Livestock Processing

This cluster contains establishments engaged in processing meat from livestock and livestock wholesaling. The technical report, *Metropolitan Chicago’s traded industry clusters*, offers extensive data on the characteristics and performance of the Chicago 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

- **$1.3 billion** total output
- **9,000** jobs
- **100** establishments
- **-39%** fewer jobs than national average

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

- **72%** non-white
- **38%** female
- **38%** over age 50

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

- **$25,070**
- **$28,007**
- **$30,039**

25th | 50th | 75th
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25% | 39% | 61%

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

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

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

- **9%** commute by transit
- **72%** non-white
- **38%** female
- **38%** over age 50

In 2016, this cluster generated approximately **$23.2 billion** in freight shipments that originate, terminate, or circulate regionally.

- **24%** Chicago region
- **28%** Midwest
- **42%** Rest of U.S.
- **6%** Global

Source: CMAP analysis of Freight Analysis Framework data (FAF 4.4.1). Note: Data includes only the Illinois portion of the U.S. Census Bureau combined statistical area. Freight data is not provided for service clusters.