

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 | 263,068 | 20,391 | 7.75% |
| Other Latinos | 102,569 | 7,380 | 7.2% |
| White (non-Hispanic or Latino) | 504,107 | 21,924 | 4.35% |
| Black (non-Hispanic or Latino) | 322,796 | 48,519 | 15.03% |
| Other (non-Hispanic or Latino) | 133,767 | 7,060 | 5.28% |

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 of Employed |
|---|---------|---------------------|
| Mexican | | |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting, and Mining | 790 | 0.33% |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation, and Accommodation and Food Services | 34,953 | 14.4% |
| Construction | 19,912 | 8.21% |
| Educational Services, and Health Care and Social Assistance | 38,856 | 16.01% |
| Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate, and Rental and Leasing | 12,055 | 4.97% |
| Information | 2,042 | 0.84% |
| Manufacturing | 35,039 | 14.44% |
| Military | 115 | 0.05% |
| Other Services, Except Public Administration | 13,696 | 5.64% |
| Professional, Scientific, and Management, and Administrative, and Waste Management Services | 29,970 | 12.35% |
| Public Administration | 6,369 | 2.62% |
| Retail Trade | 26,380 | 10.87% |
| Transportation and Warehousing, and Utilities | 16,549 | 6.82% |
| Wholesale Trade | 5,951 | 2.45% |
| Other Latinos | | |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting, and Mining | 279 | 0.29% |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation, and Accommodation and Food Services | 10,864 | 11.41% |
| Construction | 5,011 | 5.26% |
| Educational Services, and Health Care and Social Assistance | 21,313 | 22.39% |
| Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate, and Rental and Leasing | 6,208 | 6.52% |
| Information | 910 | 0.96% |
| Manufacturing | 9,972 | 10.48% |
| Military | 173 | 0.18% |
| Other Services, Except Public Administration | 5,333 | 5.6% |
| Professional, Scientific, and Management, and Administrative, and Waste Management Services | 12,926 | 13.58% |
| Public Administration | 3,836 | 4.03% |
| Retail Trade | 10,036 | 10.54% |
| Transportation and Warehousing, and Utilities | 6,486 | 6.81% |
| Wholesale Trade | 1,842 | 1.94% |
| White (non-Hispanic or Latino) | | |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting, and Mining | 825 | 0.17% |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation, and Accommodation and Food Services | 36,015 | 7.47% |
| Construction | 16,452 | 3.41% |
| Educational Services, and Health Care and Social Assistance | 113,756 | 23.59% |
| Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate, and Rental and Leasing | 54,983 | 11.4% |
| Information | 15,798 | 3.28% |
| Manufacturing | 27,629 | 5.73% |

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| Military | 139 | 0.03% |
| Other Services, Except Public Administration | 21,290 | 4.42% |
| Professional, Scientific, and Management, and Administrative, and Waste Management Services | 115,576 | 23.97% |
| Public Administration | 16,659 | 3.45% |
| Retail Trade | 29,995 | 6.22% |
| Transportation and Warehousing, and Utilities | 22,081 | 4.58% |
| Wholesale Trade | 10,985 | 2.28% |
| Black (non-Hispanic or Latino) | | |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting, and Mining | 406 | 0.15% |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation, and Accommodation and Food Services | 21,864 | 7.97% |
| Construction | 4,676 | 1.7% |
| Educational Services, and Health Care and Social Assistance | 80,668 | 29.41% |
| Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate, and Rental and Leasing | 18,204 | 6.64% |
| Information | 3,905 | 1.42% |
| Manufacturing | 15,110 | 5.51% |
| Military | 234 | 0.09% |
| Other Services, Except Public Administration | 12,343 | 4.5% |
| Professional, Scientific, and Management, and Administrative, and Waste Management Services | 33,261 | 12.13% |
| Public Administration | 18,283 | 6.67% |
| Retail Trade | 25,341 | 9.24% |
| Transportation and Warehousing, and Utilities | 36,420 | 13.28% |
| Wholesale Trade | 3,562 | 1.3% |
| Other (non-Hispanic or Latino) | | |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting, and Mining | 151 | 0.12% |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation, and Accommodation and Food Services | 10,630 | 8.39% |
| Construction | 1,614 | 1.27% |
| Educational Services, and Health Care and Social Assistance | 38,409 | 30.31% |
| Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate, and Rental and Leasing | 11,227 | 8.86% |
| Information | 3,042 | 2.4% |
| Manufacturing | 8,461 | 6.68% |
| Military | 110 | 0.09% |
| Other Services, Except Public Administration | 6,815 | 5.38% |
| Professional, Scientific, and Management, and Administrative, and Waste Management Services | 25,098 | 19.81% |
| Public Administration | 2,535 | 2% |
| Retail Trade | 9,202 | 7.26% |
| Transportation and Warehousing, and Utilities | 7,229 | 5.71% |
| Wholesale Trade | 2,184 | 1.72% |

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

Table 3: The Top 10 sub-industries where Mexican's have the highest employment in Chicago, 2018-2022

| Group | Sub Industry | Number | % Share of Employed |
|--|--|--------|---------------------|
| Accommodation and Food Services | Restaurants and other food services | 27,844 | 11.47% |
| Construction | The cleaning of buildings and dwellings is incidental during construction and immediately after construction | 19,912 | 8.21% |
| Educational Services | Elementary and secondary schools | 9,645 | 3.97% |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | General medical and surgical hospitals, and specialty (except psychiatric and substance abuse) hospitals | 7,891 | 3.25% |
| Administrative and support and waste management services | Services to buildings and dwellings (except cleaning during construction and immediately after construction) | 6,590 | 2.72% |
| Retail Trade | Supermarkets and other grocery (except convenience) stores | 5,869 | 2.42% |
| Other Services, Except Public Administration | Automotive repair and maintenance | 4,554 | 1.88% |
| Educational Services | Colleges, universities, and professional schools, including junior colleges | 4,128 | 1.7% |
| Administrative and support and waste management services | Landscaping services | 3,927 | 1.62% |
| Manufacturing | Not specified manufacturing industries | 3,636 | 1.5% |

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

Table 4: Employment Distribution by Occupations Category and Race/Ethnicity in Chicago, 2018-2022

| Occupations | Number | % Share of Employed |
|--|---------|---------------------|
| Mexican | | |
| Management, Business, and Financial Occupations | 55,088 | 22.7% |
| Natural Resources, Construction, and Maintenance Occupations | 27,822 | 11.46% |
| Production, Transportation, and Material Moving Occupations | 55,691 | 22.95% |
| Sales and Office Occupations | 46,080 | 18.99% |
| Service Occupations | 57,966 | 23.89% |
| Other Latinos | | |
| Management, Business, and Financial Occupations | 32,402 | 34.04% |
| Natural Resources, Construction, and Maintenance Occupations | 6,491 | 6.82% |
| Production, Transportation, and Material Moving Occupations | 14,999 | 15.76% |
| Sales and Office Occupations | 20,492 | 21.53% |
| Service Occupations | 20,685 | 21.73% |
| White (non-Hispanic or Latino) | | |
| Management, Business, and Financial Occupations | 309,194 | 64.12% |
| Natural Resources, Construction, and Maintenance Occupations | 15,534 | 3.22% |
| Production, Transportation, and Material Moving Occupations | 26,457 | 5.49% |
| Sales and Office Occupations | 82,098 | 17.03% |
| Service Occupations | 48,802 | 10.12% |
| Black (non-Hispanic or Latino) | | |
| Management, Business, and Financial Occupations | 90,361 | 32.95% |
| Natural Resources, Construction, and Maintenance Occupations | 7,415 | 2.7% |
| Production, Transportation, and Material Moving Occupations | 45,088 | 16.44% |
| Sales and Office Occupations | 59,969 | 21.86% |
| Service Occupations | 71,291 | 25.99% |
| Other (non-Hispanic or Latino) | | |
| Management, Business, and Financial Occupations | 76,902 | 60.69% |
| Natural Resources, Construction, and Maintenance Occupations | 2,179 | 1.72% |
| Production, Transportation, and Material Moving Occupations | 10,129 | 7.99% |
| Sales and Office Occupations | 18,128 | 14.31% |
| Service Occupations | 19,365 | 15.28% |

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

Table 5: The Top 10 Occupations where Mexican's have the highest employment in Chicago, 2018-2022

| Occupation Group | Occupation | Number | % Share of Employed |
|--|---|--------|---------------------|
| Service Occupations | Janitors and building cleaners | 8,854 | 3.65% |
| Transportation and Material Moving Occupations | Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand | 8,688 | 3.58% |
| Service Occupations | Cooks | 7,652 | 3.15% |
| Sales and Related Occupations | Cashiers | 7,608 | 3.14% |
| Transportation and Material Moving Occupations | Driver/sales workers and truck drivers | 7,309 | 3.01% |
| Office and Administrative Support Occupations | Customer service representatives | 5,960 | 2.46% |
| Construction and Extraction Occupations | Construction laborers | 5,664 | 2.33% |
| Sales and Related Occupations | Retail salespersons | 4,749 | 1.96% |
| Service Occupations | Waiters and waitresses | 4,705 | 1.94% |
| Production Occupations | Miscellaneous production workers, including equipment operators and tenders | 4,375 | 1.8% |

Table 6: The Top 10 Occupations where Mexican's have the highest employment in Chicago, 2018-2022

| Occupation Group | Occupation | Number | % Share of Employed |
|--|---|--------|---------------------|
| Mexico Born | | | |
| Service Occupations | Janitors and building cleaners | 6,497 | 5.79% |
| Service Occupations | Cooks | 5,389 | 4.8% |
| Construction and Extraction Occupations | Construction laborers | 4,293 | 3.82% |
| Transportation and Material Moving Occupations | Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand | 4,280 | 3.81% |
| Transportation and Material Moving Occupations | Driver/sales workers and truck drivers | 3,896 | 3.47% |
| Production Occupations | Miscellaneous production workers, including equipment operators and tenders | 3,189 | 2.84% |
| Service Occupations | Landscaping and groundskeeping workers | 2,770 | 2.47% |
| Service Occupations | Maids and housekeeping cleaners | 2,659 | 2.37% |
| Production Occupations | Other metal workers and plastic workers | 2,377 | 2.12% |
| Sales and Related Occupations | Cashiers | 2,259 | 2.01% |
| Other Latinos | | | |
| Sales and Related Occupations | Cashiers | 5,261 | 4.13% |
| Transportation and Material Moving Occupations | Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand | 4,328 | 3.39% |
| Transportation and Material Moving Occupations | Driver/sales workers and truck drivers | 3,313 | 2.6% |
| Service Occupations | Cooks | 2,263 | 1.77% |
| Service Occupations | Janitors and building cleaners | 2,238 | 1.75% |
| Construction and Extraction Occupations | Construction laborers | 1,328 | 1.04% |

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| Production Occupations | Miscellaneous production workers, including equipment operators and tenders | 1,179 | 0.92% |
| Service Occupations | Landscaping and groundskeeping workers | 838 | 0.66% |
| Production Occupations | Other metal workers and plastic workers | 451 | 0.35% |
| Service Occupations | Maids and housekeeping cleaners | 363 | 0.28% |

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

5C: Numbers and percentages of unionized Mexican workers

Table 7: Numbers and percentages of unionized Mexican workers by Race/Ethnicity in Illinois, 2022

| Race/Ethnicity | Total Employed | Member of labor union | | Covered by union but not a member | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Mexican | 862,779.8 | 5,509.38 | 0.64% | - | - |
| White (non-Hispanic or Latino) | 3,895,111.0 | 114,123.85 | 2.93% | 14,342.78 | 0.37% |
| Black (non-Hispanic or Latino) | 689,184.9 | 4,857.59 | 0.7% | 6,032.18 | 0.88% |
| Other (non-Hispanic or Latino) | 490,084.9 | 3,387.50 | 0.69% | 3,227.92 | 0.66% |

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