Communication Inputs

This cluster involves goods and services used for communications, including cable, wireless, and satellite services, as well as telephone, broadcasting, and wireless communications equipment. The technical report, *Metropolitan Chicago's traded industry clusters*, offers extensive data on the characteristics and performance of the 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

$5.2 billion
total output

9,900
jobs

390
establishments

+13%
more jobs than national average

Largest occupations

Telecom Equipment Installers
Customer Service Representatives
Sales Representatives
Business Operations Specialists
Software Developers

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

44% non-white
35% female
31% over age 50

12% commute by transit
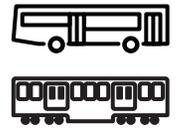
In recent years, the cluster's competitive position **held steady** as it remained **specialized** in the national context.

-56%
jobs
Chicago

-5%
total output

-60% jobs   **+29%** total output
Dallas

-59% jobs   **-7%** total output
Washington, D.C.

Middle-skill workers have **greater** opportunity than the regional average.
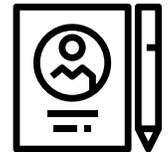
$50,761 25th | **$61,367** 50th | **$85,559** 75th
wage percentiles

55% of workers have an associate's degree or higher

37% of jobs typically require at least 2 months of on-the-job training