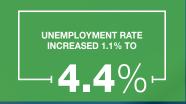


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EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

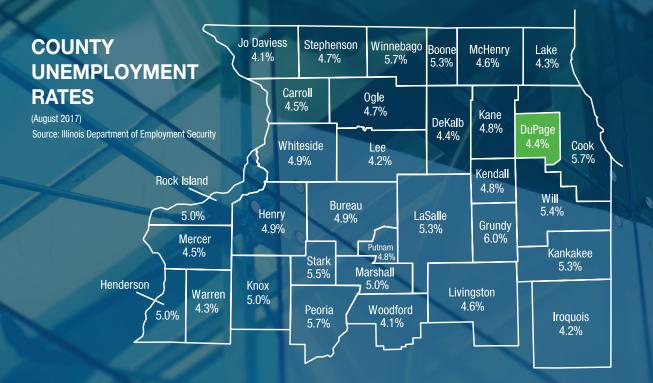


UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

The unemployment rate rose from 3.3% in the second quarter of 2017 to 4.4% in the third quarter. DuPage County's unemployment rate is slightly lower than both the State of Illinois and the United States. Additionally, it is 0.3% lower than the same time last year.

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security.





COST OF LIVING INDEX

The cost of living index estimates the relative price levels for consumer goods and services. When applied to wages and salaries, the result is a measure of relative purchasing power. The cost of living is 21.6% higher than the Country and 14.17% higher than the State.

ANNUAL AVG SALARY COST OF LIVING INDEX (BASE US) US PURCHASING POWER

DUPAGE	\$60,418	121.6	\$49,683
ILLINOIS	\$55,696	106.5	\$52,288
USA	\$53,284	100.0	\$53,284

Source: JobsEQ®. 03, 2017. The Cost of Living Index is developed by Chmura Economics & Analytics and is updated quarterly.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As of August 2017, the top job opportunities include:

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP	# OF ONLINE JOB ADS
COMPUTER & MATHEMATICAL	17,837
MANAGEMENT	14,788
OFFICE & ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT	14,699
SALES & RELATED	13,901
HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONERS & TECHNIC/	AL OPERATIONS 13,036
BUSINESS & FINANCIAL OPERATIONS	11,773
EDUCATION, TRAINING & LIBRARY	8,474
TRANSPORTATION AND MATERIAL MOVING	8,370
FOOD PREPARATION & SERVING RELATED	7,033
INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	4,521
PRODUCTION	3,941
ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING	3,441
ARTS, DESIGN, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS	& MEDIA 3,421
COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES	2,677
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Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security, Region 4 (10 counties), Illinois Help Wanted On-Line Monthly Snapshot, August 2017

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OFFICE

The office vacancy rate dropped from 16.9% in the second quarter of 2017 to 16.6% in the third quarter.

office vacancy rate dropped to

COUNTY	VACANCY RATE	TOTAL ABSORPTION QTD	AVG. RATE
COOK	12.6%	464,235	\$26.15
DUPAGE	16.6%	188,812	\$20.39
KANE	12.6%	347,290	\$18.04
LAKE	16%	-436,657	\$19.57
MCHENRY	18.4%	171,484	\$16.04
WILL	8.7%	198,069	\$18.09
Source: CoStar			

INDUSTRIAL

The industrial vacancy rate dropped to 5.2% in the third quarter, from 5.4% during the second quarter. DuPage continues to have the lowest industrial vacancy rate in the 6-County region.



COUNTY	VACANCY RATE	TOTAL ABSORPTION OTD	AVG. RATE
COOK	6.2%	4,690,981	\$5.96
DUPAGE	5.2%	1,828,146	\$5.43
KANE	7.9%	1,149,712	\$5.05
LAKE	5.7%	1,673,516	\$5.47
MCHENRY	6.5%	1,139,616	\$5.23
WILL	9.7%	10,407,099	\$4.83
Source: CoStar			



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