

Chicago



Selected Indicators

This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Chicago area, Illinois, and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes or inflation of labor costs which includes wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. An **occupational pay relative** is a calculation of pay—wages, salaries, commissions, and production bonuses—for a given metropolitan area relative to the nation as a whole; the calculation controls for differences among areas in occupational composition, establishment, and occupational characteristics, and the fact that data are collected for areas at different times during the year.

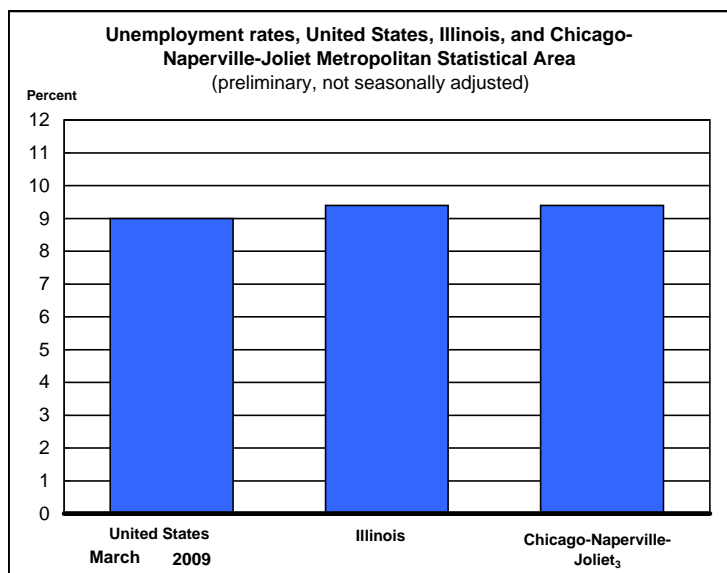
Consumer Price Index (1982-84 = 100)	Mar 2008	Mar 2009	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	213.528	212.709	-0.4
Midwest	203.723	202.021	-0.8
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha ₁	211.542	207.462	-1.9
Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (CPI-W)			
U.S. City Average	209.147	207.218	-0.9
Midwest	198.989	196.453	-1.3
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha ₁	204.742	200.218	-2.2
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)			
Finished goods	175.1	168.9	-3.5
All commodities	187.9	168.1	-10.5
Industrial commodities	190.2	169.5	-10.9

p = preliminary

Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	Mar 2008	Mar 2009 (p)	Net change
United States	8,027	13,895	5,868
Illinois	395.0	612.7	217.7
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ₃	278.1	456.9	178.8

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1. The **Chicago-Gary-Kenosha** Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Will, Lake, Porter, and Kenosha counties.
2. The **Chicago-Naperville-Michigan City** Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Will, Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Newton, Porter, and Kenosha counties.
3. The **Chicago-Naperville-Joliet** Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, McHenry, Will, Jasper, Lake, Newton, Porter, Lake, and Kenosha counties.

Employment Cost Index (December 2005 = 100)	Dec 2007	Dec 2008	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry			
United States	106.3	108.9	2.4
Chicago-Naperville-Michigan City ₂	-	-	2.5
Occupational pay relatives (U.S. = 100)			
July 2007			
Chicago-Naperville-Michigan City₂			
All occupations		108*	
Management, business, and financial		102	
Professional and related		108*	
Service		107*	
Sales and related		109*	
Office and administrative support		110*	
Construction and extraction		131*	
Installation, maintenance, and repair		112*	
Production		105*	
Transportation and material moving		105*	

*The pay relative for this occupation is significantly different from the national average at the 90-percent confidence level.

Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	Mar 2008	Mar 2009 (p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	136,944.0	132,072.0	-4,872.0	-3.6
Illinois	5,903.8	5,672.2	-231.6	-3.9
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ₃	4,489.0	4,331.4	-157.6	-3.5

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Chicago-Naperville-Joliet MSA payroll employment by industry sector

(not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Industry	Mar 2008	Mar 2009 (p)
Total nonfarm	4,489.0	4,331.4
Mining and logging	1.9	1.8
Construction	190.0	170.7
Manufacturing	474.7	438.6
Trade, transportation and utilities	920.5	888.1
Information	90.6	87.2
Financial activities	318.6	303.0
Professional and bus. services	724.4	683.5
Education and health services	603.2	611.8
Leisure and hospitality	394.0	381.3
Other services	198.4	196.7
Government	572.7	568.7

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