

## Chicago by the Numbers

### May 2009

Indicator - MSA	Mar. '09	Feb. '09	Jan. '09	Mar. '08
Total Employment	4,331.5	4,331.4	4,354.3	4,489.0
Total Private Sector	3,762.6	3,762.9	3,792.6	3,916.3
Construction	170.2	166.1	169.2	190.0
Manufacturing	438.4	444.4	453.0	474.7
Wholesale Trade	242.6	242.6	243.7	250.4
Retail Trade	447.4	446.4	453.1	466.3
Transportation & Utilities	198.3	198.5	199.1	203.8
Information	87.0	87.5	88.2	90.6
Financial Activities	303.0	305.8	306.5	318.6
Prof. & Business Services	683.4	686.9	695.1	724.4
Education & Health Services	611.5	611.1	608.7	603.2
Leisure & Hospitality	381.9	376.1	378.2	394.0
Other Services	197.2	195.7	195.8	198.4
Government	568.9	568.5	561.7	572.7
Mining & Natural Resources	1.7	1.8	2.0	1.9
Unemployment Rate	9.4	9.2	8.3	5.6
Midwest Housing Starts	98	93	58	136
Office Availability Rate	11.5	-	-	11.4
Office Net Absorption	253,431	-	-	-202,688
Producer's Price Index	169.3	171.3	171.1	175.6
Consumer Price Index -U	212.7	213.0	212.2	213.7
Consumer Confidence	26.9	25.3	37.4	65.9
National Purchasing				
Managers Index	36.3	35.8	35.6	49.0
Chicago Purchasing				
Managers Index	31.4	34.2	33.3	48.2
Chicago Midwest				
Manufacturing Index	82.0	83.8	84.2	106.8
New Automobile Sales	3.3	2.9	2.9	5.0
New Truck Sales	3.8	3.5	4.0	6.2

#### 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 March 2009, as well as the Producer Price Index figures for January 2009, February 2009 & March 2009 are preliminary only. The office absorption and availability rate are 2009 first 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.