

Chicago Area Selected Economic Data

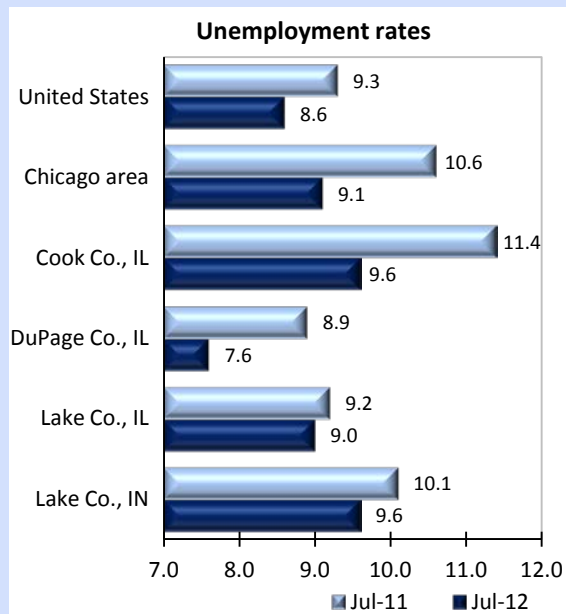


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This fact sheet presents a sampling of data for the **Chicago** area. Supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted and some may be subject to revision. Area definitions may differ by subject. See www.bls.gov/regions/overviews.htm for more area fact sheets and area definitions.

Unemployment rates for the Chicago area, selected area counties, and the nation

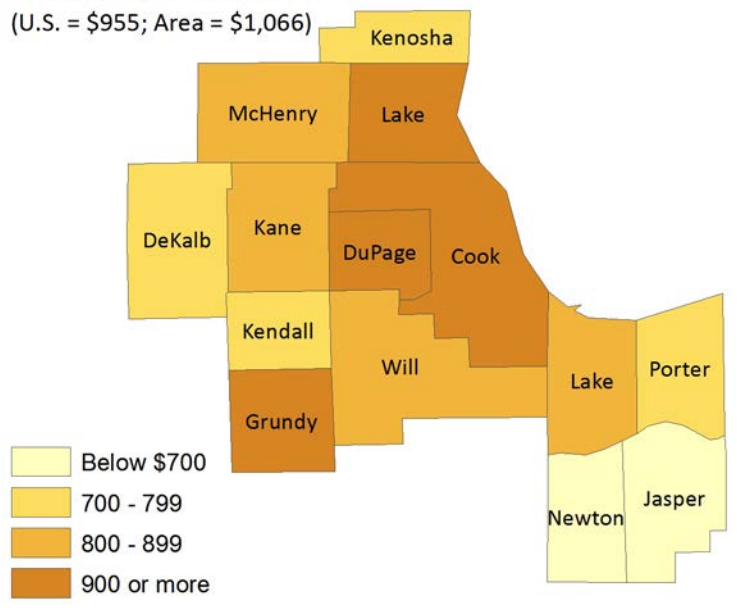


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

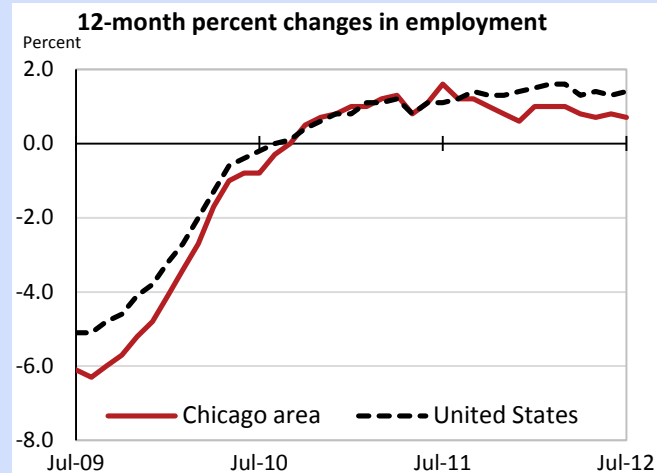
Chicago area, 4th quarter 2011

(U.S. = \$955; Area = \$1,066)



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

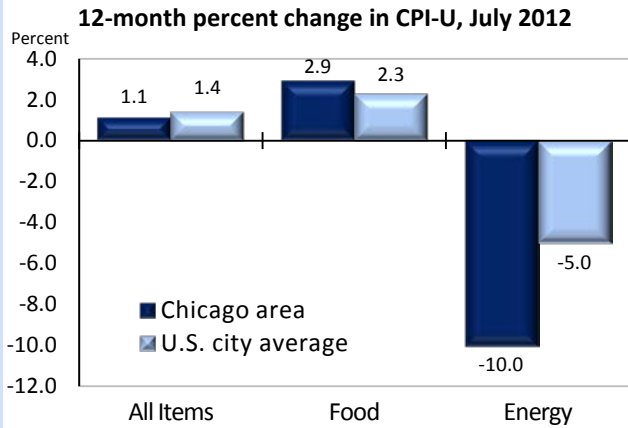


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics

Chicago area employment (numbers in thousands)	Jul. 2012	Change from Jul. 2011 to Jul. 2012	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	4,351.6	31.9	0.7
Mining and logging	1.7	0.2	13.3
Construction	152.2	-4.3	-2.7
Manufacturing	425.9	12.3	3.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	860.3	-5.8	-0.7
Information	78.6	-1.2	-1.5
Financial activities	287.5	1.0	0.3
Professional and business services	743.2	28.1	3.9
Education and health services	644.3	0.4	0.1
Leisure and hospitality	431.3	11.3	2.7
Other services	192.7	-1.3	-0.7
Government	533.9	-8.8	-1.6

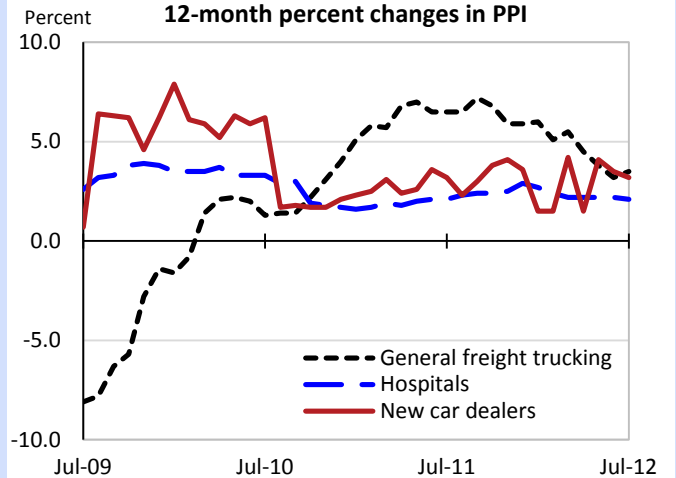
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics

Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index

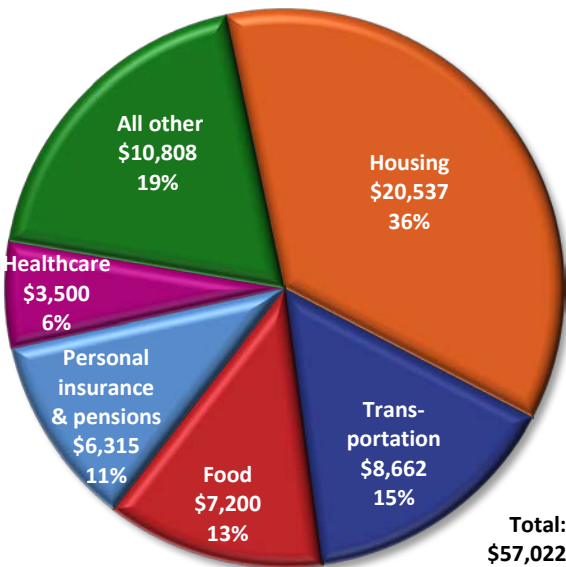
Over-the-year changes in the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide



Source: U.S. BLS, Producer Price Index

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Chicago area average annual expenditures 2009-10



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Chicago area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$23.28	\$21.74
Lawyers	68.93	62.74
Air traffic controllers	68.48	55.03
Financial managers	58.39	57.91
Accountants and auditors	35.71	33.72
Registered nurses	33.84	33.23
Police and sheriff's patrol officers	33.75	27.05
Computer support specialists	26.89	24.91
Construction laborers	19.24	16.43
Customer service representatives	17.35	15.92
Retail salespersons	12.26	12.08
Parking lot attendants	11.32	10.38
Fast food cooks	9.27	9.00

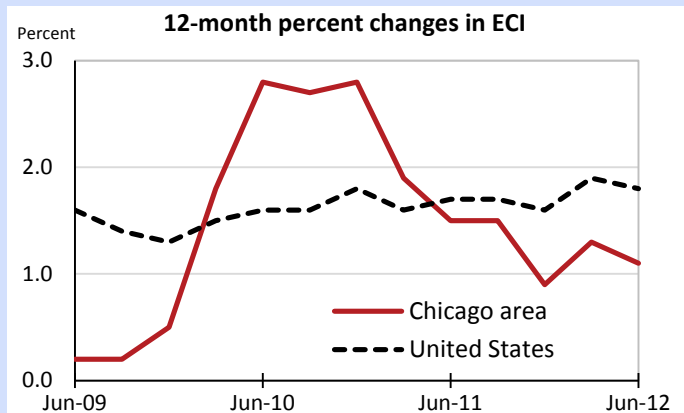
Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2011

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

Private industry, March 2012	East North Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$27.89	\$28.78
Wages and salaries	19.21	20.25
Total benefits	8.68	8.53
Paid leave	1.85	1.98
Vacation	0.99	1.02
Supplemental pay	0.83	0.83
Insurance	2.63	2.34
Retirement and savings	1.07	1.02
Legally required benefits	2.29	2.36

(1) East North Central includes IL, IN, MI, OH, and WI.
Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



Source: U.S. BLS, Employment Cost Index