

Mexican Report

Employment and Business

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Employment and Business

5A.1: Unemployment Rate

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

Race/Ethnicity	In the Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Mexican	263,068	242,677	20,391	7.75%
Other Latinos	102,569	95,189	7,380	7.2%
White (non-Hispanic or Latino)	504,107	482,183	21,924	4.35%
Black (non-Hispanic or Latino)	322,796	274,277	48,519	15.03%
Other (non-Hispanic or Latino)	133,767	126,707	7,060	5.28%

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

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

Table 2: Labor Force Participation Rate by Race/Ethnicity in Chicago, 2000 to 2018-2022

Race/Ethnicity	2000	2008-2012	2018-2022
Mexican	60.62%	69.58%	67.21%
Other Latinos	56.27%	68.21%	67.73%
White (non-Hispanic or Latino)	67.23%	71.12%	73.1%
Black (non-Hispanic or Latino)	55.11%	56.34%	58.43%
Other (non-Hispanic or Latino)	61.22%	66.79%	68.45%

Source: IPUMS-USA database (2000, 2008-2012, 2018-2022). Tabulations by Great Cities Institute

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

Table 3: Employment Distribution by Industry and Race/Ethnicity in Chicago, 2018-2022

Industry	Mexican		Other Latinos		White (non-Hispanic or Latino)		Black (non-Hispanic or Latino)		Other (non-Hispanic or Latino)	
	Number	% Share of Employed	Number	% Share of Employed	Number	% Share of Employed	Number	% Share of Employed	Number	% Share of Employed
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting, and Mining	790	32.23%	279	11.38%	825	33.66%	406	16.56%	151	6.16%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation, and Accommodation and Food Services	34,953	30.57%	10,864	9.5%	36,015	31.5%	21,864	19.12%	10,630	9.3%
Construction	19,912	41.77%	5,011	10.51%	16,452	34.52%	4,676	9.81%	1,614	3.39%
Educational Services, and Health Care and Social Assistance	38,856	13.26%	21,313	7.27%	113,756	38.82%	80,668	27.53%	38,409	13.11%
Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate, and Rental and Leasing	12,055	11.74%	6,208	6.05%	54,983	53.55%	18,204	17.73%	11,227	10.93%
Information	2,042	7.95%	910	3.54%	15,798	61.48%	3,905	15.2%	3,042	11.84%
Manufacturing	35,039	36.42%	9,972	10.36%	27,629	28.72%	15,110	15.71%	8,461	8.79%
Military	115	14.92%	173	22.44%	139	18.03%	234	30.35%	110	14.27%
Other Services, Except Public Administration	13,696	23.03%	5,333	8.97%	21,290	35.8%	12,343	20.75%	6,815	11.46%
Professional, Scientific, and Management, and Administrative, and Waste Management Services	29,970	13.82%	12,926	5.96%	115,576	53.3%	33,261	15.34%	25,098	11.57%
Public Administration	6,369	13.36%	3,836	8.04%	16,659	34.94%	18,283	38.34%	2,535	5.32%
Retail Trade	26,380	26.13%	10,036	9.94%	29,995	29.71%	25,341	25.1%	9,202	9.12%
Transportation and Warehousing, and Utilities	16,549	18.64%	6,486	7.31%	22,081	24.88%	36,420	41.03%	7,229	8.14%
Wholesale Trade	5,951	24.27%	1,842	7.51%	10,985	44.79%	3,562	14.52%	2,184	8.91%

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

Table 4: The Top 10 sub-industries where Mexicans and Other Latinos have the highest employment in Chicago, 2018-2022

Group	Sub Industry	Number	% Share of Employed
Mexican			
Accommodation and Food Services	Restaurants and other food services	27,844	38.09%
Construction	The cleaning of buildings and dwellings is incidental during construction and immediately after construction	19,912	41.77%
Educational Services	Elementary and secondary schools	9,645	15.31%
Health Care and Social Assistance	General medical and surgical hospitals, and specialty (except psychiatric and substance abuse) hospitals	7,891	13.08%
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	31.48%
Other Services, Except Public Administration	Automotive repair and maintenance	4,554	60.95%
Educational Services	Colleges, universities, and professional schools, including junior colleges	4,128	8.29%
Administrative and support and waste management services	Landscaping services	3,927	70.77%
Manufacturing	Not specified manufacturing industries	3,636	52.29%
Other Latinos			
Accommodation and Food Services	Restaurants and other food services	7,334	10.03%
Educational Services	Elementary and secondary schools	5,064	8.04%
Construction	The cleaning of buildings and dwellings is incidental during construction and immediately after construction	5,011	10.51%
Educational Services	Colleges, universities, and professional schools, including junior colleges	3,513	7.05%
Health Care and Social Assistance	General medical and surgical hospitals, and specialty (except psychiatric and substance abuse) hospitals	3,383	5.61%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	Computer systems design and related services	2,374	6.96%
Administrative and support and waste management services	Services to buildings and dwellings (except cleaning during construction and immediately after construction)	2,289	14.97%
Retail Trade	Supermarkets and other grocery (except convenience) stores	2,182	11.7%
Public Administration	Justice, public order, and safety activities	1,951	8.46%
Health Care and Social Assistance	Child day care services	1,553	11.9%

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

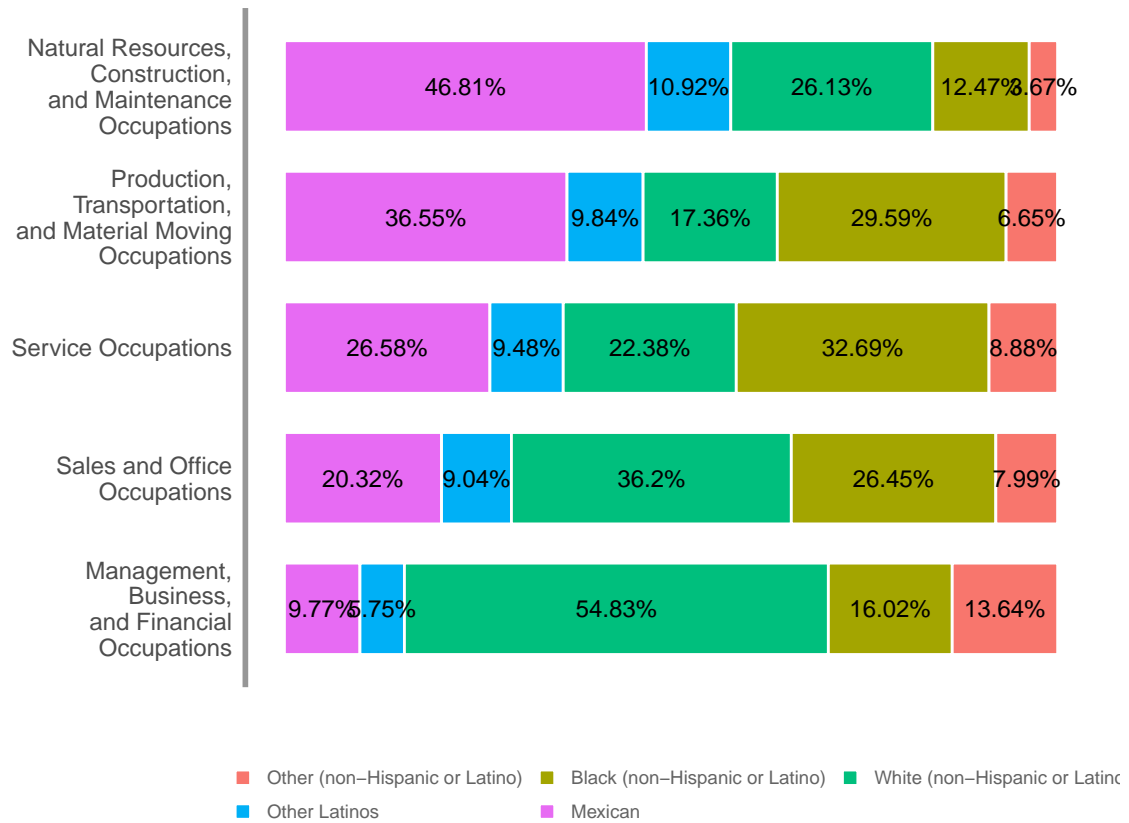
5A.3: Numbers and percentages of Mexicans employed, by Occupation

Table 5: Employment Distribution by Occupation Categories and Race/Ethnicity in Chicago, 2018-2022

Occupation	Mexican		Other Latinos		White (non-Hispanic or Latino)		Black (non-Hispanic or Latino)		Other (non-Hispanic or Latino)	
	Number	% Share of Employed	Number	% Share of Employed	Number	% Share of Employed	Number	% Share of Employed	Number	% Share of Employed
Management, Business, and Financial Occupations	55,088	9.77%	32,402	5.75%	309,194	54.83%	90,361	16.02%	76,902	13.64%
Natural Resources, Construction, and Maintenance Occupations	27,822	46.81%	6,491	10.92%	15,534	26.13%	7,415	12.47%	2,179	3.67%
Production, Transportation, and Material Moving Occupations	55,691	36.55%	14,999	9.84%	26,457	17.36%	45,088	29.59%	10,129	6.65%
Sales and Office Occupations	46,080	20.32%	20,492	9.04%	82,098	36.2%	59,969	26.45%	18,128	7.99%
Service Occupations	57,966	26.58%	20,685	9.48%	48,802	22.38%	71,291	32.69%	19,365	8.88%

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Table 6: The Top 10 Occupations with the Highest Employment of Mexicans and Other Latinos in Chicago (2018–2022)

Occupation Group	Occupation	Number	% Share of Employed
Mexican			
Service Occupations	Janitors and building cleaners	8,854	38.64%
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	8,688	41.61%
Service Occupations	Cooks	7,652	44.29%
Sales and Related Occupations	Cashiers	7,608	33.3%
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	Driver/sales workers and truck drivers	7,309	29.74%
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	Customer service representatives	5,960	21.31%
Construction and Extraction Occupations	Construction laborers	5,664	53.18%
Sales and Related Occupations	Retail salespersons	4,749	24.68%
Service Occupations	Waiters and waitresses	4,705	36.22%
Production Occupations	Miscellaneous production workers, including equipment operators and tenders	4,375	46.8%
Other Latinos			

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	10.21%
Sales and Related Occupations	Retail salespersons	2,065	10.73%
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	Driver/sales workers and truck drivers	2,042	8.31%
Management, Business, and Financial Occupations	Other managers	1,911	5.54%
Sales and Related Occupations	First-line supervisors of retail sales workers	1,896	12.45%
Service Occupations	Cooks	1,882	10.89%
Sales and Related Occupations	Cashiers	1,799	7.87%
Construction and Extraction Occupations	Construction laborers	1,670	15.68%

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	1,119,450.8	42,081.97	3.76%	-	-
White (non-Hispanic or Latino)	3,858,840.5	591,408.29	15.33%	75,586.75	1.96%
Black (non-Hispanic or Latino)	466,103.5	43,082.90	9.24%	25,392.31	5.45%
Other (non-Hispanic or Latino)	513,092.3	33,743.00	6.58%	20,275.49	3.95%

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

Table 8: Primary Means of Transportation to Work Race/Ethnicity in Chicago, 2018-2022

Means of Transportation	Mexican		Other Latinos		Non-Hispanic or Latino	
	Number	% Share of Employed	Number	% Share of Employed	Number	% Share of Employed
Auto, truck, or van	167,218	68.91%	57,961	60.89%	424,893	48.11%
Bicycle	1,954	0.81%	696	0.73%	12,418	1.41%
Bus	21,894	9.02%	8,714	9.15%	90,905	10.29%
Light rail, streetcar, or trolley (Carro público in PR)	252	0.1%	192	0.2%	1,353	0.15%
Long-distance train or commuter train	1,475	0.61%	896	0.94%	12,148	1.38%
Motorcycle	58	0.02%	96	0.1%	362	0.04%
N/A	6,409	2.64%	2,231	2.34%	18,418	2.09%
Other	2,820	1.16%	1,323	1.39%	10,580	1.2%
Subway or elevated	14,417	5.94%	6,344	6.66%	90,438	10.24%
Taxicab	1,477	0.61%	645	0.68%	6,624	0.75%
Walked only	8,195	3.38%	4,101	4.31%	51,523	5.83%
Worked at home	16,508	6.8%	11,990	12.6%	163,431	18.51%
Ferryboat	-	-	-	-	74	0.01%

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5D: Transportation