



ECONOMIC DASHBOARD

Q3: August 8, 2025

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

PRO-CHICAGOLAND
DECISIONS

as of August 7, 2025






Companies making a known
pro-Chicagoland decision in 2025

102

70 Expansions
32 Relocations/New Market Entrants

49 City Investments, including 5 on the
S/W Sides
53 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 June 2025 12 month % change, all items	 TOTAL ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURES METRO AREA 2025	 WEEKLY OFFICE OCCUPANCY METRO AREA July 30	 PUBLIC TRANSIT Jul. 27 - Aug. 2 Benchmark: Jul. 2019	 AVG. DAILY FLIGHTS June 2025		
CHI	+3.5%	\$403B (+2.5% from 2024)	60.2%	-26% (CTA)	-39% (Metra)	2,440 (ORD)	499 (MDW)
NYC	+3.5%	\$959B (+5.0% from 2024)	54.2%	-17% (MTA)	-8% (LIRR)	1,265 (JFK)	1,003 (LGA)
LA	+3.2%	\$537B (+2.3% from 2024)	49.1%	-28%		1,506	
HOU	+1.8%	\$290B (+4.3% from 2024)	58.6%	-23%		1,246	

CHICAGO FED
SURVEY OF
ECONOMIC
CONDITIONS
METRO AREA



-22.8

June 2025

Suggests economic
growth is below trend.

-20.2

from June 2025

CHICAGO
BUSINESS
BAROMETER
METRO AREA



47.1

July
2025

+6.7

from June 2025

HOUSING

NEW PRIVATE
RESIDENTIAL
PERMITS
METRO AREA
1/1/25 – 6/30/25

8,124





+3.9%
FROM
YTD 2024

#20
METRO
RANK

ALL BUILDING
PERMITS
CITY ONLY
8/1/24 – 7/31/25

5,675

-1,539
CHANGE FROM
8/1/23 – 7/31/24







TRADE & BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT				
	 TRADE VALUE METRO AREA June 2025	 HOTEL OCCUPANCY CITY (CBD) ONLY June 2025	 OPEN TABLE RESERVATIONS METRO AREA July 2025 Benchmark: July 2024	 BUSINESS LICENSE APPLI- CATIONS CITY ONLY 8/1/24-7/31/25
CHI	\$29.1B	82.2%	+12%	6,142
NYC	\$19.0B	88.3%	+16%	N/A
LA	\$24.8B	66.4%	+4%	N/A
HOU	\$16.3B	N/A	+29%	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	
	Q3 2025	PRIOR QUARTER CHANGE	Q4 2024	PRIOR QUARTER CHANGE	June 2025 (Prelim.)	PRIOR MONTH CHANGE	June 2025 (Prelim.)	CHANGE FROM May 2025	CHANGE FROM Jun. 2024	July 2025 As of Aug. 7	PRIOR MONTH CHANGE
CHI	\$921B	0.8% ▲	256,032	0.0% =	4,811,625	1.2% ▲	4.7%	0.1pp ▲	1.3pp ▼	210,515	12% ▲
NYC	\$2,464B	0.9% ▲	669,578	0.5% ▲	9,809,904	0.7% ▲	4.5%	0.5pp ▲	0.2pp ▼	382,296	14% ▲
LA	\$1,565B	0.8% ▲	732,764	1.2% ▼	6,308,390	0.8% ▼	5.6%	0.6pp ▲	0.0pp =	227,241	6% ▲
HOU	\$752B	1.3% ▲	173,953	0.3% ▼	3,730,428	0.3% ▲	4.3%	0.1pp ▲	0.4pp ▼	121,128	4% ▲

WHO'S HIRING (July 2025)	
COMPANY	UNIQUE JOB POSTINGS
University of Chicago	2,948
Chicago Public School	1,682
Advocate Aurora Health	1,529
Walgreens Boots Alliance	1,464
Walmart	1,425
Northwestern Memorial Healthcare	1,209
Northshore University Health System CDC	1,125

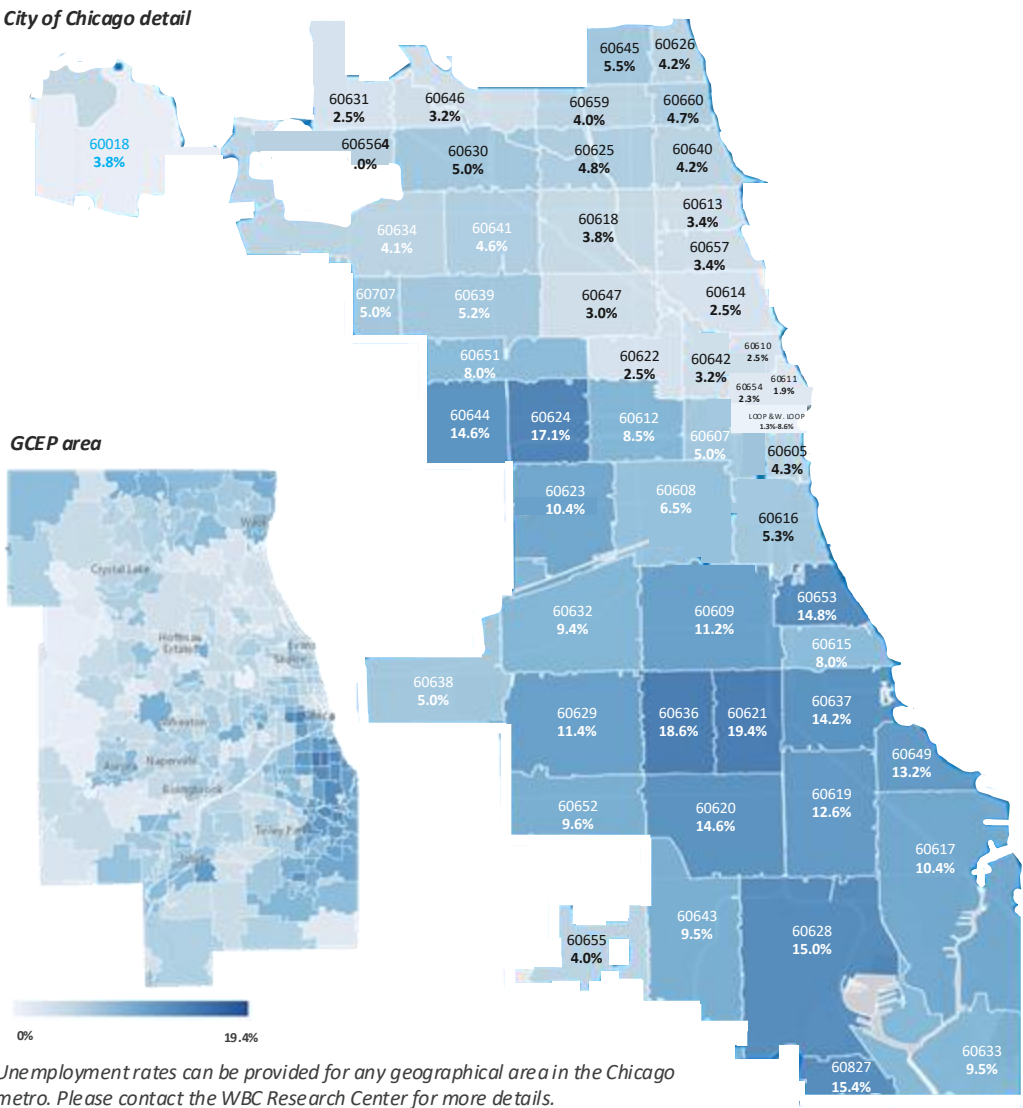
EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (Q3 2025, PROJECTED)												
	 TECH	QUARTERLY CHANGE	 LIFE SCIENCES	QUARTERLY CHANGE	 TD&L	QUARTERLY CHANGE	 MFG	QUARTERLY CHANGE	 BUS. & PRO. SERVICES	QUARTERLY CHANGE	 FOOD MFG	QUARTERLY CHANGE
CHI	243,857	0.6% ▲	90,945	0.4% ▲	267,713	0.4% ▲	405,290	0.2% ▲	400,880	0.6% ▲	72,075	0.3% ▲
NYC	571,863	0.6% ▲	194,410	0.5% ▲	379,142	0.3% ▲	332,019	0.1% ▲	851,376	0.5% ▲	65,010	0.2% ▲
LA	298,183	0.6% ▲	125,771	0.5% ▲	241,301	0.3% ▲	451,953	0.1% ▲	447,348	0.5% ▲	54,830	0.5% ▲
HOU	127,798	0.7% ▲	64,203	0.6% ▲	175,172	0.5% ▲	241,129	0.3% ▲	285,036	0.8% ▲	17,657	0.4% ▲

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE (Q2 2025, CBRE)					
	ABSORPTION/DEMAND (YTD)		AVAILABILITY	QUARTERLY CHANGE	VACANCY
OFFICE MARKET (CBD)	258,725 sqft		27%	▲ 0.5 pp	25.5%
OFFICE MARKET (SUBURBAN)	266,180 sqft		28.2%	▲ 0.2 pp	27.4%
INDUSTRIAL MARKET (METRO AREA)	2,709,764 sqft		8.5%	= 0.0 pp	5.5%

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	June 2025 <i>(Prelim.)</i>	CHANGE FROM May 2025	June 2025 <i>(Prelim.)</i>	CHANGE FROM May 2025	CHANGE FROM June 2024	July 2025 <i>As of Aug. 7</i>	CHANGE FROM June 2025	
CHICAGO CITY	\$514.8B	0.6% ▲	141,181	0.1% ▼	1,411,595	0.9% ▲	5.3%	0.1pp ▲	1.3pp ▼	64,190	4% ▲	
COOK SUBURBS					1,224,990	0.9% ▲	5.0%	0.2pp ▲	1.2pp ▼	54,806	17% ▲	
DUPAGE	\$113.3B	0.1% ▼	34,587	0.1% ▼	500,323	1.6% ▲	4.3%	0.2pp ▲	1.1pp ▼	26,373	14% ▲	
KANE	\$33.3B	0.5% ▲	13,119	0.2% ▲	267,106	1.6% ▲	3.7%	0.1pp ▲	1.3pp ▼	10,161	8% ▲	
KENDALL	\$4.7B	1.2% ▲	2,501	0.2% ▲	74,308	1.6% ▲	3.6%	0.2pp ▲	1.2pp ▼	1,815	18% ▲	
LAKE	\$93.9B	1.5% ▲	20,231	0.2% ▲	361,055	2.7% ▲	3.6%	0.0pp =	1.3pp ▼	19,336	15% ▲	
MCHENRY	\$14.3B	0.0% =	8,005	0.2% ▼	173,070	1.1% ▲	4.3%	0.2pp ▲	1.0pp ▼	5,240	14% ▲	
WILL	\$43.0B	0.2% ▲	16,198	0.2% ▲	375,045	1.1% ▲	4.8%	0.2pp ▲	1.3pp ▼	13,816	14% ▲	
METRO AREA	\$921B	3.8% ▲	256,032	0.0% =	4,811,625	1.2% ▲	4.7%	0.1pp ▲	1.3pp ▼	210,515	12% ▲	
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, 2025



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	July 2025	Prior Month Change	Top Zip Codes for Recruitment Zip codes in Chicago with the highest concentrations of residents in high demand occupations				
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	26,368	18%▲	Downtown Station	Fort Dearborn	Main Post Office	Edge-Brook	Norwood Park
Management Occupations	23,454	8%▲	North Loop	Chestnut Street	Main Post Office	Fort Dearborn	South Loop
Sales and Related Occupations	23,610	10%▲	Chestnut Street	South Inner Loop	Lincoln Park	South Loop	Main Post Office
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	15,173	9%▲	Main Post Office	Main Post Office	Chestnut Street	Lincoln Park	Chestnut Street
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	14,744	16%▲	Riverdale	South Shore	Roseland	Hege-wisch	Grand Crossing

HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT ZIP CODES (Est. 2025 Rates)

Zip	City of Chicago Neighborhood	2025	Change from 2024	Zip	Chicagoland Suburb	2025	Change from 2024
60621	Englewood	19.4%	▲ 0.3pp	60419	Dolton	14.3%	▲ 0.2pp
60636	West Englewood	18.6%	▲ 0.2pp	60428	Markham	13.7%	▲ 0.2pp
60624	West Garfield Park	17.1%	▲ 0.2pp	60433	Joliet	12.6%	▲ 0.5pp
60827	Riverdale	15.4%	▲ 0.2pp	60471	Richton Park	12.5%	▲ 0.2pp
60628	Pullman, Roseland	15.0%	▲ 0.2pp	60472	Robbins	12.4%	▲ 0.8pp
60653	Bronzeville	14.8%	▲ 0.4pp	60473	South Holland	11.4%	▼ 0.1pp
60620	Auburn Gresham	14.6%	▲ 0.2pp	60426	Harvey	11.3%	▲ 0.1pp
60644	Austin	14.6%	▲ 0.2pp	60409	Calumet City	10.6%	▲ 0.1pp
60637	Woodlawn	14.2%	▲ 0.2pp	60429	Hazel Crest	10.5%	= 0.0pp
60649	South Shore	13.2%	▲ 0.2pp	60155	Broadview	10.4%	▲ 0.1pp
60619	Chatham, Grand Crossing	12.6%	▲ 0.2pp	60406	Blue Island	10.2%	▲ 0.1pp
60629	West Lawn, Chicago Lawn	11.4%	▲ 0.3pp	60141	Hines	10.1%	▲ 1.6pp