



ECONOMIC DASHBOARD

Q3: September 5, 2025

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

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PRO-CHICAGOLAND DECISIONS

as of September 4, 2025






Companies making a known pro-Chicagoland decision in 2025

118

86 Expansions
32 Relocations/New Market Entrants
54 City Investments, including 5 on the S/W Sides
64 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 July 2025 <small>12 month % change, all items</small>	 TOTAL ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURES METRO AREA 2025	 WEEKLY OFFICE OCCUPANCY METRO AREA Aug 27	 PUBLIC TRANSIT Aug. 24 - Aug. 30 Benchmark Jul. 2019	 AVG. DAILY FLIGHTS July 2025
CHI	+2.7%	\$403B (+2.5% from 2024)	56.3%	-23% (CTA) -35% (Metra)	2,424 (ORD) 508 (MDW)
NYC	+3.2%	\$959B (+5.0% from 2024)	44.1%	-20% (MTA) +1% (LIRR)	1,292 (JFK) 1,014 (LGA)
LA	+3.2%	\$537B (+2.3% from 2024)	48.6%	-33%	1,516
HOU	N/A	\$290B (+4.3% from 2024)	61.5%	-19%	1,244

CHICAGO FED SURVEY OF ECONOMIC CONDITIONS METRO AREA



-21.0

August 2025
Suggests economic growth is below trend.

+1.0

from July 2025

CHICAGO BUSINESS BAROMETER METRO AREA



41.5

August 2025

-5.6

from July 2025

HOUSING

NEW PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PERMITS
METRO AREA
1/1/25 - 7/31/25

9,970





+8.4% FROM YTD 2024 #17 METRO RANK

ALL BUILDING PERMITS
CITY ONLY
9/1/24 - 8/31/25

5,586

-89 CHANGE FROM 8/1/23 - 7/31/24

TRADE & BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

	 TRADE VALUE METRO AREA June 2025	 HOTEL OCCUPANCY CITY (CBD) ONLY July 2025	 OPEN TABLE RESERVATIONS METRO AREA August 2025 <small>Benchmark: August 2024</small>	 BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS CITY ONLY 9/1/24-8/31/25
CHI	\$29.1B	81.9%	+13%	6,134
NYC	\$19.0B	70.8%	+17%	N/A
LA	\$24.8B	85.3%	+10%	N/A
HOU	\$16.3B	N/A	+14%	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												WHO'S HIRING (August 2025)	
	NOMINAL GDP (PROJECTED)		BUSINESS COUNT		EMPLOYMENT		UNEMPLOYMENT			ACTIVE JOB POSTINGS		COMPANY	UNIQUE JOB POSTINGS
	Q3 2025	PRIOR QUARTER CHANGE	Q4 2024	PRIOR QUARTER CHANGE	July 2025 (Prelim.)	PRIOR MONTH CHANGE	July 2025 (Prelim.)	CHANGE FROM June 2025	CHANGE FROM Jul. 2024	Aug. 2025 As of Sept. 5	PRIOR MONTH CHANGE		
CHI	\$920B	1.0% ▲	256,032	1.0% ▲	4,791,117	0.4% ▼	4.9%	0.2pp ▲	1.0pp ▼	207,020	2% ▼	University of Chicago	2,645
NYC	\$2,459B	1.0% ▲	669,578	1.2% ▲	9,806,900	0.1% ▼	5.1%	0.6pp ▲	0.1pp ▼	362,114	6% ▼	Advocate Aurora Health	1,751
LA	\$1,563B	0.9% ▲	732,764	1.2% ▲	6,309,,457	0.05% ▲	6.0%	0.4pp ▲	0.1pp ▼	221,649	3% ▼	Chicago Public Schools	1,367
HOU	\$751B	1.5% ▲	173,953	1.1% ▼	3,705,916	0.6% ▼	4.5%	0.2pp ▲	0.5pp ▼	116,733	4% ▼	Walgreens Boots Alliance	1,458
												Walmart	1,314
												Northwestern Memorial Healthcare	1,222
												Northshore University Health System CDC	1,059

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	QUARTERLY CHANGE
OFFICE MARKET (CBD)	258,725 sqft	27%	▲ 0.5 pp	25.5%	▲ 0.7 pp
OFFICE MARKET (SUBURBAN)	266,180 sqft	28.2%	▲ 0.2 pp	27.4%	▲ 0.3 pp
INDUSTRIAL MARKET (METRO AREA)	2,709,764 sqft	8.5%	= 0.0 pp	5.5%	▲ 0.1 pp

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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	July 2025 <i>(Prelim.)</i>	CHANGE FROM June 2025	July 2025 <i>(Prelim.)</i>	CHANGE FROM June 2025	CHANGE FROM July 2024	August 2025 <i>As of Aug. 7</i>	CHANGE FROM July 2025
CHICAGO CITY	\$514.8B	0.6% ▲	141,181	0.1% ▼	1,405,957	0.4% ▼	5.4%	0.1pp ▲	1.1pp ▼	65,220	2% ▲
COOK SUBURBS					1,220,098	0.4% ▼	5.1%	0.1pp ▲	1.0pp ▼	52,925	3% ▼
DUPAGE	\$113.3B	0.1% ▼	34,587	0.1% ▼	498,233	0.4% ▼	4.4%	0.1pp ▲	0.8pp ▼	26,112	1% ▼
KANE	\$33.3B	0.5% ▲	13,119	0.2% ▲	265,851	0.4% ▼	4.4%	0.7pp ▲	0.7pp ▼	10,087	1% ▼
KENDALL	\$4.7B	1.2% ▲	2,501	0.2% ▲	73,929	0.4% ▼	4.3%	0.6pp ▲	0.6pp ▼	1,733	5% ▼
LAKE	\$93.9B	1.5% ▲	20,231	0.2% ▲	363,147	0.4% ▲	4.3%	0.6pp ▲	0.8pp ▼	18,818	3% ▼
MCHENRY	\$14.3B	0.0% =	8,005	0.2% ▼	172,225	0.5% ▼	4.3%	0.1pp ▲	0.8pp ▼	4,869	7% ▼
WILL	\$43.0B	0.2% ▲	16,198	0.2% ▲	373,347	0.4% ▼	4.8%	0.1pp ▲	1.0pp ▼	13,550	2% ▼
METRO AREA	\$920B	3.8% ▲	256,032	1.0% ▲	4,791,117	0.4% ▼	4.9%	0.2pp ▲	1.0pp ▼	207,020	2% ▼

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

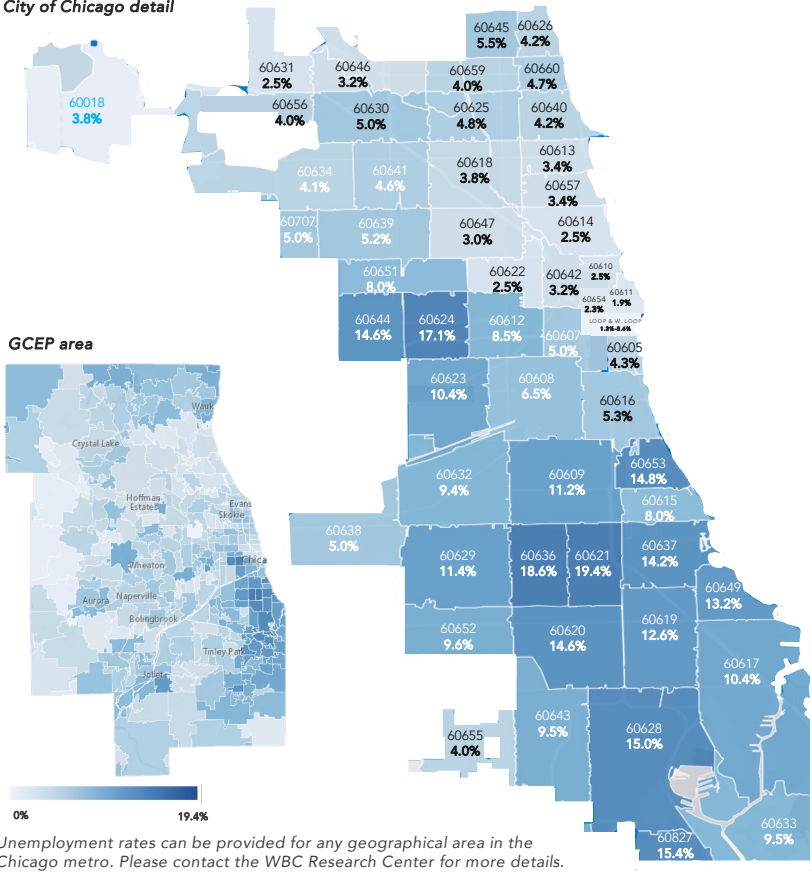
	TECH	CHANGE FROM 2024	LIFE SCIENCES	CHANGE FROM 2024	TDL	CHANGE FROM 2024	MFG	CHANGE FROM 2024	BUS. & PRO. SERVICES	CHANGE FROM 2024	FOOD MFG	CHANGE FROM 2024
CHICAGO CITY	69,774	0.2% ▲	11,467	1.7% ▼	52,704	1.6% ▲	67,591	1.4% ▼	68,983	1.1% ▲	25,615	1.2% ▲
COOK SUBURBS	36,972	0.3% ▲	17,430	0.5% ▲	101,931	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% ▲

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE MAP

Estimated unemployment rates by zip code, 2025

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	August 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	26,776	1%▲	Downtown Station	Fort Dearborn	Main Post Office	Edge-Brook	Norwood Park
Management Occupations	25,015	1%▼	North Loop	Chestnut Street	Main Post Office	Fort Dearborn	South Loop
Sales and Related Occupations	23,263	2%▼	Chestnut Street	South Inner Loop	Lincoln Park	South Loop	Main Post Office
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	15,746	3%▲	Main Post Office	Main Post Office	Chestnut Street	Lincoln Park	Chestnut Street
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	14,518	3%▼	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