Communication Inputs

This cluster involves goods and services used for communications, including cable, wireless, and satellite services, as well as telephone, broadcasting, and wireless communications equipment. The technical report, *Metropolitan Chicago’s traded industry clusters*, offers extensive data on the characteristics and performance of the region’s core industrial assets since 2001, available for download at https://cmap.is/Traded-Clusters.

In recent years, the cluster's competitive position held steady as it remained specialized in the national context.

In the Chicago region in 2017, this cluster consisted of

- 9,900 jobs
- $5.2 billion total output
- 390 establishments

-56% jobs

-5% total output

Workers in this cluster tend to be as racially diverse than the regional labor force.

- 44% non-white
- 35% female
- 31% over age 50

Middle-skill workers have greater opportunity than the regional average.

- 55% of workers have an associate’s degree or higher
- 37% of jobs typically require at least 2 months of on-the-job training

In the Chicago region in 2017, this cluster consisted of

- 9,900 jobs
- $5.2 billion total output
- 390 establishments

-56% jobs

-5% total output

-60% jobs

+29% total output

Dallas

-59% jobs

-7% total output

Washington, D.C.

Note: Job change is from 2001-17, and total output change is from 2007-17.

Source: CMAP analysis of Economic Modeling Specialists International data (Emsi 2018.4).

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