



Wheaton, Illinois

**Economic Overview**

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# Demographic Profile

The population in the Wheaton city, IL was 53,762 per American Community Survey data for 2017-2021.

The region has a civilian labor force of 27,983 with a participation rate of 65.3%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in the Wheaton city, IL, 67.4% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 35.1% in the nation.

The median household income in the Wheaton city, IL is \$108,737 and the median house value is \$381,800.

## Summary<sup>1</sup>

	Percent			Value		
	Wheaton city, IL	Illinois	USA	Wheaton city, IL	Illinois	USA
<b>Demographics</b>						
Population (ACS)	—	—	—	53,762	12,821,813	329,725,481
Male	48.7%	49.4%	49.5%	26,191	6,332,176	163,206,615
Female	51.3%	50.6%	50.5%	27,571	6,489,637	166,518,866
Median Age <sup>2</sup>	—	—	—	37.4	38.5	38.4
Under 18 Years	23.0%	22.5%	22.5%	12,374	2,887,351	74,234,075
18 to 24 Years	11.2%	9.1%	9.2%	6,048	1,169,584	30,339,089
25 to 34 Years	12.8%	13.7%	13.8%	6,893	1,751,542	45,360,942
35 to 44 Years	11.5%	13.1%	12.9%	6,159	1,676,721	42,441,883
45 to 54 Years	11.7%	12.8%	12.6%	6,306	1,640,483	41,631,458
55 to 64 Years	13.2%	13.1%	13.0%	7,089	1,683,397	42,829,413
65 to 74 Years	10.1%	9.3%	9.6%	5,449	1,190,287	31,590,619
75 Years and Over	6.4%	6.4%	6.5%	3,444	822,448	21,298,002
Race: White	82.1%	67.8%	68.2%	44,139	8,699,413	224,789,109
Race: Black or African American	3.5%	14.1%	12.6%	1,892	1,804,013	41,393,012
Race: American Indian and Alaska Native	0.2%	0.3%	0.8%	100	42,714	2,722,661
Race: Asian	6.6%	5.7%	5.7%	3,543	725,482	18,782,924
Race: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0	5,111	615,557
Race: Some Other Race	1.6%	6.2%	5.6%	861	795,980	18,382,796
Race: Two or More Races	6.0%	5.8%	7.0%	3,227	749,100	23,039,422
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	7.1%	17.5%	18.4%	3,814	2,250,076	60,806,969
<b>Economic</b>						
Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 16 years and over)	65.3%	65.2%	63.4%	27,983	6,686,514	166,672,597
Prime-Age Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 25-54)	86.7%	84.3%	82.5%	16,784	4,267,105	106,173,534
Armed Forces Labor Force	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%	0	18,670	1,196,529
Veterans, Age 18-64	1.5%	3.2%	4.4%	498	251,441	8,848,937
Veterans Labor Force Participation Rate and Size, Age 18-64	76.7%	78.9%	77.0%	382	198,423	6,809,906
Median Household Income <sup>2</sup>	—	—	—	\$108,737	\$72,563	\$69,021
Per Capita Income	—	—	—	\$55,339	\$39,571	\$37,638
Mean Commute Time (minutes)	—	—	—	26.8	28.7	26.8
Commute via Public Transportation	6.8%	7.9%	4.2%	1,787	484,481	6,472,373
<b>Educational Attainment, Age 25-64</b>						
No High School Diploma	3.2%	9.2%	10.3%	849	620,325	17,756,046
High School Graduate	9.0%	23.5%	25.3%	2,377	1,586,046	43,535,564
Some College, No Degree	12.6%	20.0%	20.1%	3,336	1,350,693	34,637,141
Associate's Degree	7.8%	8.8%	9.3%	2,064	597,481	15,944,395
Bachelor's Degree	39.8%	23.7%	22.0%	10,517	1,597,176	37,890,674
Postgraduate Degree	27.6%	14.8%	13.1%	7,304	1,000,422	22,499,876
<b>Housing</b>						
Total Housing Units	—	—	—	20,912	5,412,995	139,647,020

## Summary<sup>1</sup>

	Percent			Value		
	Wheaton city, IL	Illinois	USA	Wheaton city, IL	Illinois	USA
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) <sup>2</sup>	—	—	—	\$381,800	\$212,600	\$244,900
Homeowner Vacancy	2.1%	1.5%	1.2%	312	49,983	1,021,651
Rental Vacancy	5.8%	6.0%	5.7%	322	105,539	2,674,125
Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	26.2%	33.5%	35.4%	5,171	1,650,933	43,858,831
Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	5.6%	10.7%	8.3%	1,098	526,288	10,349,174
<b>Social</b>						
Poverty Level (of all people)	5.3%	11.8%	12.6%	2,690	1,483,378	40,661,636
Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP	3.6%	12.6%	11.4%	720	620,895	14,105,231
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	0.9%	1.4%	1.3%	500	179,401	4,425,322
Disconnected Youth <sup>3</sup>	0.0%	2.3%	2.5%	1	15,811	432,389
Children in Single Parent Families (% of all children)	11.3%	33.5%	34.0%	1,377	926,189	23,909,672
Uninsured	2.3%	7.0%	8.8%	1,208	885,820	28,489,142
With a Disability, Age 18-64	4.4%	9.0%	10.3%	1,425	700,483	20,537,729
With a Disability, Age 18-64, Labor Force Participation Rate and Size	63.6%	46.3%	44.2%	906	324,273	9,068,973
Foreign Born	11.4%	14.1%	13.6%	6,153	1,803,334	44,844,808
Speak English Less Than Very Well (population 5 yrs and over)	4.5%	8.5%	8.2%	2,280	1,026,708	25,535,259

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

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

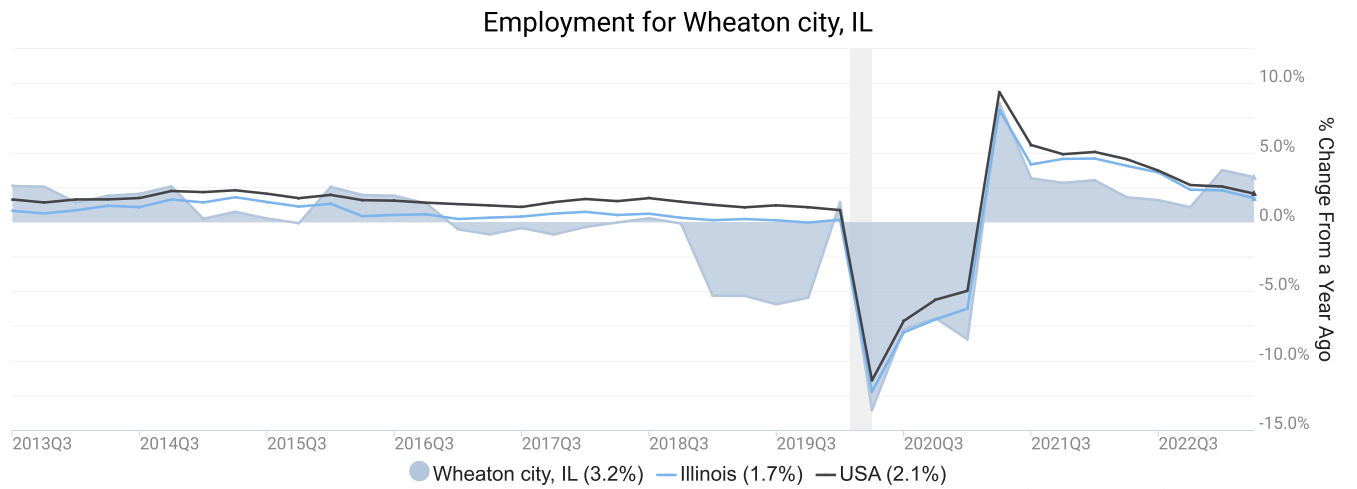
2. Median values for certain aggregate regions (such as MSAs) may be estimated as the weighted averages of the median values from the composing counties.

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 Wheaton city, IL was 24,791 (based on a four-quarter moving average). Over the year ending 2023Q2, employment increased 3.2% in the region.

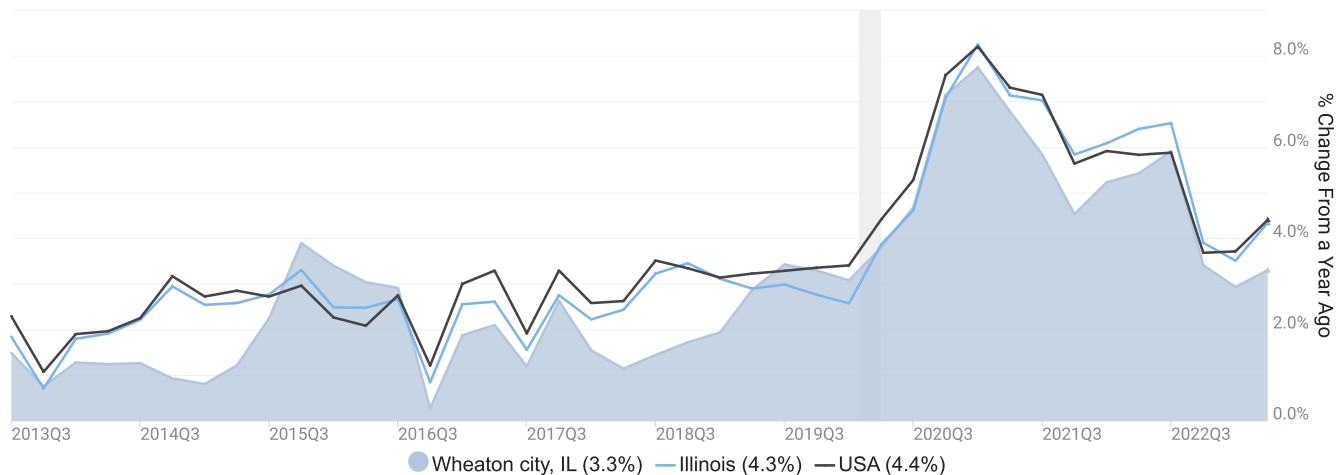


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# Wage Trends

The average worker in the Wheaton city, IL earned annual wages of \$73,317 as of 2023Q2. Average annual wages per worker increased 3.3% 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 Wheaton 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 16.9% higher in Wheaton city, IL than the U.S. average.

	Cost of Living Information		
	Annual Average Salary	Cost of Living Index (Base US)	US Purchasing Power
Wheaton city, IL	\$73,317	116.9	\$62,694
Illinois	\$73,149	103.1	\$70,921
USA	\$70,318	100.0	\$70,318

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

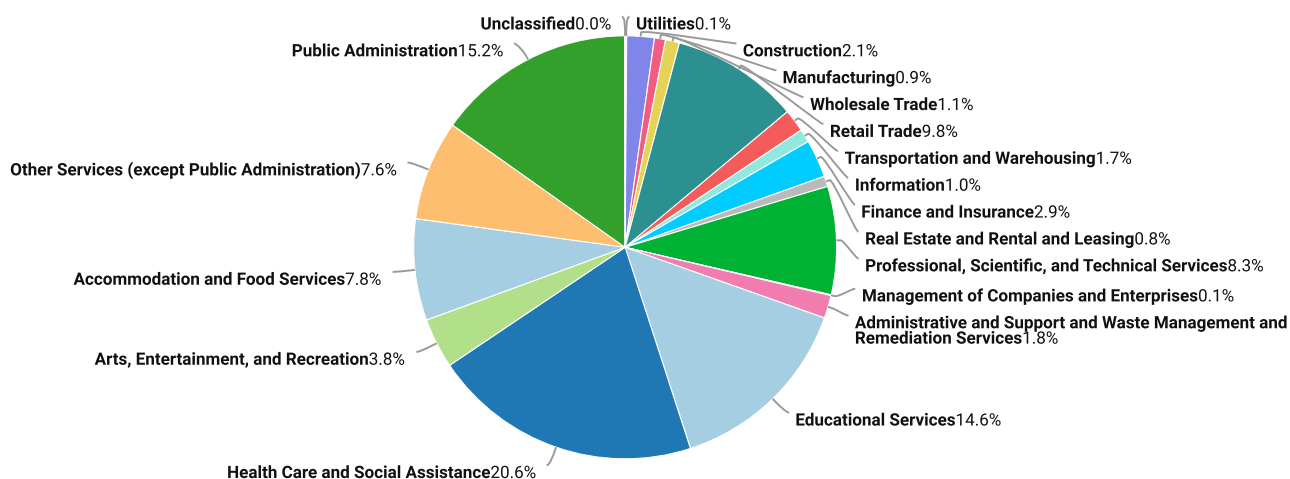
Data as of 2023Q2

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

# Industry Snapshot

The largest sector in the Wheaton city, IL is Health Care and Social Assistance, employing 5,105 workers. The next-largest sectors in the region are Public Administration (3,762 workers) and Educational Services (3,613). 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 Public Administration (LQ = 3.31), Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (1.98), and Educational Services (1.84).

Total Workers for Wheaton city, IL by Industry



Source: JobsEQ®, Data as of 2023Q2

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Sectors in the Wheaton city, IL with the highest average wages per worker are Management of Companies and Enterprises (\$159,058), Finance and Insurance (\$131,010), and Information (\$118,972). Regional sectors with the best job growth (or most moderate job losses) over the last 5 years are Health Care and Social Assistance (+362 jobs), Transportation and Warehousing (+57), and Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (+42).

Over the next 1 year, employment in the Wheaton city, IL is projected to contract by 111 jobs. The fastest growing sector in the region is expected to be Health Care and Social Assistance with a +0.6% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Health Care and Social Assistance (+29 jobs), Information (0), and Utilities (0).

# Wheaton city, IL, 2023Q2<sup>1</sup>

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	5,105	\$70,747	1.43	362	1.5%	553	241	283	29	0.6%
92	Public Administration	3,762	\$79,735	3.31	-724	-3.5%	340	153	218	-32	-0.8%
61	Educational Services	3,613	\$56,882	1.84	-260	-1.4%	327	168	186	-27	-0.8%
44	Retail Trade	2,425	\$46,862	0.98	-360	-2.7%	307	146	195	-34	-1.4%
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	2,045	\$104,946	1.12	-82	-0.8%	183	68	116	-2	-0.1%
72	Accommodation and Food Services	1,922	\$29,331	0.90	-231	-2.2%	320	152	184	-15	-0.8%
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,895	\$44,622	1.79	-412	-3.9%	216	95	133	-12	-0.6%
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	949	\$31,053	1.98	42	0.9%	141	60	82	-1	-0.1%
52	Finance and Insurance	716	\$131,010	0.72	-62	-1.7%	64	25	42	-3	-0.4%
23	Construction	521	\$85,480	0.35	-41	-1.5%	47	18	32	-4	-0.8%
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	434	\$56,376	0.27	-89	-3.7%	49	21	31	-4	-0.9%
48	Transportation and Warehousing	433	\$71,063	0.35	57	2.8%	48	21	31	-4	-0.8%
42	Wholesale Trade	263	\$103,847	0.28	-43	-3.0%	26	11	18	-3	-1.1%
51	Information	248	\$118,972	0.49	-139	-8.5%	24	9	16	0	-0.2%
31	Manufacturing	211	\$85,476	0.11	-34	-2.9%	21	8	14	-2	-1.1%
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	200	\$84,654	0.45	-21	-1.9%	20	9	11	-1	-0.5%
22	Utilities	17	\$82,802	0.14	14	35.2%	1	1	1	0	-0.9%
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	16	\$159,058	0.04	6	9.5%	2	1	1	0	0.1%
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	9	\$35,694	0.03	2	4.8%	1	0	1	0	-0.5%
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	3	\$98,422	0.04	2	23.5%	0	0	0	0	-0.9%
99	Unclassified	2	\$74,550	0.04	-4	-17.7%	0	0	0	0	-0.6%
<b>Total - All Industries</b>		<b>24,791</b>	<b>\$73,317</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>-2,016</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>	<b>2,740</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>1,661</b>	<b>-111</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>

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 Wheaton city, IL is Office and Administrative Support Occupations, employing 3,199 workers. The next-largest occupation groups in the region are Educational Instruction and Library Occupations (2,361 workers) and Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (2,138). 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 Protective Service Occupations (LQ = 2.43), Community and Social Service Occupations (2.29), and Educational Instruction and Library Occupations (1.79).

Occupation groups in the Wheaton city, IL with the highest average wages per worker are Management Occupations (\$140,200), Legal Occupations (\$136,600), and Computer and Mathematical Occupations (\$107,500). The unemployment rate in the region varied among the major groups from 1.2% among Legal Occupations to 5.8% among Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations.

Over the next 1 year, the fastest growing occupation group in the Wheaton city, IL is expected to be Healthcare Support Occupations with a +1.0% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Healthcare Support Occupations (+17 jobs) and Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (+3). Over the same period, the highest separation demand (occupation demand due to retirements and workers moving from one occupation to another) is expected in Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (383 jobs) and Office and Administrative Support Occupations (368).

## Wheaton city, IL, 2023Q2<sup>1</sup>

SOC	Occupation	Current				5-Year History				1-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Mean Ann Wages <sup>2</sup>	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support	3,199	\$51,000	1.07	113	3.2%	n/a	-552	-3.1%	321	171	197	-47	-1.5%
25-0000	Educational Instruction and Library	2,361	\$65,200	1.79	64	2.5%	n/a	-194	-1.6%	197	107	105	-15	-0.6%
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related	2,138	\$35,400	1.07	85	5.8%	n/a	-267	-2.3%	368	176	207	-15	-0.7%
11-0000	Management	1,954	\$140,200	1.05	60	1.6%	n/a	14	0.1%	155	51	108	-4	-0.2%
31-0000	Healthcare Support	1,799	\$39,900	1.64	38	3.8%	n/a	278	3.4%	271	119	135	17	1.0%
41-0000	Sales and Related	1,709	\$61,900	0.78	109	3.8%	n/a	-272	-2.9%	209	103	128	-22	-1.3%
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	1,631	\$101,500	1.13	31	1.4%	n/a	103	1.3%	96	48	45	3	0.2%
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations	1,379	\$92,300	0.87	72	2.3%	n/a	-39	-0.6%	116	42	78	-4	-0.3%
33-0000	Protective Service	1,285	\$58,500	2.43	19	3.3%	n/a	-216	-3.1%	109	50	69	-10	-0.7%
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving	1,194	\$47,200	0.55	114	5.6%	n/a	-82	-1.3%	158	65	99	-6	-0.5%
39-0000	Personal Care and Service	1,048	\$42,700	1.71	19	3.9%	n/a	-5	-0.1%	177	72	106	-1	-0.1%
21-0000	Community and Social Service	1,014	\$57,800	2.29	16	1.8%	n/a	-163	-2.9%	102	40	59	2	0.2%
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	649	\$64,000	0.67	10	2.3%	n/a	-57	-1.7%	57	24	38	-5	-0.7%
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical	621	\$107,500	0.78	35	2.0%	n/a	-123	-3.6%	48	14	30	3	0.5%
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	592	\$40,800	0.73	27	5.2%	n/a	-91	-2.8%	75	36	42	-3	-0.5%
47-0000	Construction and Extraction	548	\$82,100	0.49	13	4.6%	n/a	-87	-2.9%	50	20	33	-3	-0.6%

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27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	497	\$69,800	1.08	32	4.1%	n/a	-54	-2.0%	51	23	30	-2	-0.5%
51-0000	Production	401	\$49,300	0.29	20	3.6%	n/a	-86	-3.8%	40	17	27	-5	-1.2%
23-0000	Legal	346	\$136,600	1.70	4	1.2%	n/a	-47	-2.5%	21	10	12	-1	-0.4%
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering	206	\$98,700	0.51	9	1.6%	n/a	-17	-1.6%	15	6	10	-1	-0.4%
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science	202	\$95,000	0.93	5	1.7%	n/a	-11	-1.0%	17	5	12	0	-0.1%
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	16	\$46,800	0.11	0	n/a	n/a	0	-0.5%	2	1	2	0	-1.1%
<b>Total - All Occupations</b>		<b>24,791</b>	<b>\$70,300</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>-1,968</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>	<b>2,659</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,571</b>	<b>-113</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>

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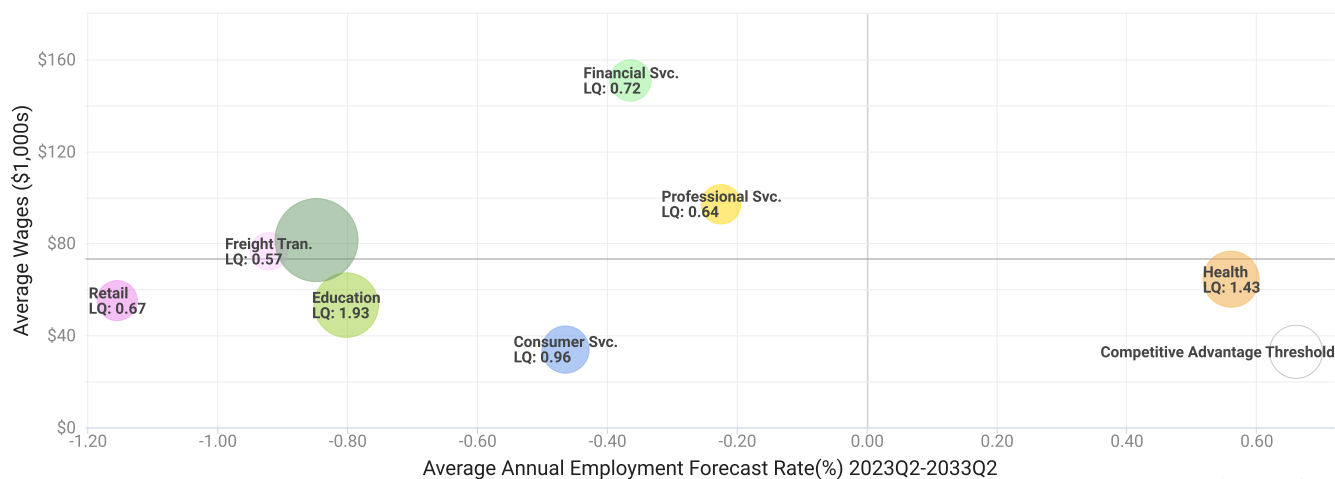
2. Wage data represent the average for all Covered Employment

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 Wheaton city, IL with the highest relative concentration is Public Admin. with a location quotient of 3.32. This cluster employs 3,762 workers in the region with an average wage of \$81,421. Employment in the Public Admin. cluster is projected to contract in the region about 0.8% per year over the next ten years.

Industry Clusters for Wheaton city, IL as of 2023Q2

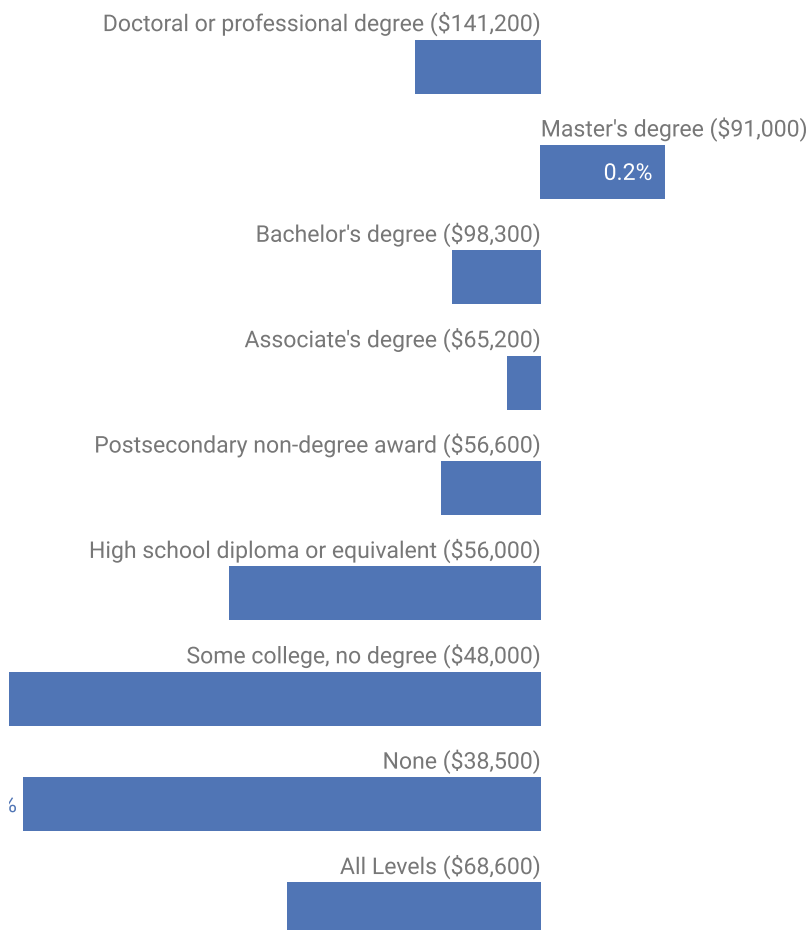


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# Education Levels

Expected growth rates for occupations vary by the education and training required. While all employment in the Wheaton city, IL is projected to contract 0.5% over the next ten years, occupations typically requiring a postgraduate degree are expected to contract 0.2% per year, those requiring a bachelor's degree are forecast to contract 0.2% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to contract 0.1% per year.

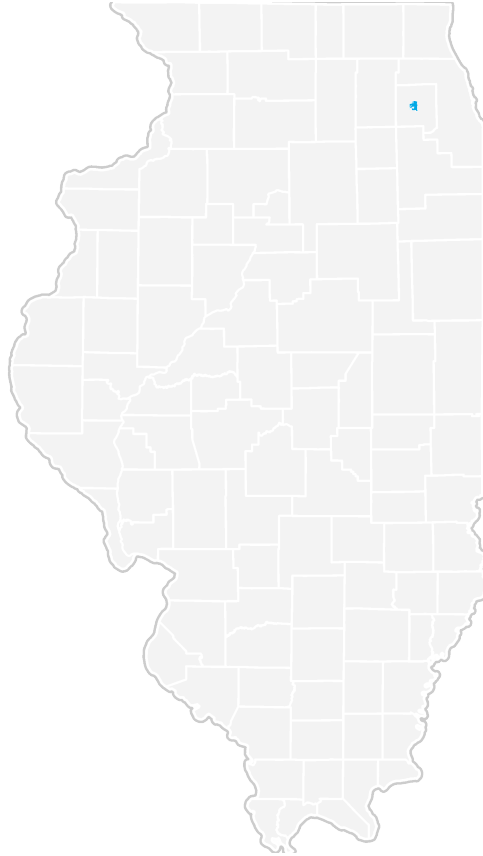
## Annual Average Projected Job Growth by Education Levels



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.

# Wheaton 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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