

The Illinois Workforce

Illinois has an impressive workforce with the skills needed to help businesses succeed. Nearly one-half of the state's 6 million workers are professionals, skilled technicians, craftspeople or machine operators. Almost 12 percent are employed in manufacturing. And Illinois workers are well educated – 56.2 percent have gained education beyond high school.

The Chicago metropolitan area is home to more than 4 million of the state's workers. The top five occupations in the area are office and administrative support; sales; service workers; management; and professional workers.

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

Five other metropolitan areas include labor forces in the 100,000 to 300,000 ranges. An additional 4 metropolitan regions have labor forces between 30,000 and 99,000.

Illinois workers are known for their productivity. Illinois' manufacturing value added of \$109.35 per hour of labor is among the best in the Midwest.

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Regional Labor Markets in Illinois/2006 Labor Force (Thousands)

<u>Labor Market</u>	<u>2006 Labor Force</u>						
Bloomington/	89.1	Danville MSA	31.4	Lake County	406.2	Davenport/	191.0
Normal MSA				MSA		Moline MSA	
Champaign/Urbana/	108.7	Decatur MSA	55.4	Peoria/Pekin	187.8	St. Louis, IL	324.5
Rantoul MSA				MSA		MSA	
Chicago MSA	3,927.5	Kankakee PMSA	44.2	Rockford	161.4	Springfield	112.9
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Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security, Metro Area Annual Average Data
MSA: OMB Metro Statistical Area

Non-Agricultural Employment by Industry in Illinois - 2006 Annual Averages (Thousands)

Total Nonfarm	5,934.7
Natural Resources and Mining	10.2
Construction	275.7
Manufacturing	683.0
Wholesale Trade	308.0
Retail Trade	627.8
Utilities	23.1
Transportation and Warehousing	238.8
Information	116.6
Finance and Insurance	320.9
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	84.9
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	358.2
Management of Companies	94.6
Administrative and Support and Waste Mgmt.	400.1
Educational Services	126.6
Health Care and Social Assistance	636.4
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	80.4
Accommodation and Food Services	444.2
Other Services	259.5
Government	845.7

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

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