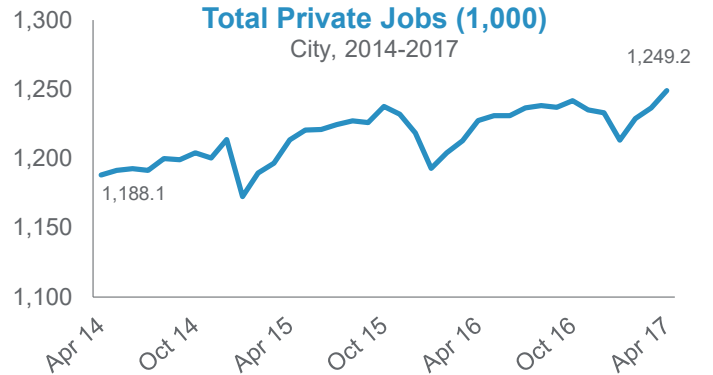
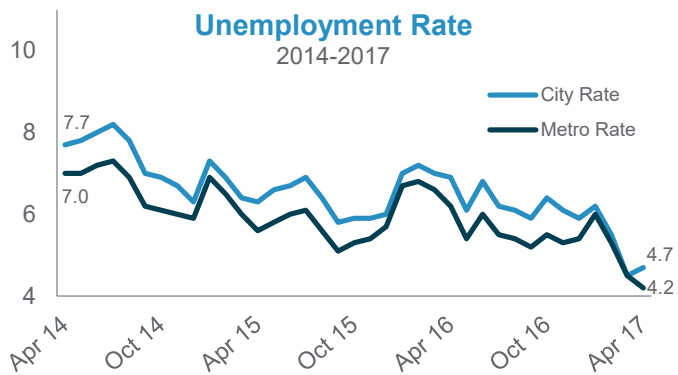


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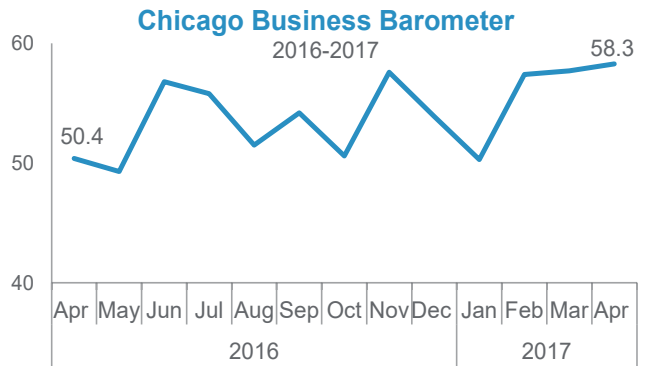
## Key Trends

- The Chicago (city) economy has **expanded by an estimated 11,686 jobs** year-over-year since April 2016. This growth is driven by absolute gains in Financial Activities (+5,285 jobs), Education and Health Services (+4,353), and Information (+974).
- The Chicago (city) **unemployment rate decreased** by 1.9 points year-over-year to 4.7% in April 2017.
- Unemployment insurance claims in Cook County **decreased by 6.4%**, from 15,653 in April 2016 to 14,645 in April 2017.
- **Air cargo tonnage** at O'Hare and Midway airports **increased** by 13.7% YOY in April 2017.

## LABOR FORCE

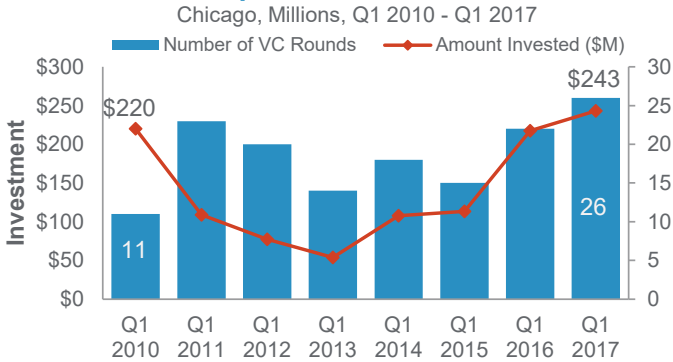


## BUSINESS ECONOMY

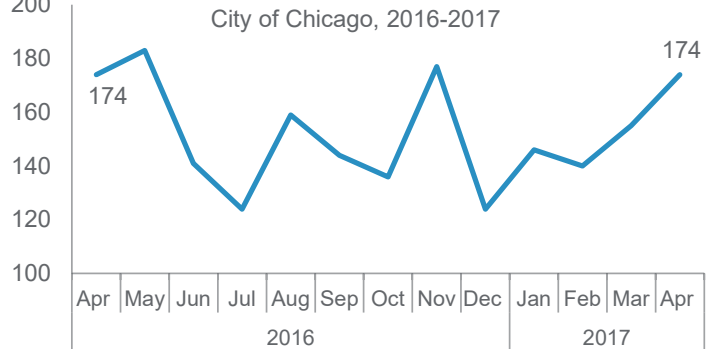


## INNOVATION

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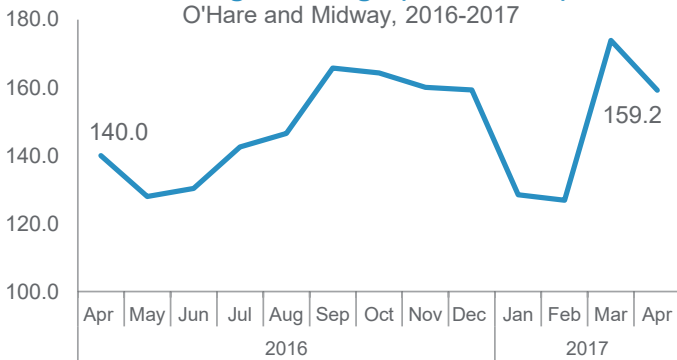


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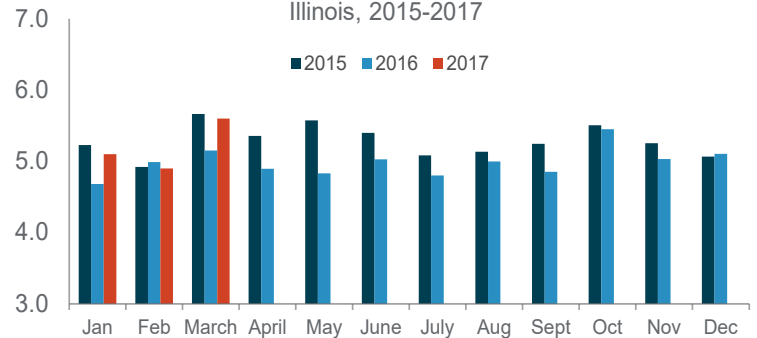


## INTERNATIONAL

### Air Cargo Tonnage (Thousands)



### Exports (\$B)



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Data is current as of 5/30/17, 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, USA Trade Online, Manpower Group, Chicago Department of Aviation, Institute for Supply Management, Dow Jones VentureSource.