

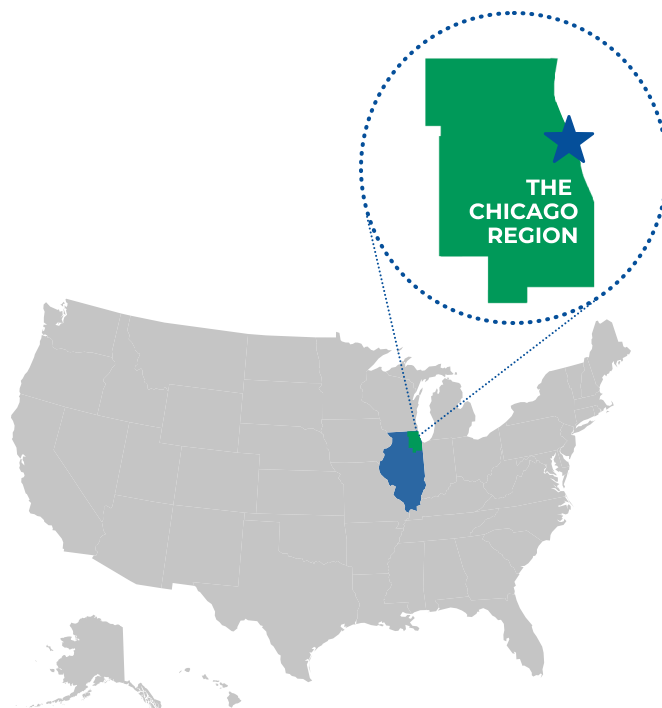


The Chicago Region

America's Advanced Manufacturing Nexus

Chicagoland has the **second largest manufacturing industry in the nation**. Our strengths include food processing, plastic & chemicals manufacturing, and **metals, machinery, and equipment manufacturing**.

Our local supply chain, workforce, and transportation & logistics ecosystem make Chicagoland — the center of the nation — **a great place to make products and efficiently get them to market**.



CONNECTIVITY



10 interstate highways, reaching 25% of U.S. population within 500 miles.



6 of 7 Class I railroads.



The **largest port by value** (O'Hare) and **largest inland port** (CenterPoint Intermodal).

THE CHICAGO REGION'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY:



\$99.4B output
Nominal GDP, 2022



410K employed
As of Q1 2023



12K businesses
As of Q3 2022

TALENT



4,800+ related engineering and technician degrees granted in 2021.



21 community colleges offering manufacturing tech programs.

INNOVATION



Leading **innovation centers and partnerships for advanced manufacturing**, including mHUB, MxD, IMEC, and the Illinois Defense Manufacturing Consortium.



Active investment in growth stage manufacturing firms: **\$4.7B+** in growth capital raised since 2019.



The Chicago Region

A Powerhouse for Machinery, Production Technology & Metal Fabrication



BUSINESS DENSITY

223 casting & forging firms, the most among all metros — part of a network of **6,700+** local MM&E firms.



WORKFORCE

62K metal & plastic production workers, the most among all metros.



PRODUCTIVITY

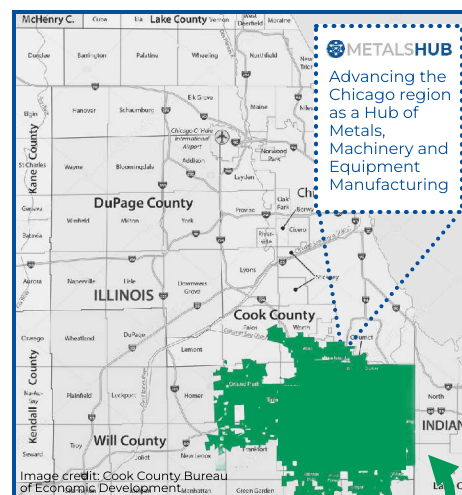
\$15.6B nominal GDP (2022) for primary and fabricated metals manufacturing, the most of all metros.

METALS, MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT (MM&E)

The **scale and concentration** of MM&E firms form an entire supply chain within the Chicago region.

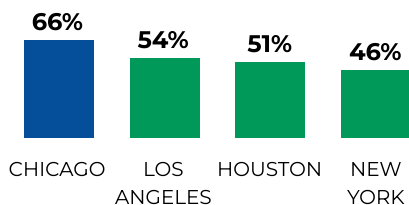
Firms here specialize in numerous stages of the metals manufacturing process — from rolling and extrusion to component fabrication and machinery manufacturing. Chicagoland's MM&E firms develop a wide variety of products bound for the aerospace, automotive, construction, and machinery industries.

Cook County Southland Manufacturing Strength



Twice the MM&E density than elsewhere in the region.

RESILIENT, LOCAL SUPPLY CHAIN



66% of casting & forging inputs are **purchased in-region**.



\$21.2B in-region sales by MM&E firms in 2022.



The **largest origin and destination of base metals shipments** in the nation, including unwrought and semi-finished metals.



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