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14,581

YOY Growth. Dec 2016



7.2%



17.7%



5.4%



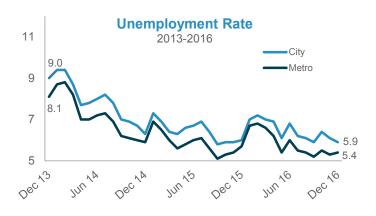
Architecture Billings Index-Midwest YOY Change, Jan 2017 Patents Issued-City YOY Growth, Jan 2017 Foreign Direct Investment-Chicago YOY Growth, 2016

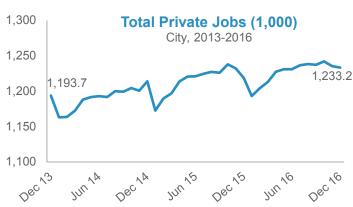
Key Trends

New Jobs-City

- The Chicago (city) economy has **expanded by an estimated 14,581 jobs** year-over-year, a 1.2 percent improvement since December 2015. This growth is driven by absolute gains in the leisure & hospitality (+6,523), transportation, warehousing, & utilities (+4,155), and professional and business services (+3,132) sectors.
- **Startup funding** remained consistent YOY, with \$1,701M in startup funding in 2016 compared to \$1.721M in 2015.
- Business bankruptcies in Cook County decreased by 17.4% YOY in Q4-2016.

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BUSINESS ECONOMY

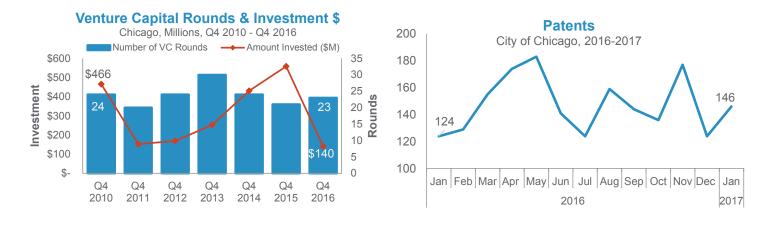






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Data is current as of 02/28/17; preliminary estimates are subject to revision. Data is not adjusted for seasonality unless noted. The Chicago metropolitan statistical area (MSA) consists of a 14-county, tri-state region: Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties in Illinois; Jasper, Lake, Newton, and Porter counties in Indiana; and Kenosha County in Wisconsin. Midwest data reflects totals for Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Venture capital refers to cash investments by corporations and individuals into companies that have received at least one round of venture funding.

Sources: Illinois Department of Employment Security, American Institute of Architects, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, IBM Global Location Trends, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Built in Chicago, Institute for Supply Management, CBRE, Dow Jones VentureSource, Chicago Department of Aviation, USA Trade Online.