Mexican Report

Employment and Business

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5A.1: Unemployment Rate

Table 1: Unemployment Rate by Race/Ethnicity in Chicago, 2018-2022

| Race/Ethnicity | In the Labor Force | Unemployed | Percent |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|---------|
| Mexican | 298,750 | 23,514 | 7.87% |
| Other Latinos | 111,501 | 7,770 | 6.97% |
| White (non-Hispanic or Latino) | 579,195 | 24,523 | 4.23% |
| Black (non-Hispanic or Latino) | 364,907 | 56,909 | 15.6% |
| Other (non-Hispanic or Latino) | 151,339 | 8,147 | 5.38% |

Source: IPUMS-USA database (2018-2022). Tabulations by Great Cities Institute

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

Table 2: Employment Distribution by Industry and Race/Ethnicity in Chicago, 2018-2022

| Industry | Number | % Share |
|---|---------|---------|
| Mexican | | |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting, and Mining | 858 | 0.31% |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation, and Accommodation and Food Services | 39,555 | 14.37% |
| Construction | 21,751 | 7.9% |
| Educational Services, and Health Care and Social Assistance | 44,061 | 16.01% |
| Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate, and Rental and Leasing | 13,332 | 4.84% |
| Information | 2,254 | 0.82% |
| Manufacturing | 39,860 | 14.48% |
| Military | 115 | 0.04% |
| Other Services, Except Public Administration | 15,565 | 5.66% |
| Professional, Scientific, and Management, and Administrative, and Waste Management Services | 34,820 | 12.65% |
| Public Administration | 7,074 | 2.57% |
| Retail Trade | 30,073 | 10.93% |
| Transportation and Warehousing, and Utilities | 18,520 | 6.73% |
| Wholesale Trade | 7,398 | 2.69% |
| Other Latinos | | |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting, and Mining | 301 | 0.29% |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation, and Accommodation and Food Services | 11,892 | 11.46% |
| Construction | 5,196 | 5.01% |
| Educational Services, and Health Care and Social Assistance | 23,452 | 22.61% |
| Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate, and Rental and Leasing | 6,864 | 6.62% |
| Information | 1,099 | 1.06% |
| Manufacturing | 10,534 | 10.16% |
| Military | 173 | 0.17% |
| Other Services, Except Public Administration | 5,984 | 5.77% |
| Professional, Scientific, and Management, and Administrative, and Waste Management Services | 14,213 | 13.7% |
| Public Administration | 4,335 | 4.18% |
| Retail Trade | 10,665 | 10.28% |
| Transportation and Warehousing, and Utilities | 7,041 | 6.79% |
| Wholesale Trade | 1,982 | 1.91% |
| White (non-Hispanic or Latino) | | |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting, and Mining | 864 | 0.16% |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation, and Accommodation and Food Services | 41,292 | 7.44% |
| Construction | 19,441 | 3.5% |
| Educational Services, and Health Care and Social Assistance | 128,398 | 23.15% |
| Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate, and Rental and Leasing | 63,775 | 11.5% |
| Information | 18,228 | 3.29% |
| Manufacturing | 32,490 | 5.86% |
| Military | 147 | 0.03% |

| Other Services, Except Public Administration | 23,930 | 4.31% |
|---|---------|--------|
| Professional, Scientific, and Management, and Administrative, and Waste Management Services | 134,626 | 24.27% |
| Public Administration | 18,543 | 3.34% |
| Retail Trade | 34,908 | 6.29% |
| Transportation and Warehousing, and Utilities | 25,560 | 4.61% |
| Wholesale Trade | 12,470 | 2.25% |
| Black (non-Hispanic or Latino) | | |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting, and Mining | 406 | 0.13% |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation, and Accommodation and Food Services | 25,541 | 8.29% |
| Construction | 5,482 | 1.78% |
| Educational Services, and Health Care and Social Assistance | 90,050 | 29.24% |
| Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate, and Rental and Leasing | 20,349 | 6.61% |
| Information | 4,398 | 1.43% |
| Manufacturing | 16,809 | 5.46% |
| Military | 234 | 0.08% |
| Other Services, Except Public Administration | 13,447 | 4.37% |
| Professional, Scientific, and Management, and Administrative, and Waste Management Services | 36,964 | 12% |
| Public Administration | 20,104 | 6.53% |
| Retail Trade | 29,425 | 9.55% |
| Transportation and Warehousing, and Utilities | 40,962 | 13.3% |
| Wholesale Trade | 3,827 | 1.24% |
| Other (non-Hispanic or Latino) | | |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting, and Mining | 168 | 0.12% |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation, and Accommodation and Food Services | 11,421 | 7.98% |
| Construction | 1,895 | 1.32% |
| Educational Services, and Health Care and Social Assistance | 42,921 | 29.97% |
| Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate, and Rental and Leasing | 13,366 | 9.33% |
| Information | 3,457 | 2.41% |
| Manufacturing | 9,449 | 6.6% |
| Military | 110 | 0.08% |
| Other Services, Except Public Administration | 7,172 | 5.01% |
| Professional, Scientific, and Management, and Administrative, and Waste Management Services | 29,403 | 20.53% |
| Public Administration | 2,794 | 1.95% |
| Retail Trade | 10,278 | 7.18% |
| Transportation and Warehousing, and Utilities | 8,137 | 5.68% |
| Wholesale Trade | 2,621 | 1.83% |

Source: IPUMS-USA database (2018-2022). Tabulations by Great Cities Institute

5B: Numbers and percentages of unionized Mexican workers

Table 3: Numbers and percentages of unionized Mexican workers by Race/Ethnicity in Chicago, 2022

| Race/Ethnicity | Total Employed | Unionized Workers | Percent |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|---------|
| Mexican | 862,779.8 | 5,509.38 | 0.64% |
| White (non-Hispanic or Latino) | 3,895,111.0 | 128,466.63 | 3.3% |
| Black (non-Hispanic or Latino) | 689,184.9 | 10,889.77 | 1.58% |
| Other (non-Hispanic or Latino) | 490,084.9 | 6,615.42 | 1.35% |

Source: IPUMS-CPS database (2022). Tabulations by Great Cities Institute