Construction

This cluster provides construction materials, components, and products like pipelines or heat exchangers, as well as services like building services for homes and industrial buildings. 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

$2.3 billion
total output

12,000
jobs

670
establishments

-53%
fewer jobs than national average
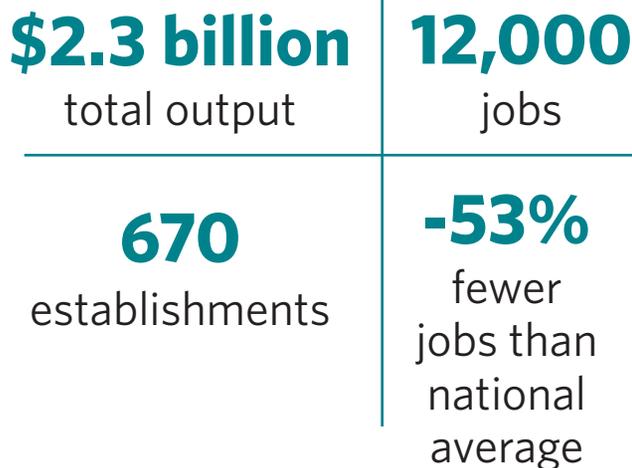
Largest occupations

Construction Laborers
Equipment Operators
Construction Managers
Carpenters
Electrical Power-Line Installers

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

37% non-white
10% female
32% over age 50

4%
commute by transit

In recent years, the cluster's competitive position **held steady** as it remained **unspecialized** in the national context.
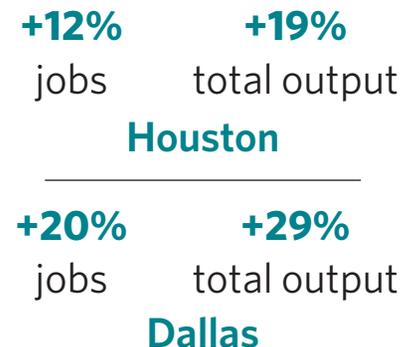
-16%
jobs
Chicago

-2%
total output

+12% jobs   **+19%** total output
Houston

+20% jobs   **+29%** total output
Dallas

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

$38,349 **$48,710** **$74,695**
25th   50th   75th
wage percentiles

22%
of workers have an associate's degree or higher

52%
of jobs typically require at least 2 months of on-the-job training