

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	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

First Analysis

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%

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 Mexicans and Other Latinos have the highest employment in Chicago, 2018-2022

Occupation Group	Occupation	Number	% Share of Employed
Mexican			
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%
Other Latinos			
Service Occupations	Janitors and building cleaners	2,842	2.99%
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	Customer service representatives	2,546	2.67%
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	2,132	2.24%
Sales and Related Occupations	Retail salespersons	2,065	2.17%
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	Driver/sales workers and truck drivers	2,042	2.15%
Management, Business, and Financial Occupations	Other managers	1,911	2.01%
Sales and Related Occupations	First-line supervisors of retail sales workers	1,896	1.99%
Service Occupations	Cooks	1,882	1.98%
Sales and Related Occupations	Cashiers	1,799	1.89%
Construction and Extraction Occupations	Construction laborers	1,670	1.75%

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Construction	19,912	41.77%
Educational Services, and Health Care and Social Assistance	38,856	13.26%
Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate, and Rental and Leasing	12,055	11.74%
Information	2,042	7.95%
Manufacturing	35,039	36.42%
Military	115	14.92%
Other Services, Except Public Administration	13,696	23.03%
Professional, Scientific, and Management, and Administrative, and Waste Management Services	29,970	13.82%
Public Administration	6,369	13.36%
Retail Trade	26,380	26.13%
Transportation and Warehousing, and Utilities	16,549	18.64%
Wholesale Trade	5,951	24.27%
Other Latinos		
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting, and Mining	279	11.38%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation, and Accommodation and Food Services	10,864	9.5%
Construction	5,011	10.51%
Educational Services, and Health Care and Social Assistance	21,313	7.27%
Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate, and Rental and Leasing	6,208	6.05%
Information	910	3.54%
Manufacturing	9,972	10.36%
Military	173	22.44%
Other Services, Except Public Administration	5,333	8.97%
Professional, Scientific, and Management, and Administrative, and Waste Management Services	12,926	5.96%
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Retail Trade	10,036	9.94%
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Retail Trade	29,995	29.71%
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Wholesale Trade	10,985	44.79%
Black (non-Hispanic or Latino)		
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting, and Mining	406	16.56%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation, and Accommodation and Food Services	21,864	19.12%
Construction	4,676	9.81%
Educational Services, and Health Care and Social Assistance	80,668	27.53%
Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate, and Rental and Leasing	18,204	17.73%
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Manufacturing	15,110	15.71%
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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%

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Natural Resources, Construction, and Maintenance Occupations	6,491	10.92%
Production, Transportation, and Material Moving Occupations	14,999	9.84%
Sales and Office Occupations	20,492	9.04%
Service Occupations	20,685	9.48%
White (non-Hispanic or Latino)		
Management, Business, and Financial Occupations	309,194	54.83%
Natural Resources, Construction, and Maintenance Occupations	15,534	26.13%
Production, Transportation, and Material Moving Occupations	26,457	17.36%
Sales and Office Occupations	82,098	36.2%
Service Occupations	48,802	22.38%
Black (non-Hispanic or Latino)		
Management, Business, and Financial Occupations	90,361	16.02%
Natural Resources, Construction, and Maintenance Occupations	7,415	12.47%
Production, Transportation, and Material Moving Occupations	45,088	29.59%
Sales and Office Occupations	59,969	26.45%
Service Occupations	71,291	32.69%
Other (non-Hispanic or Latino)		
Management, Business, and Financial Occupations	76,902	13.64%
Natural Resources, Construction, and Maintenance Occupations	2,179	3.67%
Production, Transportation, and Material Moving Occupations	10,129	6.65%
Sales and Office Occupations	18,128	7.99%
Service Occupations	19,365	8.88%

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Table 9: 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 10: 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