



ILLINOIS

Gross State Product: \$865 billion | 5G Welcome: YES



What did Illinois do right?

Its local ridesharing rules have improved in recent years and e-scooters are operating in Chicago. A respectable 13% of its population holds an advanced degree. In addition, an executive order established a program to allow testing of self-driving vehicles on public roads with licensed drivers behind the wheel.



What can Illinois do better?

The state can repeal a 2017 law that gives public airports authority to regulate drones, which overlaps with federal regulations. The state can also revise its electronics recycling rules to make it easier for industry to comply with them.

Technology

Short-Term Rentals	B
Ridesharing & E-Scooters	B+
Self-Driving Vehicles	B
Drones	D-
Fast Internet	B+

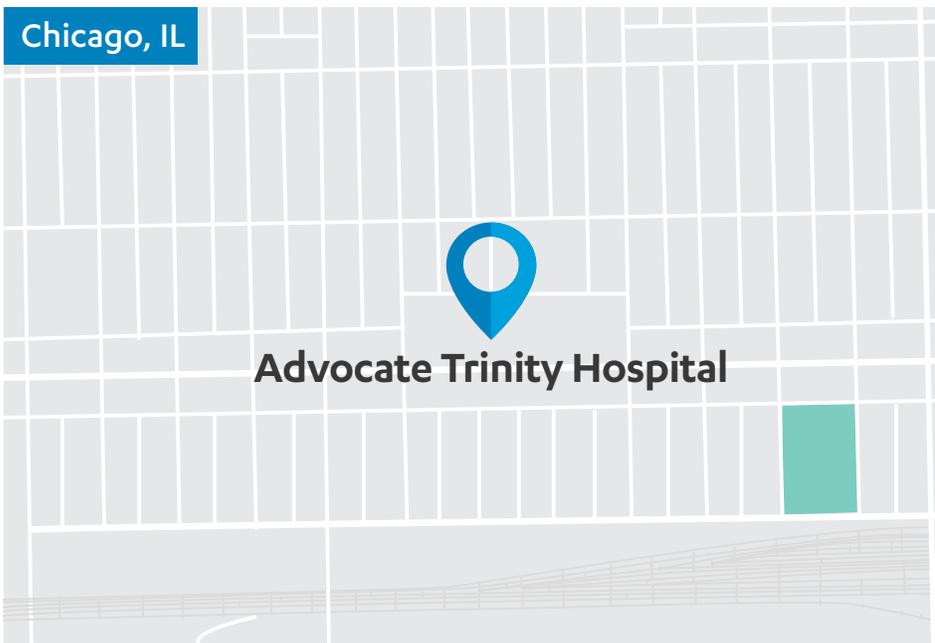
Society

Best & Brightest	C
Grants Advanced Degrees	B+
Tech Workforce	B
Innovation-Friendly Sustainability Policies	C

Economy

Attracts Investment	B
Entrepreneurial Activity	C+
Tax Friendly	C+

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Advocate Trinity Hospital

With a grant from JPMorgan Chase, the Advocate Workforce Initiative will train both underemployed and unemployed workers to fill in-demand healthcare jobs at Advocate Trinity Hospital and across the Chicago metropolitan area.



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Chicago, IL

Areas of Innovation

CTA's Innovation Scorecard is formulated using a range of complementary factors that indicates how strongly a state supports innovation. These factors may relate to a state's citizens, corporations doing business or employing people there or a state's legislative and regulatory environments.



Grants Advanced Degrees

Thirteen percent of residents over age 25 hold an advanced degree.



Tech Workforce

It has about 42 tech jobs per 1,000 people and 2,201 apprenticeship graduates according to recent data.



Attracts Investment

Per capita, it spends \$1,077.85 on R&D and has \$141.82 on venture capital.



Ridesharing & E-Scooters

Ridesharing operates statewide and e-scooters operate in Chicago.



Self-Driving Vehicles

A 2018 executive order establishes SDV testing with licensed human drivers.



Fast Internet

The state has policies in place to welcome 5G connectivity, 55% of its households have high-speed fixed broadband and 69% of households have moderate-speed broadband.

ABOUT THE SCORECARD

CTA's 2020 U.S. Innovation Scorecard grades every state on 12 quantitative and qualitative criteria that measure how well it fosters innovation.

Each state ranks in one of four tiers: Innovation Champions excel in almost all areas, followed by Innovation Leaders, which earn high scores in most. Innovation Adopters promote innovation in some areas but not others. Finally, Modest Innovators may support innovation in one or more areas, but they show the greatest room for improvement.

Learn more about the Scorecard and its methodology on the web at CTA.tech/scorecard.

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