

Employment Highlights

Over 23% of all jobs in the Rockford MSA* are in manufacturing. Many of these jobs require highly skilled professionals trained in the technical processes of modern manufacturing. In fact, Rockford ranks 4th among cities in Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin for the number of high-tech jobs in manufacturing.

* Winnebago, Boone and Ogle Counties
Source: CorpTech, December 1997

Major Private Employers

Firm Name	Emp./Product
Rockford Health System	4,400 Product/Service Health care
Swedish American Health System	2,913 Product/Service Health care
Hamilton Sundstrand Corporation	2,820 Product/Service Aircraft components
Textron, Inc.	2,500 Product/Service Power handtools/industrial fasteners
DaimlerChrysler Assembly Plant	2,100 Product/Service Automobiles
OSF St. Anthony Medical Center	1,950 Product/Service Health care
United Parcel Service	1,700 Product/Service Parcel shipping/sorting hub
Invensys Building Systems	1,200 Product/Service Environmental controls
Rochelle Foods	1,100 Product/Service Meat Packing Plant
Woodward Governor Company	1,029 Product/Service Governors & auxiliary equipment
MCI	1,000 Product/Service Telemarketing/customer service
Newell/ Amerock Corporation	995 Product/Service cabinet/window hardware
Quebecor Printing	871 Product/Service Commercial Printing
Ingersoll Milling Machine Company	750 Product/Service Machine tools, systems
R&D Theil, Inc. - CCA	740 Product/Service Structural Components
Warner Electric/Dana Corp.	700 Product/Service Vehicle transmissions
Rockford Products	665 Product/Service Screw machine products/fasteners
Cadbury Adams	625 Product/Service Chewing gum, mints
Kable News Co., Inc.	550 Product/Service Magazine publishing & distribution

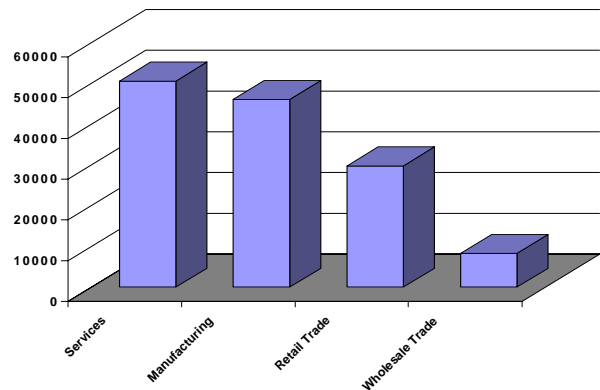
Labor Force Summary: 2002

Labor Force	198,762
Total Employment	183,323
Number Unemployed	15,439

Source: IDES

Employment by Industry: 2002

Non-Agricultural Employment	174,900	100.0%
Manufacturing	40,800	23.3%
Services	62,200	35.6%
Retail Trade	19,000	10.8%
Wholesale Trade	7,300	4.2%
Mining & Construction	8,500	4.8%
Government	19,500	11.1%



Employment Trends (thousands)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Non-Ag. Employment	178.1	179.7	180.9	178.2	174.9
Manufacturing	53.1	52.0	51.4	46.1	40.8
Services	47.0	47.7	49.0	50.6	62.2
Retail Trade	28.4	29.5	29.9	29.8	19.0
Wholesale Trade	8.5	8.3	8.3	8.3	7.3
Mining & Const.	7.1	7.5	7.6	7.8	8.5
Government	17.7	15.8	18.3	19.3	19.5