



Illinois' Jobs Comeback—The Facts

- Illinois' **unemployment rate is at its lowest point in more than six years**, and lower than when Governor Quinn took office. (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)
- Illinois has achieved the **sharpest one year drop in unemployment** since 1984.
- There are more people working in Illinois today than when Governor Quinn took office. (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)
- Illinois has added more than 300,700 private-sector jobs since the recovery began in 2010. (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)
- Illinois has seen the steepest six-month decline in unemployment of any state in the country.
- Illinois rank 3rd in the country for corporate expansions and locations. (Site Selection Magazine)
- Illinois has the fourth-highest number of Fortune 500 company headquarters in the United States. (Fortune)
- Illinois worker's wages are the ninth-highest in the country, outranking all our neighbors including Indiana (38th), Iowa (40th), Wisconsin (33rd), Kentucky (42nd), and Texas (13th). Wage growth is one of the key indicators in judging economic growth. (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)
- Approximately 39,500 more businesses are registered in Illinois today than in 2009. (Illinois Department of Employment Security)
- Illinois businesses are advertising nearly 212,100 job openings online, and 85 percent of open jobs are full time. (Illinois Department of Employment Security, The Conference Board and Wanted Analytics, September 2014)
- Venture capital funding for technology startups shot up 171 percent in 2013, to \$1.06 billion, from \$391 million in 2012. (*Built in Chicago*)