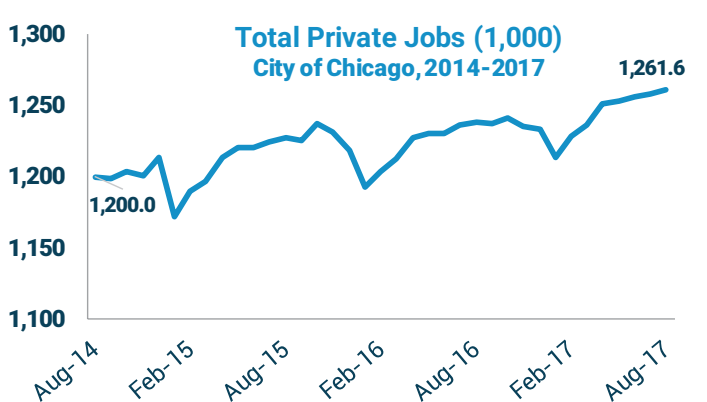
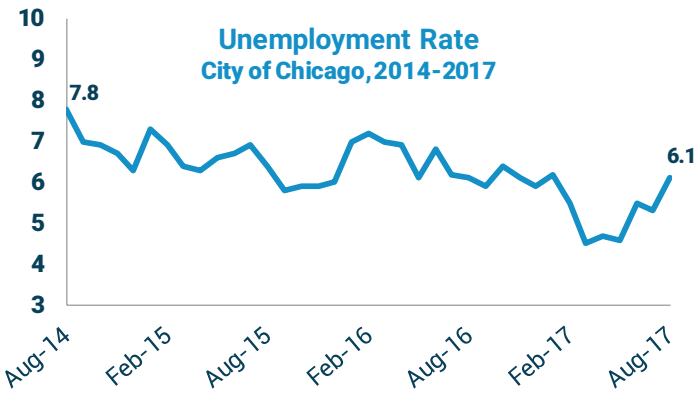


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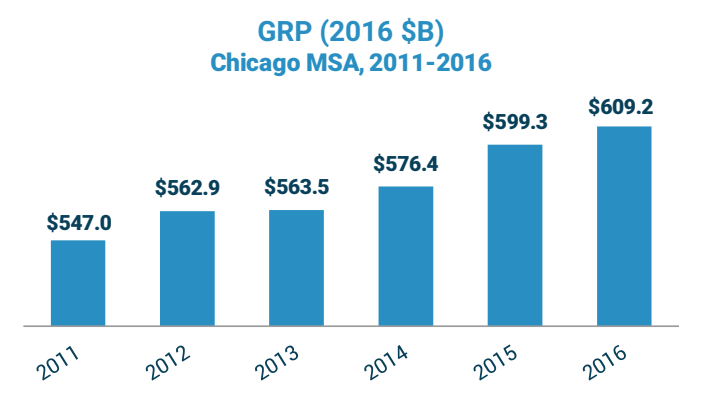
## Key Trends

- The Chicago (city) economy has **expanded by an estimated 13,460 jobs** year-over-year since July 2016. This growth is driven by absolute gains in Financial Activities (+5,743 jobs), Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (+1,785), and Leisure & Hospitality (+1,685).
- The Chicago (city) **unemployment rate decreased** by .5 points YOY to 6.1% in August 2017.
- Air cargo tonnage **increased by 26.3%**, from 142,565.7 in July 2016 to 180,104.0 in July 2017.
- The **Chicago Business Barometer** (Purchasing Managers Index) increased from 51.5 in August 2016 to 58.9 in August 2017.

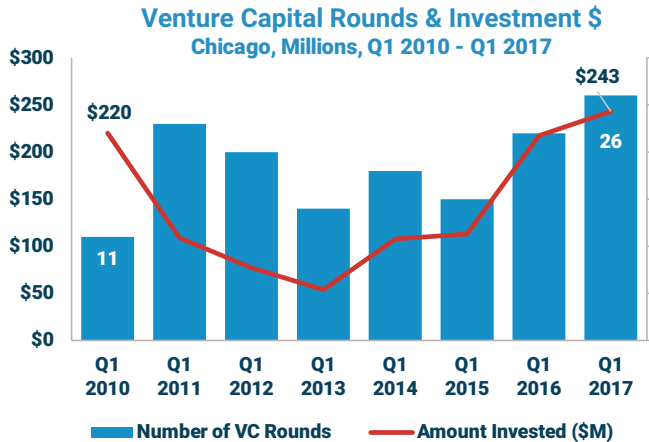
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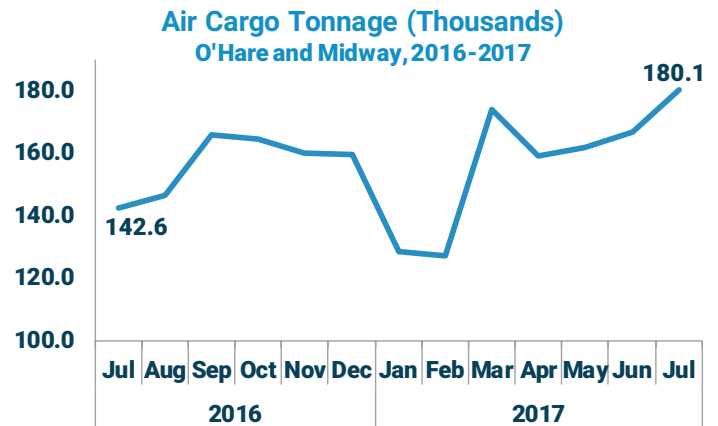
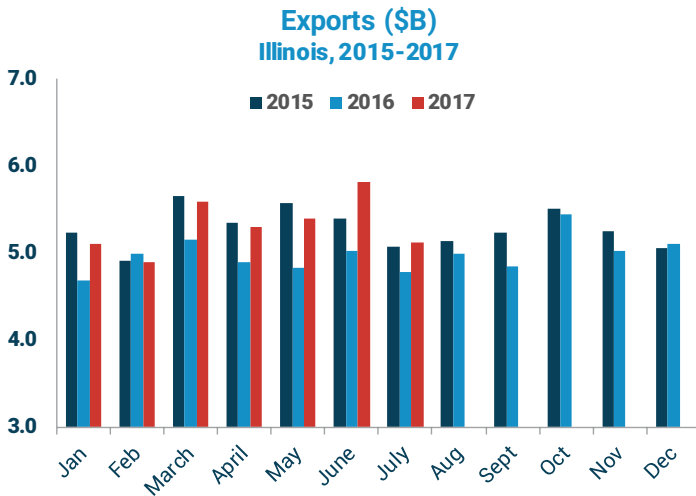
## BUSINESS ECONOMY



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Data is current as of 09/26/17, 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.