



Mega Region Economic Output & Employment Growth (2010-2017)

Economic Output (GDP)

Economic output in the 21-county mega region grew by 27.1% between the years of 2010 and 2017 from \$631 billion to \$802 billion. This growth was slower than the national average for all metropolitan areas of 30.7%. Within the mega region, the Kankakee, IL metropolitan area grew the fastest at 33.8% while the Racine, WI metropolitan area grew the slowest at 9.5%. If GDP in the mega region had grown at the same rate as the national average of metropolitan areas for these years, then the region would have created an additional \$194 billion in economic output/income.

Table 1: Growth in Economic Output (GDP)

Metropolitan Area	GDP Growth (2010-2017)
Mega Region	27.1%
<i>Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI</i>	28.5%
<i>Kankakee, IL</i>	33.8%
<i>Michigan City-La Porte, IN</i>	11.0%
<i>Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI</i>	20.6%
<i>Racine, WI</i>	9.5%
United States (metropolitan areas)	30.7%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Total Employment

Employment in the 21-county mega region grew by 10.7% between the years of 2010 and 2017 from 6.65 million jobs to 7.36 million jobs. This growth was lower than the national average for all metropolitan areas of 14.8%. Within the mega region, the Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI metropolitan area grew the fastest at 11.6% while the Michigan City, IN metropolitan area grew the slowest at -0.2%. If employment in the mega region had grown at the same rate as the national average of metropolitan areas for these years, then the region would have created an additional 985,000 jobs.

Table 2: Growth in Total Employment

Metropolitan Area	Employment Growth (2010-2017)
Mega Region	10.7%
<i>Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI</i>	11.6%
<i>Kankakee, IL</i>	6.3%
<i>Michigan City-La Porte, IN</i>	-0.2%
<i>Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI</i>	7.3%
<i>Racine, WI</i>	3.9%
United States (metropolitan areas)	14.8%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis