

# Mexican Report

## Employment and Business

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## Employment and Business

### 5A.1: Unemployment Rate

Table 1: Labor Force Status for Mexicans and Other Racial/Ethnic Groups in Chicago, 2018-2022 (ACS 5-year Estimates)

Race/Ethnicity	In the Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Mexican	263,068	242,677	20,391	7.8%
Other Hispanics or Latinos	102,569	95,189	7,380	7.2%
White (non-Hispanic or Latino)	504,107	482,183	21,924	4.3%
Black (non-Hispanic or Latino)	322,796	274,277	48,519	15.0%
Other (non-Hispanic or Latino)	133,767	126,707	7,060	5.3%

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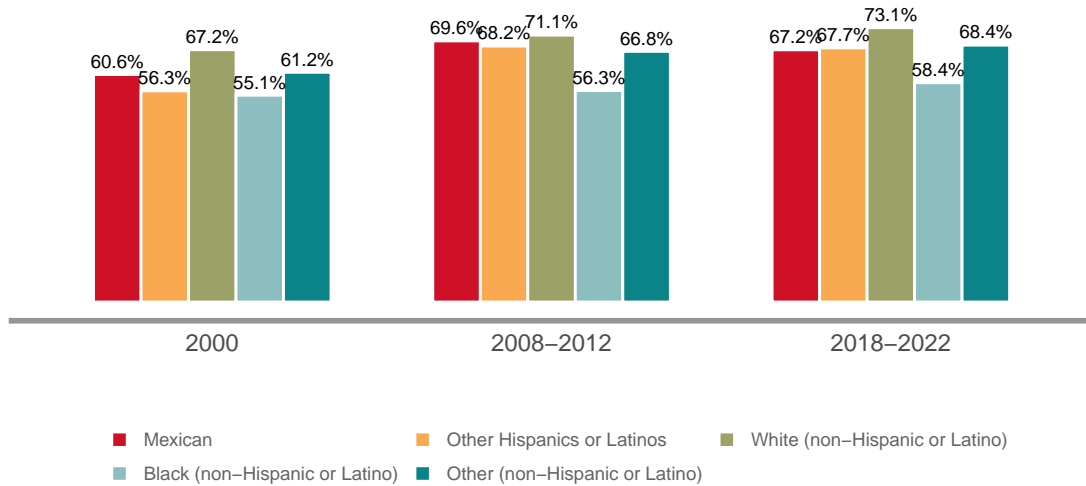
### 5A.1-2: The Labor Force Participation Rate

Table 2: Labor Force Participation Rate for Mexicans and Other Racial/Ethnic Groups in Chicago, 2000 (Decennial Census), 2008-2012, and 2018-2022 (ACS 5-year Estimates)

Race/Ethnicity	2000	2008-2012	2018-2022
Mexican	60.6%	69.6%	67.2%
Other Hispanics or Latinos	56.3%	68.2%	67.7%
White (non-Hispanic or Latino)	67.2%	71.1%	73.1%
Black (non-Hispanic or Latino)	55.1%	56.3%	58.4%
Other (non-Hispanic or Latino)	61.2%	66.8%	68.4%

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**Labor Force Participation Rate for Mexicans and Other Racial/Ethnic Groups in Chicago, 2000 (Decennial Census), 2008–2012, and 2018–2022 (ACS 5-year Estimates)**



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**5A.2: Numbers and percentages of Mexicans employed, by industry**

Table 3: Employment by Industry and Percent Share of Industry Employment for Mexicans and Other Racial/Ethnic Groups in Chicago, 2018-2022 (ACS 5-year Estimates)

Industry	Mexican		Other Hispanics or Latinos		White (non-Hispanic or Latino)		Black (non-Hispanic or Latino)		Other (non-Hispanic or Latino)	
	Number	% Share of Industry Employment	Number	% Share of Industry Employment	Number	% Share of Industry Employment	Number	% Share of Industry Employment	Number	% Share of Industry Employment
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting, and Mining	790	32.2%	279	11.4%	825	33.7%	406	16.6%	151	6.2%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation, and Accommodation and Food Services	34,953	30.6%	10,864	9.5%	36,015	31.5%	21,864	19.1%	10,630	9.3%
Construction	19,912	41.8%	5,011	10.5%	16,452	34.5%	4,676	9.8%	1,614	3.4%
Educational Services, and Health Care and Social Assistance	38,856	13.3%	21,313	7.3%	113,756	38.8%	80,668	27.5%	38,409	13.1%
Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate, and Rental and Leasing	12,055	11.7%	6,208	6.0%	54,983	53.5%	18,204	17.7%	11,227	10.9%
Information	2,042	8.0%	910	3.5%	15,798	61.5%	3,905	15.2%	3,042	11.8%
Manufacturing	35,039	36.4%	9,972	10.4%	27,629	28.7%	15,110	15.7%	8,461	8.8%
Military	115	14.9%	173	22.4%	139	18.0%	234	30.3%	110	14.3%
Other Services, Except Public Administration	13,696	23.0%	5,333	9.0%	21,290	35.8%	12,343	20.8%	6,815	11.5%
Professional, Scientific, and Management, and Administrative, and Waste Management Services	29,970	13.8%	12,926	6.0%	115,576	53.3%	33,261	15.3%	25,098	11.6%
Public Administration	6,369	13.4%	3,836	8.0%	16,659	34.9%	18,283	38.3%	2,535	5.3%
Retail Trade	26,380	26.1%	10,036	9.9%	29,995	29.7%	25,341	25.1%	9,202	9.1%
Transportation and Warehousing, and Utilities	16,549	18.6%	6,486	7.3%	22,081	24.9%	36,420	41.0%	7,229	8.1%
Wholesale Trade	5,951	24.3%	1,842	7.5%	10,985	44.8%	3,562	14.5%	2,184	8.9%

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Table 4: Employment by Industry and Percent Share of Industry Employment for 10 Sub-industries Where Hispanics or Latinos Have the Highest Number of Employees for Mexicans and Other Hispanics or Latinos in Chicago, 2018-2022 (ACS 5-year Estimates)

Group	Sub-industries	Number	% Share of Industry Employment
<b>Mexican</b>			
Accommodation and Food Services	Restaurants and other food services	27,844	38.1%
Construction	The cleaning of buildings and dwellings is incidental during construction and immediately after construction	19,912	41.8%
Educational Services	Elementary and secondary schools	9,645	15.3%
Health Care and Social Assistance	General medical and surgical hospitals, and specialty (except psychiatric and substance abuse) hospitals	7,891	13.1%
Administrative and support and waste management services	Services to buildings and dwellings (except cleaning during construction and immediately after construction)	6,590	43.1%
Retail Trade	Supermarkets and other grocery (except convenience) stores	5,869	31.5%
Other Services, Except Public Administration	Automotive repair and maintenance	4,554	61.0%
Educational Services	Colleges, universities, and professional schools, including junior colleges	4,128	8.3%
Administrative and support and waste management services	Landscaping services	3,927	70.8%
Manufacturing	Not specified manufacturing industries	3,636	52.3%
<b>Other Hispanics or Latinos</b>			
Accommodation and Food Services	Restaurants and other food services	7,334	10.0%
Educational Services	Elementary and secondary schools	5,064	8.0%
Construction	The cleaning of buildings and dwellings is incidental during construction and immediately after construction	5,011	10.5%
Educational Services	Colleges, universities, and professional schools, including junior colleges	3,513	7.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	General medical and surgical hospitals, and specialty (except psychiatric and substance abuse) hospitals	3,383	5.6%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	Computer systems design and related services	2,374	7.0%
Administrative and support and waste management services	Services to buildings and dwellings (except cleaning during construction and immediately after construction)	2,289	15.0%
Retail Trade	Supermarkets and other grocery (except convenience) stores	2,182	11.7%
Public Administration	Justice, public order, and safety activities	1,951	8.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	Child day care services	1,553	11.9%

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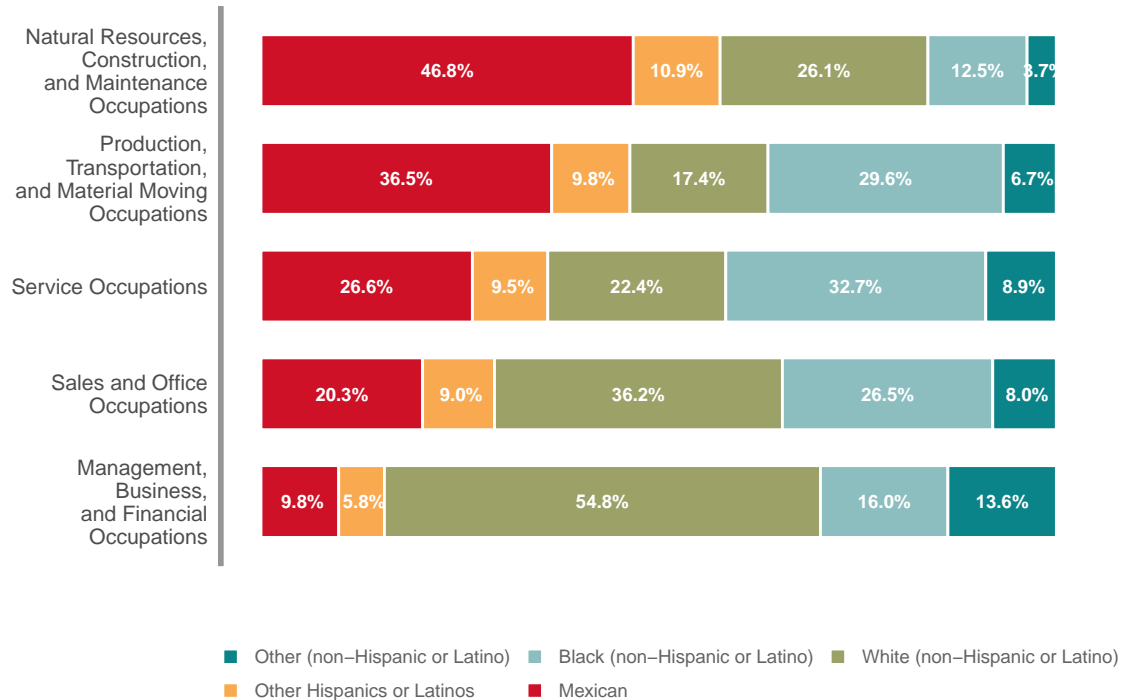
### 5A.3: Numbers and percentages of Mexicans employed, by Occupation

Table 5: Employment by Occupation and Percent Share of Occupation Employment for Mexicans and Other Racial/Ethnic Groups in Chicago, 2018-2022 (ACS 5-year Estimates)

Occupation	Mexican		Other Hispanics or Latinos		White (non-Hispanic or Latino)		Black (non-Hispanic or Latino)		Other (non-Hispanic or Latino)	
	Number	% Share of Occupation Employment	Number	% Share of Occupation Employment	Number	% Share of Occupation Employment	Number	% Share of Occupation Employment	Number	% Share of Occupation Employment
Management, Business, and Financial Occupations	55,088	9.8%	32,402	5.8%	309,194	54.8%	90,361	16.0%	76,902	13.6%
Natural Resources, Construction, and Maintenance Occupations	27,822	46.8%	6,491	10.9%	15,534	26.1%	7,415	12.5%	2,179	3.7%
Production, Transportation, and Material Moving Occupations	55,691	36.5%	14,999	9.8%	26,457	17.4%	45,088	29.6%	10,129	6.7%
Sales and Office Occupations	46,080	20.3%	20,492	9.0%	82,098	36.2%	59,969	26.5%	18,128	8.0%
Service Occupations	57,966	26.6%	20,685	9.5%	48,802	22.4%	71,291	32.7%	19,365	8.9%

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**Percent Share of Occupation Employment for Mexicans and Other Racial/Ethnic Groups in Chicago, 2018–2022 (ACS 5–year Estimates)**



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Table 6: Employment by Sub-occupation and Percent Share of Occupation Employment for 10 Sub-occupations Where Hispanics or Latinos Have the Highest Number of Employees for Mexicans and Other Hispanics or Latinos in Chicago, 2018-2022 (ACS 5-year Estimates)

Occupation Group	Sub-occupation	Number	% Share of Occupation Employment
<b>Mexican</b>			
Service Occupations	Janitors and building cleaners	8,854	38.6%
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	8,688	41.6%
Service Occupations	Cooks	7,652	44.3%
Sales and Related Occupations	Cashiers	7,608	33.3%
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	Driver/sales workers and truck drivers	7,309	29.7%
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	Customer service representatives	5,960	21.3%
Construction and Extraction Occupations	Construction laborers	5,664	53.2%
Sales and Related Occupations	Retail salespersons	4,749	24.7%
Service Occupations	Waiters and waitresses	4,705	36.2%
Production Occupations	Miscellaneous production workers, including equipment operators and tenders	4,375	46.8%
<b>Other Hispanics or Latinos</b>			
Service Occupations	Janitors and building cleaners	2,842	12.4%
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	Customer service representatives	2,546	9.1%
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	2,132	10.2%
Sales and Related Occupations	Retail salespersons	2,065	10.7%
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	Driver/sales workers and truck drivers	2,042	8.3%
Management, Business, and Financial Occupations	Other managers	1,911	5.5%
Sales and Related Occupations	First-line supervisors of retail sales workers	1,896	12.4%
Service Occupations	Cooks	1,882	10.9%
Sales and Related Occupations	Cashiers	1,799	7.9%
Construction and Extraction Occupations	Construction laborers	1,670	15.7%

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## 5D: Transportation

Table 7: Primary Means of Transportation to Work for Mexicans and Other Racial/Ethnic Groups in Chicago, 2018-2022 (ACS 5-year Estimates)

Means of Transportation	Mexican		Other Hispanics or Latinos		Non-Hispanic or Latino	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Auto, truck, or van	167,218	68.9%	57,961	60.9%	424,893	48.1%
Bicycle	1,954	0.8%	696	0.7%	12,418	1.4%
Bus	21,894	9.0%	8,714	9.2%	90,905	10.3%
Light rail, streetcar, or trolley (Carro público in PR)	252	0.1%	192	0.2%	1,353	0.1%
Long-distance train or commuter train	1,475	0.6%	896	0.9%	12,148	1.4%
Motorcycle	58	0.0%	96	0.1%	362	0.0%
Other	2,820	1.2%	1,323	1.4%	10,580	1.2%
Subway or elevated	14,417	5.9%	6,344	6.7%	90,438	10.2%
Taxicab	1,477	0.6%	645	0.7%	6,624	0.8%
Walked only	8,195	3.4%	4,101	4.3%	51,523	5.8%
Worked at home	16,508	6.8%	11,990	12.6%	163,431	18.5%
Ferryboat	NA	NA	NA	NA	74	0.0%

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## 5C: Numbers and percentages of unionized Mexican workers

Table 8: Union Membership and Coverage for Mexicans and Other Racial/Ethnic Groups in the U.S., 2022

Race/Ethnicity	Total Employed	Member of Labor Union		Covered by Union but Not a Member	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Mexican	18,101,402	1,405,940	7.8%	66,294	0.4%
Other Hispanics or Latinos	11,031,515	1,001,838	9.1%	118,350	1.1%
White (non-Hispanic or Latino)	96,265,453	9,171,730	9.5%	1,049,954	1.1%
Black (non-Hispanic or Latino)	18,553,017	1,727,357	9.3%	242,419	1.3%
Other (non-Hispanic or Latino)	14,154,300	1,024,372	7.2%	207,312	1.5%

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