorandum summarizes unemployment in Evanston, the Chicago-Naperville-Elgin-IL-IN-WI Metropolitan Statistical Area, and Illinois for the previous three months and calendar year from the Illinois Department of Employment Security, Economic Information and Analysis. The figures provided are not seasonally adjusted employment.

FIGURE 1. Comparison of Evanston, IL Unemployment by Percentage for the Last Three Months



Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security, August 31, 2025.

Unemployment Rate

| | <i>Evanston</i> | <i>Chicago MSA</i> | <i>Illinois</i> | <i>USA</i> |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Jul 2025 | 5.0% | 4.9% | 4.8% | 4.6% |
| Jun 2025 | 4.7% | 4.7% | 4.5% | 4.4% |
| May 2025 | 4.4% | 4.6% | 4.4% | 4.0% |
| 2024 Average | 5.2% | 5.1% | 5.0% | 4.0% |
| 2023 Average | 3.7% | 4.5% | 4.5% | 3.6% |
| 2022 Average | 3.9% | 4.6% | 4.6% | 3.6% |

Total Unemployed Individuals

| | <i>Evanston</i> | <i>Chicago MSA</i> | <i>Illinois</i> | <i>USA</i> |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Jul 2025 | 2,005 | 249,076 | 320,000 | 7,847,000 |
| Jun 2025 | 1,904 | 239,460 | 297,474 | 7,460,000 |
| May 2025 | 1,762 | 230,826 | 285,647 | 6,815,000 |
| 2024 Average | 1,842 | 257,224 | 330,800 | 6,624,900 |
| 2023 Average | 1,247 | 211,782 | 296,526 | 6,287,000 |
| 2022 Average | 1,476 | 221,753 | 293,965 | 5,885,909 |

Total Labor Force

| | <i>Evanston</i> | <i>Chicago MSA</i> | <i>Illinois</i> | <i>USA</i> |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Jul 2025 | 40,492 | 5,040,193 | 6,631,535 | 171,646,000 |
| Jun 2025 | 40,546 | 5,051,085 | 6,638,008 | 171,343,000 |
| May 2025 | 40,022 | 4,983,411 | 6,548,902 | 170,216,000 |
| 2024 Average | 40,171 | 5,013,880 | 6,624,900 | 168,862,532 |
| 2023 Average | 38,251 | 4,867,225 | 6,435,378 | 166,132,000 |
| 2022 Average | 39,118 | 4,922,620 | 6,438,447 | 164,287,166 |

Sources:

1. <https://ides.illinois.gov/resources/labor-market-information/laus/monthly-reports.html>