



ECONOMIC DASHBOARD

Q2: June 6, 2025

*All data reflect the Chicago metro area geography, unless otherwise noted.
Sources available upon request.*

PRO-CHICAGOLAND
DECISIONS

as of May 30, 2025






Companies making a known
pro-Chicagoland decision in 2025

63

46 Expansions
17 Relocations/New Market Entrants

38 City Investments, including 3 on the
S/W Sides
24 GCEP (Regional) Investments

140 pro-Chicago decisions in 2024
163 pro-Chicago decisions in 2023
180 pro-Chicago decisions in 2022

| SPENDING & ACTIVITY | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---|--|---|--|--|----------------|--------------|
| |  CONSUMER PRICE INDEX METRO AREA Apr. 2025 12 month % change, all items |  TOTAL ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURES METRO AREA 2024 |  WEEKLY OFFICE OCCUPANCY METRO AREA May 28 |  PUBLIC TRANSIT May 25-31 Benchmark: Mar. 2019 |  AVG. DAILY FLIGHTS Apr. 2025 | | |
| CHI | +3.1% | \$392B | 54.0% | -24% (CTA) | -36% (Metra) | 2,200 (ORD) | 420 (MDW) |
| NYC | +3.9% | \$913B | 50.8% | -11% (MTA) | -22% (LIRR) | 1,193 (JFK) | 997 (LGA) |
| LA | +3.0% | \$525B | 48.0% | -17% | | 1,412 | |
| HOU | +1.2% | \$278B | 59.8% | -20% | | 1,151 | |

CHICAGO FED
SURVEY OF
ECONOMIC
CONDITIONS
METRO AREA



-3.0

May 2025

Suggests economic
growth is near trend.

+17.0

from Apr. 2025

CHICAGO
BUSINESS
BAROMETER
METRO AREA



40.5

May 2025

-4.1

from Apr. 2025

HOUSING

NEW PRIVATE
RESIDENTIAL
PERMITS
METRO AREA
4/1/25 – 4/30/25

1,342





+22.9%
FROM Apr.
2024

#18
METRO
RANK

ALL BUILDING
PERMITS
CITY ONLY
6/1/24 – 5/31/25

5,629

-1,818
CHANGE FROM
6/1/23 – 5/31/24







| TRADE & BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT | | | | |
|------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| |  TRADE VALUE METRO AREA Mar. 2025 |  HOTEL OCCUPANCY CITY (CBD) ONLY Apr. 2025 |  OPEN TABLE RESERVATIONS METRO AREA May 2025 Benchmark: May 2024 |  BUSINESS LICENSE APPLI-CATI ONS CITY ONLY 6/1/24–5/31/25 |
| CHI | \$48.5B | 69.6% | +12% | 6,141 |
| NYC | \$41.5B | 85.7% | +13% | N/A |
| LA | \$25.8B | 72.6% | +12% | N/A |
| HOU | \$19.6B | N/A | +28% | N/A |

| INNOVATION – METRO AREA | | | |
|-------------------------|---|----------------|----------|
| Q1 2025 | GROWTH CAPITAL (PRE-VC, VC + PE) RAISED | | |
| | VENTURE CAPITAL | PRIVATE EQUITY | VC + PE |
| SF | \$60.76B | \$1.02B | \$61.78B |
| NYC | \$7.68B | \$4.22B | \$11.90B |
| BOS | \$3.85B | \$1.87B | \$5.72B |
| LA | \$2.83B | \$1.17B | \$4.00B |
| SEA | \$2.45B | \$641.8M | \$3.09B |
| CHI | \$582.74M | \$631.8M | \$1.21B |

| INNOVATION – CITY & COUNTIES | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Q1 2025 | GROWTH CAPITAL RAISED | |
| | CAPITAL RAISED | DEAL COUNT |
| CHICAGO CITY | \$1.10B | 82 |
| COOK SUBURBS | \$26.29M | 13 |
| DUPAGE | \$4.98M | 5 |
| KANE | \$1.25M | 1 |
| KENDALL | \$0 | 0 |
| LAKE | \$66.3M | 6 |
| MCHENRY | \$0 | 0 |
| WILL | \$11.5M | 2 |

| MACROECONOMIC | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| | NOMINAL GDP (PROJECTED) | | BUSINESS COUNT | | EMPLOYMENT | | UNEMPLOYMENT | | | ACTIVE JOB POSTINGS | |
| | Q2 2025 | PRIOR QUARTER CHANGE | Q3 2024 | PRIOR QUARTER CHANGE | Apr. 2025 (Prelim.) | PRIOR MONTH CHANGE | Apr. 2025 (Prelim.) | CHANGE FROM Mar. 2025 | CHANGE FROM Apr. 2024 | May 2025 As of Jun. 3 | PRIOR MONTH CHANGE |
| CHI | \$920B | 1.2% ▲ | 255,967 | 0.5% ▲ | 4,767,323 | 0.3% ▼ | 4.8% | 0.5pp ▼ | 0.1pp ▲ | 192,685 | 1.4% ▼ |
| NYC | \$2,457B | 1.2% ▲ | 666,364 | 0.4% ▼ | 9,823,845 | 0.1% ▲ | 4.1% | 0.3pp ▼ | 0.1pp ▲ | 325,604 | 0.5% ▲ |
| LA | \$1,536B | 1.2% ▲ | 741,325 | 2.3% ▲ | 6,414,275 | 0.9% ▲ | 4.8% | 0.3pp ▼ | 0.2pp ▲ | 212,709 | 1.4% ▼ |
| HOU | \$750B | 1.6% ▲ | 174,556 | 0.4% ▼ | 3,756,430 | 0.9% ▲ | 3.9% | 0.3pp ▼ | 0.2pp ▲ | 118,551 | 4.1% ▼ |

| WHO'S HIRING (May 2025) | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| COMPANY | UNIQUE JOB POSTINGS |
| Walmart | 4,342 |
| University of Chicago | 3,151 |
| Advocate Aurora Health | 2,024 |
| Walgreens Boots Alliance | 1,449 |
| Northshore Health System | 973 |
| Chicago Public Schools | 951 |
| AbbVie | 933 |






| EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (Q2 2025, PROJECTED) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|------------------|---|------------------|--|------------------|---|------------------|--|------------------|--|------------------|
| |  TECH | QUARTERLY CHANGE |  LIFE SCIENCES | QUARTERLY CHANGE |  TD&L | QUARTERLY CHANGE |  MFG | QUARTERLY CHANGE |  BUS. & PRO. SERVICES | QUARTERLY CHANGE |  FOOD MFG | QUARTERLY CHANGE |
| CHI | 245,718 | 0.7% ▲ | 90,874 | 0.6% ▲ | 272,889 | 0.4% ▲ | 420,788 | 0.3% ▲ | 392,379 | 0.6% ▲ | 75,547 | 0.3% ▲ |
| NYC | 594,286 | 0.8% ▲ | 201,654 | 0.6% ▲ | 393,869 | 0.3% ▲ | 348,789 | 0.3% ▲ | 873,200 | 0.6% ▲ | 65,218 | 0.4% ▲ |
| LA | 319,256 | 0.7% ▲ | 139,080 | 0.7% ▲ | 244,733 | 0.4% ▲ | 463,206 | 0.2% ▲ | 456,535 | 0.5% ▲ | 56,963 | 0.7% ▲ |
| HOU | 128,374 | 0.8% ▲ | 61,839 | 0.6% ▲ | 168,865 | 0.5% ▲ | 240,633 | 0.4% ▲ | 288,596 | 0.7% ▲ | 18,444 | 0.3% ▲ |

| COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE (Q1 2025, CBRE) | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------|------------------|
| | Absorption/Demand (YTD) | Availability | Quarterly Change | Vacancy | Quarterly Change |
| Office Market (CBD) | 66,522 sqft | 26.5% | ▲ 0.1 pp | 24.8% | ▲ 0.4 pp |
| Office Market (Suburban) | -259,204 sqft | 28.0% | ▼ 0.4 pp | 27.1% | ▼ 0.1 pp |
| Industrial Market (Metro Area) | 1,412,192 sqft | 8.5% | ▲ 4.6 pp | 5.4% | ▼ 1.9 pp |

MACROECONOMIC – CITY OF CHICAGO AND GCEP COUNTIES

| | NOMINAL GDP (ESTIMATE) | | BUSINESS COUNT | | EMPLOYMENT | | UNEMPLOYMENT | | | ACTIVE JOB POSTINGS | |
|--------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2024 | CHANGE FROM 2023 | Q3 2024 | CHANGE FROM Q2 2024 | Apr. 2025 <i>(Prelim.)</i> | CHANGE FROM Mar. 2025 | Apr. 2025 <i>(Prelim.)</i> | CHANGE FROM Mar. 2025 | CHANGE FROM Apr. 2024 | May 2025 <i>As of Jun. 3</i> | CHANGE FROM Apr. 2025 |
| CHICAGO CITY | \$514.8B | 0.6% ▲ | 141,309 | 1.0% ▲ | 1,401,520 | 0.8% ▼ | 5.5% | 0.2pp ▼ | 0.6pp ▲ | 65,275 | -1.9% ▼ |
| COOK SUBURBS | | | | | 1,216,247 | 0.8% ▼ | 5.2% | 0.5pp ▼ | 0.5pp ▲ | 46,698 | 2.1% ▲ |
| DUPAGE | \$113.3B | 0.1% ▼ | 34,615 | 0.9% ▲ | 496,047 | 0.9% ▼ | 4.3% | 0.3pp ▼ | 0.5pp ▲ | 23,945 | 0.3% ▼ |
| KANE | \$33.3B | 0.5% ▲ | 13,089 | 1.1% ▲ | 265,972 | 2.0% ▲ | 3.7% | 0.9pp ▼ | 1.3pp ▼ | 9,768 | 3.6% ▼ |
| KENDALL | \$4.7B | 1.2% ▲ | 2,497 | 1.2% ▲ | 73,971 | 2.0% ▲ | 3.3% | 0.6pp ▼ | 1.2pp ▼ | 1,496 | 3.2% ▲ |
| LAKE | \$93.9B | 1.5% ▲ | 20,200 | 1.1% ▲ | 352,806 | 1.9% ▲ | 3.7% | 0.9pp ▼ | 1.3pp ▼ | 17,012 | 4.0% ▼ |
| MCHENRY | \$14.3B | 0.0% = | 8,018 | 1.0% ▲ | 171,476 | 0.9% ▼ | 4.6% | 0.6pp ▼ | 0.5pp ▲ | 4,900 | 0.5% ▼ |
| WILL | \$43.0B | 0.2% ▲ | 16,163 | 1.9% ▲ | 371,599 | 0.9% ▼ | 5.0% | 0.6pp ▼ | 0.4pp ▲ | 12,327 | 0.7% ▼ |
| METRO AREA | \$886B | 3.7% ▲ | 255,967 | 0.5% ▲ | 4,767,323 | 0.3% ▼ | 4.8% | 0.5pp ▼ | 0.1pp ▲ | 192,685 | 1.4% ▼ |

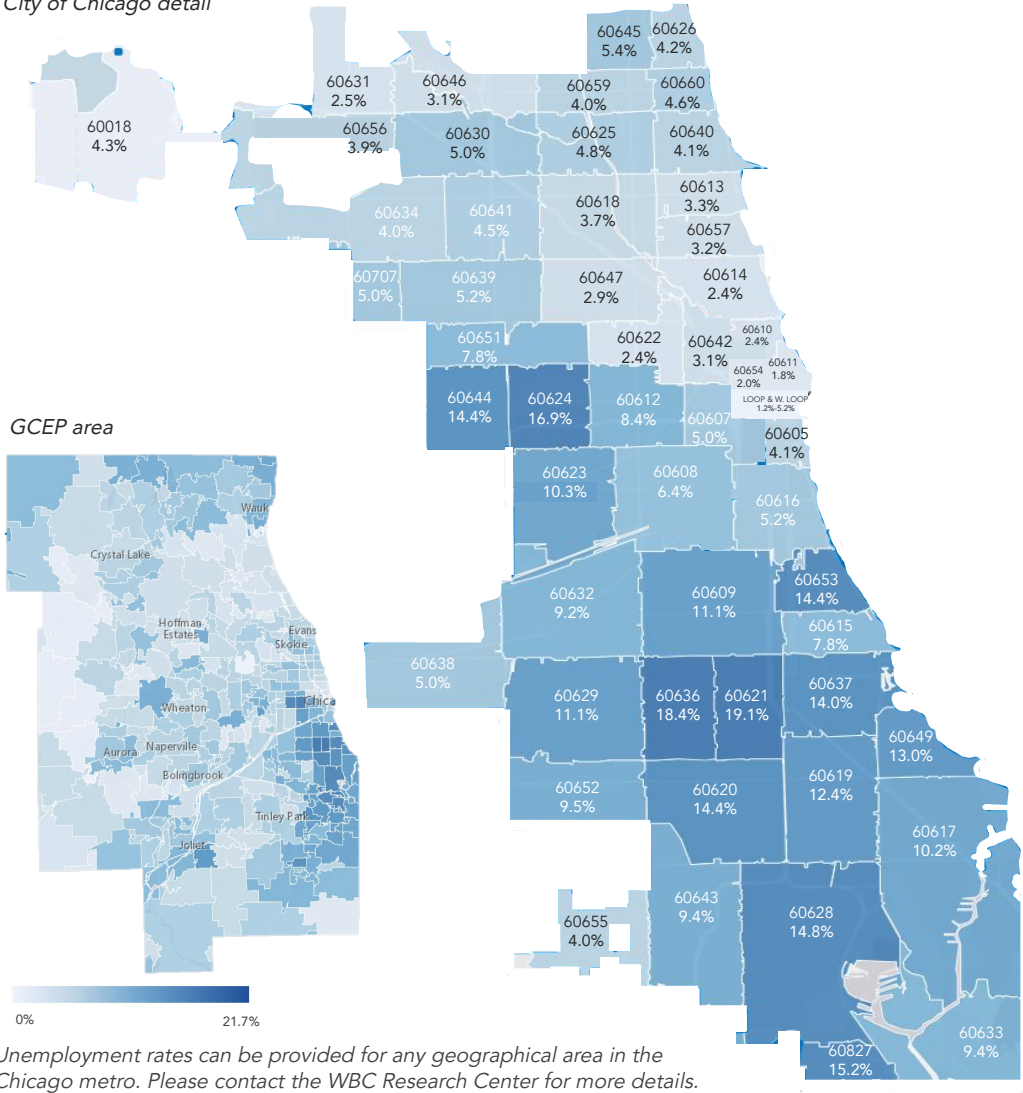
EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (2025, PROJECTED) – CITY OF CHICAGO AND GCEP COUNTIES

| |  TECH | CHANGE FROM 2024 |  LIFE SCIENCES | CHANGE FROM 2024 |  TDL | CHANGE FROM 2024 |  MFG | CHANGE FROM 2024 | BUS. & PRO. SERVICES | CHANGE FROM 2024 |  FOOD MFG | CHANGE FROM 2024 |
|--------------|--|------------------|---|------------------|---|------------------|---|------------------|----------------------|------------------|--|------------------|
| CHICAGO CITY | 69,774 | 0.2% ▲ | 11,467 | 1.7% ▼ | 52,704 | 1.6% ▲ | 67,591 | 1.4% ▼ | 68,983 | 1.1% ▲ | 25,615 | 1.2% ▲ |
| COOK SUBURBS | 36,972 | 0.3% ▲ | 17,430 | 0.5% ▲ | 101,931 | 1.4% ▲ | 106,328 | 1.5% ▼ | 245,178 | 0.8% ▲ | 16,807 | 2.3% ▲ |
| DUPAGE | 40,690 | 0.8% ▼ | 14,054 | 0.6% ▲ | 35,800 | 2.6% ▲ | 59,451 | 1.1% ▲ | 55,174 | 0.2% ▼ | 8,451 | 4.6% ▲ |
| KANE | 8,264 | 2.6% ▲ | 3,927 | 3.6% ▲ | 6,885 | 3.7% ▲ | 33,706 | 1.6% ▲ | 10,018 | 1.5% ▲ | 6,307 | 5.8% ▲ |
| KENDALL | 486 | 2.1% ▲ | 119 | 13.9% ▲ | 2,535 | 2.2% ▲ | 3,006 | 0.6% ▲ | 1,111 | 2.4% ▲ | 696 | 4.8% ▲ |
| LAKE | 31,208 | 0.9% ▼ | 27,324 | 0.3% ▼ | 9,012 | 3.8% ▲ | 53,230 | 0.7% ▲ | 18,880 | 1.5% ▼ | 2,440 | 3.4% ▲ |
| MCHENRY | 1,904 | 3.5% ▼ | 618 | 5.1% ▼ | 1,952 | 0.3% ▲ | 12,396 | 0.7% ▼ | 3,933 | 1.0% ▲ | 1,174 | 1.6% ▲ |
| WILL | 6,107 | 1.8% ▲ | 2,931 | 0.6% ▲ | 41,871 | 5.7% ▲ | 24,541 | 2.6% ▲ | 10,062 | 1.8% ▲ | 5,052 | 4.1% ▲ |

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE MAP

Estimated unemployment rates by zip code, 2024

City of Chicago detail



JOB POSTINGS & OPPORTUNITY ZIP CODES

| HIGH DEMAND OCCUPATIONS | UNIQUE JOB POSTINGS METRO AREA | | HIGH OPPORTUNITY ZIP CODES IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Occupations with the most unique job postings | May 2025 | PRIOR MONTH CHANGE | TOP ZIP CODES FOR RECRUITMENT Zip codes in Chicago with the highest concentrations of residents in high demand occupations | | | | |
| Sales and Related Occupations | 23,788 | 5.3%▲ | North Loop | Chestnut Street | Main Post Office | Fort Dearborn | South Loop |
| Management Occupations | 23,433 | 1.2%▼ | Chestnut Street | South Inner Loop | Lincoln Park | South Loop | Main Post Office |
| Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations | 21,788 | 0.9%▼ | Downtown Station | Fort Dearborn | Main Post Office | Edge-Brook | Norwood Park |
| Business and Financial Operations Occupations | 14,884 | 4.5%▼ | Main Post Office | Main Post Office | Chestnut Street | Lincoln Park | Chestnut Street |
| Office and Administrative Support Occupations | 13,172 | 3.6%▼ | Riverdale | South Shore | Roseland | Hege-wis ch | Grand Crossing |

HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT ZIP CODES (Est. 2024 Rates)

| Zip | City of Chicago Neighborhood | 2024 | Change from 2023 | | Zip | Chicagoland Suburb | 2024 | Change from 2023 |
|-------|--------------------------------|-------|------------------|--|-------|--------------------|-------|------------------|
| 60621 | Englewood | 19.1% | ▼2.6pp | | 60419 | Dolton | 13.8% | ▼2.2pp |
| 60636 | West Englewood | 18.4% | ▼2.3pp | | 60428 | Markham | 13.5% | ▼2.1pp |
| 60624 | West Garfield Park | 16.9% | ▼2.4pp | | 60471 | Richton Park | 12.3% | ▼1.8pp |
| 60827 | Riverdale | 15.2% | ▼2.2pp | | 60433 | Joliet | 12.1% | ▼1.1pp |
| 60628 | Pullman, Roseland | 14.8% | ▼2.0pp | | 60096 | Winthrop Harbor | 11.7% | ▲1.5pp |
| 60620 | Auburn Gresham | 14.4% | ▼2.0pp | | 60472 | Robbins | 11.6% | ▼1.8pp |
| 60644 | Austin | 14.4% | ▼2.0pp | | 60473 | South Holland | 11.5% | ▼1.5pp |
| 60653 | Bronzeville | 14.4% | ▼2.3pp | | 60426 | Harvey | 11.2% | ▼1.6pp |
| 60637 | Woodlawn | 14.0% | ▼2.0pp | | 60476 | Thornton | 10.8% | ▼0.3pp |
| 60649 | South Shore | 13.0% | ▼1.8pp | | 60536 | Millbrook | 10.7% | ▲7.8pp |
| 60619 | Chatham, Grand Crossing | 12.4% | ▼1.8pp | | 60064 | North Chicago | 10.5% | ▲1.5pp |
| 60609 | Back of the Yards, Fuller Park | 11.1% | ▼1.7pp | | 60409 | Calumet City | 10.5% | ▼1.5pp |
| 60629 | West Lawn, Chicago Lawn | 11.1% | ▼1.7pp | | 60429 | Hazel Crest | 10.5% | ▼1.6pp |