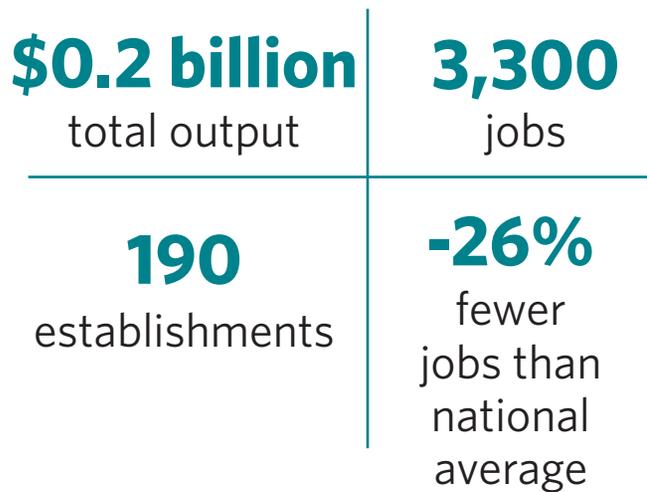# Apparel

This cluster manufactures clothing and fabric accessories (for example, hats, gloves, and neckties) for men, women, and children. The technical report, *Metropolitan Chicago's traded industry clusters*, offers extensive data on the characteristics and performance of the Chicago region's core industrial assets since 2001, available for download at https://cmap.is/Traded-Clusters.

In the Chicago region in 2017, this cluster consisted of

$0.2 billion
total output

3,300
jobs

190
establishments

-26%
fewer jobs than national average

Workers in this cluster tend to be **more** racially diverse than the regional labor force.

66% non-white
63% female
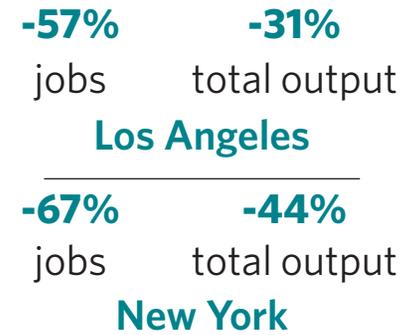**39%** over age 50

8%
commute by transit

Largest occupations

Sewing Machine Operator

Hand Sewers

Sales Representatives

First-Line Supervisors

Inspectors and Testers

In recent years, the cluster's competitive position **strengthened** as it remained **unspecialized** in the national context.

-48% jobs | **-23%** total output
Chicago

-57% jobs | **-31%** total output
Los Angeles

-67% jobs | **-44%** total output
New York

Middle-skill workers have **less** opportunity than the regional average.

$28,007 25th | **$28,635** 50th | **$37,143** 75th

wage percentiles

20%
of workers have an associate's degree or higher

25%
of jobs typically require at least 2 months of on-the-job training

In 2016, this cluster generated approximately

$6.2 billion

in freight shipments that originate, terminate, or circulate regionally.

Freight mode share, by value

60% Truck | **32%** Multimodal | **2%** Rail

Freight trade geography, by value

8% Chicago region | **30%** Midwest | **49%** Rest of U.S. | **13%** Global