

EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC INDICATORS describe the structure of employment in a region as developed by the government and amended by private research efforts and helps clarify basic questions as to what constitutes “employment” and “unemployment” and what it means when figures fluctuate over time.

Income indicators focus on changes in the standard of living as reflected in monetary measures of family income. The indicator examines and explains trends in the level and distribution of family income and wealth along with stagnant and unequal wage growth.

Economic Census: establishment, sales, and payroll statistics for retail and wholesale trade, manufactures, service industry, transportation and communication, mineral and construction industries, and minority and women-owned businesses and non-employer statistics for varying geographic levels.

<http://www.census.gov/econ/census/>

County Business Patterns -- Zip Code Business Patters -- Metro Business Patterns:

Annual employment, wage, & establishment data by county, state, nation, zip code, and metro area.

<http://censtats.census.gov/cbpnaic/cbpnaic.shtml>

Potentially helpful – Definition and list of Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas: <http://www.census.gov/population/www/metroareas/metrodef.html>

REIS: State, metropolitan area, and county economic profiles, estimates, & projections of personal earnings & per capita income by industry; 1969-2010.

<http://www.bea.gov/regional/>

LMI Source: Your Source for Labor Market Information: Illinois county-level labor force, unemployment, wage statistics. This resource also includes county-level employment projections by occupation or industry.

<http://www.ides.illinois.gov/LMI/Pages/default.aspx>

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Provides a range of employment-related statistics, from unemployment rates, to the types of industries that people are employed in, to rates of occupational injury and illness.

<http://www.bls.gov/data/>

U.S. Department of Agriculture - Economic Research Service: Economic data on food, agriculture, the rural economy, more.

http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=DATA_STATISTICS&parentnav=AGRICULTURE&navtype=RT

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Here are some links to Adams County data from IMPACT:

[Adams County: Snapshot of Poverty, Income, and Health Insurance Coverage](#)
[Self-Sufficiency in Adams County](#)