

The Illinois Workforce

Illinois has an impressive workforce with the skills needed to help businesses succeed. Nearly one-half of the state’s 5.6 million workers are professionals, skilled technicians, craftspeople or machine operators. 10.1 percent are employed in manufacturing. And Illinois workers are well educated – 59.1 percent have gained education beyond high school.

The Chicago metropolitan area is home to 3.6 million of the state’s workers. The top five occupations in the area are office and administrative support; sales; production; transportation; and food service workers.

There are 14 Community Colleges in the Chicago area that offer customized job training, professional continuing education and entrepreneurship training.

Regional Labor Markets in Illinois/2010 Labor Force (Thousands)

| <u>Labor Market</u> | <u>2010 Labor Force</u> | <u>Labor Market</u> | <u>2010 Labor Force</u> | <u>Labor Market</u> | <u>2010 Labor Force</u> | <u>Labor Market</u> | <u>2010 Labor Force</u> |
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| Bloomington/ Normal MSA | 93.2 | Danville MSA | 37.5 | Lake County MSA | 450.7 | Davenport/ Moline MSA | 204.4 |
| Champaign/Urbana/ Rantoul MSA | 122.5 | Decatur MSA | 55.3 | Peoria/Pekin MSA | 203.7 | St. Louis, IL MSA | 347.8 |
| Chicago MSA | 4,095.6 | Kankakee PMSA | 57.2 | Rockford MSA | 172.8 | Springfield MSA | 118.0 |

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security, Metro Area Annual Average Data
MSA: OMB Metro Statistical Area

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Non-Agricultural Employment by Industry in Illinois – 2010 Annual Averages

| Industry | 2010 |
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| Total Nonfarm | 5,610,700 |
| Natural Resources and Mining | 9,100 |
| Construction | 198,600 |
| Manufacturing | 558,800 |
| Wholesale Trade | 285,100 |
| Retail Trade | 587,200 |
| Utilities | 23,200 |
| Transportation and Warehousing | 229,000 |
| Information | 101,700 |
| Finance and Insurance | 288,400 |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing | 72,400 |
| Professional, Scientific, and Techn | 344,300 |
| Management of Companies and Enterpr | 96,100 |
| Administrative and Support and Wast | 358,600 |
| Educational Services | 146,200 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 686,300 |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | 76,000 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 438,300 |
| Other Services | 254,400 |
| Government | 857,000 |

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security, Current Employment Statistics (CES)

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