Construction

This cluster provides construction materials, components, and products like pipelines or heat exchangers, as well as services like building services for homes and industrial buildings. 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 the Chicago region in 2017, this cluster consisted of

- $2.3 billion total output
- 12,000 jobs
- 670 establishments
- -53% fewer jobs than national average

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

- 37% non-white
- 10% female
- 32% over age 50

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

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

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

-16% jobs
-2% total output

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