



Aurora, Illinois

Economic Overview

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Demographic Profile

The population in the Aurora city, IL was 183,447 per American Community Survey data for 2017-2021.

The region has a civilian labor force of 101,047 with a participation rate of 72.7%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in the Aurora city, IL, 35.9% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 35.1% in the nation.

The median household income in the Aurora city, IL is \$79,642 and the median house value is \$208,500.

Summary¹

	Percent			Value		
	Aurora city, IL	Illinois	USA	Aurora city, IL	Illinois	USA
Demographics						
Population (ACS)	—	—	—	183,447	12,821,813	329,725,481
Male	49.8%	49.4%	49.5%	91,292	6,332,176	163,206,615
Female	50.2%	50.6%	50.5%	92,155	6,489,637	166,518,866
Median Age ²	—	—	—	35.2	38.5	38.4
Under 18 Years	27.8%	22.5%	22.5%	51,018	2,887,351	74,234,075
18 to 24 Years	9.3%	9.1%	9.2%	17,023	1,169,584	30,339,089
25 to 34 Years	12.6%	13.7%	13.8%	23,201	1,751,542	45,360,942
35 to 44 Years	16.1%	13.1%	12.9%	29,548	1,676,721	42,441,883
45 to 54 Years	14.6%	12.8%	12.6%	26,740	1,640,483	41,631,458
55 to 64 Years	9.7%	13.1%	13.0%	17,815	1,683,397	42,829,413
65 to 74 Years	6.4%	9.3%	9.6%	11,762	1,190,287	31,590,619
75 Years and Over	3.5%	6.4%	6.5%	6,340	822,448	21,298,002
Race: White	52.7%	67.8%	68.2%	96,597	8,699,413	224,789,109
Race: Black or African American	10.9%	14.1%	12.6%	19,950	1,804,013	41,393,012
Race: American Indian and Alaska Native	0.9%	0.3%	0.8%	1,562	42,714	2,722,661
Race: Asian	10.3%	5.7%	5.7%	18,884	725,482	18,782,924
Race: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	151	5,111	615,557
Race: Some Other Race	12.3%	6.2%	5.6%	22,632	795,980	18,382,796
Race: Two or More Races	12.9%	5.8%	7.0%	23,671	749,100	23,039,422
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	41.5%	17.5%	18.4%	76,159	2,250,076	60,806,969
Economic						
Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 16 years and over)	72.7%	65.2%	63.4%	101,047	6,686,514	166,672,597
Prime-Age Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 25-54)	86.1%	84.3%	82.5%	68,423	4,267,105	106,173,534
Armed Forces Labor Force	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%	57	18,670	1,196,529
Veterans, Age 18-64	2.5%	3.2%	4.4%	2,891	251,441	8,848,937
Veterans Labor Force Participation Rate and Size, Age 18-64	89.4%	78.9%	77.0%	2,585	198,423	6,809,906
Median Household Income ²	—	—	—	\$79,642	\$72,563	\$69,021
Per Capita Income	—	—	—	\$34,805	\$39,571	\$37,638
Mean Commute Time (minutes)	—	—	—	28.7	28.7	26.8
Commute via Public Transportation	4.1%	7.9%	4.2%	3,814	484,481	6,472,373
Educational Attainment, Age 25-64						
No High School Diploma	18.7%	9.2%	10.3%	18,217	620,325	17,756,046
High School Graduate	20.1%	23.5%	25.3%	19,587	1,586,046	43,535,564
Some College, No Degree	18.4%	20.0%	20.1%	17,930	1,350,693	34,637,141
Associate's Degree	6.8%	8.8%	9.3%	6,634	597,481	15,944,395
Bachelor's Degree	22.3%	23.7%	22.0%	21,727	1,597,176	37,890,674
Postgraduate Degree	13.6%	14.8%	13.1%	13,209	1,000,422	22,499,876
Housing						
Total Housing Units	—	—	—	63,936	5,412,995	139,647,020

Summary¹

	Percent			Value		
	Aurora city, IL	Illinois	USA	Aurora city, IL	Illinois	USA
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) ²	—	—	—	\$208,500	\$212,600	\$244,900
Homeowner Vacancy	0.7%	1.5%	1.2%	275	49,983	1,021,651
Rental Vacancy	4.6%	6.0%	5.7%	992	105,539	2,674,125
Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	33.3%	33.5%	35.4%	20,302	1,650,933	43,858,831
Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	4.2%	10.7%	8.3%	2,552	526,288	10,349,174
Social						
Poverty Level (of all people)	10.3%	11.8%	12.6%	18,697	1,483,378	40,661,636
Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP	15.0%	12.6%	11.4%	9,179	620,895	14,105,231
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	1.7%	1.4%	1.3%	3,174	179,401	4,425,322
Disconnected Youth ³	1.1%	2.3%	2.5%	136	15,811	432,389
Children in Single Parent Families (% of all children)	30.0%	33.5%	34.0%	14,682	926,189	23,909,672
Uninsured	10.1%	7.0%	8.8%	18,498	885,820	28,489,142
With a Disability, Age 18-64	6.6%	9.0%	10.3%	7,556	700,483	20,537,729
With a Disability, Age 18-64, Labor Force Participation Rate and Size	57.1%	46.3%	44.2%	4,312	324,273	9,068,973
Foreign Born	25.9%	14.1%	13.6%	47,482	1,803,334	44,844,808
Speak English Less Than Very Well (population 5 yrs and over)	16.3%	8.5%	8.2%	27,947	1,026,708	25,535,259

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

1. American Community Survey 2017-2021, unless noted otherwise

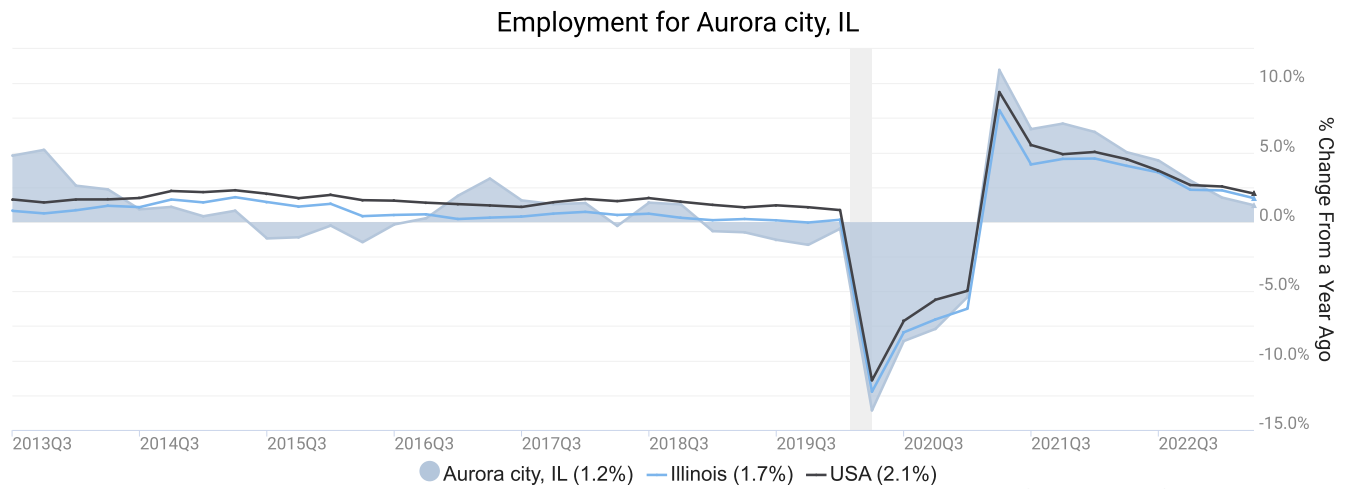
2. Median values for certain aggregate regions (such as MSAs) may be estimated as the weighted averages of the median values from the composing counties.

3. Disconnected Youth are 16-19 year olds who are (1) not in school, (2) not high school graduates, and (3) either unemployed or not in the labor force.

4. Census Population Estimate for 2022, annual average growth rate since 2012. Post-2019 data for Connecticut counties are imputed by Chmura.

Employment Trends

As of 2023Q2, total employment for the Aurora city, IL was 74,705 (based on a four-quarter moving average). Over the year ending 2023Q2, employment increased 1.2% in the region.

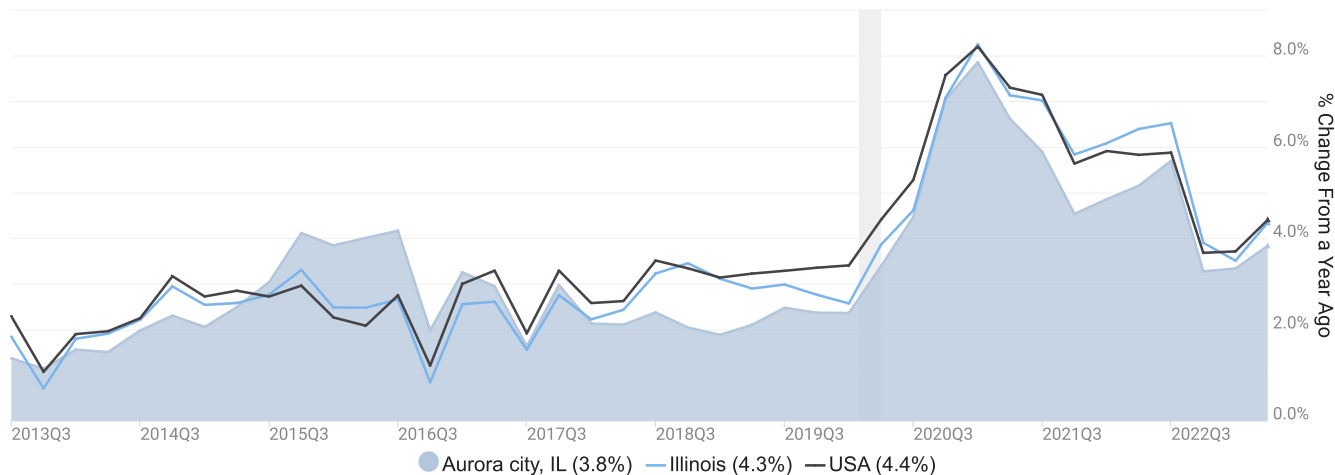


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Wage Trends

The average worker in the Aurora city, IL earned annual wages of \$66,332 as of 2023Q2. Average annual wages per worker increased 3.8% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were \$70,318 in the nation as of 2023Q2.

Average Annual Wages for Aurora city, IL



Source: JobsEQ®. Data as of 2023Q2. The shaded areas of the graph represent national recessions.

Annual average wages per worker data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2023Q1 with preliminary estimates updated to 2023Q2.

Cost of Living Index

The Cost of Living Index estimates the relative price levels for consumer goods and services. When applied to wages and salaries, the result is a measure of relative purchasing power. The cost of living is 13.4% higher in Aurora city, IL than the U.S. average.

Cost of Living Information

	Annual Average Salary	Cost of Living Index (Base US)	US Purchasing Power
Aurora city, IL	\$66,332	113.4	\$58,511
Illinois	\$73,149	103.1	\$70,921
USA	\$70,318	100.0	\$70,318

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

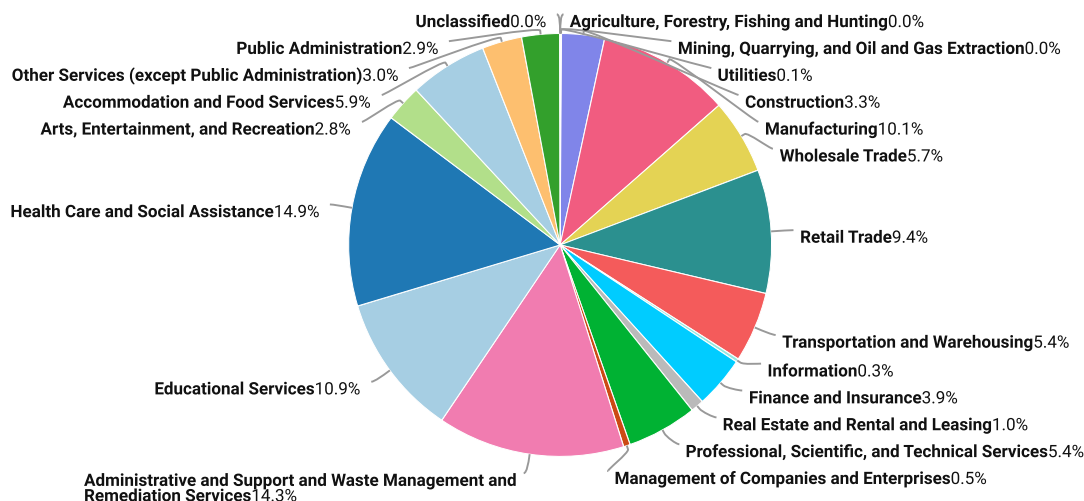
Data as of 2023Q2

Cost of Living per [COLI](#), data as of 2023Q3, imputed by Chmura where necessary.

Industry Snapshot

The largest sector in the Aurora city, IL is Health Care and Social Assistance, employing 11,160 workers. The next-largest sectors in the region are Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (10,678 workers) and Educational Services (8,136). High location quotients (LQs) indicate sectors in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The sectors with the largest LQs in the region are Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (LQ = 2.24), Wholesale Trade (1.52), and Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (1.45).

Total Workers for Aurora city, IL by Industry



Source: JobsEQ® Data as of 2023Q2

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Sectors in the Aurora city, IL with the highest average wages per worker are Management of Companies and Enterprises (\$128,423), Public Administration (\$115,880), and Finance and Insurance (\$113,734). Regional sectors with the best job growth (or most moderate job losses) over the last 5 years are Transportation and Warehousing (+955 jobs), Manufacturing (+515), and Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (+283).

Over the next 1 year, employment in the Aurora city, IL is projected to contract by 290 jobs. The fastest growing sector in the region is expected to be Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services with a +0.3% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Health Care and Social Assistance (+18 jobs), Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (+13), and Transportation and Warehousing (+6).

Aurora city, IL, 2023Q2¹

NAICS	Industry	Current			5-Year History		1-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Avg Ann Wages	LQ	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	11,160	\$66,428	1.04	7	0.0%	1,163	527	618	18	0.2%
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	10,678	\$41,663	2.24	283	0.5%	1,240	523	763	-46	-0.4%
61	Educational Services	8,136	\$57,834	1.37	38	0.1%	756	379	419	-42	-0.5%
31	Manufacturing	7,569	\$78,110	1.26	515	1.4%	756	303	517	-65	-0.9%
44	Retail Trade	7,056	\$42,059	0.95	-774	-2.1%	912	426	567	-81	-1.1%
72	Accommodation and Food Services	4,440	\$26,313	0.69	-7	0.0%	755	351	425	-20	-0.5%
42	Wholesale Trade	4,279	\$97,816	1.52	98	0.5%	436	174	299	-37	-0.9%
48	Transportation and Warehousing	4,007	\$61,510	1.08	955	5.6%	484	193	285	6	0.1%
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	4,002	\$98,817	0.73	0	0.0%	375	133	228	13	0.3%
52	Finance and Insurance	2,945	\$113,734	0.99	-124	-0.8%	264	104	171	-11	-0.4%
23	Construction	2,455	\$78,295	0.55	277	2.4%	228	86	153	-11	-0.5%
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	2,271	\$40,946	0.71	35	0.3%	267	114	159	-7	-0.3%
92	Public Administration	2,169	\$115,880	0.63	165	1.6%	207	89	126	-8	-0.4%
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2,102	\$30,960	1.45	-297	-2.6%	312	132	182	-2	-0.1%
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	748	\$77,835	0.56	2	0.1%	74	34	43	-3	-0.4%
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	390	\$128,423	0.34	26	1.4%	38	14	23	1	0.3%
51	Information	201	\$99,024	0.13	-80	-6.5%	20	7	13	0	-0.1%
22	Utilities	56	\$107,820	0.15	-12	-3.9%	5	2	3	-1	-1.3%
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	21	\$74,247	0.02	-1	-0.9%	3	1	1	0	-0.8%
99	Unclassified	15	\$46,241	0.09	-6	-6.8%	2	1	1	0	-0.3%
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	3	\$102,014	0.01	-2	-8.7%	0	0	0	0	-0.5%
Total - All Industries		74,705	\$66,332	1.00	1,099	0.3%	8,304	3,588	5,006	-290	-0.4%

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

Data as of 2023Q2

Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

1. All data based upon a four-quarter moving average

Exits and transfers are approximate estimates based upon occupation separation rates.

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Occupation Snapshot

The largest major occupation group in the Aurora city, IL is Transportation and Material Moving Occupations, employing 9,276 workers. The next-largest occupation groups in the region are Office and Administrative Support Occupations (8,837 workers) and Sales and Related Occupations (6,332). High location quotients (LQs) indicate occupation groups in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The major groups with the largest LQs in the region are Educational Instruction and Library Occupations (LQ = 1.45), Transportation and Material Moving Occupations (1.41), and Production Occupations (1.37).

Occupation groups in the Aurora city, IL with the highest average wages per worker are Management Occupations (\$131,000), Legal Occupations (\$129,900), and Computer and Mathematical Occupations (\$102,400). The unemployment rate in the region varied among the major groups from 1.3% among Legal Occupations to 7.2% among Transportation and Material Moving Occupations.

Over the next 1 year, the fastest growing occupation group in the Aurora city, IL is expected to be Computer and Mathematical Occupations with a +0.7% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Computer and Mathematical Occupations (+15 jobs) and Healthcare Support Occupations (+12). Over the same period, the highest separation demand (occupation demand due to retirements and workers moving from one occupation to another) is expected in Transportation and Material Moving Occupations (1,266 jobs) and Office and Administrative Support Occupations (1,023).

Aurora city, IL, 2023Q2¹

SOC	Occupation	Current						5-Year History		1-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Mean Ann Wages ²	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving	9,276	\$44,000	1.41	977	7.2%	n/a	807	1.8%	1,250	476	790	-16	-0.2%
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support	8,837	\$48,000	0.98	398	3.8%	n/a	-705	-1.5%	907	460	563	-116	-1.3%
41-0000	Sales and Related	6,332	\$56,300	0.95	410	5.0%	n/a	-570	-1.7%	750	349	464	-63	-1.0%
25-0000	Educational Instruction and Library	5,754	\$60,900	1.45	137	2.9%	n/a	-30	-0.1%	483	248	259	-23	-0.4%
51-0000	Production	5,745	\$46,200	1.37	493	5.6%	n/a	-96	-0.3%	591	240	402	-51	-0.9%
11-0000	Management	5,643	\$131,000	1.00	123	1.8%	n/a	816	3.2%	459	145	318	-4	-0.1%
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	5,326	\$95,400	1.22	77	1.7%	n/a	357	1.4%	309	159	146	5	0.1%
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related	4,805	\$33,300	0.80	671	7.1%	n/a	-79	-0.3%	850	401	470	-21	-0.4%
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations	4,130	\$86,900	0.87	117	2.3%	n/a	433	2.2%	358	123	242	-6	-0.1%
31-0000	Healthcare Support	2,644	\$38,000	0.80	149	4.3%	n/a	110	0.9%	391	164	215	12	0.5%
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	2,470	\$38,400	1.01	314	6.5%	n/a	60	0.5%	318	148	178	-9	-0.4%
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	2,239	\$60,000	0.77	87	2.9%	n/a	52	0.5%	208	82	132	-7	-0.3%
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical	2,155	\$102,400	0.89	53	2.0%	n/a	203	2.0%	169	48	106	15	0.7%
47-0000	Construction and Extraction	2,143	\$76,200	0.63	355	6.7%	n/a	60	0.6%	199	73	133	-7	-0.3%
39-0000	Personal Care and Service	1,724	\$40,000	0.93	98	4.6%	n/a	-234	-2.5%	299	119	179	0	0.0%
33-0000	Protective Service	1,506	\$62,100	0.95	62	4.1%	n/a	23	0.3%	171	86	94	-8	-0.5%
21-0000	Community and Social Service	1,226	\$54,000	0.92	22	1.9%	n/a	34	0.6%	125	49	71	5	0.4%

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27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	1,053	\$65,200	0.76	51	4.0%	n/a	30	0.6%	108	46	64	-2	-0.2%
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering	876	\$93,000	0.73	18	1.7%	n/a	-14	-0.3%	63	24	40	-1	-0.1%
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science	445	\$88,900	0.68	13	2.3%	n/a	31	1.5%	39	10	29	0	0.0%
23-0000	Legal	321	\$129,900	0.52	6	1.3%	n/a	-37	-2.1%	21	10	11	0	0.0%
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	55	\$43,600	0.12	32	7.2%	n/a	3	1.2%	8	3	6	0	-0.7%
Total - All Occupations		74,705	\$63,700	1.00	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,255	0.3%	8,086	3,462	4,912	-288	-0.4%

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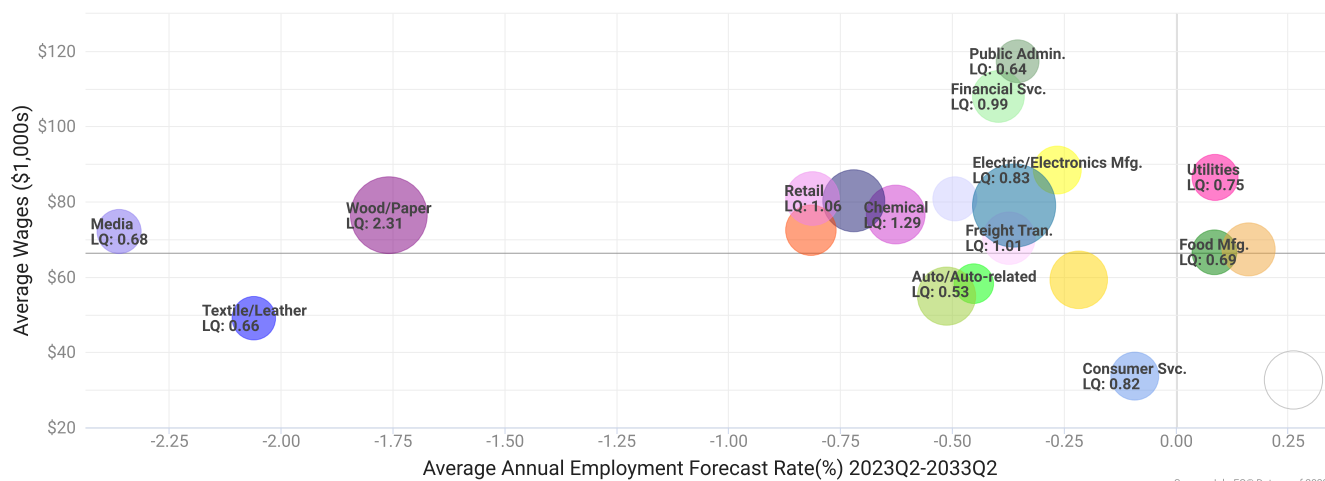
2. Wage data represent the average for all Covered Employment

Occupation employment data are estimated via industry employment data and the estimated industry/occupation mix. Industry employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and currently updated through 2023Q1, imputed where necessary with preliminary estimates updated to 2023Q2. Wages by occupation are as of 2023 provided by the BLS and imputed where necessary. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

Industry Clusters

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. The industry cluster in the Aurora city, IL with the highest relative concentration is Pharmaceutical with a location quotient of 2.74. This cluster employs 435 workers in the region with an average wage of \$78,955. Employment in the Pharmaceutical cluster is projected to contract in the region about 0.4% per year over the next ten years.

Industry Clusters for Aurora city, IL as of 2023Q2

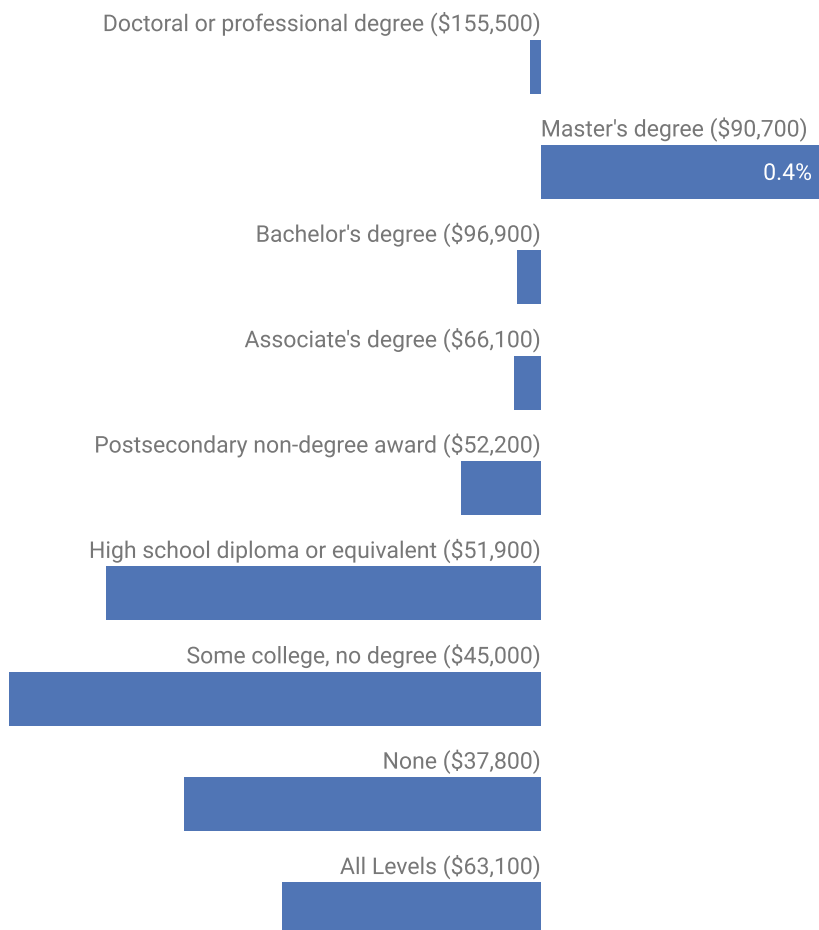


Location quotient and average wage data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, imputed where necessary, and updated through 2023Q1 with preliminary estimates updated to 2023Q2. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

Education Levels

Expected growth rates for occupations vary by the education and training required. While all employment in the Aurora city, IL is projected to contract 0.4% over the next ten years, occupations typically requiring a postgraduate degree are expected to contract 0.0% per year, those requiring a bachelor's degree are forecast to contract 0.0% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to contract 0.0% per year.

Annual Average Projected Job Growth by Education Levels



Source: JobsEQ®
Data as of 2023Q2

Employment by occupation data are estimates as of 2023Q2. Education levels of occupations are based on BLS assignments. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

Aurora city, IL Regional Map



FAQ

What is a location quotient?

A location quotient (LQ) is a measurement of concentration in comparison to the nation. An LQ of 1.00 indicates a region has the same concentration of an industry (or occupation) as the nation. An LQ of 2.00 would mean the region has twice the expected employment compared to the nation and an LQ of 0.50 would mean the region has half the expected employment in comparison to the nation.

What is separation demand?

Separation demand is the number of jobs required due to separations—labor force exits (including retirements) and turnover resulting from workers moving from one occupation into another. Note that separation demand does not include all turnover—it does not include when workers stay in the same occupation but switch employers. The total projected demand for an occupation is the sum of the separation demand and the growth demand (which is the increase or decrease of jobs in an occupation expected due to expansion or contraction of the overall number of jobs in that occupation).

What is a cluster?

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. If a regional cluster has a location quotient of 1.25 or greater, the region is considered to possess a competitive advantage in that cluster.

What is the difference between industry wages and occupation wages?

Industry wages and occupation wages are estimated via separate data sets, often the time periods being reported do not align, and wages are defined slightly differently in the two systems (for example, certain bonuses are included in the industry wages but not the occupation wages). It is therefore common that estimates of the average industry wages and average occupation wages in a region do not match exactly.

What is NAICS?

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is used to classify business establishments according to the type of economic activity. The NAICS Code comprises six levels, from the “all industry” level to the 6-digit level. The first two digits define the top level category, known as the “sector,” which is the level examined in this report.

What is SOC?

The Standard Occupational Classification system (SOC) is used to classify workers into occupational categories. All workers are classified into one of over 804 occupations according to their occupational definition. To facilitate classification, occupations are combined to form 22 major groups, 95 minor groups, and 452 occupation groups. Each occupation group includes detailed occupations requiring similar job duties, skills, education, or experience.

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