

# 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>	<u>Labor Market</u>	<u>2006 Labor Force</u>	<u>Labor Market</u>	<u>2006 Labor Force</u>	<u>Labor Market</u>	<u>2006 Labor Force</u>
Bloomington/ Normal MSA	89.1	Danville MSA	31.4	Lake County MSA	406.2	Davenport/ Moline MSA	191.0
Champaign/Urbana/ Rantoul MSA	108.7	Decatur MSA	55.4	Peoria/Pekin MSA	187.8	St. Louis, IL MSA	324.5
Chicago MSA	3,927.5	Kankakee PMSA	44.2	Rockford MSA	161.4	Springfield MSA	112.9

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

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

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