

University of Illinois Chicago EDA University Center

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General Overview

The EDA Center @ UIC (UIC UC) promotes green economic development in the Chicago Region. UIC UC's strategic community-driven services assist forward-looking businesses in the green economy and support training and employment opportunities including for historically excluded populations in undeserved communities. Working with organizations and workforce training assets and conducting applied research and technical assistance, the Center facilitates the creation and dissemination of innovative green economic development strategies and practices that promise to yield sustainable growth and job creation.

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Established

2016; Renewed 2021

Center Activities

Outreach, research, dissemination, technical assistance

Partners

Workforce development assets, government units, small businesses, groups representing underrepresented populations, etc.

Assessment Techniques

Applied research, data analysis, GIS mapping, stakeholder interviews, surveys, etc.

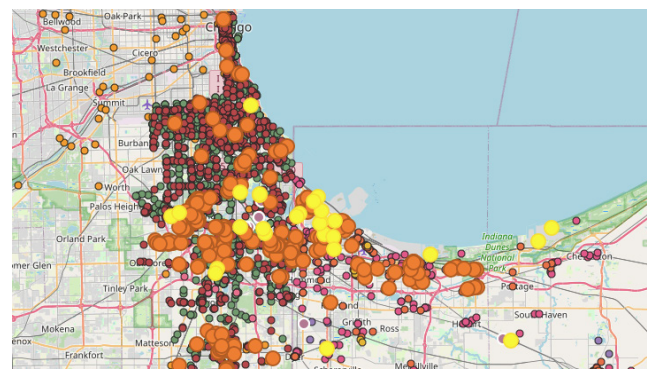
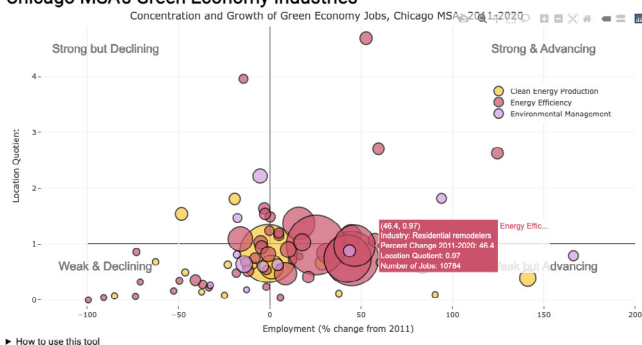
Activities

The UIC UC focuses on green economic development and workforce in the areas of clean energy; green infrastructure; transportation and logistics; and food production and distribution. To better understand changes in the ecosystem and address issues of inclusion and equity, UIC UC conducts outreach, research, dissemination, and technical assistance.

- **Outreach:** Outreach to stakeholders and partners informs research focus and delivery of technical assistance.
- **Research:** Research on opportunities for green economic development and workforce capacity is conducted and research results produced.
- **Dissemination:** Research findings are shared through reports as well as publication on project website; dissemination through social media posts, blog posts, and newsletters; presentations in workshops and forums; etc.
- **Technical Assistance (TA):** Technical Assistance is provided to community partners and other stakeholders to promote project goals. TA includes everything from identifying resources for businesses to facilitating workforce training and employment opportunities.

Work Samples

Chicago MSA's Green Economy Industries



Interactive bubble chart on green economy: <https://voorheescenter.github.io/eda/clean-energy/chicago-msa-green-economy-bubble-chart>

GIS map of brown fields in the Calumet Region: <https://calumetcollaborative.github.io/#10/41.5720/-87.2678>



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