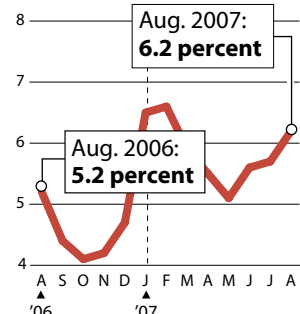


**JOBLESS RATE** (Winnebago and Boone counties)



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# Unemployment rates

	AUGUST 2007	PERCENTAGE POINT CHANGE FROM AUGUST 2006
United States	4.6%	- 0.1
Illinois	5.4%	+ 1.0
Winnebago County	6.2%	+ 1.0
Boone County	6.1%	+ 1.0
Ogle County	5.5%	+ 0.8
Rockford	7.2%	+ 1.1
Freeport	6.3%	+ 0.9
Bloomington-Normal	4.2%	+ 0.6
Champaign-Urbana	4.8%	+ 0.7
Chicago	5.3%	+ 0.9
Kankakee	6.5%	+ 0.9
Peoria-Pekin	4.7%	+ 0.6
Springfield	4.9%	+ 0.7

Note: Rates are preliminary and are not seasonally adjusted.  
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