

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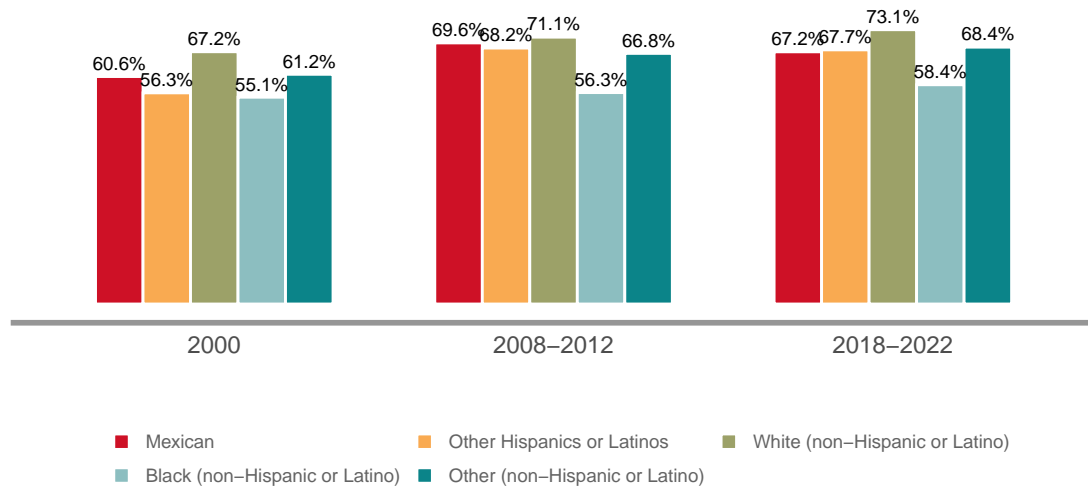
### 5A.1-2: The Labor Force Participation Rate

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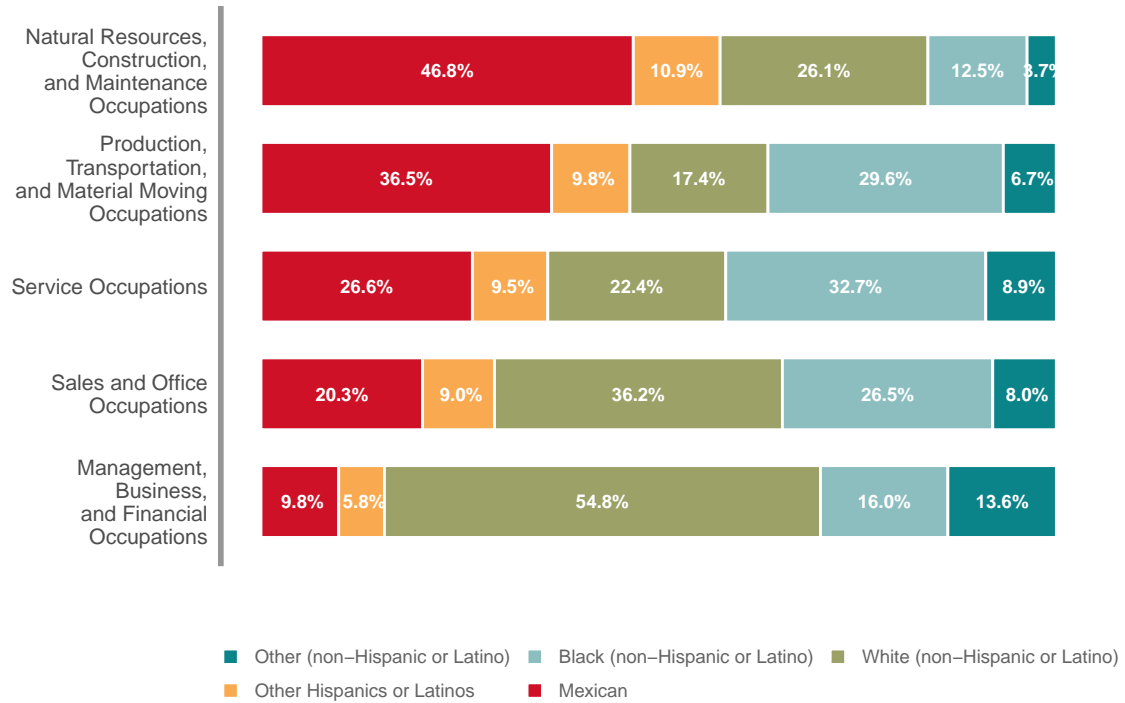
### 5A.3: Numbers and percentages of Mexicans employed, by Occupation

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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## 5C: 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	-	-	-	-	74	0.0%

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## 5D: 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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## 5E: Latino GDP, 2018

Table 9: Illinois and Chicago Metro Area Latino GDP, 2018

	Latino GDP (billions of dollars)
Illinois Latino GDP (5th highest state)	100.1
Chicago Metro Area (IL, IN, WI) Latino GDP (5th highest metro area)	97.5

Data Source: 2023 U.S. Latino GDP Report, [www.LatinoGDP.us](http://www.LatinoGDP.us) (CLU-CERF, Bank of America State and Metro Latino GDP Reports).

Table 10: 2021 Latino GDP with 10 Largest Countries

Country	GDP (billions of dollars)
United States	23,315.1
China	17,759.3
Japan	5,005.5
Germany	4,262.8
US Latinos	3,159.7
India	3,150.3
United Kingdom	3,123.2
France	2,957.4
Italy	2,115.8
Canada	2,001.5
Russia	1,836.6

Data Source: 2023 U.S. Latino GDP Report, [www.LatinoGDP.us](http://www.LatinoGDP.us) (International Monetary Fund and Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development).

## 5F: Business Ownership

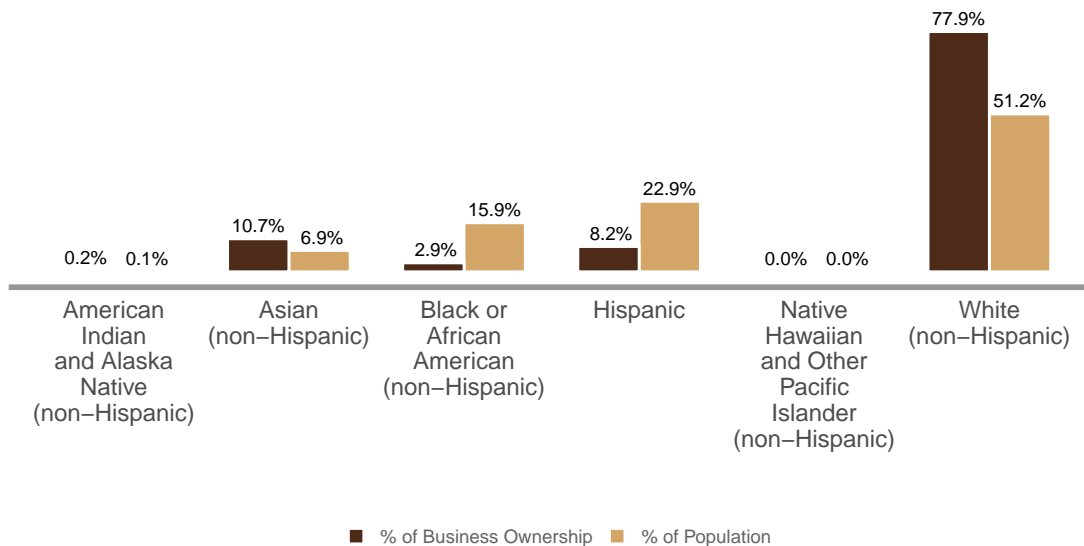
Table 11: Business count by owner demographic group in Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI Metro Area

Ownership	Without Employees	With Employees	Total Businesses
Hispanic	124,000	15,499	139,499
Not Hispanic	708,000	173,587	881,587
Owned equally by both groups	1,200	1,216	2,416
American Indian and Alaska Native (non-Hispanic)	3,000	441	3,441
Asian (non-Hispanic)	80,000	20,290	100,290
Black or African American (non-Hispanic)	146,000	5,541	151,541
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic)	700	71	771
White (non-Hispanic)	488,000	147,353	635,353

Note: Counts include only businesses classifiable by owner demographic group

Data Sources: Annual Business Survey, 2021 (Census); Nonemployer Statistics by Demographics, 2021 (Census)

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