

Chicago, IL USA

Second to None



Why Chicago?

Chicago is centrally located which provides easy access to the world. The city has approximately 1,300 daily departures to more than 200 cities worldwide via 2 local international airports, and serves as a hub for six of the nation's seven Class I North American railroads, as well as six major U.S. Interstates. The combination of market access and economic diversity provides the resources a company needs to grow. Chicago's also offers a vibrant mix of cultural, educational, and social amenities.

World's Workforce

- Culturally diverse private-sector labor force of over 4 million people
- At least 35 ethnic groups with a population greater than 10,000
- 1,500 foreign-owned firms in Chicago area
- Center of the World
- At the center of one of the largest trading areas in the world:
 - » the east-west nexus joining the markets of Europe and Asia
 - » the north-south nexus of NAFTA
- Chicago's location, central time zone and non-stop passenger service means that you can fly to nearly any U.S. city and return on the same business day
- Less than 10 hours from the major European business centers
- A non-stop global gateway to more than 200 international and domestic business centers, with daily non-stops to Japan, Korea and China
- Only U.S. gateway where six of the nation's seven Class I railroads interchange traffic
- Nearly 150 intermodal facilities across the region - 54 in the city (more than half of area real estate is devoted to warehouse/distribution)
- Leading advanced telecommunications infrastructure supports interconnected regional, national and international networks

Leader in Industries

- Business & Financial Services
- Manufacturing
- Information Technology
- Health Services
- Transportation & Distribution

Available Skill Sets

Developers

Researchers

Engineers

IT Consultants

Project Managers

Designers

Technical Writers

Lawyers

Financial Consultants

Centers of Excellence

Business & Financial Services

Manufacturing

Healthcare

Information Technology

Bio Tech

Transportation & Distribution

Chicago's Industries

Chicago's economy thrives on a combination of mature (manufacturing and transportation/distribution) and emerging (info-tech, R&D, and green energy) industries. The region ranks in the Top 5 in output among U.S. metro areas in a number of key industries including: Business & Financial Services, Manufacturing, Health Services, and Transportation & Distribution.

Business & Financial Services

Chicago offers one of the largest, most diverse pools of business and financial service expertise, with over 1 million employees in those industries. Specializations include:

- Accounting, tax preparation, bookkeeping & payroll services
- Advertising services
- Recruiting services
- Legal services
- Management services
- R&D & Specialized design

Manufacturing

Chicago has consistently been a leader in manufacturing, with over 400,000 employed across various manufacturing specialties. The Chicago region's manufacturing base continues to change with the economy, recently adding jobs in green building material and hi-tech products.

Biotech

Chicago and its greater metropolitan area provide life science and biotech entrepreneurs with a tremendous balance of capital, community and global fluency. Area companies are at the forefront of developments in diagnostics, therapeutics, medical equipment, and food and environmental biotechnologies, as well as enabling technologies such as bioinformatics, genomics and proteomics.

Infotech

Chicago's vast tech ecosystem is maturing since startups, MNCs, prominent universities, entrepreneurship facilities, tech culture incubators and early-stage growth accelerators have teamed up to transform it into a dominating player in the global technology scene. Historically being a center for applied technologies, Chicago's technology expertise is based on a concentration of information intensive industries.

- Communications equipment manufacturing
- Internet publishing & broadcasting
- Wired telecommunications carriers
- Data processing, hosting & related services
- Securities & commodity contracts brokerage and exchanges
- Technical consulting services
- Scientific R&D services

\$525 billion

Gross Regional Product

400+

**Major Corporate
Headquarters**

4.2 million

Employees

270,000

Businesses

Health

- 525,000+ employed in health services industry
- 91 hospitals
- 6 medical schools

Transportation & Distribution

Chicago has dominated the North American transportation and distribution scene since the 1850s. In the past 20 years, it has become the major crossroads of America's global trade. Consequently, Chicago offers the most competitive and cost-effective transportation center in the USA.

- Central location with air, rail, and water distribution capacity
- Hub of six of seven Class I U.S. railroads
- Top 5 Container Port in the World, handling over 13 million TEU's
- Convergence of six major highways
- Chicago's airport system ships and receives 1.5 million tons of freight, mail, and goods annually
- Non-stop global gateway to more than 50 international and 150 domestic business centers
- Two ports capable of handling ocean-going ships and barges
- Linked to the Atlantic via St. Lawrence Seaway and to the Gulf of Mexico via the Mississippi River

Quick facts

Population	9.5 million
Exits	Estimated \$23 billion worth of exits out of Chicago and in this region in general