



# Contents

What is Lightcast Data?	1
Report Parameters	2
Executive Summary	3
Jobs	4
Compensation	7
Job Posting Activity	8
Demographics	.3
Occupational Programs	5



# What is Lightcast Data?

Lightcast data is a hybrid dataset derived from official government sources such as the US Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and Bureau of Labor Statistics. Leveraging the unique strengths of each source, our data modeling team creates an authoritative dataset that captures more than 99% of all workers in the United States. This core offering is then enriched with data from online social profiles, resumés, and job postings to give you a complete view of the workforce.

Lightcast data is frequently cited in major publications such as *The Atlantic*, *Forbes*, *Harvard Business Review*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today*.



**Forbes** 

Harvard Business Review The New York Times

WSJ





# **Report Parameters**

## 6 Occupations

19-3034	School Psychologists	19-3032	Industrial-Organizational Psychologists
19-3039	Psychologists, All Other	21-1093	Social and Human Service Assistants
29-2053	Psychiatric Technicians	19-3033	Clinical and Counseling Psychologists

### 1 MSA

16980 Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI

#### Class of Worker

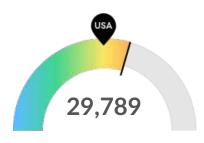
QCEW Employees, Non-QCEW Employees, and Self-Employed

The information in this report pertains to the chosen occupations and geographical area.



# **Executive Summary**

### Aggressive Job Posting Demand Over a Deep Supply of Regional Jobs



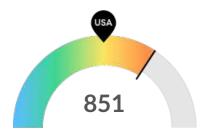
Jobs (2024)

Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI is a hotspot for this kind of job.
The national average for an area this size is 23,117\* employees, while there are 29,789 here.



#### Compensation

Earnings are about average in Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI. The national median salary for your occupations is \$45,859, compared to \$46,627 here.



#### **Job Posting Demand**

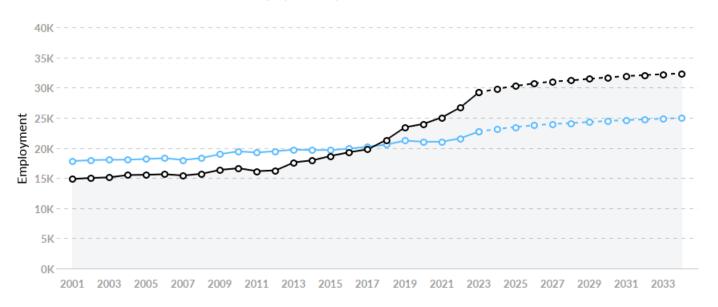
Job posting activity is high in Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI. The national average for an area this size is 510\* job postings/mo, while there are 851 here.

\*National average values are derived by taking the national value for your occupations and scaling it down to account for the difference in overall workforce size between the nation and Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI. In other words, the values represent the national average adjusted for region size.

## Jobs

### Regional Employment Is Higher Than the National Average

An average area of this size typically has 23,117\* jobs, while there are 29,789 here. This higher than average supply of jobs may make it easier for workers in this field to find employment in your area.

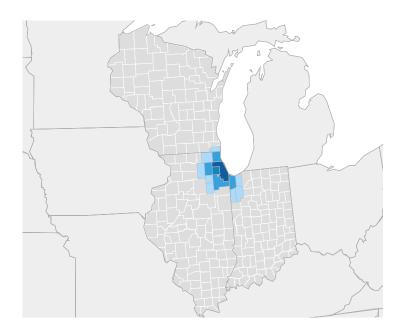


	Region	2024 Jobs	2033 Jobs	Change	% Change
•	Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	29,789	32,217	2,428	8.2%
	National Average	23,117	24,843	1,726	7.5%

<sup>\*</sup>National average values are derived by taking the national value for your occupations and scaling it down to account for the difference in overall workforce size between the nation and Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI. In other words, the values represent the national average adjusted for region size.



# Regional Breakdown



County	2024 Jobs
Cook County, IL	19,641
DuPage County, IL	3,314
Lake County, IL	1,566
Will County, IL	1,348
Kane County, IL	1,293



## Most Jobs are Found in the Individual and Family Services Industry Sector



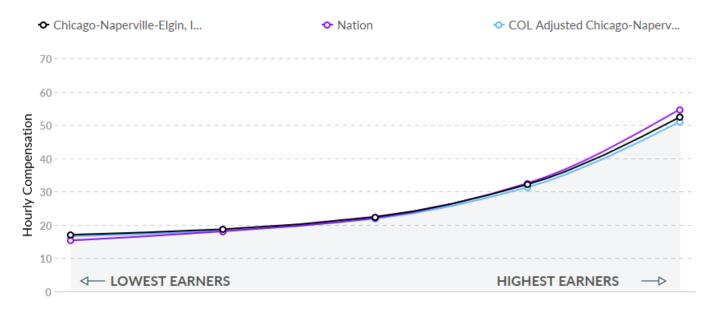
Industry	% of Occupation in Industry (2024)
<ul> <li>Individual and Family Services</li> </ul>	23.4%
Offices of Other Health Practitioners	17.2%
Education and Hospitals (Local Government)	8.9%
Local Government, Excluding Education and Hospitals	8.1%
Outpatient Care Centers	5.6%
Community Food and Housing, and Emergency and Other Relief Services	4.5%
Other	32.4%



# Compensation

## Regional Compensation Is 2% Higher Than National Compensation

For your occupations, the 2023 median wage in Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI is \$22.42/hr, while the national median wage is \$22.05/hr.





# Job Posting Activity



5,960 Unique Job Postings

The number of unique postings for this job from Jan 2024 to Jul 2024.



793 Employers Competing

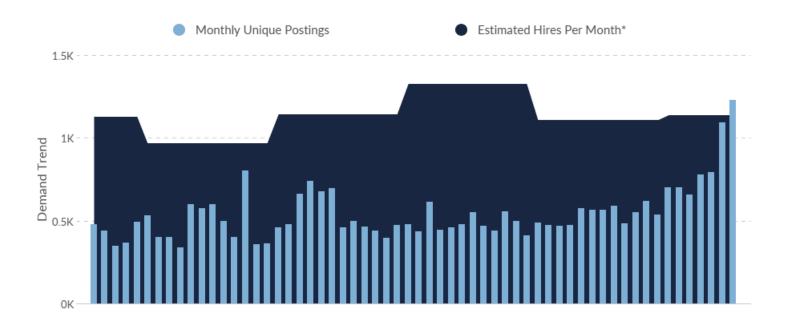
All employers in the region who posted for this job from Jan 2024 to Jul 2024.



17 Day Median Duration

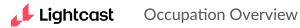
Posting duration is 7 days shorter than what's typical in the region.





Occupation	Avg Monthly Postings (Jan 2024 - Jul 2024)	Avg Monthly Hires (Jan 2024 - Jul 2024)
School Psychologists	428	69
Social and Human Service Assistants	163	778
Psychiatric Technicians	90	166
Clinical and Counseling Psychologists	86	111
Psychologists, All Other	84	14
Industrial-Organizational Psychologists	0	1

<sup>\*</sup>A hire is reported by the Quarterly Workforce Indicators when an individual's Social Security Number appears on a company's payroll and was not there the quarter before. Lightcast hires are calculated using a combination of Lightcast jobs data, information on separation rates from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), and industry-based hires data from the Census Bureau.



Top Companies	Unique Postings	Top Job Titles	Unique Postings
Soliant Health	798	School Psychologists	2,629
ProCare Therapy	718	Rehabilitation Technicians	235
Sunbelt Staffing	457	Psychologists	186
Epic Special Education Staffing	262	Clinical Psychologists	157
Blazerjobs	172	Licensed Psychologists	131
LifeStance Health	157	Behavioral Health Technicians	100
Thriveworks	132	Psychotherapists	94
Advocate Aurora Health	71	School Psychology Specialists	93
VocoVision	64	Life Enrichment Assistants	74
Ascension	58	Bilingual School Psychologists	67

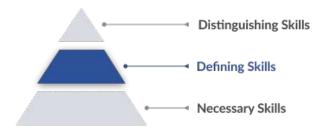
## **Top Distinguishing Skills by Demand**

Not enough data to display Distinguishing Skills for this occupation.



## Top Defining Skills by Demand

An occupation's Defining Skills represent the day-to-day tasks and responsibilities of the job. An employee needs these skills to qualify for and perform successfully in this occupation.

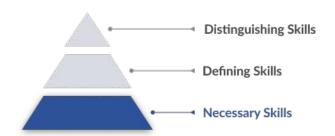


Skill	Salary Boosting	Job Postings Requesting	Projected Growth	Growth Relative to Market
School Psychology	•	2,959	+10.0%	Growing
Psychology	8	2,340	+6.8%	Stable
Individualized Education Programs (IEP)	8	1,105	+16.4%	Growing
Mental Health	•	809	+13.2%	Growing
School Psychology License	8	484	+7.4%	Stable
Social Work	<b>×</b>	437	+9.7%	Growing
Clinical Psychology	•	433	+8.7%	Growing
Clinical Psychology License	<b>×</b>	426	+5.6%	Stable
Psychological Evaluations	•	403	+3.7%	Lagging
Valid Driver's License	8	399	+7.5%	Stable



### Top Necessary Skills by Demand

An occupation's Necessary Skills are the specialized skills required for that job and relevant across other similar jobs. An employee needs these skills as building blocks to perform the more complex Defining Skills.

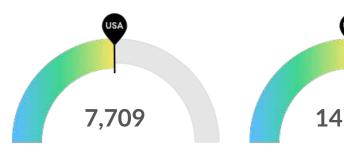


Skill	Salary Boosting	Job Postings Requesting	Projected Growth	Growth Relative to Market
Psychology	8	2,340	+6.8%	Stable
Mental Health	<b>②</b>	809	+13.2%	Growing
Special Education	8	750	+16.3%	Growing
Crisis Intervention	8	526	+11.7%	Growing
Social Work	8	437	+9.7%	Growing
Treatment Planning	8	389	+6.7%	Stable
Behavioral Health	8	377	+10.0%	Growing
Rehabilitation	8	358	+6.4%	Stable
Psychiatry	<b>②</b>	306	+18.8%	Growing
Billing	8	275	+20.0%	Rapidly Growing



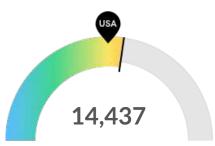
## **Demographics**

### Retirement Risk Is About Average, While Overall Diversity Is About Average



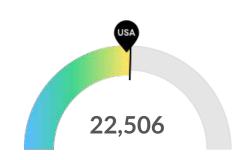
#### **Retiring Soon**

Retirement risk is about average in Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI. The national average for an area this size is 7,798\* employees 55 or older, while there are 7,709 here.



#### **Racial Diversity**

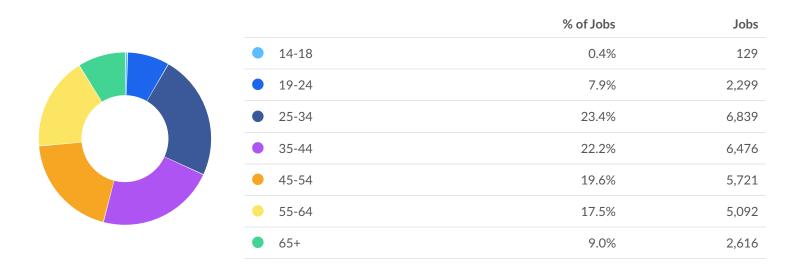
Racial diversity is high in Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI. The national average for an area this size is 12,667\* racially diverse employees, while there are 14,437 here.



#### **Gender Diversity**

Gender diversity is about average in Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI. The national average for an area this size is 21,891\* female employees, while there are 22,506 here.

### Occupation Age Breakdown



<sup>\*</sup>National average values are derived by taking the national value for your occupations and scaling it down to account for the difference in overall workforce size between the nation and Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI. In other words, the values represent the national average adjusted for region size.

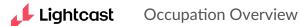


### Occupation Race/Ethnicity Breakdown



### **Occupation Gender Breakdown**





# Occupational Programs



#### **54 Programs**

Of the programs that can train for this job,  $54\ have\ produced\ completions\ in\ the\ last\ 5$ years.



#### 27,235 Completions (2023)

The completions from all regional institutions for all degree types.



#### 3,086 Openings (2023)

The average number of openings for an occupation in the region is 749.

CIP Code	Top Programs	Completions (2023)
24.0101	Liberal Arts and Sciences/Liberal Studies	13,056
42.0101	Psychology, General	2,530
44.0701	Social Work	2,198
24.0102	General Studies	1,712
42.2803	Counseling Psychology	928
19.0709	Child Care Provider/Assistant	825
13.1210	Early Childhood Education and Teaching	743
45.1001	Political Science and Government, General	734
51.0000	Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General	450
42.2801	Clinical Psychology	414

Top Schools	Completions (2023)
William Rainey Harper College	2,066
College of Lake County	1,944
City Colleges of Chicago-Harold Washington College	1,304
University of Illinois Chicago	1,191
Oakton Community College	1,079
Loyola University Chicago	1,071
Moraine Valley Community College	1,038
Aurora University	981
Northwestern University	960
McHenry County College	921



## Appendix A - Data Sources and Calculations

#### **Location Quotient**

Location quotient (LQ) is a way of quantifying how concentrated a particular industry, cluster, occupation, or demographic group is in a region as compared to the nation. It can reveal what makes a particular region unique in comparison to the national average.

### **Occupation Data**

Emsi occupation employment data are based on final Emsi industry data and final Emsi staffing patterns. Wage estimates are based on Occupational Employment Statistics (QCEW and Non-QCEW Employees classes of worker) and the American Community Survey (Self-Employed and Extended Proprietors). Occupational wage estimates are also affected by county-level Emsi earnings by industry.

### Staffing Patterns Data

The staffing pattern data in this report are compiled from several sources using a specialized process. For QCEW and Non-QCEW Employees classes of worker, sources include Occupational Employment Statistics, the National Industry-Occupation Employment Matrix, and the American Community Survey. For the Self-Employed and Extended Proprietors classes of worker, the primary source is the American Community Survey, with a small amount of information from Occupational Employment Statistics.

### **Cost of Living Data**

Lightcast's cost of living data is based on the Cost of Living Index published by the Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER).

### **Lightcast Job Postings**

Job postings are collected from various sources and processed/enriched to provide information such as standardized company name, occupation, skills, and geography.

#### Institution Data

The institution data in this report is taken directly from the national IPEDS database published by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics.