Chicago Area Economic Summary

This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment**, **employment**, **wages**, **prices**, **spending**, and **benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted and some may be subject to revision. Area definitions may differ by subject. For more area summaries and geographic definitions, see [www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm](http://www.bls.gov/regions/economic-sumaries.htm).

**Unemployment rates** for the nation and selected areas

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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Jul-21</th>
<th>Jul-22</th>
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<tr>
<td>United States</td>
<td>3.8</td>
<td>5.7</td>
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<td>Chicago area</td>
<td>4.8</td>
<td>6.9</td>
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<td>Cook Co., IL</td>
<td>5.4</td>
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<td>DuPage Co., IL</td>
<td>3.5</td>
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<td>Kenosha Co., WI</td>
<td>4.6</td>
<td>7.0</td>
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<td>Lake Co., IN</td>
<td>5.4</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

**Average weekly wages** for all industries by county

**Chicago area, fourth quarter 2021**
(U.S. = $1,418; Area = $1,556)

![Map showing weekly wages by county in the Chicago area](source: U.S. BLS, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.)

**Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls** and employment by major industry sector

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<th>Industry</th>
<th>Jul. 2022</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total nonfarm</td>
<td>4,760.2</td>
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<td>Mining and logging</td>
<td>1.9</td>
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<td>Construction</td>
<td>193.9</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>417.6</td>
<td>16.0</td>
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<td>Trade, transportation, and utilities</td>
<td>964.5</td>
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<td>Information</td>
<td>78.7</td>
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<td>Financial activities</td>
<td>319.0</td>
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<td>Professional and business services</td>
<td>861.2</td>
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<td>Education and health services</td>
<td>719.0</td>
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<td>Leisure and hospitality</td>
<td>492.3</td>
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<td>Other services</td>
<td>189.9</td>
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<td>Government</td>
<td>522.2</td>
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Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories

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**12-month percent change in CPI-U, July 2022**

![Graph showing percent change in CPI-U](image)

Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

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**Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories**

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**Average annual expenditures, United States and Chicago, 2019-20**

![Graph showing percent change in CPI-U](image)

Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey.

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**Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division**

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**Private industry, March 2022**

![Table showing employer costs](image)

(1) The states that compose the East North Central census division are: IL, IN, MI, OH, and WI.

Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

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**Over-the-year changes in the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide**

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**12-month percent changes in PPI**

![Graph showing percent change in PPI](image)

Source: U.S. BLS, Producer Price Index.

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**Average hourly wages for selected occupations**

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**Occupation** | **Chicago area** | **United States**
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All occupations | $29.74 | $28.01
Securities, commodities, and financial services sales agents | 44.16 | 44.84
Registered nurses | 39.09 | 39.78
Market research analysts and marketing specialists | 34.25 | 36.58
Machinists | 24.63 | 23.57
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand | 17.10 | 16.80
Stockers and order fillers | 16.35 | 15.87


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**Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries**

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**12-month percent changes in ECI**

![Graph showing percent change in ECI](image)

Source: U.S. BLS, Employment Cost Index.

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