Kendall County’s unemployment rate fell to 8.6 percent this June, a drop of one percent from the same time last year, according to the latest unemployment report release by the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES).

The labor force, those citizens of working age, totaled 67,338 in Kendall County in June with 5,765 unemployed.

The Village of Oswego had similar good news, as the village’s unemployment rate last year was 9.1 percent and this June dropped to 8.6 percent, a decrease of .5 percent. In Oswego the labor force was 17,360 in June with 1,485 unemployed.

The IDES did not release unemployment figures for the Village of Montgomery.

The IDES report shows statewide the unemployment rate in June was 9.3 percent, down a percentage point from last year. Meanwhile, the U.S. unemployment rate was 8.4 percent this June and 9.3 percent last year, a .9 percent decrease.

Last year Kendall County saw the highest unemployment rate of the year in June and Oswego saw their unemployment rate top out in July at 9.2 percent. In January 2009 unemployment rate peaked at 11.5 percent and almost 6,893 people were looking for work.

Jay Rowell, IDES director, said in a statement that the growth appears to be uneven.

"Manufacturing and other private-sector job growth continues to push our economy through an uneven recovery,” Rowell said. “This steady progress is encouraging even as we remain guarded on how world economic events in Europe, China and elsewhere will be felt here at home.”

Job seekers looking for employment information can visit the IDES’s job search website Illinois JobLink at illinoisjoblink.illinois.gov.