

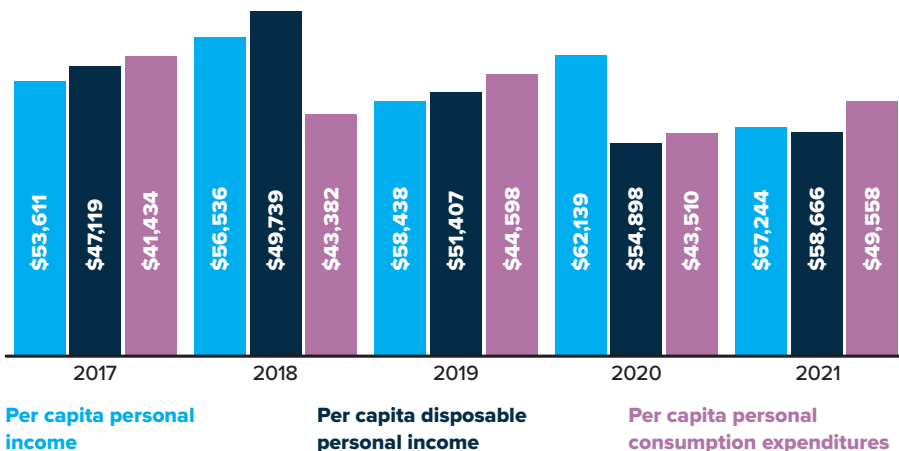
THE PRAIRIE STATE

ILLINOIS

A major transportation hub, owing to its central location and access to both the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico through the Great Lakes and Mississippi River respectively, and a highly diverse economy that comprises thriving financial, industrial and agricultural sectors as well as a wealth of natural resources, Illinois is one of the top economic powerhouses of the United States. Fifth by GDP, sixth by population and 25th by area among the 50 states, the Midwestern state is considered a microcosm of the US and a bellwether in US culture, and Chicago, the third most populous in the US, is home to many of the nation’s largest companies (including Abbott, AbbVie, Boeing, GE Healthcare and United Airlines). Endearingly known as the “Great Pumpkin State” for producing about 40% of the nation’s pumpkins, Illinois is also known for its contributions to the automotive industry, being the starting point of iconic Route 66 and home to the world’s first Ferris wheel (1893) and first McDonald’s restaurant(est. 1955), and for bringing Chicago deep dish pizza to the world.

DISPOSABLE PERSONAL INCOME

In 2021, Illinois had a personal income of \$852 billion, ranking fifth in the United States, and a per capita personal income of \$67,244 (up 8.2% on 2020), ranking eleventh in the US at 104.8% of the national average.

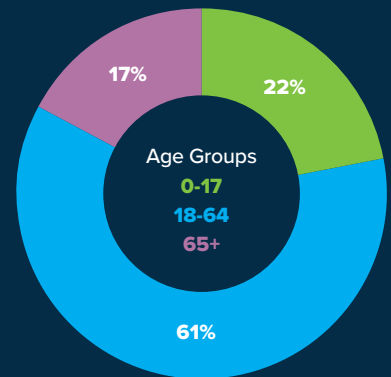


STATE CAPITAL: SPRINGFIELD

MAJOR CITIES AND TOWNS

- 1 Chicago – 2,696,555
- 2 Aurora – 179,266
- 3 Joliet – 150,372
- 4 Naperville – 149,104
- 5 Rockford – 147,711
- 6 Elgin – 113,911
- 7 Springfield – 113,394
- 8 Peoria – 111,666
- 9 Champaign – 89,114
- 10 Waukegan – 88,614

POPULATION: 12.67 MILLION



ECONOMY

With a current-dollar GDP of \$945,673.8 million in 2021 (6.2% growth on 2020), Illinois ranks fifth among US states by GDP. Compared to national economies around the world for the same year, the state’s GDP was larger than that of all but 17 countries, putting the state between the Netherlands and Saudi Arabia (at \$1,018,007 and \$833,541 million respectively). In 2021, the largest industry sectors were financial activities (finance, insurance, real estate, rental, and leasing) at 22.5% of GDP and professional and business services at 14% of GDP. Illinois has the most diverse economy in the US; its major industries include agriculture, advanced manufacturing (including chemical, food and machinery), energy, information technology, life sciences and biotechnology, and transportation and logistics.

GDP: \$945.67 BILLION

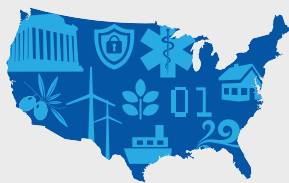
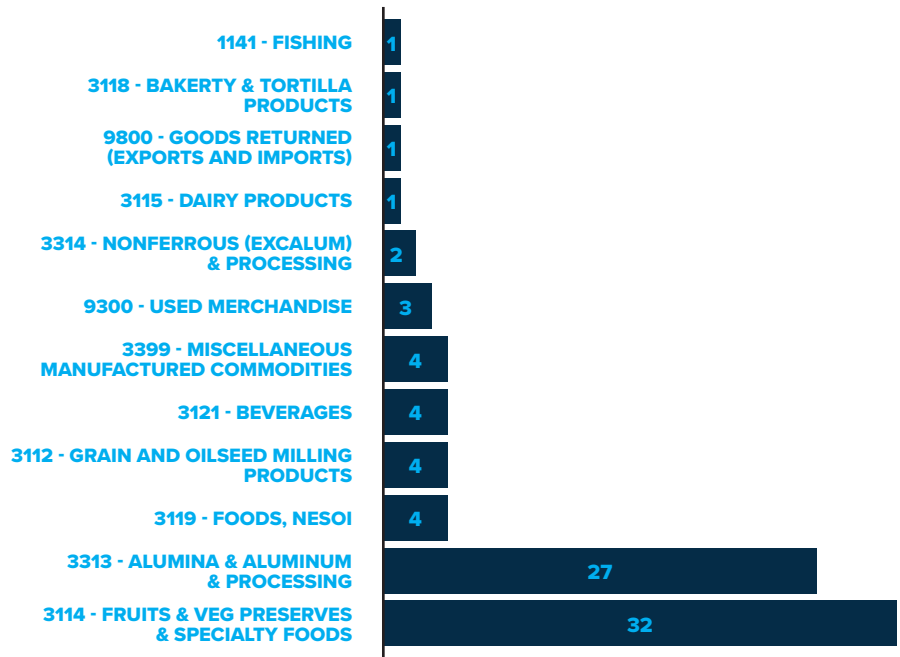
INTERNATIONAL TRADE

In 2021, Illinois ranked fifth in the United States by exports (\$66 billion) and third by imports (\$203.29 billion). This included \$94 million in imports from Greece (up from \$84 million in 2020), making Illinois seventh among US states by imports from the country.

Illinois international trade – imports (in million USD)

	TOTAL IMPORTS	IMPORTS FROM GREECE
2017	\$135,898	\$57
2018	\$155,728	\$75
2019	\$156,724	\$84
2020	\$163,390	\$85
2021	\$203,294	\$94

Top Illinois imports from Greece in 2021, by NAICS-4 code (in million USD)



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7th EXPORTUSA FORUM

Identify - Adjust - Expand

Tuesday, December 13th 2022
15:00 hours EET



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Figures in this feature sourced from the US Bureau of Economic Analysis (bea.gov), the US Census Bureau (census.gov), the US International Trade Administration (trade.gov), and the World Bank (worldbank.org) are up to date at the time of writing.