

## CHICAGO'S THRIVING ECONOMY

### BUSINESS CLIMATE

- #1** U.S. metro for corporate relocations & expansions for 6 consecutive years
- #1** U.S. metro for foreign direct investment projects for 6 consecutive years
- #1** most diversified economy in the U.S.
- #1** best connected aviation system in the U.S. and **#2** best connected globally – OAG
- #1** U.S. Top Tech Spot of the Future – *Modis 2017 Survey*
- Top 5** innovation & tech hub in the United States – KPMG
- Top 10** global city in 2018 – AT Kearney
- 400** major corporate HQs with 1,000+ employees
- Record low** citywide unemployment, at 4.0% in December 2018 – Bureau of Labor Statistics
- 10%** rise in median household income since 2011, well above national median household income - ACS

### TALENT PIPELINE

- 37.5%** of residents have a bachelor's or higher degree, up from 28.2% in 2011, and far above the 31% national average. - ACS
- 119,000** new graduates annually from 136 colleges & universities in Chicago
- 500,000** current university students, 3<sup>rd</sup> most in the U.S. – CityLab
- Top Schools** for business, technology, engineering, and design, including two of the of nation's top six business schools: University of Chicago and Northwestern. – *US News*
- Two national laboratories:** Argonne and Fermi Accelerator
- World #1** University-backed incubator, 1871 Inc. – UBI Global
- CPS is home to 56 IB schools (22 high schools and 34 elementary schools) serving more than **16,000 students**.

## AMENITIES & QUALITY OF LIFE

**#1** U.S. City to “Have it all” for 2 years running – *Time Out*

**Best Big City** to visit in the U.S. for the second consecutive year – *Conde Nast*

**7 of the Top 10 U.S. Neighborhoods** that Have It All: affordable homes, highly rated schools, safety, and an easy commute – Redfin

More than **200 miles** of bike lanes

**29** beaches and 26 miles of lakefront, including separated bike & running trails

**National** Gold Medal award-winning park system with 580 parks – NRPA

**#1** neighborhood library system in the U.S. – International study by Heinrich Heine University

**3** of the Top 10 public high schools in the U.S., including #1 and #2 – Niche

**250** live music venues and 150 theatre companies

**500** events and festivals annually