

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%

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

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

Table 3: 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

5B: Numbers and percentages of unionized Mexican workers

Table 4: 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