


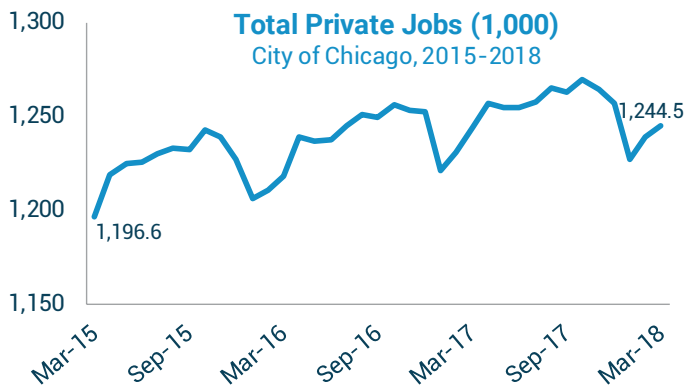
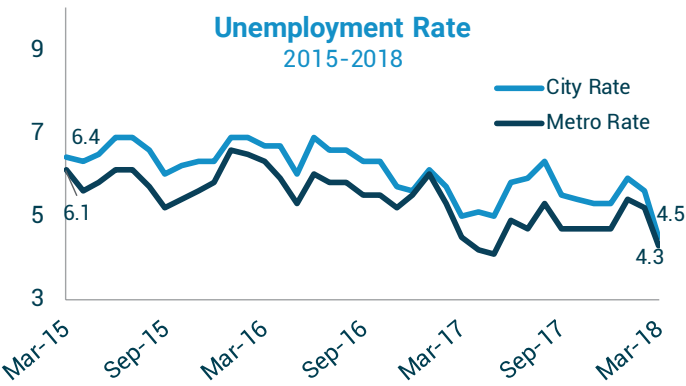


<h1 style="margin: 0;">510</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">New Jobs-City YOY Growth, March 2018</p>	 <h1 style="margin: 0;">3.9%</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">Exports-Illinois YOY Growth, February 2018</p>	 <h1 style="margin: 0;">156</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">Patents Issued-City March 2018</p>	 <h1 style="margin: 0;">2.5%</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">Air Cargo Tonnage-MSA YOY Growth, March 2018</p>
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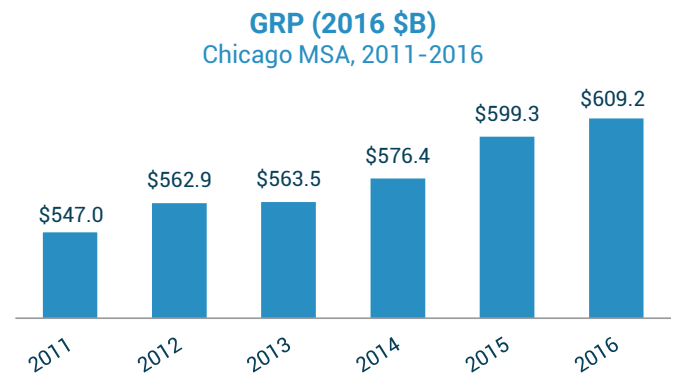
## Key Trends

- The Chicago (city) economy has **expanded by an estimated 510 jobs** year-over-year since March 2017. The largest gains were in the **Wholesale Trade (+3,214)**, **Educational & Health Services (+2,968)**, and **Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (+2,855)** sectors.
- The City of Chicago's **unemployment rate decreased** from 5.0 in March 2017 to 4.5 in March 2018.
- **Air Cargo Tonnage increased** by 2.5% from 173,907 tons in March 2017 to 178,228 tons in March 2018.
- **Patents issued in the City of Chicago increased** YOY to 156 in March 2018.

## LABOR FORCE

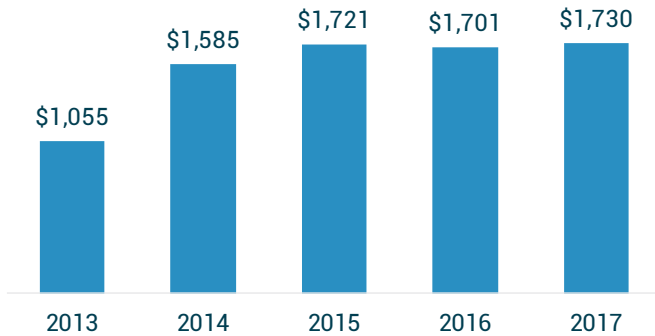


## BUSINESS ECONOMY



## INNOVATION

**Startup Funding (\$M)**  
City of Chicago, 2013-2017



**Patents**

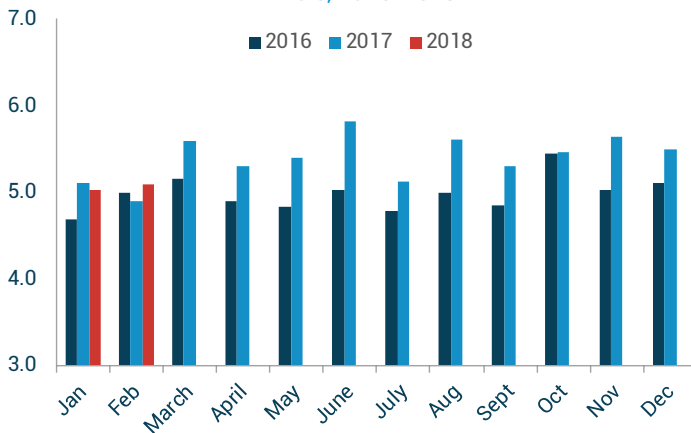
City of Chicago, 2017-2018



## INTERNATIONAL

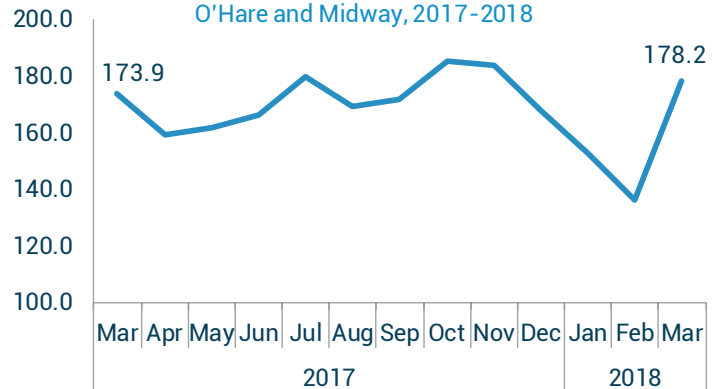
**Exports (\$B)**

Illinois, 2015-2018



**Air Cargo Tonnage (Thousands)**

O'Hare and Midway, 2017-2018



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Data is current as of 04/30/18, preliminary estimates are subject to revision. Data is not adjusted for seasonality unless noted. The Chicago metropolitan statistical area (MSA) consists of a 14-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. Midwest data reflects totals for Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Sources: Illinois Department of Employment Security, American Institute of Architects, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, USA Trade Online, Manpower