

Chicago by the Numbers

February 2009

Indicator - MSA	Dec. '08	Nov. '08	Oct. '08	Dec. '07
Total Employment	4,537.6	4,559.8	4,575.9	4,596.7
Total Private Sector	3,965.0	3,985.8	4,002.5	4,024.4
Construction	192.1	205.1	212.4	210.0
Manufacturing	467.9	470.1	474.1	482.4
Wholesale Trade	249.0	249.1	249.9	250.7
Retail Trade	494.9	490.1	476.7	502.1
Transportation & Utilities	204.3	204.4	204.5	208.2
Information	90.0	89.9	90.2	91.2
Financial Activities	322.6	322.6	323.0	328.5
Prof. & Business Services	739.0	746.7	755.9	750.1
Education & Health Services	608.8	608.0	605.6	600.0
Leisure & Hospitality	395.0	398.4	408.4	399.5
Other Services	199.0	199.0	199.3	199.0
Government	572.6	574.0	573.4	572.6
Mining & Natural Resources	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4
Unemployment Rate	7.1	6.5	6.4	5.0
Midwest Housing Starts	75	106	121	137
Office Availability Rate	10.9	-	-	11.3
Office Net Absorption	-178,372.0	-	-	446,499.0
Producer's Price Index	169.7	172.9	177.3	171.8
Consumer Price Index -U	211.6	213.3	216.9	211.7
Consumer Confidence	38.6	44.7	38.8	90.6
National Purchasing				
Managers Index	32.9	36.6	38.7	49.1
Chicago Purchasing				
Managers Index	35.1	33.6	38.3	56.4
Chicago Midwest				
Manufacturing Index	92.2	95.7	97.9	108.3
New Automobile Sales	3.6	3.3	3.8	5.4
New Truck Sales	4.1	4.3	4.0	6.8

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 employment numbers for December 2008, as well as the Producer Price Index figures for 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.