



ECONOMIC DASHBOARD

Q4: October 3, 2025

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

PRO-CHICAGOLAND
DECISIONS

as of October 2, 2025

Companies making a known
pro-Chicagoland decision in 2025






136

101 Expansions
35 Relocations/New Market Entrants

57 City Investments, including 6 on the
S/W Sides

79 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 August 2025 12 month % change, all items	 TOTAL ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURES METRO AREA 2025	 WEEKLY OFFICE OCCUPANCY METRO AREA Sept. 24	 PUBLIC TRANSIT Sept. 21 - Sept. 27 Benchmark: Jul. 2019	 AVG. DAILY FLIGHTS Aug 2025		
CHI	+3.1%	\$403B (+2.5% from 2024)	57.3%	-32% (CTA)	-36% (Metra)	2,383 (ORD)	451 (MDW)
NYC	+3.2%	\$959B (+5.0% from 2024)	54.3%	-20% (MTA)	-14% (LIRR)	1,287 (JFK)	1,014 (LGA)
LA	+3.3%	\$537B (+2.3% from 2024)	48.7%	-21%		1,461	
HOU	+1.1%	\$290B (+4.3% from 2024)	60.9%	-8%		1,192	

CHICAGO FED
SURVEY OF
ECONOMIC
CONDITIONS
METRO AREA



-14.0

September 2025

Suggests economic
growth is below trend.

+1

from Aug 2025

CHICAGO
BUSINESS
BAROMETER
METRO AREA



40.6

August 2025

-0.9

from Aug 2025

HOUSING

NEW PRIVATE
RESIDENTIAL
PERMITS
METRO AREA
1/1/25 – 8/31/25

11,410





+1.6%
FROM
YTD 2024

#16
METRO
RANK

ALL BUILDING
PERMITS
CITY ONLY
10/1/24 – 9/30/25

5,554

-1,618
CHANGE FROM
10/1/23 – 9/30/24







TRADE & BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT				
	 TRADE VALUE METRO AREA July 2025	 HOTEL OCCUPANCY CITY (CBD) ONLY Aug 2025	 OPEN TABLE RESERVATIONS METRO AREA September 2025 Benchmark: Sept. 2024	 BUSINESS LICENSE APPLI- CATIONS CITY ONLY 9/1/24-8/31/25
CHI	\$29.0B	82.6%	+9%	6,076
NYC	\$28.8B	86.3%	+13%	N/A
LA	\$29.5B	74.3%	+4%	N/A
HOU	\$17.0B	N/A	+7%	N/A

INNOVATION – METRO AREA				
Q3 2025	GROWTH CAPITAL (PRE-VC, VC + PE) RAISED			
	VC	PE	VC + PE	Change from Q3 2024
SF	\$44.53B	\$1.50B	\$46.27B	127%▲
NYC	\$10.37B	\$4.14B	\$14.51B	5%▲
BOS	\$4.81B	\$3.65B	\$8.46	132%▲
LA	\$3.89B	\$0.10B	\$4.00B	2%▲
SEA	\$0.62B	\$0.32B	\$0.94B	44%▼
CHI	\$1.66B	\$0.05B	\$1.71	94%▲





INNOVATION – CITY & COUNTIES		
Q3 2025	GROWTH CAPITAL RAISED	
	CAPITAL RAISED	DEAL COUNT
CHICAGO CITY	\$1.64B	85
COOK SUBURBS	\$56.38M	14
DUPAGE	\$6.02M	7
KANE	\$0.05M	2
KENDALL	\$0	0
LAKE	\$6.35M	7
MCHENRY	\$0	0
WILL	\$2.65M	3

MACROECONOMIC											
NOMINAL GDP (PROJECTED)			BUSINESS COUNT		EMPLOYMENT		UNEMPLOYMENT			ACTIVE JOB POSTINGS	
	Q3 2025	PRIOR QUARTER CHANGE	Q1 2025	PRIOR QUARTER CHANGE	August 2025 (Prelim.)	PRIOR MONTH CHANGE	August 2025 (Prelim.)	CHANGE FROM July 2025	CHANGE FROM Aug. 2024	Sep. 2025 As of Oct. 1	PRIOR MONTH CHANGE
CHI	\$920B	1.0% ▲	252,634	0.5% ▲	4,759,537	0.7% ▼	4.6%	0.3pp ▼	1.0pp ▼	199,336	5% ▼
NYC	\$2,457B	1.0% ▲	670,505	0.3% ▲	9,752,529	0.5% ▼	5.2%	0.1pp ▲	0.1pp ▲	332,482	10% ▼
LA	\$1,563B	1.0% ▲	747,714	1.4% ▲	6,379,045	1.1% ▲	5.9%	0.1pp ▼	0.3pp ▼	212,503	5% ▼
HOU	\$752B	1.6% ▲	173,094	1.0% ▼	3,700,648	0.2% ▼	5.0%	0.5pp ▲	0.2pp ▲	110,515	7% ▼

WHO'S HIRING (Sept. 2025)	
COMPANY	UNIQUE JOB POSTINGS
Advocate Aurora Health	2,045
University of Chicago	1,916
Walgreens Boots Alliance	1,488
Northshore University Health System CDC	1,244
Northwestern Memorial Healthcare	1,172
CVS Health	1,094
AbbVie	906

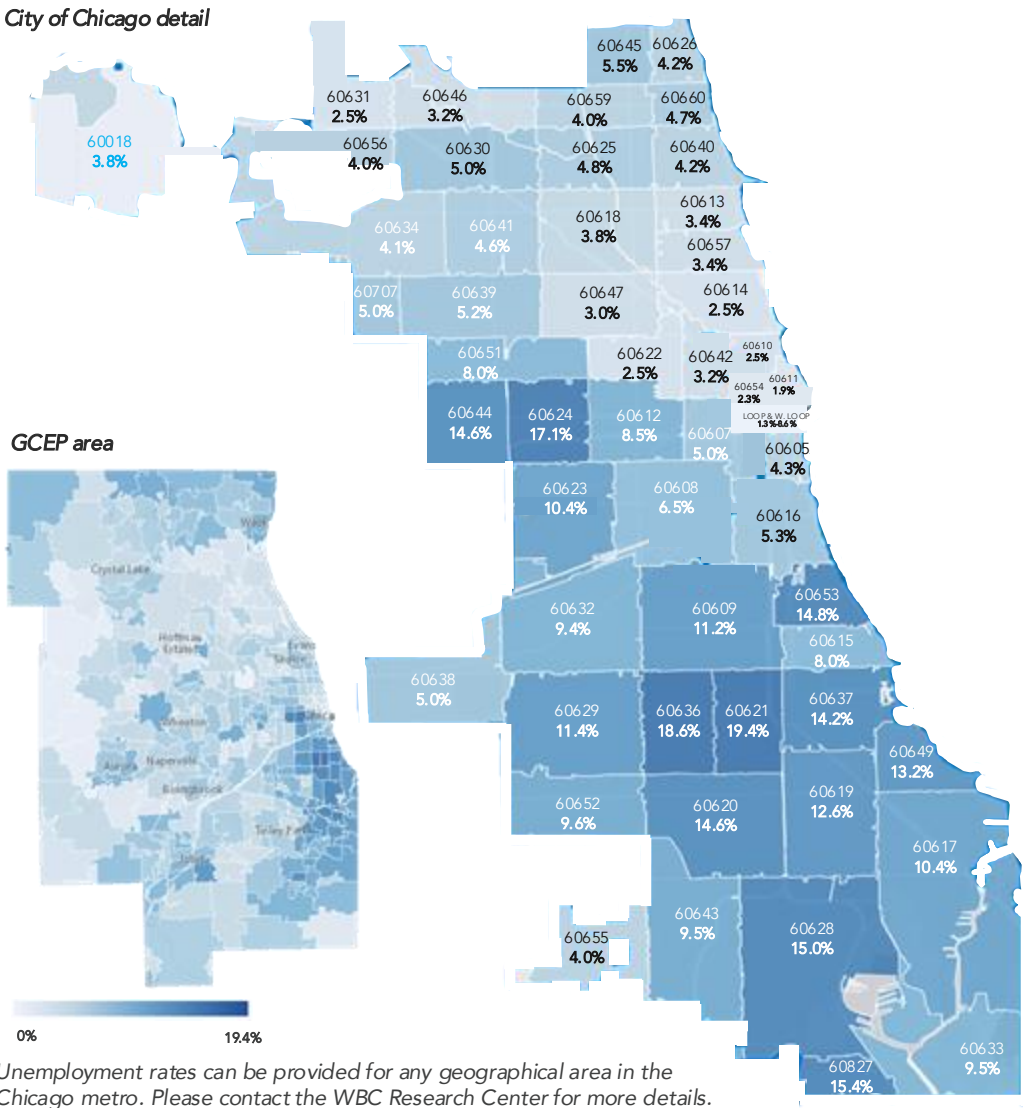
EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (Q3 2025, PROJECTED)												
												
	TECH	QUARTERLY CHANGE	LIFE SCIENCES	QUARTERLY CHANGE	TD&L	QUARTERLY CHANGE	MFG	QUARTERLY CHANGE	BUS. & PRO. SERVICES	QUARTERLY CHANGE	FOOD MFG	QUARTERLY CHANGE
CHI	242,225	0.3% ▲	90,806	0.2% ▲	269,257	1.0% ▲	403,291	0.1% ▼	394,065	0.6% ▼	71,707	0.3% ▲
NYC	569,570	0.0% ▼	194,353	0.3% ▲	380,359	1.2% ▲	331,086	0.1% ▼	850,472	0.1% ▲	64,947	0.0% ▼
LA	295,196	0.4% ▲	125,650	0.3% ▲	240,312	0.2% ▼	450,231	0.1% ▼	443,385	0.1% ▼	54,124	0.4% ▼
HOU	126,699	0.3% ▼	63,929	0.1% ▼	174,529	0.2% ▲	239,672	0.3% ▼	282,074	0.7% ▼	17,465	0.7% ▼

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%
					▲ 0.1 pp

MACROECONOMIC – CITY OF CHICAGO AND GCEP COUNTIES												
NOMINAL GDP (ESTIMATE)			BUSINESS COUNT		EMPLOYMENT		UNEMPLOYMENT			ACTIVE JOB POSTINGS		
	2024	CHANGE FROM 2023	Q1 2025	CHANGE FROM Q4 2024	Aug. 2025 <i>(Prelim.)</i>	CHANGE FROM July 2025	Aug. 2025 <i>(Prelim.)</i>	CHANGE FROM July 2025	CHANGE FROM Aug. 2024	Sept. 2025 <i>As of Oct. 2</i>	CHANGE FROM Aug. 2025	
CHICAGO CITY	\$514.8B	0.6% ▲	139,003	0.5% ▲	1,402,388	0.3% ▼	5.0%	0.4pp ▼	1.2pp ▼	64,823	2% ▼	
COOK SUBURBS					1,217,001	0.3% ▼	4.7%	0.5pp ▼	1.1pp ▼	50,599	6% ▼	
DUPAGE	\$113.3B	0.1% ▼	34,087	0.2% ▲	497,160	0.2% ▼	3.9%	0.5pp ▼	0.9pp ▼	26,092	1% ▼	
KANE	\$33.3B	0.5% ▲	13,000	0.9% ▲	258,874	2.6% ▼	4.7%	0.3pp ▲	0.1pp ▼	10,137	0% ▼	
KENDALL	\$4.7B	1.2% ▲	2,460	0.2% ▲	72,000	2.6% ▼	4.5%	0.2pp ▲	0.1pp ▼	1,668	5% ▼	
LAKE	\$93.9B	1.5% ▲	19,972	0.2% ▲	353,135	2.6% ▼	4.6%	0.3pp ▲	0.1pp ▼	18,290	4% ▼	
MCHENRY	\$14.3B	0.0% ▬	7,903	0.1% ▲	171,904	0.2% ▼	3.9%	0.4pp ▼	0.8pp ▼	4,507	9% ▼	
WILL	\$43.0B	0.2% ▲	15,954	0.2% ▲	372,625	0.2% ▼	4.4%	0.4pp ▼	1.1pp ▼	13,104	4% ▼	
METRO AREA	\$920B	3.8% ▲	252,634	0.5% ▲	4,759,537	0.7% ▼	4.6%	0.3pp ▼	1.0pp ▼	199,336	5% ▼	
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	Sept. 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	25,181	6% ▼	Downtown Station	Fort Dearborn	Main Post Office	Edge-Brook	Norwood Park
	Management Occupations	24,640	2% ▼	North Loop	Chestnut Street	Main Post Office	Fort Dearborn	South Loop
	Sales and Related Occupations	22,654	4% ▼	Chestnut Street	South Inner Loop	Lincoln Park	South Loop	Main Post Office
	Business and Financial Operations Occupations	16,367	3% ▲	Main Post Office	Main Post Office	Chestnut Street	Lincoln Park	Chestnut Street
	Office and Administrative Support Occupations	13,761	6% ▼	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