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Chicago Area Employment – February 2014

Total nonfarm employment in the Chicago-Joliet-Naperville Metropolitan Statistical Area stood at 4,370,600 in February 2014, up 36,200 or 0.8 percent, over the year, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. During the same period, the national job count increased 1.6 percent. Regional Commissioner Charlene Peiffer noted that the Chicago area has recorded over-the-year job growth of at least 36,000 for 39 consecutive months. (See [chart 1](#) and [table 1](#). All data in this release are not seasonally adjusted; accordingly, over-the-year analysis is used throughout.)

The Chicago metropolitan area is made up of three metropolitan divisions—separately identifiable employment centers within the larger metropolitan area. The Chicago-Joliet-Naperville Metropolitan Division, which accounted for 85 percent of the area's workforce, added 28,000 jobs from February a year ago. (See [table 1](#).) Employment in the Lake County-Kenosha County, Ill.-Wis. Metropolitan Division grew by 10,300 while employment in the Gary, Ind. Metropolitan Division fell by 2,100 over the year.

Industry employment

The largest over-the-year employment increase in the Chicago metropolitan area in February 2014 was in professional and business services, up 20,800. The local area's 2.8-percent rate of job growth in this supersector was less than the 3.7-percent gain nationwide. (See [chart 2](#) and [table 1](#).) Chicago's professional and business services supersector, the area's second-largest supersector, has recorded over-the-year employment gains of more than 17,000 each month since July 2010.

Education and health services employment expanded by 9,800 or 1.5 percent from February a year ago. Nationally, during the same period, the rate of job growth was also 1.5 percent. Locally, this supersector has registered over-the-year employment gains for a decade.

Employment in trade, transportation, and utilities, the largest supersector in the Chicago area, rose by 4,200, a 0.5-percent increase. Nationally, the rate of job growth for this supersector was 1.9 percent. Locally, with few exceptions, including February 2014, this supersector has experienced consecutive over-the-year employment gains of 10,000 or more since December 2010.

Leisure and hospitality employment increased by 3,700, a 0.9-percent gain from February 2013 to

February 2014. Nationwide, employment in leisure and hospitality rose 3.0 percent from February a year ago. Locally, this supersector has experienced consecutive over-the-year employment gains since August 2010.

Government added 3,500 jobs from February a year ago. The 0.6-percent rate of local job growth contrasted with the 0.4-percent decrease nationwide. During the same period, local employment in the other services supersector increased by 1,800, or 1.0 percent. Nationally, employment in this supersector was up 0.5 from February 2013 to February 2014.

Two local supersectors recorded over-the-year employment losses greater than 2,000 in February 2014. Manufacturing lost 4,100 jobs in the Chicago area, a 1.0-percent drop. Construction employment fell by 2,100 or 1.6 percent from last February. Nationally, both of these sectors recorded gains, 0.7 percent in manufacturing and 2.6 percent in construction.

Employment in the 12 largest metropolitan areas

Chicago-Joliet-Naperville was 1 of the nation's 12 largest metropolitan statistical areas in February 2014. Eleven of these areas experienced over-the-year job growth, with six exceeding the national average of 1.6 percent. The fastest rate of job growth was registered in Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, up 3.0 percent. Detroit-Warren-Livonia was the only area to record a decrease in employment, down 0.2 percent. (See [chart 3](#) and [table 2](#).)

Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana added the largest number of jobs, 117,100, followed by New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island at 112,400. Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington and Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown each had job increases over 75,000. Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington and Washington-Arlington-Alexandria were the only areas to gain less than 10,000 jobs over the year. Detroit lost 4,200 jobs since February 2013.

Professional and business services and trade, transportation, and utilities registered the largest over-the-year employment gains in five metropolitan areas each. Manufacturing and education and health services led employment gains in one area each.

Over the year, government recorded the largest loss of jobs in four areas—Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, New York, and Philadelphia. Manufacturing recorded the largest job losses in three other areas—Chicago, Dallas, and Los Angeles. In Houston and San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, no supersector lost more than 1,000 jobs, and Miami was the only metropolitan area that had no annual job losses for any supersector.

Changes to Current Employment Statistics Data

Effective with the release of January 2014 data, nonfarm payroll estimates for all states, metropolitan areas, and metropolitan divisions were revised to reflect 2013 benchmark levels. For more information on benchmark procedures, see www.bls.gov/sae/benchmark2014.pdf.

Technical Note

This release presents nonfarm payroll employment estimates from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program. The CES survey is a Federal-State cooperative endeavor between State employment security agencies and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Definitions. Employment data refer to persons on establishment payrolls who receive pay for any part of the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. Persons are counted at their place of work rather than at their place of residence; those appearing on more than one payroll are counted on each payroll. Industries are classified on the basis of their principal activity in accordance with the 2007 version of the North American Industry Classification System.

Method of estimation. The employment data are estimated using a "link relative" technique in which a ratio (link relative) of current-month employment to that of the previous month is computed from a sample of establishments reporting for both months. The estimates of employment for the current month are obtained by multiplying the estimates for the previous month by these ratios. Small-domain models are used as the official estimators for the approximately 39 percent of CES published series which have insufficient sample for direct sample-based estimates.

Annual revisions. Employment estimates are adjusted annually to a complete count of jobs, called benchmarks, derived principally from tax reports that are submitted by employers who are covered under state unemployment insurance (UI) laws. The benchmark information is used to adjust the monthly estimates between the new benchmark and the preceding one and also to establish the level of employment for the new benchmark month. Thus, the benchmarking process establishes the level of employment, and the sample is used to measure the month-to-month changes in the level for the subsequent months.

Reliability of the estimates. The estimates presented in this release are based on sample survey, administrative data, and modeling and, thus, are subject to sampling and other types of errors. Sampling error is a measure of sampling variability—that is, variation that occurs by chance because a sample rather than the entire population is surveyed. Survey data also are subject to nonsampling errors, such as those which can be introduced into the data collection and processing operations. Estimates not directly derived from sample surveys are subject to additional errors resulting from the specific estimation processes used. The sums of individual items may not always equal the totals shown in the same tables because of rounding.

Employment estimates. Measures of sampling error are available for state CES data at the total nonfarm and supersector level and for metropolitan area CES data. Information on recent benchmark revisions for states is available on the BLS Web site at www.bls.gov/sae.

Area definitions. The substate area data published in this release reflect the standards and definitions established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget dated December 1, 2009. A detailed list of the geographic definitions is available at www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm.

The **Chicago-Joliet-Naperville, Ill.-Ind.-Wis. Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)** includes Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties in Illinois; Jasper, Lake, Newton, and Porter Counties in Indiana; and Kenosha County in Wisconsin. The **Chicago-Joliet-Naperville, Ill. Metropolitan Division (MD)** includes Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, McHenry, and Will Counties in Illinois. The **Lake County-Kenosha County, Ill.-Wis. Metropolitan Division (MD)** includes Lake County in Illinois and Kenosha County in Wisconsin. The **Gary, Ind. Metropolitan Division (MD)** includes Jasper, Lake, Newton, and Porter Counties in Indiana.

Additional information

More complete information on the technical procedures used to develop these estimates and additional data appear in Employment and Earnings, which is available on line at www.bls.gov/opub/ee/home.htm.

Industry employment data for states and metropolitan areas from the Current Employment Statistics program are also available in the above mentioned news releases and from the Internet at www.bls.gov/sae/.

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Table 1. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by industry supersector, the United States and the Chicago metropolitan area and its components, not seasonally adjusted (numbers in thousands)Area and IndustryFeb2013Dec2013Jan2014Feb2014 (P)Change from Feb2013 to Feb 2014NumberPercent

United States

Total nonfarm	134,112	138,269	135,451	136,194	2,082	1.6
Mining and logging	844	879	873	874	30	3.6
Construction	5,386	5,774	5,533	5,527	141	2.6
Manufacturing	11,901	12,050	11,949	11,981	800	7
Trade, transportation, and utilities	25,297	26,884	26,014	25,783	486	1.9
Information	2,699	2,682	2,634	2,646	-53	-2.0
Financial activities	7,799	7,911	7,846	7,862	630	8
Professional and business services	18,025	18,906	18,560	18,696	671	3.7
Education and health services	21,070	21,419	21,132	21,388	318	1.5
Leisure and hospitality	13,470	14,095	13,783	13,868	398	3.0
Other services	5,404	5,461	5,416	5,430	260	5
Government	22,217	22,208	21,711	22,139	-78	-0.4

Chicago-Joliet-Naperville, IL-IN-WI Metropolitan Statistical Area

Total nonfarm	4,334.44	4,497.74	4,369.04	4,370.63	620.8	14.3
Mining and logging	1.21	31.21	20.00	20.00	0.0	0.0
Construction	130.51	143.11	127.61	128.4	-2.1	-1.6
Manufacturing	409.24	409.54	405.64	405.1	-4.1	-1.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	876.29	838.38	895.78	880.44	20.5	2.3
Information	80.08	1.27	9.77	9.2	-0.8	-1.0
Financial activities	286.22	289.92	287.32	285.6	-0.6	-0.2
Professional and business Services	737.77	775.67	754.17	758.52	82.8	11.1

Education and health services675.7688.7677.3685.59.81.5

Leisure and hospitality399.7421.6405.4403.43.70.9

Other services188.0191.1189.8189.81.81.0

Government550.0557.4545.3553.53.50.6

Chicago-Joliet-Naperville, IL Metropolitan Division

Total nonfarm3,684.33,819.23,711.93,712.328.00.8

Mining and logging1.01.21.11.10.110.0

Construction102.3115.0104.0105.02.72.6

Manufacturing317.4316.3313.2312.7-4.7-1.5

Trade, transportation, and utilities737.3787.8751.8738.41.10.1

Information74.175.373.973.4-0.7-0.9

Financial activities256.9258.5256.1254.3-2.6-1.0

Professional and business services652.8685.1666.1670.117.32.7

Education and health services580.8592.6583.8590.29.41.6

Leisure and hospitality335.6353.5338.9337.31.70.5

Other services163.8166.0165.2165.11.30.8

Government462.3467.9457.8464.72.40.5

Lake County-Kenosha County, IL-WI Metropolitan Division

Total nonfarm380.0401.3389.7390.310.32.7

Mining and logging

Construction9.711.29.69.6-0.1-1.0

Manufacturing56.057.757.057.01.01.8

Trade, transportation, and utilities82.689.484.983.40.81.0

Information 3.93.83.73.7-0.2-5.1

Financial activities 20.722.622.622.72.09.7

Professional and business services 63.567.866.166.32.84.4

Education and health services 46.547.846.747.71.22.6

Leisure and hospitality 33.836.035.035.11.33.8

Other services 11.512.211.911.90.43.5

Government 51.852.852.252.91.12.1

Gary, IN Metropolitan Division

Total nonfarm 270.1277.2267.4268.0-2.1-0.8

Mining and logging 0.20.10.10.1-0.1-50.0

Construction 18.516.914.013.8-4.7-25.4

Manufacturing 35.835.535.435.4-0.4-1.1

Trade, transportation, and utilities 56.361.159.058.62.34.1

Information 2.02.12.12.10.15.0

Financial activities 8.68.88.68.60.00.0

Professional and business services 21.422.721.922.10.73.3

Education and health services 48.448.346.847.6-0.8-1.7

Leisure and hospitality 30.332.131.531.00.72.3

Other services 12.712.912.712.80.10.8

Government 35.936.735.335.90.00.0

Footnotes(P) Preliminary

Table 2. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by industry supersector, 12 largest metropolitan areas, not seasonally adjusted (numbers in thousands)Area and IndustryFeb2013Dec2013Jan2014Feb2014
(P)Change from Feb2013 to Feb 2014NumberPercent

Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA

Total nonfarm2,366.42,449.32,410.92,409.042.61.8

Mining and logging1.11.21.21.20.19.1

Construction86.895.392.693.26.47.4

Manufacturing148.9151.0149.4150.11.20.8

Trade, transportation, and utilities526.1555.4542.5538.912.82.4

Information84.185.084.884.50.40.5

Financial activities153.7159.0156.8155.72.01.3

Professional and business services426.7441.9433.9434.98.21.9

Education and health services292.1299.3296.5298.05.92.0

Leisure and hospitality232.8249.5243.7240.98.13.5

Other services92.592.692.192.60.10.1

Government321.6319.1317.4319.0-2.6-0.8

Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH

Total nonfarm2,501.32,588.72,526.52,531.430.11.2

Mining and logging0.40.50.50.40.00.0

Construction78.886.879.777.9-0.9-1.1

Manufacturing192.1194.5192.9192.50.40.2

Trade, transportation, and utilities398.9429.8412.6407.28.32.1

Information73.675.976.276.42.83.8

Financial activities171.3172.2170.5169.2-2.1-1.2

Professional and business services419.6438.9429.1432.212.63.0

Education and health services538.9546.5536.5545.66.71.2
 Leisure and hospitality223.9237.5229.0226.62.71.2
 Other services94.899.198.197.12.32.4
 Government309.0307.0301.4306.3-2.7-0.9
 Chicago-Joliet-Naperville, IL-IN-WI
 Total nonfarm4,334.44,497.74,369.04,370.636.20.8
 Mining and logging1.21.31.21.20.00.0
 Construction130.5143.1127.6128.4-2.1-1.6
 Manufacturing409.2409.5405.6405.1-4.1-1.0
 Trade, transportation, and utilities876.2938.3895.7880.44.20.5
 Information80.081.279.779.2-0.8-1.0
 Financial activities286.2289.9287.3285.6-0.6-0.2
 Professional and business services737.7775.6754.1758.520.82.8
 Education and health services675.7688.7677.3685.59.81.5
 Leisure and hospitality399.7421.6405.4403.43.70.9
 Other services188.0191.1189.8189.81.81.0
 Government550.0557.4545.3553.53.50.6
 Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX
 Total nonfarm3,033.73,142.53,100.43,116.582.82.7
 Mining, logging, and construction168.9176.3174.3176.17.24.3
 Manufacturing257.3257.4252.2251.0-6.3-2.4
 Trade, transportation, and utilities622.2665.3649.0642.019.83.2
 Information78.380.379.480.01.72.2

Financial activities249.4251.5248.8251.52.10.8

Professional and business services473.9493.0485.8491.817.93.8

Education and health services379.4387.5384.1387.88.42.2

Leisure and hospitality302.1316.8317.8321.119.06.3

Other services109.0112.9114.0113.94.94.5

Government393.2401.5395.0401.38.12.1

Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI

Total nonfarm1,834.71,875.41,827.31,830.5-4.2-0.2

Mining, logging, and construction50.755.149.949.0-1.7-3.4

Manufacturing225.2235.0229.8231.86.62.9

Trade, transportation, and utilities341.0359.8345.8342.91.90.6

Information26.727.226.926.80.10.4

Financial activities101.199.998.198.2-2.9-2.9

Professional and business services351.5362.2356.8355.64.11.2

Education and health services298.2298.4293.8297.1-1.1-0.4

Leisure and hospitality171.7171.3165.4164.7-7.0-4.1

Other services76.577.475.976.2-0.3-0.4

Government192.1189.1184.9188.2-3.9-2.0

Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX

Total nonfarm2,749.92,840.12,806.72,826.977.02.8

Mining and logging103.6107.4107.5108.04.44.2

Construction188.1188.9188.6197.79.65.1

Manufacturing248.9255.6256.3255.86.92.8

Trade, transportation, and utilities553.4587.2570.3567.313.92.5

Information31.632.932.632.61.03.2

Financial activities140.9141.2139.6140.8-0.1-0.1

Professional and business services419.1431.0427.1427.88.72.1

Education and health services333.7340.1338.7338.75.01.5

Leisure and hospitality261.9277.9272.5275.513.65.2

Other services97.399.599.999.92.62.7

Government371.4378.4373.6382.811.43.1

Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA

Total nonfarm5,506.15,674.25,587.15,623.2117.12.1

Mining and logging5.05.25.25.20.24.0

Construction186.0202.2201.1202.616.68.9

Manufacturing525.2518.9514.9515.6-9.6-1.8

Trade, transportation, and utilities1,018.51,074.81,043.41,037.318.81.8

Information218.7228.1222.2224.55.82.7

Financial activities323.1322.7320.4321.3-1.8-0.6

Professional and business services840.5876.5867.9875.635.14.2

Education and health services890.4917.6908.3921.931.53.5

Leisure and hospitality603.2629.0617.1622.118.93.1

Other services188.2192.2190.8192.24.02.1

Government707.3707.0695.8704.9-2.4-0.3

Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL

Total nonfarm2,333.22,414.42,382.22,402.469.23.0

Mining and logging0.60.60.60.60.00.0

Construction88.597.294.395.16.67.5

Manufacturing76.679.178.579.22.63.4

Trade, transportation, and utilities542.7575.5561.4561.118.43.4

Information45.446.646.146.61.22.6

Financial activities162.7167.3164.7165.32.61.6

Professional and business services366.7378.7376.1383.116.44.5

Education and health services345.5352.7349.6352.46.92.0

Leisure and hospitality287.8293.4290.8296.18.32.9

Other services110.6114.4113.7114.84.23.8

Government306.1308.9306.4308.12.00.7

New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA

Total nonfarm8,504.08,841.38,595.38,616.4112.41.3

Mining, logging, and constructionn296.0311.6296.8291.8-4.2-1.4

Manufacturing353.5359.1354.5356.83.30.9

Trade, transportation, and utilities1,556.81,690.51,615.61,594.938.12.4

Information271.0279.8274.5275.64.61.7

Financial activities730.0740.6730.1728.5-1.5-0.2

Professional and business services1,340.91,400.01,360.61,366.825.91.9

Education and health services1,612.61,662.81,634.41,650.037.42.3

Leisure and hospitality721.4765.9732.0733.712.31.7

Other services372.7382.3380.0380.78.02.1

Government1,249.11,248.71,216.81,237.6-11.5-0.9

Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD

Total nonfarm 2,713.92,777.62,711.52,720.76.80.3

Mining, logging, and construction 94.1102.699.596.92.83.0

Manufacturing 179.3180.7178.4178.3-1.0-0.6

Trade, transportation, and utilities 498.8526.6504.8499.70.90.2

Information 49.747.146.746.5-3.2-6.4

Financial activities 202.5202.3200.8203.00.50.2

Professional and business services 423.6436.7426.2431.07.41.7

Education and health services 577.5581.2574.0580.32.80.5

Leisure and hospitality 223.4234.3227.6226.43.01.3

Other services 119.9120.7118.3117.7-2.2-1.8

Government 345.1345.4335.2340.9-4.2-1.2

San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA

Total nonfarm 2,065.92,149.22,107.82,120.654.72.6

Mining and logging 1.31.21.21.2-0.1-7.7

Construction 90.495.592.795.04.65.1

Manufacturing 113.5118.0117.3117.13.63.2

Trade, transportation, and utilities 338.0361.5347.8344.56.51.9

Information 72.173.973.373.81.72.4

Financial activities 125.3125.9124.7125.50.20.2

Professional and business services 407.0426.7420.5422.615.63.8

Education and health services 313.3320.9316.9322.49.12.9

Leisure and hospitality 229.3244.0237.0238.89.54.1

Other services77.979.877.778.40.50.6

Government297.8301.8298.7301.33.51.2

Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV

Total nonfarm3,043.83,106.63,051.53,048.64.80.2

Mining, logging, and construction140.0145.7143.7142.22.21.6

Manufacturing48.245.845.845.6-2.6-5.4

Trade, transportation, and utilities379.5408.7391.8386.57.01.8

Information77.575.475.075.1-2.4-3.1

Financial activities149.3152.8151.6151.92.61.7

Professional and business services705.3702.2691.5690.2-15.1-2.1

Education and health services391.8402.4398.6401.09.22.3

Leisure and hospitality274.5290.9284.7281.46.92.5

Other services187.2190.0190.4187.80.60.3

Government690.5692.7678.4686.9-3.6-0.5

Footnotes(P) Preliminary