Illinois is located in the Midwestern United States and has a continually expanding economy that has transformed the state from a once-sprawling wilderness to one of the most productive industrial and agricultural states in the union. A dense network of highways, railroads, air routes, and waterways converging on the city of Chicago make it one of the principal transportation centers in the United States. The Chicago metropolitan area accounts for two-thirds of the Illinois population. Chicago is also recognized as a commercial and industrial center, serving as host to the world's first and largest derivatives exchange market (the Chicago Mercantile Exchange). The city is also a leading cultural center, featuring world-renowned museums and libraries. Illinois was mainly pioneer land until railroad construction in the 1850s spurred further economic development. Even with the strength of other industries, Illinois ranks in the top five most productive farming states in the nation.

Abbreviation: IL  
Capital: Springfield  
Nick Name: The Prairie State  
Time Zone-Standard: GMT -6  
Time Zone-Daylight GMT -5  
Sales Tax Rate: 6.25%  
Motto: State Sovereignty, National Union  
Web Site: http://www.illinois.gov

Statistics

- Total GDP (Billions): $780,060.80 (2021)
- Per Capita Real GDP: $73,809 (2022)
- Population: 12,812,508 (2020)
- % of People under Poverty Level: 11.00%
- Per Capita Personal Income: $67,244
- Unemployment Rate: 7.40% (2021)
- % of Population with a Bachelor's Degree: 37.10%
- Total Exports: $68,246,837,088.00 (2014)

Top 5 Export Partner Countries

Country | Exports  
--- | ---  
Canada | $20,053,533,789  
Mexico | $7,312,878,569  
China | $5,613,153,259  
Germany | $2,765,331,284  
Australia | $2,742,927,833

Top 5 Export Merchandise

Segment | Exports  
--- | ---  
Machinery Manufactures | $14,980,264,399  
Transportation Equipment | $7,813,825,460  
Chemical Manufactures | $7,265,559,953  
Computers & Electronic Prod. | $6,624,956,541  
Petroleum & Coal Products | $4,358,199,777

Major Cities

City | Population  
--- | ---  
Chicago | 2,720,546  
Aurora | 200,661  
Rockford | 148,278  

Main Airports

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Main Ports

- Calumet Harbor, Port of Chicago, Port of Joliet

Corporations

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Corporate Marginal Income Tax Rate: 9.50% > $0  
Individual Income Tax Rate: 4.95% > $0

U.S. Commercial Service

- Chicago  
  Dan Kim  
  Director  
  312-485-4548  
  Trade.Gov

- Peoria  
  Elizabeth Ahern  
  Director  
  309-210-5551  
  Trade.Gov