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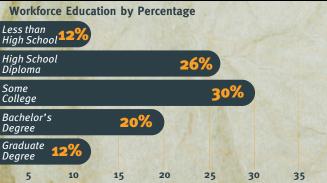
"Our state's tax and regulatory environment is so anticompetitive that our state government hands out millions of dollars per year just to keep employers in Illinois. We should be out recruiting new businesses and jobs to Illinois instead of spending our time and resources struggling to hang onto the jobs we have."

-Gov.-elect Bruce Rauner in his job creation position paper



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Pop. (2014): 12,915,494 Pop. growth 2014-2019: 2.47% Median household income: \$65,229 Median age: 36.6 Right-to-work state: No



Legislative Update

• UI LABS broke ground on the new Digital Manufacturing and Design Innovation Institute (DMDII) in October 2014, receiving an investment of \$70 million from the U.S. Department of Defense and matching investment from industry, university and state and local government partners.

Rankings that Matter

GDP5 (\$671,407*)				
Business Tax Climate31				
Small Business Policy35				
ACT Career Readiness Certificates16 (126,881)				
High School Graduation34 (82%)				
Incentives Transparency Index21				
*Real GDP in US millions				

• After voters signaled their approval in a ballot question, the Illinois Senate Executive Committee passed a bill that would raise the minimum wage to \$10 per hour in 2015, then to \$10.50 per hour in 2016 and \$11 per hour by 2017.

Did You Know?

Cronus Fertilizers is building a \$1.4-billion fertilizer plant in Tuscola. The Illinois location was chosen out of 76 sites in nine states. The facility will create 2,000 construction jobs and 175 permanent jobs. The Cronus plant is one of the largest private investments in central Illinois since Mitsubishi Motors North American opened its plant in 1998.

1871, a tech incubator and co-working space located in Chicago's Merchandise Mart, was ranked 9th in

Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2014

Company	City	County	Туре	New/ Expansion
Cronus Chemicals LLC	Tuscola	Douglas	MF	Ν
Valence Health	Chicago	Cook	HQ	Е
Forsythe Technology Inc.	Elk Grove Village	Cook		Ν
Amazon.com	to be determined		DW	Ν
Sprout Social Inc.	Chicago	Cook	HQ	Ν
William Wrigley Jr. Co.	Yorkville	Kendall	MF	Е
AAR Corporation	Rockford	Winnebago	MF	Ν
Cloverleaft Cold Storage Co.	Monmouth	Warren	DW	Ν
Joliet Cold Storage	Joliet	Will	DW	Ν
Fresenius Kabi USA	Melrose Park	Cook	MF/DV	νE
Neovia Logistics Services	Joliet	Will	DW	Ν
eBay Inc.	Chicago	Cook	DW	Ν

MF = Manufacturing HO = Headquarters OF = Office DW = Distribution/Warehouse HO = Headquarters

the world in a survey of 800 business incubators in 60 countries by UBI Index.

GEN magazine ranked Chicago 10th in its top 10 list of US bio-pharma clusters. The publication pointed out that Chicago and the surrounding suburbs were 8th in number of patents granted and the region was 9th in venture capital funding, attracting close to \$87 million, with \$48.4 million in funding from the National Insti

ational Institutes			
Product	Investment (\$ millions)	Employment	
Fertilizer	\$1,400	175	
Consulting Services	500	125	
Data Center	130		
Retail Merchandise	75	1,000	
Admin Services	64	200	
Gum Confections Mfg.	50	75	
Aircraft Parts	40	500	
Cold Stroage	30	155	
logistics provider	28		
Pharmaceuticals	25	65	States No.
Logistics	25	130	
Retail Merchandise			

A riverboat cruise through the city and past Willis Tower Photo courtesy of World Business Chicago



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