



ECONOMIC DASHBOARD

Q3: July 11, 2025

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

PRO-CHICAGOLAND
DECISIONS

as of July 9, 2025






Companies making a known
pro-Chicagoland decision in 2025

84

60 Expansions
24 Relocations/New Market Entrants

45 City Investments, including 3 on the
S/W Sides
39 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 May. 2025 12 month % change, all items	 TOTAL ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURES METRO AREA 2024	 WEEKLY OFFICE OCCUPANCY METRO AREA June 25	 PUBLIC TRANSIT Jun 29-Jul 5 Benchmark: Mar. 2019	 AVG. DAILY FLIGHTS May. 2025		
CHI	+3.3%	\$392B	58.3%	-25% (CTA)	-33% (Metra)	2,288 (ORD)	409 (MDW)
NYC	+3.4%	\$913B	53.1%	-13% (MTA)	-2% (LIRR)	1,211 (JFK)	976 (LGA)
LA	+3.0%	\$525B	49.3%	-32%		1,441	
HOU	N/A	\$278B	60.0%	-24%		1,196	

CHICAGO FED
SURVEY OF
ECONOMIC
CONDITIONS
METRO AREA



-3.0

June 2025

Suggests economic
growth is near trend.

-2.0

from May 2025

CHICAGO
BUSINESS
BAROMETER
METRO AREA



40.4

June 2025

-0.1

from May. 2025

HOUSING

NEW PRIVATE
RESIDENTIAL
PERMITS
METRO AREA
1/1/25 – 5/31/25

6,241





-2.8%
FROM May.
2024

#21
METRO
RANK

ALL BUILDING
PERMITS
CITY ONLY
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

5,680

-51
CHANGE FROM
7/1/24 – 6/30/25







TRADE & BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT				
	 TRADE VALUE METRO AREA May 2025	 HOTEL OCCUPANCY CITY (CBD) ONLY May 2025	 OPEN TABLE RESERVATIONS METRO AREA June 2025 Benchmark: June 2024	 BUSINESS LICENSE APPLI- CATIONS CITY ONLY 7/1/24-6/30/25
CHI	\$35.8B	76.9%	+10%	6,216
NYC	\$26.3B	73.3%	+16%	N/A
LA	\$22.1B	88.0%	0%	N/A
HOU	\$17.7B	76.1%	+21%	N/A

INNOVATION – METRO AREA				
Q2 2025	GROWTH CAPITAL (PRE-VC, VC + PE) RAISED			
	VC	PE	VC + PE	Change from Q2 2024
SF	\$33.51B	\$0.15B	\$33.66B	70.4% ▲
NYC	\$6.1B	\$1.52B	\$7.62B	14.2% ▼
BOS	\$2.86B	\$0.28B	\$3.14B	32.8% ▼
LA	\$6.23B	\$0.55B	\$6.78B	48.7% ▲
SEA	\$1.74B	\$0.18B	\$1.92B	69.9% ▲
CHI	\$0.74B	\$1.65B	\$2.39B	25.1% ▲





INNOVATION – CITY & COUNTIES		
Q2 2025	GROWTH CAPITAL RAISED	
	CAPITAL RAISED	DEAL COUNT
CHICAGO CITY	\$2.25B	86
COOK SUBURBS	\$32.51M	14
DUPAGE	\$54.01M	8
KANE	\$1.60M	4
KENDALL	\$0	0
LAKE	\$1.21M	2
MCHENRY	\$0	0
WILL	\$53.17M	2

MACROECONOMIC											
	NOMINAL GDP (PROJECTED)		BUSINESS COUNT		EMPLOYMENT		UNEMPLOYMENT			ACTIVE JOB POSTINGS	
	Q2 2025	PRIOR QUARTER CHANGE	Q4 2024	PRIOR QUARTER CHANGE	May. 2025 <i>(Prelim.)</i>	PRIOR MONTH CHANGE	May. 2025 <i>(Prelim.)</i>	CHANGE FROM Apr. 2025	CHANGE FROM May. 2024	June 2025 <small>As of Jul. 10</small>	PRIOR MONTH CHANGE
CHI	\$924B	1.8% ▲	256,032	0.0% =	4,752,585	0.3% ▼	4.6%	0.2pp ▼	0.4pp ▼	193,822	2.6% ▲
NYC	\$2,459B	1.9% ▲	669,578	0.5% ▲	9,741,525	0.9% ▼	4.0%	0.1pp ▼	0.3pp ▼	341,174	1.5% ▲
LA	\$1,561B	1.9% ▲	732,764	1.2% ▼	6,360,354	0.9% ▼	5.0%	0.2pp ▲	0.1pp ▲	217,520	1.5% ▼
HOU	\$749B	2.4% ▲	173,953	0.3% ▼	3,716,978	1.0% ▼	4.2%	0.3pp ▲	0.2pp ▲	117,808	2.5% ▼

WHO'S HIRING (June 2025)	
COMPANY	UNIQUE JOB POSTINGS
Walmart	4,394
University of Chicago	3,091
Walgreens Boots Alliance	1,374
Advocate Aurora Health	1,319
Chicago Public Schools	1,284
Starbucks	983
Northshore University Health System CDC	937

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	243,300	0.6% ▲	91,164	0.8% ▲	267,598	0.8% ▲	406,008	0.5% ▲	397,044	0.1% ▲	73,017	1.0% ▼
NYC	571,553	0.5% ▲	194,702	0.4% ▲	383,899	0.5% ▲	332,223	0.2% ▲	850,387	0.2% ▲	64,697	0.9% ▲
LA	298,209	0.9% ▲	125,802	0.4% ▲	241,059	0.1% ▲	451,764	0.1% ▼	447,489	0.5% ▼	54,515	0.3% ▲
HOU	127,702	0.4% ▲	64,119	0.5% ▲	174,986	0.1% ▲	240,840	0.5% ▲	285,011	0.4% ▲	18,190	0.1% ▼

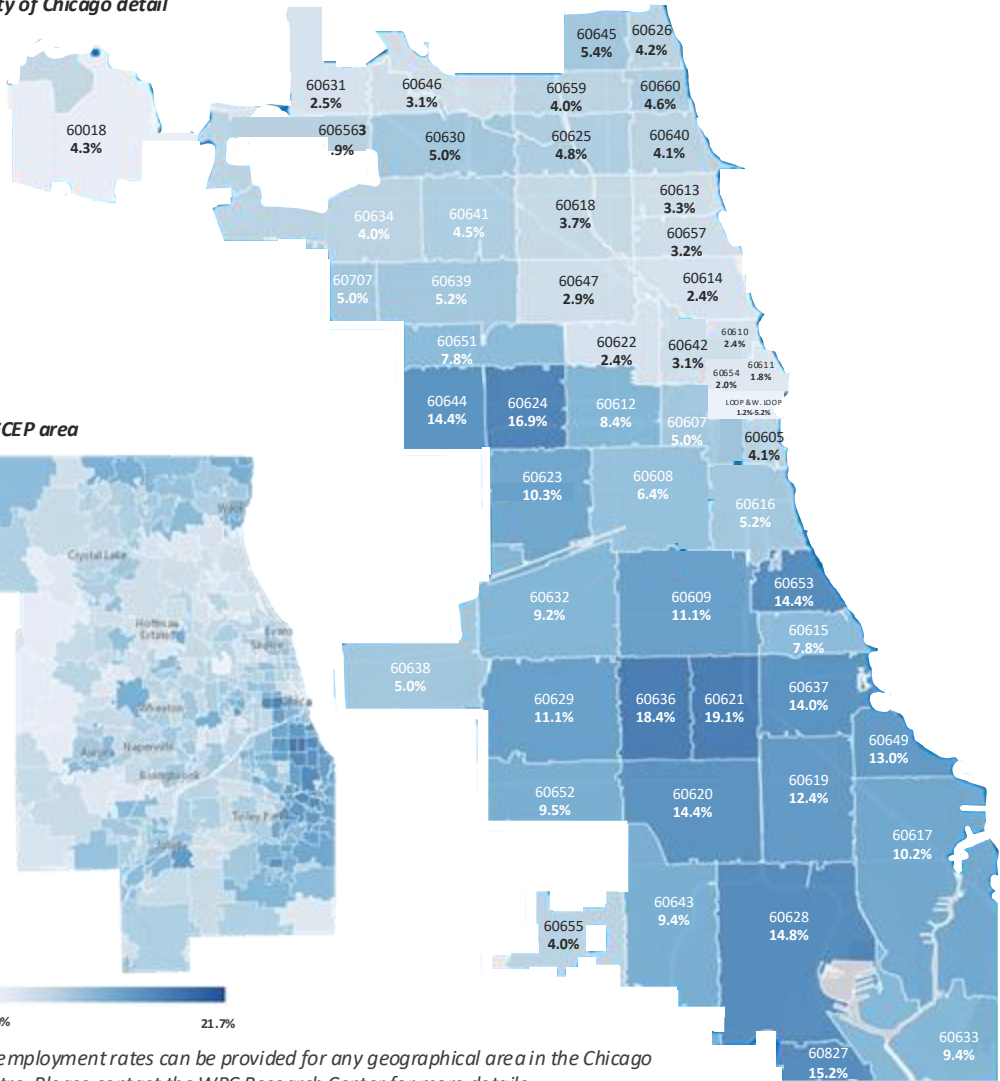
COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE (Q1 2025, CBRE)					
	ABSORPTION/DEMAND (YTD)		AVAILABILITY	QUARTERLY CHANGE	VACANCY
OFFICE MARKET (CBD)	66,522 sqft		26.5%	▲ 0.1 pp	24.8%
OFFICE MARKET (SUBURBAN)	-259,204 sqft		28.0%	▼ 0.4 pp	27.1%
INDUSTRIAL MARKET (METRO AREA)	1,412,192 sqft		8.5%	▲ 4.6 pp	5.4%

MACROECONOMIC – CITY OF CHICAGO AND GCEP COUNTIES												
NOMINAL GDP (ESTIMATE)			BUSINESS COUNT		EMPLOYMENT		UNEMPLOYMENT			ACTIVE JOB POSTINGS		
	2024	CHANGE FROM 2023	Q4 2024	CHANGE FROM Q3 2024	May 2025 <i>(Prelim.)</i>	CHANGE FROM Apr. 2025	May 2025 <i>(Prelim.)</i>	CHANGE FROM Apr. 2025	CHANGE FROM May 2024	June 2025 <i>As of Jul. 10</i>	CHANGE FROM May 2025	
CHICAGO CITY	\$514.8B	0.6% ▲	141,181	0.1% ▼	1,397,671	0.3% ▼	5.2%	0.3pp ▼	0.2pp ▼	63,270	3.1% ▼	
COOK SUBURBS					1,212,908	0.3% ▼	4.9%	0.3pp ▼	0.1pp ▼	49,535	6.1% ▲	
DUPAGE	\$113.3B	0.1% ▼	34,587	0.1% ▼	495,013	0.2% ▼	4.1%	0.2pp ▼	0.2pp ▼	24,296	1.5% ▲	
KANE	\$33.3B	0.5% ▲	13,119	0.2% ▲	263,307	0.9% ▼	3.6%	0.0pp =	0.2pp ▼	9,752	0.2% ▼	
KENDALL	\$4.7B	1.2% ▲	2,501	0.2% ▲	73,221	1.0% ▼	3.4%	0.1pp ▲	0.9pp ▼	1,633	9.2% ▲	
LAKE	\$93.9B	1.5% ▲	20,231	0.2% ▲	351,274	0.6% ▼	3.6%	0.1pp ▼	0.9pp ▼	17,766	4.4% ▲	
MCHENRY	\$14.3B	0.0% =	8,005	0.2% ▼	171,104	0.2% ▼	4.1%	0.5pp ▼	0.2pp ▼	4,942	0.9% ▲	
WILL	\$43.0B	0.2% ▲	16,198	0.2% ▲	370,872	0.2% ▼	4.6%	0.4pp ▼	0.3pp ▼	12,767	3.6% ▲	
METRO AREA	\$924B	1.8% ▲	256,032	0.0% =	4,752,585	0.3% ▼	4.2%	0.3pp ▲	0.2pp ▲	193,822	2.6% ▲	
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	June 2025	Prior Month Change	Top Zip Codes for Recruitment Zip codes in Chicago with the highest concentrations of residents in high demand occupations				
Management Occupations	23,804	0.1% ▼	North Loop	Chestnut Street	Main Post Office	Fort Dearborn	South Loop
Sales and Related Occupations	23,491	2.0% ▼	Chestnut Street	South Inner Loop	Lincoln Park	South Loop	Main Post Office
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	22,648	2.7% ▲	Downtown Station	Fort Dearborn	Main Post Office	Edge-Brook	Norwood Park
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	14,189	6.2% ▼	Main Post Office	Main Post Office	Chestnut Street	Lincoln Park	Chestnut Street
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	12,996	3.5% ▼	Riverdale	South Shore	Roseland	Hege-wisch	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