

CHICAGO'S FUTURE ECONOMIC GROWTH

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1	1	Standard Oil Co. (Ind.) Chicago	\$31,736.2	\$27,831.9	+14.0	\$1,921.8	\$1,915.3	+ 0.3	6.1	6.9	12/31	56,665	56,401	+ 4.0
2	2	Sears, Roebuck and Co. Chicago	\$27,360.0	\$25,160.0	+ 8.7	\$ 650.1	\$ 609.8	+ 6.6	2.4	2.4	12/21	NA	390,000	NA
3	3	Dart & Kraft Inc. Northbrook	\$10,211.0	\$ 9,411.5	+ 8.5	\$ 347.5	\$ 383.1	- 9.3	3.4	4.1	12/31	88,498	79,968	+10.7
4	5	Caterpillar Tractor Co. Peoria	\$ 9,154.5	\$ 8,597.8	+ 6.5	\$ 578.1	\$ 564.8	+ 2.4	6.3	6.6	12/31	85,922	81,899	+ 4.9
5	4	Beatrice Foods Co. Chicago	\$ 8,838.8	\$ 8,355.8	+ 5.8	\$ 304.2	\$ 290.1	+ 4.9	3.3	3.5	2/28	80,000	80,000	0.0
6	7	Household International Corp. Prospect Heights	\$ 7,280.0	\$ 6,190.6	+17.6	\$ 142.2	\$ 146.3	- 2.8	2.0	2.4	12/31	87,000	78,000	+11.5
7	6	International Harvester Co. Chicago	\$ 7,040.9	\$ 5,968.4	+18.0	\$ (393.1)	\$ (397.3)	NM	NM	NM	10/31	65,640	87,162	-24.7
8	9	Consolidated Foods Corp. Chicago	\$ 5,614.1	\$ 5,342.9	+ 5.1	\$ 140.3	\$ 127.7	+ 9.9	2.5	2.4	6/30	85,300	88,600	- 3.7
9	8	Deere & Co. Moline	\$ 5,446.7	\$ 5,469.8	-0.4	\$ 251.0	\$ 228.3	+ 9.9	4.6	4.2	10/31	60,857	61,039	- 0.3
10	11	Jewel Cos. Inc. Chicago	\$ 5,170.0	\$ 4,268.0	+21.1	\$ 69.8	\$ 55.9	+ 24.9	1.4	1.3	1/31	39,000	39,000	0.0
11	10	UAL Inc. Chicago	\$ 5,141.0	\$ 5,041.0	+ 2.0	\$ (70.5)	\$ 21.0	NM	NM	0.4	12/31	45,039	48,633	- 9.3
12	12	IC Industries Inc. Chicago	\$ 4,194.5	\$ 4,141.6	+ 1.3	\$ 134.4	\$ 120.7	+ 11.4	3.2	2.9	12/31	55,620	61,332	- 9.3
13	15	Inland Steel Co. Chicago	\$ 3,754.9	\$ 3,255.9	+15.3	\$ 57.3	\$ 29.7	+ 92.9	1.5	2.9	12/31	35,100	34,903	+ 0.6
14	14	Commonwealth Edison Co. Chicago	\$ 3,737.3	\$ 3,324.0	+12.4	\$ 351.8	\$ 287.1	+ 22.5	9.4	8.6	12/31	16,807	16,400	+ 2.5
15	22	Archer Daniels Midland Co. Decatur	\$ 3,647.5	\$ 2,802.0	+30.2	\$ 176.0	\$ 116.0	+ 51.7	4.8	4.1	6/30	7,018	5,590	+25.5
16	13	FMC Corp. Chicago	\$ 3,423.2	\$ 3,241.1	+ 5.6	\$ 139.5	\$ 142.7	- 2.2	4.1	4.4	12/31	39,000	43,799	-11.0
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18	17	Motorola Inc. Schaumburg	\$ 3,335.9	\$ 3,086.4	+ 8.1	\$ 175.0	\$ 188.1	- 6.0	5.2	6.0	12/31	76,000	71,500	+ 6.3
19	20	Esmark Inc. Chicago	\$ 3,132.3	\$ 2,730.3	+14.4	\$ 93.8	\$ 471.4	- 80.1	3.0	17.3	10/31	30,000	30,500	- 1.6
20	19	CNA Financial Corp. Chicago	\$ 3,132.3	\$ 2,966.3	+ 5.6	\$ 81.3	\$ 98.3	- 17.3	2.6	3.3	12/31	14,000	14,000	0.0
21	21	Northwest Industries Inc. Chicago	\$ 3,121.6	\$ 2,422.2	+28.9	\$ 419.3	\$ 155.4	+169.8	13.4	6.4	12/31	41,000	44,000	- 6.3
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24	23	Borg-Warner Corp. Chicago	\$ 2,761.2	\$ 2,673.3	+ 3.3	\$ 172.1	\$ 126.1	+ 36.5	6.2	4.7	12/31	56,000	56,000	0.0
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- **CEO for 23 years**
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Ranked by 2015 revenue

	2015 rank	Company City; stock symbol	Phone Website	Top executive	2015 revenue (millions); % change from 2014	Income (millions); % change from 2014	2015 profit margin	capitalization as of 12/31/15 (millions)	full-time employees worldwide	Primary industry
1	3	WALGREENS BOOTS ALLIANCE INC. ² Deerfield; WBA	847-315-2500 WalgreensBootsAlliance.com	Stefano Pessina Executive vice chairman, CEO	\$103,444.0 35.4%	\$4,220.0 118.4%	4.1%	\$92,449.0	360,000	Drugstores, mail-order pharmaceuticals
2	1	BOEING CO. Chicago; BA	312-544-2000 Boeing.com	Dennis A. Muilenburg Chairman, president, CEO	\$96,114.0 5.9%	\$5,176.0 -5.0%	5.4%	\$96,387.2	161,400	Aerospace, defense
3	2	ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND CO. Chicago; ADM	312-634-8100 ADM.com	Juan R. Luciano Chairman, CEO	\$67,702.0 -16.6%	\$1,849.0 -17.7%	2.7%	\$21,824.6	32,300	Agricultural products
4	4	CATERPILLAR INC. Peoria; CAT	309-675-1000 Caterpillar.com	Douglas R. Oberhelman Chairman, CEO	\$47,011.0 -14.8%	\$2,102.0 -43.1%	4.5%	\$39,574.6	105,700	Construction and mining machinery, heavy trucks
5	5	UNITED CONTINENTAL HOLDINGS INC. Chicago; UAL	872-825-4000 UnitedContinentalHoldings.com	Oscar Munoz President, CEO	\$37,864.0 -2.7%	\$7,340.0 548.4%	19.4%	\$20,892.1	84,000	Airline
6	7	ALLSTATE CORP. Northbrook; ALL	847-402-5000 Allstate.com	Thomas J. Wilson Chairman, CEO	\$35,653.0 1.2%	\$2,171.0 -23.8%	6.1%	\$23,656.3	41,600	Property, casualty and life insurance
7	8	MONDELEZ INTERNATIONAL INC. Deerfield; MDLZ	847-943-4000 MondelezInternational.com	Irene B. Rosenfeld Chairman, CEO	\$29,636.0 -13.5%	\$7,267.0 232.7%	24.5%	\$70,848.7	99,000	Snacks, beverages, packaged meals
8	11	EXELON CORP. Chicago; EXC	312-394-7398 ExelonCorp.com	Christopher M. Crane President, CEO	\$29,447.0 7.4%	\$2,269.0 39.8%	7.7%	\$25,546.3	29,762	Electricity supplier
9	6	DEERE & CO. ³ Moline; DE	309-765-8000 Deere.com	Samuel R. Allen Chairman, CEO	\$28,862.8 -20.0%	\$1,940.0 -38.6%	6.7%	\$24,049.9	57,180	Construction and farm machinery, heavy trucks
10	10	MCDONALD'S CORP. Oak Brook; MCD	630-623-3000 AboutMcDonalds.com	Stephen J. Easterbrook President, CEO	\$25,413.0 -7.4%	\$4,529.3 -4.8%	17.8%	\$107,129.3	420,000	Fast-food restaurants
										Relocating its headquarters to Fulton Market in 2018.
11	9	SEARS HOLDINGS CORP. ⁴ Hoffman Estates; SHLD	847-286-2500 SearsHoldings.com	Edward S. Lampert Chairman, CEO	\$25,146.0 -19.4%	-\$1,129.0 NM	NM	\$2,193.8	178,000	Department stores
12	14	ABBVIE INC. North Chicago; ABBV	847-932-7900 AbbVie.com	Richard A. Gonzalez Chairman, CEO	\$22,859.0 14.5%	\$5,144.0 190.0%	22.5%	\$95,370.1	28,000	Pharmaceuticals, medical products
13	13	ABBOTT LABORATORIES North Chicago; ABBT	224-667-6100 Abbott.com	Miles D. White Chairman, CEO	\$20,405.0 0.8%	\$4,423.0 93.7%	21.7%	\$66,137.4	74,000	Pharmaceuticals, medical products
										In September 2016 announced it is selling its Abbott Medical Optics unit to New Jersey-based Johnson & Johnson
14	15	KRAFT HEINZ CO. ⁵ Chicago, Pittsburgh; KHC	855-598-5493 KraftHeinzCompany.com	Bernardo Vieira Hees CEO	\$18,388.0 68.4%	\$634.0 -3.5%	3.4%	\$88,329.1	42,000	Food processing
										Moved its Northfield headquarters to downtown Chicago in 2016
15	17	ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC. Glenview; ITW	224-661-8870 ITWinc.com	E. Scott Santi Chairman, CEO	\$13,405.0 -7.4%	\$1,899.0 -35.5%	14.2%	\$33,711.0	48,000	Industrial machinery
16	18	CDW CORP. Lincolnshire; CDW	847-465-6000 CDW.com	Thomas E. Richards Chairman, CEO	\$12,988.7 7.6%	\$403.1 64.6%	3.1%	\$7,071.1	8,465	Computer hardware, soft ware and accessories
17	19	R.R. DONNELLEY & SONS CO. Chicago; RRD	312-326-8000 RRDonnelley.com	Thomas J. Quinlan III President, CEO	\$11,256.8 -3.0%	\$151.1 28.7%	1.3%	\$3,073.5	68,400	Commercial printing
										Split into three companies in October 2016
18	20	NAVISTAR INTERNATIONAL CORP. ⁶ Lisle; NAV	331-332-5000 Navistar.com	Troy A. Clarke President, CEO	\$10,140.0 -6.2%	-\$184.0 NM	NM	\$720.5	13,200	Buses, commercial truck military vehicles
19	23	DISCOVER FINANCIAL SERVICES INC. Riverwoods; DFS	224-405-0900 Discover.com	David W. Nelms Chairman, CEO	\$10,002.0 4.1%	\$2,297.0 -1.1%	23.0%	\$22,610.4	15,036	Credit card issuer
20	21	W.W. GRAINGER INC. Lake Forest; GWW	847-535-1000 Grainger.com	James T. Ryan Chairman, president, CEO	\$9,973.4 0.1%	\$769.0 -4.1%	7.7%	\$12,566.5	25,800	Maintenance equipment supplies
21	16	BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC. Deerfield; BAX	224-948-2000 Baxter.com	Jose E. Almeida Chairman, CEO	\$9,968.0 -7.0%	\$968.0 -61.2%	9.7%	\$20,893.0	50,000	Medical products and se s
22	22	CNA FINANCIAL CORP. Chicago; CNA	312-822-5000 CNA.com	Thomas F. Motamed Chairman, CEO	\$9,101.0 -6.1%	\$479.0 -30.7%	5.3%	\$9,500.1	6,900	Property and casualty i nsurance
23	New	UNIVAR INC. Downers Grove; UNVR	331-777-6000 Univar.com	J. Erik Fyrwald President, CEO	\$8,981.8 -13.4%	\$16.5 NM	0.2%	\$2,347.4	9,200	Chemicals and allied p roducts distributor
24	24	TENNECO INC. Lake Forest; TEN	847-482-5000 Tenneco.com	Gregg M. Sherrill Chairman, CEO	\$8,209.0 -2.5%	\$247.0 9.3%	3.0%	\$2,644.1	30,000	Auto parts and equipm ent
25	26	LKQ CORP. Chicago; LKQ	312-621-1950 LKQCorp.com	Robert L. Wagman President, CEO	\$7,192.6 6.7%	\$423.2 10.9%	5.9%	\$9,054.2	31,100	Recycled auto parts
26	25	DOVER CORP. Downers Grove; DOV	630-541-1540 DoverCorporation.com	Robert A. Livingston President, CEO	\$6,956.3 -10.3%	\$869.8 12.2%	12.5%	\$9,503.3	26,000	Manufacturing equipm ent
27	28	ANIXTER INTERNATIONAL INC. Glenview; AXE	224-521-8000 Anixter.com	Robert J. Eck President, CEO	\$6,190.5 12.4%	\$127.6 -34.5%	2.1%	\$2,009.7	8,700	Communications and wire and cable produ cts
28	New	BAXALTA INC. Bannockburn; BXLT	224-940-2000 Baxalta.com	Ludwig N. Hantson President, CEO	\$6,148.0 3.3%	\$956.0 -45.0%	15.5%	\$26,512.6	17,000	Pharmaceuticals
										In January 2016, announced sale to Dublin-based Takeda
			312-782-5800	Colin Dyer	\$5,965.7	\$438.7	7.4%	\$7,201.7	61,500	Real estate manag ement



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CRAIN'S LIST FAST 50

Ranked by five-year growth, 2010-15

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	1	New SIGNAL DIGITAL INC. 111 N. Canal St., Suite 455, Chicago 60606	312-566-4300 Signal.co	Michael Sands CEO	111,730.8%	\$29.1 \$0.02	108 130	No	Private	Media and marketing	
	2	New SPROUT SOCIAL INC. 131 S. Dearborn St., Suite 1000, Chicago 60603	773-353-8011 SproutSocial.com	Justyn Howard CEO	73,905.2%	\$22.4 \$0.04	167 178	No	Private	Tech and telecom	
	3	New REDWOOD SCS 1765 N. Elston Ave., Suite 216, Chicago 60642	312-698-8334 RedwoodSCS.com	Todd Berger President, CEO	8,215.2%	\$34.0 \$0.4	34 34	Yes	Private	Transportation	
	4	New LAUNCHPOINT VENTURES LLC 2 Pierce Place, Suite 1900, Itasca 60143	224-265-0400 LaunchPointCorporation.com	Bruce Simpson CEO	4,688.4%	\$17.0 \$0.4	188 197	No	Private	Health care	
	5	New RESPONSE TEAM 1 HOLDINGS LLC 390 Holbrook Drive, Wheeling 60090	847-572-8270 ResponseTeam1.com	John M. Goense Chairman	2,982.9%	\$167.0 \$5.4	80 600	Yes	Private	Construction	
	6	New CONTEXTMEDIA HEALTH LLC 330 N. Wabash Ave., Suite 2500, Chicago 60611	312-636-7320 ContextMediaInc.com	Rishi Shah, CEO Shradha Agarwal, president	2,964.8%	\$63.5 \$2.1	227 256	Yes	Private	Health care	
	7	4 MARKET6 INC. 500 Lake Cook Road, Suite 150, Deerfield 60015	800-371-1725 Market6.com	David McLean CEO	2,736.9%	\$23.6 \$0.8	54 100	No	Private	Tech and telecom	
	8	New BBMC MORTGAGE LLC 100 W. 22nd St., Suite 101, Lombard 60148	480-481-2800 MyBBMC.com	Jeffrey Gennarelli, CEO Christine Leyden, chief operating officer	2,665.2%	\$99.1 \$3.6	123 491	Yes	Private	Financial services	
	9	New GP TRANSPORTATION CO. 11209 Joliet Road, Lemont 60439	800-460-5071 GPTransCo.com	Dominic Zastarskis CEO	1,638.9%	\$28.1 \$1.6	25 25	Yes	Private	Transportation	
	10	5 TEXTURA CORP. 1405 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield 60015	847-457-6500 TexturaCorp.com	David Habiger Interim CEO	1,340.7%	\$86.7 \$6.0	290 580	Yes	Public	Tech and telecom	
	11	New PREMIER DESIGN & BUILD GROUP LLC 1000 W. Irving Park Road, Suite 200, Itasca 60143	847-297-4200 PDBGroup.com	Alan C. Zocher President	1,293.9%	\$130.7 \$9.4	30 37	Yes	Private	Construction	
	12	3 PANGEA PROPERTIES 640 N. LaSalle St., Suite 638, Chicago 60654	312-283-1885 PangeaProperties.com	Steven Joung CEO	1,212.6%	\$90.5 \$6.9	323 426	Yes	Private	Real estate	
	13	New MIDWEST EQUITY MORTGAGE LLC 2001 Spring Road, Suite 100, Oak Brook 60523	630-572-8200 MidwestEquity.com	David Hansen, Peter Gabrione, managing members	1,201.9%	\$31.6 \$2.4	120 175	Yes	Private	Real estate	
	14	9 LIGHT EFFICIENT DESIGN (TADD LLC) 188 S. Northwest Highway, Cary 60013	847-380-3540 LED-LLC.com	Tim Taylor CEO	1,169.4%	\$30.4 \$2.4	23 24	Yes	Private	Manufacturing	
	15	1 BRILLIANT (CBN MANAGEMENT LLC) 125 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 1150, Chicago 60606	312-582-1812 Brilliantfs.com	James F. Wong CEO	1,096.0%	\$27.0 \$2.3	75 85	Yes	Private	Business serv	
	16	10 LYONS CONSULTING GROUP LLC 20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 1750, Chicago 60606	312-506-2020 LyonsCG.com	Richard B. Lyons President, CEO	926.1%	\$39.0 \$3.8	115 226	Yes	Private	Business ser	
	17	New RISE INTERACTIVE INC. 1 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 300, Chicago 60606	312-888-2844 RiseInteractive.com	Jon Morris CEO	746.9%	\$19.1 \$2.3	196 198	Yes	Private	Media and n	
	18	15 GORILLA GROUP (GRADY ENTERPRISES INC.) 111 Jackson Blvd., Suite 300, Chicago 60604	312-243-8777 GorillaGroup.com	Brian Grady CEO	705.7%	\$22.2 \$2.8	102 190	Yes	Private	Tech and te	
	19	New BREAKTHROUGH TECHNOLOGIES LLC 1880 Oak Ave., Suite 300, Evanston 60201	847-864-0033 BreakTech.com	Doug Wilson, Randy Knapp Managing partners	625.3%	\$17.9 \$2.5	54 56	Yes	Private	Tech and t	
	20	34 VALENCE HEALTH INC. 540 W. Madison St., Suite 1500, Chicago 60661	312-277-6300 ValenceHealth.com	R. Andrew Eckert CEO	597.4%	\$97.0 \$13.9	599 924	No	Private	Health ca	
	21	20 FILTRATION GROUP CORP. 600 22nd St., Suite 300, Oak Brook 60523	630-968-1730 FiltrationGroup.com	Larry W. Gies Chairman	566.1%	\$783.0 \$117.6	390 4,051	Yes	Private	Manufac	
	22	New HIGHTOWER HOLDING LLC 200 W. Madison St., Suite 2500, Chicago 60606	312-962-3812 HightowerAdvisors.com	Elliot S. Weissbluth CEO	520.9%	\$159.7 \$25.7	125 415	Yes	Private	Financia	

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