Chicago

	Chicago Metro Area	Rank	Average	Highest	Lowest
Economic Performance	· ·		· ·	· ·	
Total Employment 1997	4,8 Million	1st	1.8 million	3.8 million	700,000
Employment Growth, 1990-97	1.32%	12th	2.3%	4.9%	0.8%
Manufacturing Growth, 1990-1997	-0.20%	13th	0.5%	6.2%	-0.7%
High Tech Employment 1997	Employment	Rank by Emp	Location Quotient	Rank by LQ	
Computer & Electronics	68,085	3rd	1.3	12th	
Software Publishers	11,941	3rd	1.4	11th	
Information Services/Data Proc.	9,201	3rd	0.8	10th	
Computer Systems Design	36,377	2nd	1.5	9th	
Total High Tech	125,604	4th	1.3	13th	
Innovative Activity	Chicago Metro Area	Rank	Average	Highest	Lowest
Patents (1998)	2963	3rd	1549	4931	289
Patent Rate (1997)	34.5	14th	62.8	121.7	32.7
Growth in Patents (1990-1998)	4.4%	15th	10.7%	17.5%	6.5%
Venture Capital Investment Counts 1995 to 1999	235	7th		1518	17
Share of US Total 1995-1999	2.4%	7th		15.2%	0.2%

of ten largest firms locally headquarter

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Leading High Tech Patent Specializations	Location Quotient
Multiplex Communications	5.6
Telecommunications	4.7