

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.

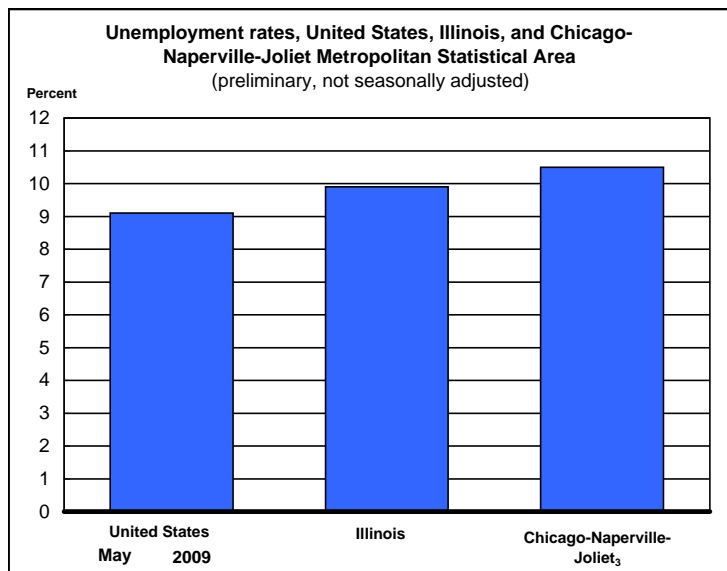
Consumer Price Index (1982-84 = 100)	May 2008	May 2009	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	216.632	213.856	-1.3
Midwest	207.168	203.195	-1.9
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha ₁	214.932	209.809	-2.4
Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (CPI-W)			
U.S. City Average	212.788	208.774	-1.9
Midwest	202.912	197.971	-2.4
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha ₁	208.403	202.464	-2.8
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)			
Finished goods	179.8	170.8	-5.0
All commodities	196.6	170.2	-13.4
Industrial commodities	200.0	171.2	-14.4

p = preliminary

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

Area	May 2008	May 2009 (p)	Net change
United States	8,076.0	13,973.0	5,897.0
Illinois	414.0	657.2	243.2
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ₃	299.5	514.0	214.4

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Employment Cost Index (December 2005 = 100)	Mar 2008	Mar 2009	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry			
United States	107.3	109.3	1.9
Chicago-Naperville-Michigan City ₂	-	-	1.9
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	May 2008	May 2009 (p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	138,190.0	132,667.0	-5,523.0	-4.0
Illinois	6,012.3	5,731.2	-281.1	-4.7
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet ₃	4,575.8	4,366.8	-209.0	-4.6

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Chicago-Naperville-Joliet MSA payroll employment by industry sector (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Industry	May 2008	May 2009 (p)
Total nonfarm	4,575.8	4,366.8
Mining and logging	2.2	2.0
Construction	209.9	180.8
Manufacturing	474.2	429.3
Trade, transportation and utilities	926.3	891.5
Information	91.1	85.2
Financial activities	319.1	298.8
Professional and bus. services	743.8	695.9
Education and health services	607.1	611.0
Leisure and hospitality	421.9	401.8
Other services	200.3	197.2
Government	579.9	573.3

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