

# Public Policy Newsletter

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## Many surprised by May jobs report

[Employment rose by 2.5 million in May](#) and the jobless rate declined to 13.3%, according to data Friday from the Labor Department that was far better than economists had been expecting.

Economists surveyed by Dow Jones had been expecting payrolls to drop by \$8.33 million and the unemployment rate to rise to 19.5% from April's 14.7%. If Wall Street expectations had been accurate, it would have been the worst figure since the Great Depression.

## Other federal public policy and related news

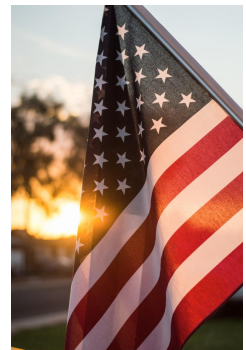
President wants more [resources](#) focused on fighting COVID-19 in high-risk populations.

[Paycheck Protection Program](#) amended giving businesses greater flexibility.

Congressional Democrats prepare a [police reform bill](#) after George Floyd's death.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce launches [initiative](#) to address inequality of opportunity.

[Stocks](#) climbed after unemployment report publication.



## State public policy and related news

Illinois surpasses [one million COVID-19 tests](#).

Community-based [testing sites](#) are now open to all.

Illinois has paid \$3.6 billion in [unemployment benefits](#) since March.

Some lawmakers call for a [special session](#) of Illinois' General Assembly to address police reform issues.

Illinois High School Association gives [green light](#) to restart sports.



## Local public policy and related news

[Police Chief Winslow](#) worked with area departments to prepare for rallies.

[City Council](#) has heavy discussion regarding race.

[CWLP](#) could become the world's largest research and development pilot for a carbon capture system.

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce provides *Reopening Your Business* guide and updated COVID-19 [Resources and Information](#).



## Bids and RFPs

### City of Springfield

[Bid Opportunities](#): Lakeside Tunnel Isolation Project



[Requests for Proposals](#): Sale of Real Property 2019, Third-Party Administrative Services and Utilization Review Program, Sale of Reclaimed Barn Lumber, On/Near-Site Health Clinic, and Investment Banking Services

