

Chicago by the Numbers

April 2009

Indicator - MSA	Feb. '09	Jan. '09	Dec. '08	Feb. '08
Total Employment	4,331.4	4,354.3	4,488.5	4,468.8
Total Private Sector	3,762.9	3,792.6	3,916.2	3,898.8
Construction	166.1	169.2	188.7	184.9
Manufacturing	444.4	453.0	459.6	474.2
Wholesale Trade	242.6	243.7	247.6	249.7
Retail Trade	446.4	453.1	481.9	465.2
Transportation & Utilities	198.5	199.1	203.1	203.1
Information	87.5	88.2	89.1	90.6
Financial Activities	305.8	306.5	312.2	318.6
Prof. & Business Services	686.9	695.1	721.0	724.8
Education & Health Services	611.1	608.7	618.0	602.4
Leisure & Hospitality	376.1	378.2	393.7	386.3
Other Services	195.7	195.8	199.2	197.2
Government	568.5	561.7	572.3	570.0
Mining & Natural Resources	1.8	2.0	2.1	1.8
Unemployment Rate	9.2	8.3	7.1	5.7
Midwest Housing Starts	88	59	77	154
Office Availability Rate	-	-	10.9	-
Office Net Absorption	-	-	-178,372.0	-
Producer's Price Index	171.3	171.1	169.7	174.1
Consumer Price Index -U	213.0	212.2	211.6	212.9
Consumer Confidence	25.3	37.4	38.6	76.4
National Purchasing				
Managers Index	35.8	35.6	32.9	48.8
Chicago Purchasing				
Managers Index	34.2	33.3	35.1	44.5
Chicago Midwest				
Manufacturing Index	83.8	84.2	90.2	107.7
New Automobile Sales	2.9	2.9	3.6	5.0
New Truck Sales	3.5	4.0	4.1	6.6

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 unemployment rate for February 2009 as well as the Producer Price Index figures for February 2009, January 2009 & December 2008 are preliminary only. The office absorption and availability rate are 2008 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.