

# Get involved

Over the next year, CMAP will publish reports and updates in the following areas as part of the ongoing development of ON TO 2050. There will also be topical forums and workshops to attend throughout the year. Please mark the topics about which you would like to receive more details, and don't forget to include your contact information.

- Demographic trends
- Climate resilience
- Green infrastructure
- Stormwater management/  
water resources
- Housing supply and affordability
- Inclusive growth
- Economic clusters and resilience
- Lands in transition
- Infill and transit  
oriented development
- Tax policies and land use impacts
- Reinvestment and infill
- Shared services/consolidation
- Community capacity
- Socioeconomic forecast
- Transportation system funding
- Transportation asset conditions
- New transportation technology
- Transit modernization
- Highway operations
- Freight system, planning,  
and policy

Name and Title

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Organization

- I would like to co-host an ON TO 2050 workshop.



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## About CMAP

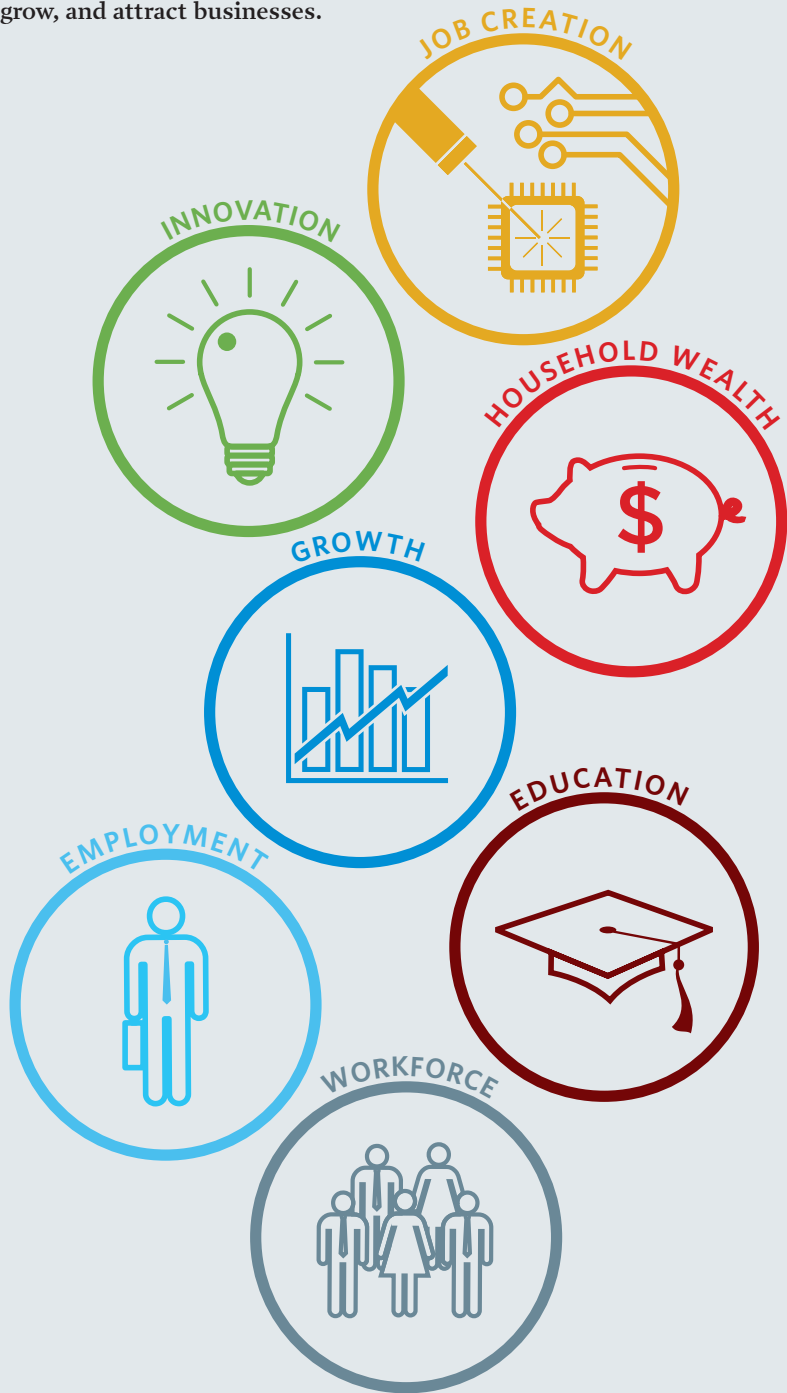
The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is the region's official comprehensive planning organization. The agency and its partners are developing ON TO 2050, a new comprehensive regional plan to help the seven counties and 284 communities of northeastern Illinois to implement strategies that address transportation, housing, economic development, open space, the environment, and other quality-of-life issues. See [www.cmap.illinois.gov](http://www.cmap.illinois.gov) for more information.

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# ECONOMIC CLUSTERS AND TRENDS



Metropolitan Chicago competes in the global economy. To prosper and sustain a high quality of life, the region needs a skilled workforce and state and local policies that foster innovation and retain, grow, and attract businesses.



**Understanding our region helps us to leverage existing assets.**

Metropolitan Chicago is one of the nation’s few global economic centers. The region’s recovery from the last recession, however, has been markedly slower than recoveries in the nation’s other large, mature metropolitan economies. ON TO 2050 will provide an objective assessment of the region’s economic performance and identify opportunities to advance regional prosperity.

The region is home to a diverse and talented labor pool, perhaps the most important factor driving future economic prosperity. It also maintains specialization in many industries that capitalize on metropolitan Chicago’s talent, innovative institutions, and robust infrastructure. However, for the region to maintain and grow these competitive advantages, we must continue to refine our understanding of today’s changing economy, leverage our strengths, and address our challenges.

Applying recent national research, the ON TO 2050 process will explore the region’s industry clusters — groups of interdependent firms that are linked through buyer-supplier relationships, share common resources and technologies, depend on similar labor pools and institutions, and draw a productive advantage from being geographically located near one another. The analysis will aid our understanding of how the region can adapt to increased competition, evolving workforce needs, and technological shifts.

**ON TO 2050 will help the Chicago region’s economy compete better nationally and globally.**

In the long term, economic prosperity depends on resilience in the face of changing circumstances. ON TO 2050 will provide an in-depth look at metropolitan Chicago’s economic specializations and establish a variety of indicators to further our understanding of regional productivity, workforce, and innovation. Data will allow regional stakeholders across the public and private sectors to analyze factors of economic growth. Overall trends, such as gross regional product and exports, can shed light on industries’ output and ability to compete. Median household income, total jobs, unemployment, and educational attainment will provide insight into the region’s ability to retain and attract good jobs and skilled workers.

ON TO 2050 will seek a better understanding of our region’s industries and human capital to help communities — and the region as a whole — guide economic development policy and strategy.

Find out more at [www.cmap.illinois.gov/ONTO2050](http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/ONTO2050).

**ECONOMIC CLUSTERS AND TRENDS**

*This is your plan*

Help us develop ON TO 2050 by providing your input below.

① What is the top barrier to a more robust, resilient regional economy?

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② Who are stakeholders that ON TO 2050 must engage to advance regional economic prosperity?

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③ Please provide any additional comments.

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