



Chicago by the Numbers February 2010

Indicator - MSA	Dec '09	Nov '09	Oct '09	Dec '08
Total Employment	4,306.2	4,326.9	4,335.1	4,488.5
Total Private Sector	3,738.9	3,756.2	3,766.0	3,916.2
Construction	159.8	172.0	179.6	188.7
Manufacturing	423.7	424.5	425.3	459.6
Wholesale Trade	236.4	236.8	238.9	247.6
Retail Trade	465.0	459.6	447.9	481.9
Transportation & Utilities	194.2	195.0	194.7	203.1
Information	81.9	81.9	82.6	89.1
Financial Activities	294.7	293.3	293.6	312.2
Prof. & Business Services	690.1	696.6	699.1	721.0
Education & Health Services	618.9	618.3	617.1	618.0
Leisure & Hospitality	379.4	384.2	392.4	393.7
Other Services	192.8	191.9	192.7	199.2
Government	567.3	570.7	569.1	572.3
Mining & Natural Resources	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1
Unemployment Rate	10.6	10.3	10.3	7.1
Midwest Housing Starts	94	106	99	76
Office Availability Rate	13.8			10.9
Office Net Absorption	112,720.0			-178,372.0
Producer's Price Index	177.3	176.6	174.0	169.4
Consumer Price Index -U	217.2	216.9	216.4	211.3
Consumer Confidence	53.6	50.6	48.7	38.6
National Purchasing Managers Index	54.9	53.7	55.2	32.5
Chicago Purchasing Managers Index	60.0	56.1	54.2	35.1
Chicago Midwest Manufacturing Index	84.1	84.4	83.2	90.1
New Automobile Sales	4.1	3.8	3.7	3.6
New Truck Sales	4.4	4.5	4.2	4.1

Footnotes

The Chicago MSA (metropolitan statistical area) consists of a fourteen-county, tri-state region: Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties in Illinois; Jasper, Lake, Newton, and Porter counties in Indiana; and Kenosha County in Wisconsin. The employment, housing, and net absorption numbers are listed in thousands. The Producer Price Index figures for October-December 2009, as well as the employment & unemployment rate for December 2009 are preliminary only. All employment figures are not seasonally adjusted. The office absorption and availability rate are 2009 fourth quarter numbers for the downtown Chicago market. Data is from CB Richard Ellis. Net Absorption is the change in available space in square feet. Availability rate is space that is currently vacant or in the process of being marketed. Consumer confidence, automobile and truck sales are U.S. numbers. The Chicago Midwest Manufacturing Index is a monthly estimate of manufacturing output in the 7th Federal Reserve district (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, and Wisconsin). It is a composite index of sixteen manufacturing industries that use electrical power and hours worked data to measure monthly changes in regional activity.