Recreational Goods

This cluster manufactures end use products for recreational and decorative purposes, such as toys, bicycles, motorcycles, sporting goods, office supplies, home accessories, and certain small, simple electric goods. 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

$1.0 billion
total output

6,600
jobs

290
establishments

+22%
more jobs than national average

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

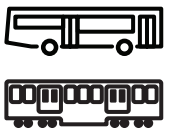
Workers in this cluster tend to be **more** racially diverse than the regional labor force.

51% non-white

32% female

35% over age 50

8%
commute by transit



Source: CMAP analysis of Integrated Public Use Microdata Series, 2017 American Community Survey data.

Largest occupations

Assemblers and Fabricators

Machine Setters

Operations Managers

Stock and Material Movers

Machinists

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

-42% jobs | **-24%** total output

Chicago

-39% jobs | **-25%** total output

Los Angeles

-37% jobs | **-11%** total output

Dallas

Source: CMAP analysis of Economic Modeling Specialists International data (Emsi 2018.4).
Note: Job change is from 2001-17, and total output change is from 2007-17.

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

$26,132 25th | **$34,654** 50th | **$57,719** 75th

wage percentiles

38%
of workers have an associate's degree or higher

58%
of jobs typically require at least 2 months of on-the-job training

Source: CMAP analysis of Integrated Public Use Microdata Series, 2017 American Community Survey and Economic Modeling Specialists International data (Emsi 2018.4).

In 2016, this cluster generated approximately

$29.8 billion

in freight shipments that originate, terminate, or circulate regionally.

Freight mode share, by value

61% Truck | **35%** Multimodal | **2%** Rail

Freight trade geography, by value

16%
Chicago region

27%
Midwest

44%
Rest of U.S.

12%
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.