



Will County Economic Update

July - September (3rd Quarter) 2011

	2009	2010	2011	2009-2011 Change		2010-2011 Change	
Total Population	680,543	678,034	697,842	17,299	3%	19,808	3%
Population Ages 15-64	457,369	451,880	465,468	8,099	2%	13,588	3%

Source: EMSI Complete Employment – 2011.3

Employment Changes by Industry

Description	2010 Jobs	2011 Jobs	2010-2011 Growth	2010-2011 Percent Growth
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,129	1,060	(69)	(6%)
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	295	308	13	4%
Utilities	1,799	1,727	(72)	(4%)
Construction	15,518	15,867	349	2%
Manufacturing	19,266	19,843	577	3%
Wholesale Trade	15,130	15,639	509	3%
Retail Trade	30,859	31,647	788	3%
Transportation and Warehousing	13,076	13,626	550	4%
Information	3,730	3,705	(25)	(1%)
Finance and Insurance	11,975	11,702	(273)	(2%)
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	9,242	9,331	89	1%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	12,631	12,979	348	3%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1,343	1,323	(20)	(1%)
Administrative and Waste Services	14,163	14,819	656	5%
Educational Services	4,940	5,124	184	4%
Health Care and Social Assistance	25,250	26,010	760	3%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	6,025	6,015	(10)	0%
Accommodation and Food Services	17,087	17,623	536	3%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	12,749	13,113	364	3%
Government	34,802	34,933	131	0%
Total	251,009	256,394	5,385	2%

Source: EMSI Complete Employment –2011.3





Employment Changes by Occupation

Occupation Description	2010 Jobs	2011 Jobs	2010 –2011 Change	2010–2011 Percent Change	2011 Average Hourly Earnings
Management occupations	16,500	16,670	170	1%	\$28.07
Business and financial operations occupations	13,140	13,254	114	1%	\$20.03
Computer and mathematical science occupations	4,145	4,217	72	2%	\$23.30
Architecture and engineering occupations	2,772	2,833	61	2%	\$28.21
Life, physical, and social science occupations	1,643	1,680	37	2%	\$22.06
Community and social services occupations	3,283	3,341	58	2%	\$17.89
Legal occupations	1,356	1,365	9	1%	\$28.46
Education, training, and library occupations	16,909	17,173	264	2%	\$30.60
Arts/design/entertainment/sports/ media occupations	5,475	5,581	106	2%	\$14.69
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations	12,166	12,534	368	3%	\$29.50
Healthcare support occupations	5,674	5,852	178	3%	\$12.81
Protective service occupations	5,543	5,617	74	1%	\$22.68
Food preparation and serving related occupations	17,452	17,967	515	3%	\$8.52
Building/ grounds cleaning/ maintenance occupations	8,442	8,643	201	2%	\$11.15
Personal care and service occupations	8,824	9,048	224	3%	\$10.16
Sales and related occupations	35,024	35,660	636	2%	\$14.19
Office and administrative support occupations	31,975	32,574	599	2%	\$12.60
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	403	397	(6)	(1%)	\$13.34
Construction and extraction occupations	13,711	13,986	275	2%	\$25.50
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	8,623	8,876	253	3%	\$20.34
Production occupations	16,037	16,570	533	3%	\$16.00
Transportation and material moving occupations	20,497	21,194	697	3%	\$14.33
Military Occupations	1,412	1,363	(49)	(3%)	\$13.86
Total	251,009	256,394	5,385	2%	\$18.00

Source: Source: EMSI Complete Employment – 2011.3



Unemployment Rates

Geographic Area	September 2009	September 2010	September 2011
Illinois	10.4%	9.3%	9.5%
Cook County	10.9%	9.8%	10.4%
DuPage County	8.8%	7.6%	7.9%
Grundy County	11.3%	10.2%	10.1%
Kankakee County	12.3%	11.9%	11.2%
Kendall County	10.0%	8.4%	8.6%
Will County	10.1%	9.2%	9.6%

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security – Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Unemployment by Industry

Description	May 2011 Unemployment	County Unemployment Rate	State Unemployment Rate	National Unemployment Rate
Construction	6,623	18.1%	13.3%	10.1%
No Previous Work Experience/Unspecified	5,422	14.8%	12.9%	13.6%
Retail Trade	4,966	13.6%	11.3%	12.1%
Government	4,502	12.3%	10.9%	7.8%
Accommodation and Food Services	3,092	8.4%	8.4%	11.2%
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,179	5.9%	7.5%	8.5%
Manufacturing	1,720	4.7%	6.3%	6.7%
Administrative and Waste Services	1,611	4.4%	6.8%	6.2%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,226	3.3%	3.5%	3.7%
Transportation and Warehousing	1,142	3.1%	3.1%	2.5%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	938	2.6%	1.9%	2.2%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	713	1.9%	3.9%	3.8%
Finance and Insurance	615	1.7%	3.2%	2.6%
Educational Services	429	1.2%	1.9%	1.9%
Information	407	1.1%	1.5%	2.2%
Wholesale Trade	400	1.1%	1.3%	1.1%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	338	0.9%	1.3%	1.4%
Utilities	216	0.6%	0.3%	0.4%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	45	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	39	0.1%	0.3%	1.6%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	11	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Total	36,635	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Source: EMSI Complete Employment – 2011.3



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Average Monthly Wages (3rd Quarter) 2007–2010

Geographic Area	2007	2008	2009	2010
Will County	\$3,383	\$3,459	\$3,359	\$3,497
Chicago Metro Region	\$4,194	\$4,289	\$4,165	\$4,333
State of Illinois	\$3,890	\$3,978	\$3,873	\$4,042

Source: U.S. Census, Local Employment Dynamics, 3rd Quarter 2010

Average Monthly Wages by Industry (3rd Quarter) 2007–2010

Industry	2007	2010	2007-2010 Change	2007-2010 Percent Change
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting	\$2,305	\$2,476	\$171	6.9%
Mining	\$6,354	\$6,030	(\$324)	-27.4%
Utilities	\$6,865	\$7,353	\$488	6.6%
Construction	\$4,998	\$4,795	(\$203)	-4.2%
Manufacturing	\$4,626	\$5,120	\$494	9.6%
Wholesale trade	\$4,228	\$4,768	\$540	11.3%
Retail trade	\$2,318	\$2,366	\$48	2.0%
Transportation and warehousing	\$3,687	\$3,694	\$7	0.2%
Information	\$3,265	\$3,650	\$385	10.5%
Finance and insurance	\$4,393	\$3,819	(\$574)	-15.0%
Real estate, rental and leasing	\$2,919	\$3,204	\$285	8.9%
Professional and technical services	\$4,010	\$4,293	\$283	6.6%
Management of companies/enterprises	\$4,869	\$5,421	\$552	10.2%
Administrative, Support, Waste Management and Remediation	\$2,703	\$2,729	\$26	1.0%
Educational services	\$2,737	\$2,737	\$0	0.0%
Health care and social assistance	\$3,246	\$3,597	\$351	9.8%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	\$2,003	\$1,993	(\$10)	-0.5%
Accommodation and food services	\$1,189	\$1,314	\$125	9.5%
Other services, except public admin	\$2,555	\$2,573	\$18	0.7%
Public Administration	\$4,156	\$4,636	\$480	10.4%

Source: U.S. Census, Local Employment Dynamics, 3rd Quarter 2010



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Average Monthly New Hire Wages (3rd Quarter) 2007–2010

Geographic Location	2007	2008	2009	2010
Will County	\$2,072	\$2,274	\$2,040	\$2,225
Chicago Metro Region	\$2,593	\$2,684	\$2,587	\$3,647
State of Illinois	\$2,467	\$2,471	\$2,374	\$2,463

Source: U.S. Census, Local Employment Dynamics, 3rd Quarter 2010

Average Monthly New Hire Wages by Industry (3rd Quarter) 2007–2010

Industry	2007	2010	2007-2010 Change	2007-2010 Percent Change
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting	\$1,390	\$1,470	\$80	5.4%
Mining	\$6,246	\$4,629	(\$1,617)	-34.9%
Utilities	\$6,769	\$4,814	(\$1,955)	-40.6%
Construction	\$3,891	\$3,667	(\$224)	-6.1%
Manufacturing	\$3,163	\$3,617	\$454	12.6%
Wholesale trade	\$2,880	\$3,296	\$416	12.6%
Retail trade	\$1,464	\$2,057	\$593	28.8%
Transportation and warehousing	\$2,702	\$2,596	(\$106)	-4.1%
Information	\$1,998	\$2,351	\$353	15.0%
Finance and insurance	\$2,907	\$4,453	\$1,546	34.7%
Real estate, rental and leasing	\$2,097	\$2,081	(\$16)	-0.8%
Professional and technical services	\$3,121	\$3,884	\$763	19.6%
Management of companies/enterprises	\$2,885	\$2,678	(\$207)	7.7%
Administrative, Support, Waste Management and Remediation	\$1,860	\$1,791	(\$69)	-3.9%
Educational services	\$1,348	\$1,227	(\$121)	-9.9%
Health care and social assistance	\$2,044	\$2,007	(\$37)	-1.8%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	\$1,066	\$1,119	\$53	4.7%
Accommodation and food services	\$1,145	\$971	(\$174)	-17.9%
Other services, except public admin	\$1,407	\$1,632	\$225	13.8%
Public Administration	\$2,139	\$2,299	\$160	7.0%

Source: U.S. Census, Local Employment Dynamics, 3rd Quarter 2010

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Job Stats

Indicator	Current Sept 2011	Previous August 2011	Improved/Weaker	Area	Source
Total Residents in Labor Force	365,438	367,943	Weaker ↓	Will County	IDES
Total Residents Employed	330,364	329,903	Improved ↑	Will County	IDES
Total Residents Unemployed	35,074	38,040	Improved ↑	Will County	IDES
Unemployment Rate	9.6	10.3	Improved ↑	Will County	IDES
Initial Unemployment Claims	3,041	3,087	Improved ↑	Will County	IDES

Source: IDES – Illinois Department of Employment Security

Business Stats

Indicator	Current	Previous	Improved/Weaker	Area	Source
Chicago Business Activity Index	87.8 Aug 2011	93.0 July 2011	Weaker ↓	Chicago Area	REAL
Chicago Business Barometer	58.4 Oct 2011	60.4 Sept 2011	Weaker ↓	Chicago Area	ISM-Chicago
Home Price Index	119.4 Aug 2011	117.8 July 2011	Improved ↑	Chicago	S&P
Midwest Manufacturing Index	85.2 Sept 2011	85.0 Aug 2011	Improved ↑	Midwest	FRBC

Sources: REAL – University of Illinois Regional Economics Application Laboratory; ISM-Chicago – Institute for Supply Management; S&P – Case-Shiller Home Price Index, Standard and Poor; FRBC – Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.