

# ILLINOIS' \$1 TRILLION ECONOMY

## A HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT IN CONTEXT

Illinois now has a \$1 trillion economy, a historic accomplishment that reveals the strength of its businesses and workers. Illinois is the 5<sup>th</sup> state to generate \$1 trillion in annual economic value, following California, New York, Texas, and Florida.

**Illinois' gross domestic product (GDP), or total economic production, is more impressive when put into context.**

**Illinois' \$1.0 trillion economy is:**

- 12% larger than Pennsylvania (\$915 billion), a state with a similar population and number of workers.
- Larger than 13 other states combined—Alaska, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming.
- More than double Indiana's economy and four times larger than Iowa's.
- Due to workers who are 12%-28% more productive than their peers in neighboring states.
- The 19<sup>th</sup>-largest economy in the world, bigger than countries like Poland, Turkey, and Sweden.

**Illinois has a diversified economy, with no industry accounting for more than 13% of total GDP.**

- Manufacturing is the state's largest major industry, producing \$132 billion in value per year—which is more than all the private and public sector economic activity in New Mexico.
- Real estate is a \$120 billion industry in Illinois, greater than the size of Idaho's entire economy.
- Illinois' health care industry (\$71 billion) adds more to the U.S. economy than all of South Dakota.

**ILLINOIS INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTIONS LARGER THAN ENTIRE STATE ECONOMIES**

Illinois' Industries in Context 2022 Q2 GDP	Industry GDP (\$Millions)	Comparable Economy	Entire State GDP (\$Millions)
<b>All Industry Total</b>	<b>\$1,024,019</b>	--	--
Private Industries	\$928,825	■ Pennsylvania	\$915,424
Manufacturing	\$132,401	■ New Mexico	\$122,359
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	\$120,212	■ Idaho	\$108,438
Finance and Insurance	\$98,390	■ Hawaii	\$96,979
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	\$89,117	■ Delaware	\$86,673
Wholesale Trade	\$84,345	■ Maine	\$83,514
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$71,275	■ South Dakota	\$67,489
Retail Trade	\$55,442	■ Wyoming	\$48,044

Source(s): "Regional Data: GDP & Personal Income" from the Bureau of Economic Analysis at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

**It took more than 200 years for Illinois to achieve a \$1 trillion economy, but Illinois could reach the \$2 trillion mark by 2040 with sound public policies. These include, but are not limited to:**

1. Boosting investments in public education and fully funding the Evidence-Based Funding Model.
2. Making college affordable by expanding financial aid and offering tuition-free community college.
3. Expanding access to affordable childcare options, enacting a refundable child tax credit, and implementing the care work recommendations proposed in the Illinois Future of Work Task Force.
4. Adopting paid family leave and paid sick leave policies to boost labor force participation.
5. Passing balanced state budgets every year to restore investor confidence.
6. Prioritizing paying down pension debt when tax revenues are higher than expected.
7. Reducing Illinois' overreliance on local property taxes to fund public schools.
8. Continuing to make the necessary investments in road, bridge, transit, and pedestrian infrastructure.
9. Turning Illinois into a clean energy leader by meeting its goal of 50 percent renewables by 2040.
10. Increasing access to reliable, high-speed internet, especially in rural and Downstate communities.

Illinois is the economic engine of the Midwest, but steps can be taken to ensure the state continues to attract, develop, and retain productive workers who earn middle-class incomes on the path to a \$2 trillion economy.

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