

Spotlight: University of Illinois Chicago Explores the Green Economy and Its Workforce



There is a great opportunity in the Green Economy and its workforce. Significant portions of the United States economy are shifting away from carbon-intensive, fossil fuel-driven activities, and toward a green economy defined by cleaner, more efficient, and higher-output practices. The EDA University Center at UIC (UIC UC) housed at the UIC Nathalie P. Voorhees Center for Neighborhood and Community Improvement promotes green economic development in the Chicago region. UIC UC carries out research on different aspects of the green economy and its workforce to inform stakeholders on the landscape, to promote forward-looking business development, and to facilitate employment opportunities for historically excluded and underserved communities.

Disseminated to a cross-section of stakeholders, reports on the green economy landscape and its workforce needs promote awareness and familiarity around sustainability, and highlight the need for inclusion of underrepresented populations in this growing sector in order to build economic resilience in underserved communities.

Check out [all UIC UC's recent work on the green economy](#), or explore specific reports and tools, including:

- [Chicago Region's Clean Energy Economy: Studying Changes Since 2011](#) - explores the growth, strengths, and weaknesses of the 82 industries that make up the growing clean energy economy.
- [Digital Skills in the Green Economy in the Chicago Region](#) - identifies digital skills required for the green economy workforce.
- [Green Economy Occupations in the Chicago Region](#) - summarizes information on technologies, certifications, economic data, and the main tasks associated with the job for 264 green economy occupations.
- [The Landscape of Green Infrastructure in the Chicago Region](#) - takes a comprehensive look at green infrastructure and its surrounding economy.